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### The Financial Situation.

Security markets have been characterized during the week by important developments regarding several railroad companies, continued large volume of security offerings at firm prices, and a swing of speculative sentiment from uncertainty to renewed enthusiasm. Growing ease in money, a less disturbing political outlook, and reports of an increased volume of business by General Motors and a number of other of the more important corporations have probably been the principal factors in stabilization of the situation.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific on Wednesday placed its stock on a regular \$5 dividend basis. This marks the completion of at least the first stage of a process of rehabilitation of this great system, which was begun with reorganization in 1916. Charles Hayden, Chairman of the board, in a statement accompanying the announcement of the dividend, pointed out that in the decade following reorganization more than \$44,000,000 new cash had gone into improvements of the roadbed and structures, and more than \$22,000,000 into new equipment, a large part of this having been available from surplus earnings retained for this purpose instead of being distributed as dividends. This is an important milestone in the process undertaken seriously in 1920, of restoring the value of American railroad properties.

Of equal interest in the same direction was the offering on Tuesday by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. of \$95,000,000 Missouri Pacific R.R. first and refunding 5s, 1977, to refund 6% bonds issued under the same mortgage in 1916, when that road also was reorganized. These bonds were offered at par and immediately went to a small premium. The price and the way the bonds were taken by investors is very clear evidence of

the restoration of Missouri Pacific credit. On the other hand, the restoration of this railroad to normal position under reorganization policies is not as complete as in the case of Rock Island. The cumulative preferred stock issued in reorganization has not as yet received dividends, and there are some \$30,000,000 in dividends now accumulated and in arrears. These must be dealt with in some form before the common stock of that railroad will take its place as a normal owning equity of a successful enterprise. Nevertheless, it is gratifying to note the progress made by the Missouri Pacific system back to a strong credit position. Also in the decade following its reorganization it has greatly added to its mileage by acquiring one-half interest in the Western Pacific and a controlling interest in the Texas Pacific and International Great Northern. At present the system serves the greater part of the southwest quarter of the United States, stretching southward from St. Louis to Gulf points and the Mexican border, and westward, with a large network of mileage in many States, to San Francisco. The mileage, however, between Salt Lake City and San Francisco is not controlled but is that of its associated company, the Western Pacific.

On Wednesday Louis W. Hill, Chairman, and Ralph Budd, President, of the Great Northern Ry. Co., sent a communication to stockholders informing them that a plan was in preparation for unification of the Northern Pacific Ry. and the Great Northern Ry., together with the Spokane Portland & Seattle Ry. system, which these two companies caused to be constructed in the years 1908-09. The two roads have been in partnership through ownership of 97% of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy stock since 1901; the latter road is not involved in the plan for actual consolidation, but it is proposed that its ownership shall be transferred to the new unified company. These gentlemen expressed the belief that the effectuation of the new plan would eliminate waste and duplication of facilities, minimize the requirements for new capital expenditures, effect important operating economies and promote public service and the interests of the countries served. They add that these accomplishments should result in better serving the interests of the stockholders. There has been no more obviously probable consolidation from the point of view of present alignment. On the other hand, these two roads occupy much the same territory and are more or less natural rivals. It, therefore, has not been entirely clear that the Inter-State Commerce Commission would consider it a matter of public policy for them to unite. At the same time, the public has learned that its interests are not best

protected by needless duplications and hostile rivalries. The principle of regulated monopoly has been found to be for the best interest of the public. It is, therefore, altogether probable that the unification of these two great systems will in the long run result in very great economies, and, therefore, in lower rates than would otherwise be possible.

On Monday the Pullman Company announced that a holding company would be formed to take over the two operating Pullman companies, the stock of present holders in the Pullman Company to be exchanged for stock of the new company in proportion of 1 share of old for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  shares of new. In 1924 the Pullman Company segregated its manufacturing business from the operation of Pullman cars by forming a separate corporation for the former. What the dividend rate on the new stock will be has not been announced, but it is generally expected that there will be an increase in cash distribution over the present \$8 rate. Earnings in the last fiscal year were \$13 42 per share.

Estimates of the December operating income of Class 1 railroads make it seem probable that the operating income for the year will approximate \$1,236,500,000, or 5.84% on the figure of \$21,173,000,000 now used for rate-making purposes. This will compare with \$1,136,973,000, or 5.74% on the valuation of \$20,500,000,000 used a year ago. This is the latest evidence of the splendid progress that has been under way, year after year, since 1920; but the exact figure 5.84% means at the present time practically nothing. The railroad law provides that rates shall be regulated so as to produce a reasonable return, one-half of any excess above 6% to be turned over to the Government. The Commerce Commission has ruled that  $5\frac{3}{4}$ % is a reasonable return. The figure probably achieved in 1926, 5.84%, would, therefore, seem to indicate that the railroads as a whole are now earning more than the goal set for attainment. It is entirely unsafe to form this conclusion. In the first place, the figure used for valuation is a tentative one, based largely upon preliminary figures announced by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The railroads have not accepted them. A final agreement as to the real value for rate-making purposes cannot be attempted until the final figures have been announced. It may be a long process before an agreement can be reached, as recent decisions by the United States Supreme Court would indicate that principles must be adopted which would lead to a material higher valuation than what the Commerce Commission is ready to allow. Accordingly, it does not seem probable that railroad earnings have as yet risen to the barrier which ultimately the law will impose.

For several years Allied Chemical & Dye has been a mystery stock, in that it sold at a price not justified by announced earnings or yields. The price has, of course, been affected by the company's exceptionally strong and liquid position, the possibility of retirement of preferred stock and various surmises as to split-ups, stock dividends, &c. Announcement during the week sheds more light on this situation than any of these rumors. It is stated that during the past five years this company has expended \$4,500,000 in experiments for the purpose of establishing a commercially feasible way for extracting nitrogen from the air, and that now such an enterprise is to be launched on a very substantial scale. The new plant is to be established at Hopewell, Va., and, although

its cost will be large, this will be provided from the company's surplus funds. A development of this kind should be of far more ultimate value to stockholders than the retirement of the preferred shares, but, of course, the company's strength is such that this development does not necessarily preclude consideration of the latter.

The week has been prolific of large security offerings, among the most important the \$50,000,000 General Motors Acceptance Corporation debenture 6s, 1937, offered on Monday by a syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan & Co. at 100; the \$95,000,000 Missouri Pacific 5s offered on Tuesday at par by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. have already been mentioned. On Wednesday there were a large number of issues, including \$14,000,000 Republic of Bolivia 7s, 1958, offered by Dillon, Read & Co. at  $98\frac{1}{2}$ , yielding 7.12%; \$27,500,000 Chile 6s, 1961, offered by a syndicate headed by Haldgarten & Co. at  $93\frac{1}{4}$ , yielding 6.50%; \$25,000,000 New South Wales 5s, 1957, offered by a syndicate headed by Equitable Trust Co. of New York at  $96\frac{1}{4}$ , yielding 5.25%; and \$11,000,000 Community Power & Light first mortgage and collateral 5s, 1957, offered by a Spencer Trask syndicate at  $95\frac{1}{2}$ , yielding 5.30%. On Friday a syndicate composed of H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc., Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co. and the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, offered \$24,000,000 Standard Power & Light Corp. 6s, 1957, at  $99\frac{1}{2}$ , yielding 6.03%.

Insolvencies in the United States last month in commercial lines, as shown by the reports to R. G. Dun & Co., were more numerous than in any preceding January back to 1922. Only one other January, and that in 1915, the year following the beginning of the European war, records more numerous commercial defaults than appeared in January 1927 and January 1922. Last month's business failures numbered 2,465. These figures compare with 2,296 similar defaults in January 1926; 2,317, 2,723 and 2,848 for the corresponding periods in the years 1925, 1922 and 1915, respectively. The indebtedness involved in January of this year is also heavy, exceeding in amount any preceding month back to March 1924, with the single exception of January two years ago. Total liabilities reported for January this year were \$51,290,232, as against \$45,619,578 for December and \$43,661,444 in January 1926.

The increase in the number of defaults last month over a year ago was almost entirely in the trading division. There were 1,842 trading failures in January of this year with \$24,530,455 of liabilities; a year ago the number was 1,696 owing \$21,511,872. In the division embracing manufacturing lines, 501 failures occurred last month, against 510 in January 1926, while the liabilities in January of this year were \$19,996,202 in comparison with \$16,083,950 a year ago. Defaults among agents and brokers were respectively 122 and 90 in January of this year and last, with \$6,763,575 of indebtedness this year, and nearly the same amount a year ago.

In the trading division the increase in the number of defaults last month over that of January 1926 was largely among general stores, grocers, dealers in clothing, in dry goods, shoes and in furniture. On the other hand, there were fewer failures last month than a year ago in the drug line; also, among dealers in jewelry. Liabilities were heavier in January of this year than in January 1926 for general stores,

there being quite a number of large defaults in this division in some of the important Southern States. There was also an increase last month in losses reported by grocers, by dealers in dry goods, in shoes and in jewelry, a number of heavy defaults in these lines adding to the defaulted indebtedness this year. In the manufacturing end, with fewer failures reported for that division in January of this year than a year ago, a decrease in the number of defaults appears for manufacturers of machinery and tools, manufacturers of clothing, and for bakers. There was an increase last month in the lumber manufacturing division, however; also in the class embracing printing and engraving, the liabilities reported for the last mentioned division being heavy this year. For the divisions embracing machinery and tools, lumber and clothing, the defaulted indebtedness shows a marked increase last month over January a year ago—due to some large failures in these lines this year.

It was in the manufacturing division that the larger failures which occurred in January of this year swelled the total of liabilities. There were in all last month 56 of these larger defaults (that is, those having an indebtedness in each instance of \$100,000 or more), the total amount involved being \$20,590,352. In January 1926 the number of such defaults was 53 and the total liabilities \$18,364,205, an increase this year of \$2,226,000 in the indebtedness, practically all of which is due to the larger defaults in the manufacturing division.

Instead of the opposing factions in China getting together to meet the far-reaching offers of both the United States and Great Britain for the fulfilment of their wishes of China for the Chinese, they appear to have been drifting farther apart. Peking advices to the Associated Press on Jan. 31 represented the Peking Government as about to rush military operations on a large scale against the Cantonese armies with Hankow as the objective. "Large forces of Manchurians," it was declared, "have been moved from Chihli Province into Honan Province and were welcomed by Marshal Wu Pei-fu, who hitherto had opposed their coming into his territory." It was added that "dispatches from Shantung Province indicated extensive recruiting for the forces of its Military Governor, the preparations in Shantung giving evidence of plans for war upon a large scale, while the Nationalists (Cantonese) were moving large contingents of troops to Hankow from Ichang and other Yangste River points to meet the foe rolling down upon them from the north."

This development was held to make it improbable that any commission would be appointed to act for the entire Chinese nation, with which Secretary of State Kellogg last week indicated he would be willing to negotiate without waiting for the establishment of a unified stable government. Nowhere has the action of the United States as respects relinquishing extra-territoriality rights met with disapproval, but rather with favor everywhere. A Shanghai dispatch to the New York "Times" on Jan. 31 described sentiment among the Cantonese concerning the British proposals as "belated and weakened by the accompanying show of force in the dispatch of troops, so that acceptance at once by the Chinese would put them under the imputation of yielding to force and provide the extremists with arguments against making concessions." As a matter of fact, it was only a few days

later that negotiations concerning them were abruptly discontinued by the Cantonese Foreign Minister, Eugene Chen. Meanwhile the Government of Northern China vigorously protested to Great Britain against the military activities on foot. A Foreign Office note, said the Associated Press dispatch, was delivered to the British Legation at Peking, which was asked to transmit it to London in the hope that the British Government would "give necessary instructions for the immediate withdrawal of troops dispatched to China so nothing untoward may happen to mar the friendly relations of the two nations." The Foreign Minister's note declared that if the object of the expedition was merely to protect the Shanghai international settlement, it was unnecessary and it expressed surprise that Great Britain had decided to send to China "a large number of regular troops, warships, submarines and airplanes," which "could not but be deemed the most extraordinary action."

The attitude of the British Government toward the demand of both warring elements of the Chinese nation for changing its military policy and refrain from sending the large force planned for Shanghai was set forth in a speech by the British Secretary for the Dominions on Feb. 3 when, according to the London correspondent of the New York "Times," he said: "We are not going to be deterred from doing our imperative duty to our fellow-citizens in China. After the incidents at Hankow it became perfectly clear that the Cantonese Government is not capable, or perhaps willing, to afford protection for British subjects and the concessions. We have no idea of waging war against China, but we must provide the minimum of security for the lives of our subjects out there."

Simultaneously information came from Washington saying that several United States naval units had been ordered to Chinese waters and that various contingents of marines were being embarked for the same destination. The correspondent of the New York "Times" at that centre said on Feb. 3: "Additional American warships and marines started for Chinese waters to-day, and when they arrive there the American forces available to protect our nationals in an emergency will total 33 ships and more than 2,500 marines."

Associated Press advices from Washington on Feb. 3 said that "American refugees, including many missionaries, are fleeing in increasing numbers from the danger zones of interior China to the seacoast cities and United States naval forces are moving closer to the theatre of war to afford them any protection that might be needed." Some of the cities from which Americans were scurrying to places of safety were stated to be Chung King, Chang-sha, Szechuan and Foochow. At Hankow and Nanking American Consuls had warned them to leave. Those in Amoy, Swatow and Canton had been concentrated at places which could be evacuated on a moment's notice.

A crisis is expected from the battle that may determine the possession of Shanghai and which the representative of the Associated Press there cabled on Feb. 3 was "about to be fought in Central Chekiang Province between the Cantonese forces pushing north and those of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, striving to prevent their penetrating further into the Eastern war lord's territory. . . Foreign experts believe the Cantonese will make the most strenuous efforts

to capture Shanghai from Sun Chuan-fang before the arrival late this month of the large British force being sent to protect British interests." Sixty American missionaries arriving at Shanghai on Feb. 3 as refugees from the Province of Chekiang were reported the same date by the correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune" as saying that Cantonese troops had advanced to a position forty miles from Hangchow, the capital of Chekiang. They said that intense fighting had begun outside Hangchow and that the hospitals at Hangchow were overcrowded by the arrival of more than 1,000 wounded daily. The correspondent added: "Sun Chuan-fang has massed 100,000 troops in Chekiang in the hope of checking the Cantonese advance toward Shanghai. Since the Chinese illegally imposed surtaxes and dismissed Sir Francis Aglen, the Inspector-General of Maritime Customs, Shanghai is coveted as a rich prize because more than \$1,000,000 monthly is available to whatever military force controls the port."

The Inter-Allied Military Control Commission departed from Germany on Feb. 1, marking the end of its work of seeing that Germany complies with the disarmament provisions of the Versailles Treaty, which now has passed into the hands of the League of Nations. Both the Allies and Germany aver that they made heavy concessions to adjust what proved a very vexatious problem. "In broad lines," says the Paris dispatch of Feb. 1 to the Associated Press, "the agreement calls for the destruction of the fortifications at Kuestrin and Glogau, in Prussia, and twenty-two fortified works in the vicinity of Koenigsberg. The German Government solemnly affirms that no other fortifications exist except those expressly recognized by the Allies, and engages not to construct others." The other outstanding point in the negotiations was Germany's manufacture of and trade in arms, but this was settled last week, as noted in our issue of Jan. 29 on page 554. The conclusion of the work is reported to have stirred all Germany, "but the joy over the termination of the functioning of the Inter-Allied Military Control Commission," says the Berlin correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune" on Feb. 1, "which for eight years has been annoying and visible evidence to the German people of their national humiliation, is somewhat sobered by the reflection that this development is only one step on the road back to a position of equality in the family of nations." Both the Democratic and Nationalist press are said to emphasize this point. The Democratic "Berliner Tageblatt" rejoices that in the end of Allied control vanishes the "spirit that contributed to the poisoning of the relations between two great peoples." The junker organ, the "Deutsche Tageszeitung," in grudgingly expressing its gratification, says that "in general satisfaction over liberation from this yoke comes the galling thought that Germany is the only member of the Council of the League of Nations which is subject to arms control by other nations." As long as foreign troops remain in the occupied territory, continues this newspaper, there can be no talk about the equality of Germany in international politics. The same correspondent said that the Control Commission in its eight years of existence cost Germany about \$12,500,000, while millions of dollars worth of arms and ammunition were destroyed. A semi-official report is quoted to show

that the Commission ordered the destruction of 54,000 guns and pieces of artillery, 100,000 machine guns, 14,000 airplanes, 27,000 airplane engines, 174,000 gas masks, 488,000,000 rounds of small ammunition, 39,000,000 shells and mines, 36,700 tons of gunpowder, 6,000,000 small arms, 28,469 mine throwers and 59,000,000 fuses. More than 33,000 inspection trips were made in which 121 unpleasant incidents with the populace occurred.

The new German Cabinet, announced at the close of last week, underwent several changes before it was finally completed early this week. President von Hindenburg refused to confirm the appointment of Judge Graef, slated for the portfolio of Justice, because of his extreme anti-republicanism. Dr. Oskar Hergt, Nationalist leader, thereupon was shifted to that portfolio and Dr. Walter von Keudell, described as a young farmer of Junker clan, was selected to fill the Graef vacancy and was assigned to the all-powerful Ministry of the Interior. When the Reichstag reassembled on Feb. 3, the Cabinet, known as Dr. Marx's new Bourgeois Coalition Ministry, made its declaration before that body. The Ministry now consists of the following:

Chancellor—Wilhelm Marx (Centrist).  
 Foreign Minister—Gustav Stresemann (People's Party).  
 Minister of Finance—Heinrich Koehler (Centrist).  
 Interior—Walter von Keudell (Nationalist).  
 Justice and Vice-Chancellor—Oskar Hergt (Nationalist).  
 Economics—Julius Curtius (People's Party).  
 Communications—Wilhelm Koch (Nationalist).  
 Post and Telegraphs—Walter Schaetzel (Bavarian People's Party).  
 Agriculture and Food—Martin Schiele (Nationalist).  
 Defense—Otto Gessler (former Democrat).  
 Labor—Heinrich Brauns (Centrist).

The Berlin correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune," reporting the initial appearance of the Cabinet before the German Parliament, called the day "a significant one in the history of the young German Republic," and added: "German Nationalists sat on the Ministerial benches in the Reichstag this afternoon as the Chancellor, Dr. Wilhelm Marx, outlining the new 'blue and black' Cabinet's policy, delivered a confession of faith in Germany's republican institutions in the name of his colleagues. From to-day on, the Republic stands recognized by every big party in this country as the representative Government of Germany. The grim and unsmiling Nationalists sat in their places as Chancellor Marx announced further that his Government would continue the foreign policies hitherto pursued by Foreign Minister Gustav Stresemann—Locarno, the League of Nations and Thoiry—that the prime object of foreign policy would be to obtain the liberation of the Rhineland and that the Reichswehr would be taken out of politics, its connection with secret monarchist bands cut and the monarchist propagandists within its ranks weeded out. Apart from its Locarno policy, Dr. Marx proclaimed that the new Cabinet would continue to strengthen the friendly ties existing with other nations, 'especially our neighbor, Soviet [Russia], and the great people of the United States of America.'"

The Italian Finance Minister, Count Volpi, has rendered a report on the lictoral loan to Premier Mussolini, the keynote of which, says an Associated Press dispatch of Feb. 2 from Rome, is "success beyond all expectations." The total subscribed is 3,150,000,000 lire by 3,000,000 Italians. Sub-

scriptions made abroad are yet to be received, "prospective subscribers having until March 31 to do their bit in helping the Treasury to bring the lira back to its pre-war level." Count Volpi stated that 200 subscriptions of more than 100,000 lire, 2,000 of between 50,000 and 100,000 lire, and 5,000 between 25,000 and 50,000 lire were received by the Treasury. Short-term Treasury bondholders converted 20,353,000 lire into loan certificates. Conversion was compulsory. He also pointed out that the public debt decreased by 6,824,000,000 lire during the last six months of 1926 as compared with the previous six months, but shows an actual increase of 486,000,000 lire which, Count Volpi predicts, will be covered by loan subscription from abroad. The Rome representative of the New York "Times" cabled on Jan. 28 that the "unexpectedly liberal response to the Government's appeal for money was regarded as a popular endorsement of the Fascist financial policy of revaluation and deflation. "It is worthy of note," he added, "that during almost the entire time when subscriptions were open quotations of the old consolidated loan, which is in every way similar to the new lictoral loan, oscillated on the open market between 70 and 80. The lictoral loan was issued at 87.50. This means that the Italian public apparently was actuated solely by patriotic motives in buying from the Government at a higher price securities identical to those it might have bought far cheaper in the open market. The sum raised should be amply sufficient to meet all demands for discounts which may be made by Italian industries on the Bank of Italy."

A Lisbon dispatch on Feb. 3 to the New York "Times" said a part of the garrison at Oporto that morning revolted but that the majority of the troops remained loyal to the Government. It was added that "martial law which hitherto had been in effect nominally was to-day ordered stringently enforced." A Geneva dispatch to the Associated Press on the same day said this revolution had been actively prepared for several months according to information in League of Nations circles, adding: "It is understood that opposition to the military dictatorship of General Cormona, now President, has been steadily growing, fanned by the dissolution of Parliament. . . . Hostility reached its climax when the Government sought to negotiate a loan of £12,000,000 abroad. The opposition group protested to the foreign legations against the granting of such a loan, which would tie up public revenues as a guarantee, on the ground that the expenditure of the loan would be absolutely uncontrolled by the constitutional organs of the country."

A new cabinet was sworn in on Feb. 1 at Belgrade, says a dispatch to the New York "Times." It was the sixth since April and the chances were bright, the correspondent declared, that Premier Uzonovitch would soon be having to form his seventh as the new ministry has a majority of only three. The dispatch continues: "Premier Uzonovitch said to-night (Feb. 1) that during the budget debate, which will open soon, the Government would reply to all of the questions which have been agitating the country. This is taken to mean that the Italo-Albanian situation will receive a thorough airing. The Premier declared that there would be no change in the basic

policy of the Government, which would be one of national union as heretofore."

Spain also continues to have its troubles. The much discussed National Assembly, which was expected to mean the beginning of Spain's return to a modified form of constitutional Government, was not convoked on Feb. 1, as General Primo de Rivera the Premier, promised several weeks ago. Instead of issuing the call for it he published an explanatory note on Jan. 31, according to the representative of the New York "Times" at Madrid. A serious crisis is feared as a result of the delay, despite the Dictator's claim in his note that "no one believes that convoking the Assembly is urgent, although all believe it indispensable," for it is "an open secret," says the correspondent, "that relations between the Premier and King Alfonso are now severely strained, the latter, until recently, earnestly desiring the convocation of a representative Assembly as soon as possible." Many are said to think, however, that the Assembly would not have been to the King's liking, as it was expected that not a few of his old supporters would take advantage of the opportunities it would afford to declare a preference for a conservative Republic to a monarchy dominated by militarists. The Premier's explanatory note said "that it would be the easiest thing under the sun for him to convoke the old style constitutional Parliament, then leave the country, but I prefer to bring on my head the unpopularity of the doctrinaires who have reduced liberalism to a stiff-jointed affair than to spoil, through egotism and weakness, a beautiful work realized by Spanish citizens for the forty months they have assisted us in our task of government." The note gives no intimation of when the General intends to summon the Assembly, but the impression is that it will not be for many months.

The Lausanne Treaty having failed to pass the United States Senate, Turkey is now having trouble in concluding its negotiations with Soviet Russia for a commercial pact. The Constantinople correspondent of the New York "Times" cabled on Feb. 1 that the country was showing restiveness in the matter for the negotiations had been in progress for almost two years. Instead of showing signs of ending, it is declared by the official newspaper, "Hakimieta Millie," that difficulties which are not the fault of the Turkish Government have arisen. The newspaper asserts that "the Turkish Government throughout the negotiations (with Russia) has maintained a most conciliatory attitude and cites as proof the fact that Turkey has applied to Russian imports the same tariff as that enjoyed by countries trading with Turkey under provisional commercial treaties. The Millie adds that the Soviet Government must understand that this conciliatory attitude cannot last indefinitely." It is set forth that "one of the chief difficulties which prevents the conclusion of a treaty is the Soviet Government's insistence upon a State monopoly of foreign trade. This condition is opposed by the Turks, but it is not likely that the Soviet Government will yield, as this is one of the outstanding points of its foreign policy." A Central news cable from London on Feb. 4, said: "The Angora government has resolved, despite rejection of the Lausanne treaty by the United States Senate, to continue provisional commercial agreement expiring on Feb. 8."

The Mexican question remained in statu quo all week and elicited little or no public interest. All the developments had to do with the administration of the petroleum law and the regulations under it. The Department of Industry of the Mexican Government in charge of this work, according to a Mexico City dispatch to the New York "Times" on Feb. 2, "has issued a new order, under which drilling operations begun before Jan. 10 by oil companies that have not complied with the law may be continued. Up to now the Department has been cancelling permits issued for work begun before that date. The latest order will give the companies an opportunity to complete several wells. The original ruling of the Department, which caused suspension of work on many wells, created considerable hardship for the companies." The Associated Press advices from the Mexican capital the same day were as follows: "Further assurances came from the Department of Industry, Commerce and Labor to-day that the Government had no thought of confiscating oil property held by foreigners." Three district courts in Mexico City that day, however, it was stated, announced rejection of 31 applications by foreign oil companies for amparos, or blanket injunctions, against the new petroleum law, while the Tuxpan District Court has already granted what is described as a "definite ampario" to two companies, which has been considered equivalent to a permanent injunction restraining application of the petroleum law until the Supreme Court renders final decision. The Government on Feb. 2 announced that the revolutionary uprising in Mexico had ended, at the same time promising amnesty to such remnants of rebel bands as might surrender unconditionally.

Both sides in Nicaragua reported "important" victories during the week with Dr. Juan B. Sacasa, head of the revolutionary forces (the Liberals), supplementing his claims with a statement to the Associated Press on Feb. 1 that the Conservative Government of President Adolfo Diaz "would not exist long but for its support by the American marines," and saying: "I would like Americans to know the following facts: Diaz does not control the country. On the contrary the defeats which the Liberals have inflicted on Diaz's forces are decisive. My forces would control the country if the marines were not engaged in military operations against us and if we were not suffering from the effects of a severe blockade preventing the transport of provisions, even Red Cross supplies, to our armies, and if the marines did not occupy towns which we are about to capture. Should the marines suspend hostilities against the Liberals the Diaz Government could not last." Declaring that he had no animosity towards the American Government and had never obstructed the policy of the United States, he affirmed he would never be "an obstacle to a real, honorable peace" but all the facts in the case, he argued, clearly proved the "impossibility of a peace based on Diaz in the presidency." The American marines were said to be only "delaying" the "decisive triumph" of the Liberals. Cabling from the Nicaraguan capital on the same day the correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune" reported a rout of "strong" revolutionary forces commanded by General Zapata at the town of Rivas after a fight lasting six or seven hours and the defeat of another revolutionary force at Nin-

daine. "Here the revolutionaries," he added, "lost many in killed and prisoners, 300 rifles and two machine guns. These armaments were similar to others used by the revolutionaries, which are being brought from Mexico and landed in Costa Rican territory, supposedly with the permission of Costa Rican Government officials."

General Zapata a few days later was reported captured. Sacasa fared badly also in another way. He was informed by Washington through representatives calling on him at his headquarters at Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, that as it is against the policy of the United States to recognize governments that obtain control by force he could not expect recognition by this country even in the event of the success of his arms.

Rejected last week by the Assembly of Panama, as the reported discussions in that body seemed to indicate would be the case, the Panama-American treaty is to be the subject of efforts on the part of that Republic for new negotiations with the United States. The Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" on Jan. 30 telegraphed that that was the interpretation put by the Panama Legation there on a speech by the President of Panama. The State Department, however, the correspondent added, was not in a "conciliatory" mood regarding renewal of negotiations. He also said it was rumored that officials of the War and Navy Departments were seriously concerned for "the military clauses of the treaty are considered essential for a defense of the Panama Canal, and reports from Panama indicate that these clauses have been especially singled out for criticism by the Assembly. A new formula must be found, and found immediately, it is felt in military circles, if the military interests of the United States are to be preserved without wounding the susceptibilities of the Panaman public." Discussing the matter further the "Journal of Commerce" correspondent continued: "The State Department's attitude is not known beyond Secretary of State Kellogg's assertion to-day that the 'treaty is largely for the benefit of Panama,' and his flat denial of the report that the seeming rejection is in any way concerned with the treaty's military phases. To be exact, the Secretary said that the Panaman Assembly's action is concerned only 'with minor points and it does not touch on the military aspect.' From all of this it is gathered that the Department is not in a conciliatory mood regarding renewal of negotiations. It indicated before that no further compromise was possible. Its attitude apparently remains unmodified, which in view of the action of the Panama Legislature, means a deadlock."

The Third Internationale is reported in a Moscow dispatch of Jan. 30 to the Associated Press to have had another outburst and issued a "bitter" tirade against the United States. This country, it says, wants to choke Nicaragua and subdue all the little countries of Central America and transform Latin America into an American colony." The proclamation was addressed to "the workers and peasants of the oppressed nation of the world." It accuses American capitalists of "exploiting the Latin American countries, robbing the people of their independence and gradually edging out England from those countries, seizing all their natural wealth, industries and transports."

By military threats the United States, the Internationale declares, is trying to frighten Mexico into giving American capitalists control of Mexico's rich oil fields. The proletariat everywhere is asked to rally in support of the people of Latin-America to save them from what it calls enslavement. "American imperialism is becoming bolder and cruder in trying to colonize the whole of Latin America" it avers. "Since its foundation the Third Internationale has proclaimed the necessity of war against the insolent and mightiest capitalist regime and imperialism of the United States. Every fight of an oppressed nation against imperialistic power will find the support of the Internationale. The Third Internationale invites all anti-imperialistic forces to support the people of Nicaragua in their struggle against the base designs of American imperialism."

No separate currency is recommended for Ireland by the commission headed by H. Parker Willis, which has given the financial structure of the Irish Free State a thorough overhauling. The report of this committee has just been published in Dublin, says a copyright dispatch to the New York "Evening Post" dated Jan. 29. It urges that the currency be anchored to that of Great Britain. "This will not prevent the Free State Government from proceeding with its issue of a national token coinage, the value of which will be strictly related to that of the British pound sterling," the correspondent said, summarizing the document. A special issue of Free State currency to replace notes now issued by certain Irish banks and also British Treasury notes, however, is suggested by the commission. These notes, it is said, would be controlled by a commission appointed jointly by the Government and the banks and would be backed partly by gold and partly by other securities to keep their value at par. Another important question considered by the commission, it is added, was placing of the Government funds. "Hitherto practically all the Government's banking has been done with the Bank of Ireland, an arrangement inherited from the days of the British regime, but now other banks assert they are entitled to a share of the business. The majority of the commission adopted this view, but there is a minority report signed by the Bank of Ireland and Government representatives which favors continuance of the present system. As unanimity was impossible, the commission declined to make a definite recommendation and suggested that the decision was one for the Minister of Finance." The commission also decided, it is further stated, that "the present banking facilities for farmers were insufficient and recommended the establishment of an agricultural credit bank which would advance money to farmers for longer periods and at lower rates than those which ordinary banks can offer, the capital of the new bank to be offered for public subscription on a Government guarantee and the loans to be made mainly through co-operative societies for the improvement of lands and purchase of cattle." Moreover, the commission, with a view to the development of manufactures, recommended a special issue of bonds totaling a million pounds sterling to be "available for the establishment or extension of factories, this being in addition to a million which the Government has already arranged to provide for the purpose."

Cable advices from Paris on Thursday reported that the Bank of France had reduced its discount

rate from 6½ to 5½%. The Austrian Bank, which on Jan. 18 reduced its rate from 7% to 6½%, further reduced to 6% yesterday. Aside from these changes official discount rates at leading European centres continue to be quoted at 7% in Italy; 6½% in Belgium; 5½% in Denmark; 5% in London, Berlin and Madrid; 4½% in Sweden and Norway, and 3½% in Holland and Switzerland. In London the open market discount rates remained steady with short bills: at 4½@4 3-16%, against 4 3-16@4¼% last week, and three months' bills at 4½%, unchanged. Money on call at the British centre was lower, closing at 3¾%, which compares with 4¼% a week ago. At Paris open market discounts continue to be quoted at 5%, but at Switzerland there has been a decline to 2⅞%, against 3½% last week.

As was the case last week, the Bank of England in its usual weekly statement showed a further loss in gold—£312,408. Gold holdings are now £151,032,135, as against £144,513,107 last year and £128,573,186 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). Reserve of gold and notes in the banking department declined £1,200,000 as a result of the expansion of £888,000 in note circulation, while the proportion of reserve to liabilities fell to 27.09% from 29.22%; two weeks ago the ratio of reserve was 27.58% and a year ago 18½%. Public deposits fell off £4,197,000, but "other" deposits increased £5,412,000. Loans on Government securities expanded £758,000 and loans on "other" securities £1,710,000. The total of note circulation now stands at £137,937,000, as compared with £141,954,160 in 1926 and £125,464,780 a year earlier. The Bank's official discount rate was left unchanged at 5%. We append herewith detailed comparisons of the principal items of the Bank of England's return for a series of years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1927. Feb. 2.	1926. Feb. 3.	1925. Feb. 4.	1924. Feb. 6.	1923. Feb. 7.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	b137,937,000	141,954,160	125,464,780	125,880,870	121,481,100
Public deposits.....	9,537,000	13,767,508	11,048,724	15,801,191	17,895,285
Other deposits.....	108,189,000	106,737,142	134,913,063	104,197,950	130,344,618
Government securities	28,876,000	43,002,247	67,503,461	46,797,032	49,067,299
Other securities....	74,162,000	73,336,225	73,688,034	69,328,478	65,812,176
Reserve notes & coin	32,844,000	22,308,947	22,858,406	21,950,308	24,459,719
Coin and bullion...	a151,032,135	144,513,107	128,573,186	128,081,178	127,490,819
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	27.09%	18½%	15¼%	18¼%	20¼%
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 statement for the first week of the month the Bank of France reported an increase of no less than 453,985,900 francs in note circulation, while advances to the State were reduced 650,000,000 francs to 31,900,000,000 francs. The increase in note circulation this week followed reductions the three previous weeks aggregating over two billion francs. Total notes in circulation now stand at 52,625,703,580 francs, as against 51,470,932,295 francs and 40,858,675,550 francs in 1926 and 1925, respectively. The State's indebtedness to the Bank, which now amounts to 31,900,000,000 francs, as already mentioned, is the lowest figure since the indebtedness of 31,600,000,000 francs in November 1925. Last year at this date advances stood at 35,100,000,000 francs and in 1925 at 21,900,000,000 francs. Following a small decrease last week, gold holdings the present

week gained 3,500 francs and are now up to 5,547,827,750 francs, compared with 5,548,177,436 francs in 1926 and 5,545,597,513 francs the year previous. Changes in the other items were: Silver holdings increased 212,945 francs, and bills discounted 780,218,023 francs. Advances to trade fell off 57,570,947 francs, Treasury deposits 30,201,811 francs and general deposits no less than 1,375,257,071 francs. The Bank's discount rate was reduced, as already stated, on Thursday from  $6\frac{1}{2}\%$  to  $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ , the former rate having been in effect since Dec. 16 1926. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and with corresponding dates in 1926 and 1925 are as follows:

## BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		Feb. 2 1927.	Feb. 4 1926.	Feb. 5 1925.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold Holdings—				
In France.....Inc.	3,500	3,683,506,843	3,683,556,529	3,681,276,605
Abroad.....	Unchanged	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907
Total.....Inc.	3,500	5,547,827,750	5,548,177,436	5,545,597,513
Silver.....Inc.	212,945	341,571,131	324,727,230	304,787,127
Bills discounted.....Inc.	780,218,023	4,373,347,737	4,354,556,306	6,301,187,299
Trade advances.....Dec.	57,570,947	2,001,509,850	2,487,238,090	2,937,905,346
Note circulation.....Inc.	453,985,900	52,625,703,550	51,470,932,295	40,858,675,550
Treas. deposits.....Dec.	30,201,811	11,316,788	30,791,566	9,284,315
Gen. deposits.....Dec.	1,375,257,071	4,549,121,204	3,100,097,845	2,006,475,554
Advance to State.....Dec.	650,000,000	31,900,000,000	35,100,000,000	21,900,000,000

The Reichsbank in its return for the fourth week of the month showed an expansion of 432,884,000 marks in note circulation. Daily maturity obligations, on the other hand, decreased 510,406,000 marks and "other" liabilities 2,796,000 marks. Total note circulation now amounts to 3,409,616,000 marks, as against 2,648,809,000 marks the same time last year and 1,901,255,000 marks in 1925. The majority of the items on the asset side of the account recorded decreases. Reserve in foreign currencies fell off 80,368,000 marks and notes on other banks 13,152,000 marks. Silver and other coins showed a loss of 6,943,000 marks and investment 754,000 marks. Gold holdings were reduced 56,000 marks and "other" assets 86,381,000 marks. Bills of exchange and checks increased 80,368,000 marks and advances rose 72,005,000 marks. Gold and bullion holdings now aggregate 1,834,661,000 marks, as compared with 1,254,995,000 marks in 1926 and 834,231,000 marks the previous year. Below we give a detailed comparative statement back to 1925:

## REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Jan. 29 1927. Jan. 30 1926. Jan. 31 1925.		
		Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Assets—				
Gold and bullion.....Dec.	56,000	1,834,661,000	1,254,995,000	834,231,000
Of which depos. abr'd.....	Unchanged	122,420,000	142,981,000	198,653,000
Res'v in foreign curr.....Dec.	80,368,000	421,082,000	418,331,000	278,077,000
Bills of exch. & checks.....Inc.	35,331,000	1,415,035,000	1,464,386,000	1,770,733,000
Silver & other coin.....Dec.	6,943,000	126,810,000	80,253,000	58,546,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks.....Dec.	13,152,000	6,565,000	8,748,000	13,151,000
Advances.....Inc.	72,005,000	81,618,000	10,885,000	81,703,000
Investments.....Dec.	754,000	88,884,000	233,596,000	110,077,000
Other assets.....Dec.	86,381,000	570,194,000	608,695,000	1,506,634,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation.....Inc.	432,884,000	3,409,616,000	2,648,809,000	1,901,255,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig.....Dec.	510,406,000	574,566,000	578,724,000	746,780,000
Other liabilities.....Dec.	2,796,000	200,794,000	543,761,000	1,534,398,000

Larger rediscounting operations, also heavier open market purchases, were revealed by the Federal Reserve Banks in their weekly statements issued on Thursday afternoon; indicating increased demands upon the banks incidental to end-of-the-month activities. For the System as a whole, rediscounts of paper secured by Government obligations increased \$13,700,000, and of other bills \$14,400,000, making a gain in total bills discounted for the week of \$28,100,000. Holdings of bills bought in the open market increased \$27,200,000. A small decline

in gold reserves, \$4,900,000, was shown. Total bills and securities (earnings assets) expanded \$56,500,000, while deposits gained \$52,900,000. In member bank reserve accounts there was an increase of \$50,200,000, but the amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation decreased \$1,900,000. The New York bank reported a loss in gold of \$13,800,000, together with expansion in rediscounts of Government secured paper of \$19,900,000. "Other" bills fell \$3,400,000, so that total bills discounted moved up \$16,500,000. Substantial increases were registered in all of the following items: \$32,900,000 in open market purchases; \$49,400,000 in total bills and securities and \$23,000,000 in deposits. Member bank reserve accounts were larger by \$14,600,000, and the amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation increased \$11,200,000. Expansion in deposits and shrinkage in the reserve ratios. For the banks as a group, the ratio of reserve declined 1.1% to 78.5%, while at New York there was a loss of 3.5% to 8.5%.

Last Saturday's statement of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies showed the effect of diminished borrowing at the Federal Reserve Bank. The previous week's surplus reserved was completely wiped out and instead a deficit of more than \$15,000,000 appeared. Loans increased \$60,742,000. Net demand deposits were reduced \$25,049,000 to \$4,388,301,000, which is exclusive of Government deposits to the amount of \$29,168,000; while time deposits expanded \$29,021,000 to \$687,969,000. Cash in own vaults declined \$126,000 to \$43,664,000, which, however, does not count as reserve. Unusually large changes occurred in reserves in own vaults of State banks and trust companies and those kept in other depositories, namely, expansion of \$3,608,000 in the former and a drop of \$1,585,000 in the latter. Member banks drew down their reserves in the Federal institution to the extent of no less than \$61,864,000, and this is responsible for a loss in surplus reserve aggregating \$55,548,390, eliminating last week's excess reserves of \$39,601,140 and leaving in its stead a deficit of \$15,947,250. The above figures for surplus are on the basis of legal reserve requirements of 13%, against demand deposits of member banks of the Federal Reserve, but not including \$43,664,000 cash in vault held by these members on Saturday last.

Notwithstanding the large deficit in legal reserves shown in last Saturday's Clearing House statement, call money opened the week easy and unchanged at 4% and remained at that level throughout the week. Considerable business was reported at  $3\frac{3}{4}\%$  in the so-called outside market. Time money reflected the abundance of loanable funds with a concession from  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  to  $4\frac{3}{8}\%$  on Tuesday and a small amount of short-date business at  $4\frac{1}{4}\%$  on Wednesday. Time funds remained dull the rest of the week at  $4\frac{3}{8}\%$  to  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  for all maturities. The Reserve Bank made no change in its 4% rate. Another decrease, namely \$38,232,000, was reported this week in the total of brokers' loans; and to the French shipments of gold, now approximately \$20,000,000 for the year to date, was added announcement of a consignment of \$3,150,000 from London. The offerings of new securities continued on an increased scale.



With regard to money rates in detail, loans on call again ruled at the single rate of 4%, that having been the only rate named during the entire business period from Monday to Friday. Plethora of loanable funds, with lack of demand, was given as the cause for this unusual showing.

In time money also a general easing was noted, and before the close of the week declines occurred, with sixty-day money quoted at 4 1/4%, against 4 3/8@4 1/2%; ninety days at 4 3/8%, against 4 3/8@4 1/2%; four months at 4 3/8@4 1/2%, against 4 1/2%, and five and six months at 4 1/2%, unchanged. Trading was inactive with offerings of funds plentiful and large borrowers still out of the market. No large trades were reported.

Mercantile paper shared in the general easing and four to six months' names of choice character were lowered to 3 3/4@4%, as compared with 4@4 1/4%, while names not so well known now require 4 1/4%, as compared with 4 1/2%, the previous figure. A good demand was noted with offerings quickly absorbed by both local and out-of-town banks. Supplies of prime names, however, continue light. New England mill paper and the shorter choice names are now passing at 3 3/4%, against 4%.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances were dull but easier with a decline of about 1/8 of 1% in open market quotations for 30-day maturities. Out-of-town institutions were the principal buyers but offerings were not large and the volume of business transacted was limited. For call loans against bankers' acceptances, the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council remains at 3 3/4%. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rate on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks 3 3/4% bid and 3 5/8% asked for bills running 30 days, 60 days and 90 days, 3 7/8% bid and 3 3/4% asked for 120 days, and 4% bid and 3 7/8% asked for 150 days and 180 days. Open market quotations follow:

SPOT DELIVERY.			
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	3 3/4 @ 3 3/4	3 3/4 @ 3 3/4	3 3/4 @ 3 1/2
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Eligible member banks.....	3 3/4 bid		
Eligible non-member banks.....	3 3/4 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 FEB. 4 1927.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.	Paper Maturing—					
	Within 90 Days.				After 90 Days, but Within 6 Months.	After 6 Months.
	Com'mercial, Agricul. & Livestock Paper. n.e.s.	Secured by U. S. Govern't Obligations.	Bankers' Acceptances.	Trade Acceptances.	Agricul. and Livestock Paper.	Agricul. 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.

The sterling exchange market continues to be dominated by the same set of influences which were at work last week, and further recession in the price level had the effect of sending quoted rates for demand bills down to a new low for the year, namely,

4 84 7-16, a loss of 1/2c. from the low record established a short time ago. Irregular movements occurred at frequent intervals, so that the quotation veered from 4 84 1/2 to 4 84 9-16, down to 4 84 1/2 again, then back to 4 84 9-16, with the closing figure 4 84 7-16. Developments in the Chinese crisis have been far from favorable and the whole situation is causing grave concern. While this, of course, has been the prime factor in reducing rates, the immediate cause, in the opinion of traders, has been the unexpected easing in monetary conditions in London, as compared with those existing in New York. A few weeks ago strength in London money rates resulted in a general movement of funds towards the British centre. With the outbreak of trouble in the Far East and a consequent unsettling of confidence in English financial circles, a reverse movement was soon on foot and American bankers commenced to recall their balances. Announcement of a small engagement of gold from London at once revived talk of a probable outflow of the precious metal in this direction. As far as could be learned the shipment which was for account of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., was in the nature of a special transaction for the accommodation of a customer, but it was stated that the purchase was made possible by the decline in sterling at the same time that open market prices for gold were lowered. At present, it is true, that sterling is slightly above the point at which gold could be shipped at a profit and bankers claim that similar transactions are likely to be of infrequent occurrences. That the Bank of England will lower its discount rate at this time is considered very unlikely; at least unless the New York Reserve Bank should also take action in this respect. The continued ease in sterling values will probably preclude such action. From the viewpoint of Great Britain, an outflow of gold to the United States would be undesirable in the extreme, more especially as the Bank of England is losing gold steadily to several of the Continental countries. Closing rates were at the lowest for the week, due to particularly liberal offering of bills. As a matter of fact the selling has been so persistent as to arouse discussion in financial circles.

As to the day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was easier and demand declined fractionally, to 4 84 1/2@4 84 9-16 and cable transfers to 4 85@4 85 1-16; offering of sterling bills continues liberal in volume. On Monday further easing in values sent prices down an additional fraction to 4 84 7-16@4 84 17-32 for demand and 4 84 15-16 @4 85 1-32 for cable transfers. Slightly heavier buying caused a better feeling in the sterling market on Tuesday and demand moved back to 4 84 1/2@4 84 9-16 with cable transfers at 4 85@4 85 1-16. Wednesday's market was quiet but fairly steady; demand bills ruled all day at 4 84 17-32 and cable transfers at 4 85 1-32. Renewed selling was responsible for weakness in undertone on Thursday; but actual quotations were not changed from 4 84 17-32 for demand and 4 85 1-32 for cable transfers. On Friday the market was irregular and weak and demand sold off to 4 84 7-16@4 84 1/2, cable transfers to 4 84 15-16@4 85. Closing quotations were 4 84 7-16 for demand and 4 84 15-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 84 5-16, sixty days 4 80 5-16, ninety days 4 78 3-16, documents for payment (sixty days) 4 80 9-16 and seven-day grain bills at 4 84 1-16. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 84 5-16.

Gold engagements were reported this week from England and also another consignment from France. The latter totaled approximately \$6,250,000, which makes the fourth shipment of gold from France since the second week of January and brings the total shipped up to \$20,650,000. Messrs. Kuhn, Loeb & Co. have engaged \$3,000,000 South African gold purchased in the open market, to arrive via the Olympic, while the International Acceptance Bank is expecting a shipment of £150,000 incidental to a commercial transaction. The Bank of England reports sales of £9,000 in gold sovereigns and exports of about £220,000 to Spain, India and Holland. The Japanese Government is shipping \$2,000,000 gold on the Tayama to San Francisco.

Continental exchange for the time being appeared to have been relegated to second place, with the possible exception of pesetas, which are still in the hands of a powerful speculative clique. Changes in monetary conditions in the London and New York markets; possibility of important movement of gold, as well as the serious Chinese-British crisis, all combined to turn attention to sterling instead of, as has been the case for so many weeks past, to the major European currencies. French francs dipped a little, another  $\frac{1}{2}$  point, to  $3.92\frac{1}{4}$  for checks, but in the main the market showed signs of active support. According to French traders, the recent slight but steady lowering in the value of the franc has been due to the policy of the French authorities in permitting somewhat freer movements in quotations for the express purpose of ascertaining actual current values. That the Bank of France is still actively in control there is little reason to doubt, but the opinion is put forth that declines have been allowed for encouraged or the purpose of advantageously transferring to francs certain loans made previously in foreign currencies, such as guilders and Swiss francs. Be this as it may, the market was a trifle nervous at times and offerings of 30-day franc futures were plentiful at a discount of \$.0002 below spot, which compares with a discount of only  $$.0001\frac{1}{2}$  in the early part of the week. Belgian exchange ruled a trifle easier, though rallying before the close to 13.90. It is interesting to observe that predictions made when the belga was first floated to the effect that this new unit would in time completely replace the franc, are proving well founded. Some days ago it was officially announced that the Bank of Belgium contemplated the issuance of new notes denominated in belgas and francs, with small denominations in francs and large in belgas; which is to say, that the belga has at last become the unit in use for internal as well as external accounts. In all probability the time will come when the franc will be regarded and utilized as a subsidiary unit, equal in value to about one-fifth of the belga.

Italian lire trended downward in sympathy with the remainder of the list, but moved quietly within narrow limits—4.28 to 4.25—on a small volume of trading. Reichsmarks remain fixed at the low level of 23.69 recently established. Greek drachmae were strong and slightly higher. In the minor Central European group price changes were inconsequential except Rumania lei, which closed sharply up, and trading dull and neglected.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 123.32, as compared with 123.05 a week ago. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at  $3.92\frac{1}{4}$ , against 3.93; cable transfers at  $3.93\frac{1}{4}$ ,

against 3.94, and commercial sight bills at  $3.91\frac{1}{4}$ , against 3.92 last week. Closing rates on Antwerp beglas were 13.90 for checks and 13.91 for cable transfers. This compares with 13.90 and 13.91 the previous week. Reichsmarks finished at 23.69 for checks and 23.70 for cable transfers (unchanged). Austrian schillings have not been changed from  $14\frac{1}{8}$ . Italian lire closed at 4.27 for bankers' sight bills and 4.28 for cable transfers, as against 4.28 and 4.29 a week earlier. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished the week at  $2.96\frac{3}{8}$  (unchanged); on Bucharest there was a rise to  $0.56\frac{3}{4}$ , against 0.54; on Poland at 11.50 (unchanged), and on Finland at  $2.52\frac{1}{2}$  (unchanged). Greek exchange closed at 1.30 for checks and 1.31 for cable transfers. A week ago the close was  $1.30\frac{1}{2}$  and  $1.31\frac{1}{2}$ .

In the neutrals, or so-called smaller Continental exchanges, there is very little in the way of real news to report. Guilders were quiet and slightly easier though finishing at a small net advance. Swiss francs slipped off to  $19.22\frac{1}{4}$  for a time. Danish and Swedish currencies remain steady and virtually unchanged, all on narrow, featureless trading. Spanish pesetas repeated their performance of recent weeks and were again active, excited and higher, registering sudden and violent price changes. Europe as usual led the way and heavy speculative buying sent the quotation skyrocketing to 16.89, a gain of 35 points from the close of last week and still another new high record. Sharp up and down movements occurred at frequent intervals as a result of profit taking both here and abroad and the price ranged as much as 15 points in a single day, the close was weak at 16.60. With the pesetas ruling well above 16, it will be easily possible for Spanish importers to draw gold from England and small shipments have continued during the week. Norwegian krone, though not particularly active, continue to move erratically.

Sight bills on Amsterdam finished at  $39.98\frac{1}{4}$ , against 39.95; cable transfers at  $39.99\frac{1}{4}$ , against 39.96, and commercial sight bills at  $39.97\frac{1}{4}$ , against 39.94 a week ago. Swiss francs closed the week at  $19.22\frac{1}{2}$  for bankers' sight bills and at  $19.23\frac{1}{2}$  for cable transfers. This compares with  $19.23\frac{1}{2}$  and  $19.24\frac{1}{2}$  the previous week. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.64 and cable transfers at 26.65, against  $26.63\frac{1}{2}$  and  $26.64\frac{1}{2}$ . Checks on Sweden closed at 26.68 and cable transfers at 26.69, against 26.67 and 26.68, while checks on Norway finished at 25.69 and 25.70 for cable remittances, in comparison with 25.75 and 25.76 the week before. Spanish exchange closed at 16.60 for checks and at 16.61 for cable transfers, as contrasted with 16.54 and 16.55 a week earlier.

South American exchange was neglected and prices moved narrowly on a small volume of transactions. Argentine pesos ruled easier but steadied and finished up at 41.49 for checks and at 41.54 for cable transfers against 41.35 and 41.40. Brazilian milreis were slightly easier, closing at 11.80 for checks and at 11.85 for cable transfers, which compares with 11.87 and 11.92 the preceding week. Chilean exchange was easy and finished at 11.95, against 11.96, though Peru was strong at 3.69, against 3.68 a week ago.

While attention continues to be concentrated on the Far Eastern exchanges, price changes were not particularly important this week. The silver currencies, so-called, were very strong as a result of

activities in the silver metal market. It is understood that attempts have been made in China to take advantage of an enormous sleeping short interest, and that as a result the price of bar silver shot up more than 2c. Japanese yen failed to reflect news that more gold is coming from Japan. The quotation however, was well maintained. The Indian currencies also remained stable, at close to the levels of the previous week, regardless of the fact that short covering operations in the Indian bazaars have advanced the price of silver sharply. Trading has been more than usually active, and the reason assigned is that of the close approach of the Chinese New Year and the desire of Indian and Chinese merchants to have their obligations cleared up before that date.

Hong Kong finished the week at 52 5-16@51 1/2, against 51 1-16@52 1/4; on Shanghai at 67@67 1/2, against 64 5/8@64 3/4; Yokohama, 48.85@59 (unchanged); Manila, 49.50@49.60 (unchanged); Singapore, 56 1/8@56 1/2 (unchanged); Bombay, 36 3/8@36 1/2, against 36 1/2@36 5/8, and Calcutta, 36 3/8@36 1/2, against 36 1/2@36 5/8.

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922, JAN. 29 1927 TO FEB. 4 1927, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	Jan. 29.	Jan. 31.	Feb. 1.	Feb. 2.	Feb. 3.	Feb. 4.
<b>EUROPE—</b>						
Austria, schilling	1.4073	1.4077	1.4085	1.4079	1.4101	1.4093
Belgium, belga	1.391	1.390	1.390	1.391	1.390	1.390
Bulgaria, lev	.007263	.007223	.007210	.007235	.007215	.007231
Czechoslovakia, krona	.029614	.029615	.029617	.029615	.029619	.029617
Denmark, krone	2.664	2.664	2.664	2.665	2.665	2.665
England, pound sterling	4.8501	4.8496	4.8499	4.8501	4.8501	4.8493
Finland, markka	.025206	.025214	.025198	.025209	.025231	.025210
France, franc	.0394	.0394	.0394	.0393	.0393	.0393
Germany, reichsmark	.2369	.2369	.2369	.2369	.2369	.2370
Greece, drachma	.013110	.013197	.013188	.013209	.013166	.013084
Holland, guilder	.3995	.3994	.3995	.3995	.3997	.3999
Hungary, pengo	.1753	.1754	.1752	.1754	.1754	.1753
Italy, lira	.0429	.0429	.0426	.0427	.0428	.0428
Norway, krone	.2575	.2584	.2585	.2583	.2575	.2570
Poland, zloty	.1129	.1136	.1131	.1139	.1140	.1132
Portugal, escudo	.0511	.0512	.0511	.0512	.0512	.0513
Rumania, leu	.005378	.005368	.005381	.005400	.005465	.005524
Spain, peseta	.1656	.1670	.1680	.1680	.1671	.1658
Sweden, krona	.2669	.2668	.2669	.2668	.2668	.2669
Switzerland, franc	.1924	.1923	.1924	.1924	.1923	.1923
Yugoslavia, dinar	.017621	.017592	.017616	.017610	.017615	.017608
<b>ASIA—</b>						
China—						
Chefoo, tael	.6854	.6829	.6779	.6800	.6883	.6892
Hankow, tael	.6742	.6692	.6646	.6688	.6742	.6758
Shanghai, tael	.6539	.6473	.6468	.6523	.6586	.6568
Tientsin, tael	.6863	.6854	.6804	.6842	.6917	.6917
Hong Kong, dollar	.5129	.5116	.5059	.5125	.5152	.5146
Mexican dollar	.4759	.4731	.4713	.4755	.4806	.4800
Tientsin or Pelyang, dollar	.4679	.4633	.4583	.4744	.4650	.4650
Yuan, dollar	.4663	.4617	.4567	.4719	.4633	.4633
India, rupee	.3636	.3634	.3635	.3631	.3627	.3629
Japan, yen	.4881	.4882	.4882	.4881	.4881	.4881
Singapore (S.S.), dollar	.5600	.5600	.5600	.5600	.5596	.5608
<b>NORTH AMER.—</b>						
Canada, dollar	.998389	.998405	.998419	.998364	.998378	.998424
Cuba, peso	.999750	.999688	.999688	1.000500	1.000750	1.000750
Mexico, peso	.471833	.471667	.471333	.471500	.471667	.470833
Newfoundland, dollar	.996188	.996750	.996250	.996250	.996250	.996250
<b>SOUTH AMER.—</b>						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.9387	.9386	.9391	.9390	.9406	.9422
Brazil, milreis	.1183	.1188	.1181	.1182	.1178	.1178
Chile, peso	.1201	.1201	.1201	.1201	.1201	.1197
Uruguay, peso	1.0133	1.0127	1.0132	1.0126	1.0118	1.0111

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$5,707,106 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended Feb. 3. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$6,812,006, while the shipments have reached \$1,104,900 as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week Ended February 3.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Bank.
Banks' interior movement	\$6,812,006	\$1,104,900	Gain 5,707,106

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. 29.	Monday, Jan. 31.	Tuesday, Feb. 1.	Wednesday, Feb. 2.	Thursday, Feb. 3.	Friday, Feb. 4.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 76,000,000	\$ 93,000,000	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 129,000,000	\$ 97,000,000	\$ 102,000,000	Cr. 597,000,000

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—	Feb. 3 1927.			Feb. 4 1926.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 151,032,135	—	£ 151,032,135	£ 144,513,107	—	£ 144,513,107
France a.	147,340,244	13,640,000	160,980,244	147,354,251	12,960,000	161,314,251
Germany b	85,614,850	994,600	86,609,450	49,711,850	994,600	50,706,450
Spain	102,392,000	27,302,000	129,694,000	101,475,000	26,293,000	127,768,000
Italy	45,728,000	4,185,000	49,913,000	35,668,000	3,394,000	39,062,000
Netherl'ds	34,630,000	2,393,000	37,023,000	36,488,000	0,140,000	38,628,000
Nat. Belg.	17,722,000	1,073,000	18,795,000	10,954,000	3,646,000	14,600,000
Switzerl'd.	17,492,000	3,050,000	20,542,000	17,890,000	3,676,000	21,566,000
Sweden	12,447,000	—	12,447,000	12,778,000	—	12,778,000
Denmark	11,610,000	838,000	12,448,000	11,626,000	752,000	12,378,000
Norway	8,180,000	—	8,180,000	8,180,000	—	8,180,000
Total week	634,188,229	53,475,600	687,663,829	576,638,218	53,855,600	630,493,818
Prev. week	634,461,527	53,080,600	687,542,127	576,401,597	53,690,600	630,092,197

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £74,572,866 held abroad. b Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany this year are exclusive of £6,121,000 held abroad. c As of Oct. 7 1924.

The End of Allied Military Control in Germany.

Another of the punitive provisions of the Treaty of Versailles was relegated to the historical lumber-room on Tuesday, when the one-time Allies gave up their long attempt to control the military armament of Germany, and the Allied Commission of Control left Berlin. In place of the Commission, the League of Nations is henceforth to undertake the task of seeing to it that the German army does not exceed the limits prescribed by the treaty, and that the other conditions which have just been agreed to are observed. An agreement to do in principle what has now been done in fact was reached at Geneva last December, but it was not until the last minute, on the eve of what would otherwise have been an automatic transfer of the whole matter to the Council of the League, that the definitive settlement was accomplished.

As announced by the Council of Ambassadors at Paris, that anomalous and extra-legal body which, for some reason, still continues on occasion to represent the former Allied Governments, the agreement appears to fall into three parts. The first relates to the size of the German army. Nominally, the agreement assumes that the army of the Reich will continue to be limited to 100,000 men, the number hitherto prescribed. Actually, it is more or less a matter of common knowledge in Allied military circles that the number of effectives, counting police and other organizations not technically a part of the regular army, is from 200,000 to 300,000, and that the annual cost of the military establishment is out of proportion to the small number of men nominally under arms. Since Marshal Foch, however, is reported to be satisfied that the terms of the treaty have been complied with, the Council of Ambassadors could not well do less than accept his opinion. What the agreement means at this point, of course, is that

the Allies have been compelled to acquiesce in an evasion of the strict requirements of the treaty, for the simple reason that enforcement of the treaty limitations has been proved impossible. With a relatively large standing army in every country that touches the German border, it was out of the question to think of permanently holding the Reich, the largest country on the Continent outside of Russia, to an army of only 100,000, and the Allied Governments have shown their good sense by agreeing to accept Germany's compliance with the spirit of the Versailles treaty, and tacitly ignoring the letter.

In the second place, Germany is reported to have agreed to demolish, within four months from Feb. 25, thirty-four of the eighty-five "shelters" or fortified places on the eastern frontier, and to erect no more such fortifications in the eastern region. The practical effect of the arrangement is to create a demilitarized zone on the eastern border of Germany, from the Baltic to the Rhine, without fortifications except such as existed there prior to the conclusion of the peace treaty. As Poland and Czechoslovakia have from time to time expressed fear of possible German aggression on their western fronts, the demolition of the "shelters" should serve to give them greater peace of mind. Here again, however, the agreement is a compromise, somewhat more than half of the fortifications being retained while somewhat less than half are to be levelled.

For the rest, the agreement binds the German Government to prevent the importation or exportation of arms, or the manufacture of arms for export, and to regulate strictly the manufacture and sale of arms for domestic use. To this end the Government agrees to see that the necessary laws are enacted by the Reichstag. The agreement does not, apparently, affect the treaty provisions regarding the demilitarized areas along the Rhine, or the conditions imposed by the treaty regarding the terms of enlistment and other details of the German army, nor does it do away with what is left of Allied military occupation of parts of the Rhine area.

The task of supervision that has now been devolved upon the League of Nations is one which that body seems ill-fitted to perform, if by supervision is meant any real exercise of authority over the German military establishment. The League has no machinery at present for exercising military supervision throughout the whole of Germany, and it is highly improbable that, if Germany were disposed to claim still greater liberty of action in the matter of defense, the League would be able to exert a pressure which the Allies have found it impossible to keep up. Moreover, Germany is now a member of the League in good and regular standing, with a permanent seat in the Council, and although it may still be called to account for the infraction of any treaty or agreement to which it is a party, any attempt to put pressure upon it would take on a very different character from that which it would have had even a year ago. Since it is to be assumed that the Allied Governments are fully aware of the limitations of the League and the essentially political nature of its procedure, the agreement to leave to the League the further oversight of Germany's military establishment would seem to be in effect an admission that, in military matters, outside control of Germany has virtually ceased to exist.

Be that as it may, the lifting of the restrictions which has now been achieved may well give satisfaction to both the Allied Governments and the Govern-

ment and people of the Reich. The drastic penalties imposed by the Peace Conference have been shown by time to be unwise and impracticable. That they have remained even nominally in force as long as they have is doubtless due, in considerable measure, to Germany itself. Galled and chagrined by the presence of a Commission whose every act was a reminder of humiliating defeat and Allied distrust, more than one German Government has connived at the evasion of the treaty requirements, and this notwithstanding that the allegations, rumors and suspicions to which such evasions gave rise could have no other effect than to postpone the day when Germany should be free. The Nationalist following, strong in agitation if not in voting power, has been particularly active in fomenting opposition to the Versailles Treaty and urging a more or less open repudiation of its restrictions, and more than one other party has appeared at times to favor the Nationalist policy.

The past two years, however, have witnessed great changes in Germany. The dignified and conciliatory course of President von Hindenburg has done much to disarm suspicion of Germany abroad, and has been a standing rebuke to the critics who have insisted that Germany, if it were given a free hand, would soon renew the war. German Chancellors and Foreign Ministers have shown themselves as anxious to further the cause of peace as have the heads or responsible Ministers of the Allied Governments, while the economic recovery of Germany under the Dawes plan has made it less and less possible to treat Germany as an inferior. The temper of the Allied Governments, too, has changed. The Premier Poincare of the past few months has been a very different person from the Poincare who, not so very long ago, was sharply questioning the good faith of Germany and setting out to collect reparations in the Ruhr with machine guns and bayonets, and the conciliatory policy of M. Briand has been applauded everywhere. Now, with the Locarno pacts concluded, and the admission of Germany to the League an accomplished fact, the removal of the military restraints that have rested upon Germany has apparently proved easy of accomplishment, and at the very moment, as it happens, when a new German Government, largely dependent upon the Nationalists for support, comes into power.

If there be other motives in the transaction beyond what appear on the surface, they will doubtless be revealed by the progress of events. At present, however, it is wiser and more generous to take the recent agreement for what it seems to be, a frank exchange of confidence and an equally frank pledge of mutual good faith. It should be easier, also, now that the ghost of military aggression has apparently been laid, to dispose of the other and greater burden that still rests upon Germany, namely, the entire uncertainty regarding the aggregate amount of reparations that it is expected to pay. The Dawes plan offers no solution of that problem, for the Dawes schedule of payments is provisional, and the total of payments is not even suggested. If the Allies are willing to leave to Germany the observance of the spirit of the Versailles Treaty in the matter of its military establishment, subject to such nominal supervision as the League of Nations may be able to give, they may well be asked to take up with Germany the question of reparations, and exert themselves to reach an agreement regarding the total amount to be paid and the length of time over which the payments are to extend.

Until this issue is disposed of, there will still exist in Germany an occasion of irritation and political agitation which the recent military settlement will not remove.

### *Edison as an Example.*

The eightieth birthday of Thomas Alva Edison on Feb. 11 is an event that will arrest the attention of the world and bring forth encomiums of respect and praise wherever the electric light is known. From humble beginnings as a railway telegrapher, and even as a "butcher" selling cigars and candy on the train, he has risen to be one of the most noted scientists of earth. His inventions are numerous, but he is chiefly known as the wizard of light. His span of life goes back to the kerosene lamp and the tallow dip, and he has made and lost fortunes in the pursuit of his investigations. A tireless worker, he has referred to the fact that he has lived two or three ordinary lives measured by the hours of the working day, and in this he stands as an example to a social age that is not averse to shirking work when it may. As we look about us, as we consider the clamor for an eight-hour day and a five-day week, it seems a far cry to the time when on the blackboard of every school was blazoned the motto, "There is no excellence without great labor." Yet Edison's life spans that period, and with it a revolutionary social change that is to have a profound effect on the future of mankind. To this man possibly, and probably, there is more pleasure in pursuit than possession. For no sooner has his great analytical mind perfected one invention than he turns to another. But his benefactions are not always temperately and wisely used by the masses and his life's work suggests the thought that the gifts of the intellect turn to ashes when they are made to serve us only as the agencies of irresponsible pleasure.

Prometheus, chained to the rock, the "vultures at his vitals," for bringing fire from heaven, has no place in our modern advance. Too often we accept the gifts of these master minds with little thought of personal reverence, and with less appreciation of their value to society at large. If there is nothing sacred in the hidden truths of science, there is also nothing sacred in the discoveries by which we are lifted above the condition of all peoples in all ages. To bring forth light in darkness is a wizardry that would have placed Edison among the immortals in any age of the world. But so commonplace has become electricity in our lives that in our acceptance we scarcely stop to give honor to the great discoverers. Franklin, flying his kite into the bosom of a storm-cloud, is a figure to conjure with, but Edison, Steinmetz, Bell and Marconi, are mere co-workers in a commercialized society always ready to receive and exploit, but not entirely willing to give honor to the patience and toil that bring forth the inventions that make the last fifty years the marvel of all time. Perhaps a century will apotheosize these men, but unless there shall come upon us a devout sense of the worth of the things achieved for us by "work," we shall not carry forward the spiritual values so abundantly showered upon us.

Other inventions may be superseded, may be more and more perfected in their powers of production, but artificial light in its essential nature and colossal benefits will remain forever. Perhaps sometime a cold light will be produced, we do not

know; it may be that soon a mysterious current broadcast without wires will set a whole city "aglow and turn night into day; but the elemental forces will always remain and the divine sources are inexhaustible. No future Lincoln need ever ruin his eyesight by reading by the light of a pine knot. Poor and rich are equal recipients of the genius of the man who did so much to wrest this secret from nature and give it to man. That he is modest in demeanor, meek in spirit, generous in his attitude to his fellows, honest in his deductions as to the ultimate powers that lie behind and outside the physical world in which we live, is testimony to the heroic in his character. It is said of him, that, with his contemporary Burbank, he has been unable to find the God of the orthodox in nature, but to all philosophic thought he is himself an example of the divine working in and through the material. For these blind forces out of which he conjures light are themselves unable and have always been unable to give themselves to the good and glory of man. It is by this approach to the place that Mr. Edison must take in history that we can best appreciate the tireless toil and indefatigable investigation that has brought forth his invention, and by this procession of our thought we are best able to appreciate the worth of the benefactions he has given us.

Many years must elapse, it may be centuries, before this Bringer of Light will take his rightful place among the great scientific discoverers of history. As civilizations pass, we can imagine tradition hanging its veil over much of his life and work, but the knowledge of this new lamp he has hung in the citadel of man's progress will still shine to light the way to better things. When men used the rush light and the wick soaked in oil, they had evolved a wondrous philosophy of life and studied the stars with a devotion we know not of to-day. But now, in the most intense material age of all the centuries, light has become our unfailing servant, perhaps the most priceless possession we have. And with its earthly immortality will ever be connected the name of Edison. To a small portable instrument we can carry in the hand, a touch will send a sudden flashlight into darkness, and to the caves of the sea, the gloom of the jungle, the night of the roadway, and the deep shadows of the silent rooms, become as the day. Others beside Mr. Edison have had part in the development of this mystery of electric light, but because of his many improvements and persistent purpose to make it available for rich and poor alike history will link his name to the marvel before all others. As we look at the dome of the Capitol at Washington, gleaming like alabaster under powerful projectors, we must regard this new light as one of the wonders of the world. For in its concentrated glow, here as in the more sordid street of our cities, light is the painter, painting out the defects, and giving grace to form and feature, with impalpable pencils that are dipped in the fountains of beauty that lie behind the ambitions and accomplishments of the workaday world. It is in this form of appreciation that we come closest to the vision that led this master mind to persist until he gave physical form and action to the ineffable blessing of light.

There are many characteristics of the man we must all admire and revere. Mr. Edison is honest-minded. He does not pose for the plaudits of his

fellows. Profound of thought, he is simple and sincere in manner. Sometimes at the insistent pressure of the press he is induced to comment on matters that lie outside his own pre-empted province. And sometimes, as others think, he makes mistakes. But he enters into no controversies, economic, political, social or religious. He expresses his opinion, and it ends there. He is a doer. And if he dreams, (and what magnificent dreams they are), he peers into scientific realms where few can follow. Take him for all in all, he is a man, and it is in this solidarity of character that he becomes the great exemplar of work and service. In his workshop and laboratory he is far from the turmoil and the race for fame and wealth. Not that he has not essayed the accumulation of money, but that it is the by-product of a life devoted to experiment, research, and invention for the good of mankind. Young men in school, college, and university may well gain inspiration from one who has been steadfast and serene in the midst of the insatiate quest for personal power and private gain.

As the congratulations upon his eightieth birthday pour in upon him, his heart will be touched with tearful thankfulness. But on the morrow he will go back to work, for such is his life and his religion. And what finer type of citizen can bless a country? He is comrade to his associates who toil with him, and has never given evidence of false pride in his achievements. He is benefactor to his people, and asks no rewards save the kindly regard of earnest men wherever his name is known. If he had lived in the time of Bacon he would have been feared as a disciple of black magic. To-day, happily, he is part of a civilization he has himself fostered, and even the thoughtless pay him homage as they enjoy his inventions. It seems to us, as we join in the universal tribute upon his anniversary, that the lesson of his life lies in his singleness of purpose, his unceasing industry, and his triumph over obstacles and failures. In a lesser way and with a smaller natural equipment, we may all emulate his character and deeds. And as the night of Feb. 11 suddenly glows and gleams with its millions of electric lights in homes and cities, we may all send our silent wish for "many happy returns" to Thomas Alva Edison.

#### *Central America To-Day.*

Bigness has never been a measure of the importance of States. The group of small States occupying what may be regarded as the peninsula uniting the American continents were unknown before Columbus and the Spanish Conquest, but they were inhabited in the distant past by races of men whose remains contain many marks of greatness; their natural resources were ample enough to be the prize in the epoch-making contest of modern empires, and their geographic position in the West is similar to that of Egypt, Syria and Turkey in the East as constituting a chief gateway in world intercourse. The place they now command in public attention is witness to their importance and the special relation in which they stand to the United States is obvious and inevitable. Up to 1821, when independence was gained, the whole region was a province of Spain, but soon after it separated into five States as they now exist, Guatemala, Honduras, Salvador, Nicaragua and Costa Rica, extending for six hundred miles from the border of Mexico to Panama.

A first hand and graphic account of the countries themselves is found in a recent book of travel by Wallace Thompson of the Hispanic Society of America, published by E. P. Dutton & Co. Besides an intimate picture of the several States, it presents the essential features common to all in their background, their history, their natural resources, and the distinctive traits of the life and thought of the inhabitants. The trade winds made the Central American coast the most direct landing place for Columbus in 1502 and that of the Spanish galleons on their adventurous way to Mexico at the north and Buenos Aires at the south. It became the centre of the Spanish Empire in the West, and the treasures coming from Peru and Manila passed across Panama. For three centuries Spain held the world at bay, and then one hundred years of revolutions shut the new States away from Europe and the United States. After four hundred years, as Mr. Thompson says, Panama has become the crossroads of the world, and the United States has been drawn into the diplomacy of the world with Central America a centre of political and commercial possibilities.

The five States, while entirely separate and distinct, have certain outstanding features common to all. Except Salvador, all front on both oceans. A twin range of mountains, the continuation of the great ranges along the western edge of the Northern and Southern continents, traverses the region, supporting high, fertile table lands with temperate climate, falling off to the Atlantic in broad, rich tropical areas, and in sharper descent to narrower spaces to the Pacific. While the chief cities and the richer coffee and sugar farms are on the west, all are available with fertile soil and abundant water supply for varied and extensive production. At present coffee, bananas and sugar are the most important; but vast forests of highly valuable timber and a great amount of unoccupied or imperfectly tilled land awaits settlement. Following the coast from Honduras southward, Columbus saw no evidence of wealth until he reached Costa Rica, where the friendly natives wore rich ornaments of gold, a treasure rare to them. It was sufficient, however, to turn the Conquistadores under Pizarro to Peru in search of it, and to make Costa Rica the chief settlement of the Spanish and their descendants the great majority, and their influence the dominant feature of Costa Rica to-day.

A great Indian empire had long preceded the Spaniards in the peninsula. In Guatemala at the north it had built superb cities of elaborately wrought stone, with a notable literature and a science in many ways more accurate and advanced than any in the Europe of that day, with a social organization which their conquerors could destroy but could not excel. To that section the Spaniards came by heroic effort across the mountains from Mexico and established themselves by terrible battles of which only legends survive. Here was the centre of the great Maya civilization, marked by its ruins in Guatemala, Honduras and the States of Tobasco, Campeche and Yucatan in Mexico, and which flourished for about a thousand years each before and after the beginning of the Christian era, having once, it is claimed, a population of 30,000,000.

Guatemala is the second largest of the Central American States, with 2,000,000 inhabitants—42 to the square mile. Three-fourths of these are Indians. They are the laborers, the chief potential market, the unthinking soldiers, the support of the Government

and, in turn, of those who overturn it, as a whole a book unread by white men still unfolded in the mysteries of environment and race and history. Though the State is nominally democratic, the native laborer has long been kept in a condition of practical peonage through the need of labor on the great coffee farms. This is gradually giving way through increasing contact with the outside world, which received a sharp impetus during the European war. The currency, for a long time paper and fallen from 50 cents to 2 cents, is now stabilized by a new coin at par of gold. Guatemala is a traditional friend of the United States. She has railways running from coast to coast and is the gateway to the southern border of Mexico; and the American base of Guantanamo, in Cuba, is but two days distant from the Caribbean coast, so that her railways to the Pacific ports are of great importance to the peace of the Americas and of the Pacific. She is drawn to the United States by forces of common interest and relationship stronger than can be expressed in treaties.

Salvador, which lies along the Pacific coast, is both the smallest and the wealthiest and most settled of the States. It is established on a gold basis, with rich fields and abundant labor, with every opportunity for safe investment. Its national bonds are guaranteed by the corporation of the railway, which is under American control, and is an important link in the railway eventually to be the trunk line between North and South America. With a population of 1,500,000, or 120 to the square mile, mainly agricultural, and land owners, she is a great coffee producer.

Nicaragua just now attracts special interest. It has 49,000 square miles and 638,000 people, i. e., the size of Alabama and of England, with their 2½ million and 35 million population. Until the construction of the Union Pacific R.R. it was the shortest route to California and the Pacific, and it contains the "Nicaragua Route" for the next trans-continental canal. For the privilege of constructing this the United States has paid \$3,000,000. The Government has always been in the hands of the ruling class of old families, chiefly Creole, and closely linked in most cases by ties other than interest with the United States. From 1912 to 1925, American marines were at the capital to protect American property during a revolution, and they were the guaranty of undisturbed peace. When the Government was reorganized under American advice, the marines were withdrawn. Then came revolution. This has been the method throughout Central America since the Spanish withdrew, and is characteristic of their form of democracy. When the revolution of 1912 was started by the Liberals, the United States held them responsible for the evils that arose, and the marines were sent in the interest of the Conservatives who had been in power for thirty-five years. The financial aid furnished by Americans was wholly friendly and helpful, and similar loans were sought by all the States. It was called "Dollar Diplomacy," and is now stigmatized. Nicaragua welcomed it and it was successfully established. The loan was to have been \$150,000,000, but the treaty with the United States failed of ratification, and only \$1,500,000 was loaned by bankers to convert the currency and establish a bank. This has proved adequate. In 1924 the State purchased the bank with funds provided by a careful budget. The marines were withdrawn, and independent government, if not peace, followed and was supposed to be established. A

shrewd native observer said during the "intervention": "The presence of the marines is only an incident in the close and friendly political relations of the United States with Nicaragua."

The present situation is unfortunate, especially because of the somewhat heated controversy it has occasioned here; but as we are discussing the situation, not of Nicaragua, but of the Central America composed by the five States, and our relations have been uninterruptedly peaceful and friendly for a long period of years, we can leave the Nicaragua issue in the hands of the State Department, which has all the facts, and an amicable adjustment on the spot is under way. The policy of our Government has long been settled and understood, as, despite hostile criticism, absolutely unselfish and friendly. It could be said with truth that "American good faith is accepted in Nicaragua more fully than in any other Central American State, or perhaps in all Latin America."

Central America certainly needs outside aid. Coffee was introduced in the middle of the Nineteenth Century and has so far monopolized the field that food of all kinds has to be imported and in some of the States at least the excessive infantile mortality is due to lack of food. Money is scarce and there is great need of banking facilities. The union of the five States has long been the political ideal and is the frequent aim of local revolutions, but it has always been thwarted by selfish personal aims and there is little intercourse between the States.

It has always been possible to find here at home a ready ear for the charge that the shortcomings of Central America's democracy in achieving its goal are due in some degree to the lack of policy, the interferences and neglect of the United States. Certainly a definite policy is well on the way of being recognized as established. This has been expressed by the Department of State as follows: "The encouragement of independent, orderly constitutional government, enabling these people to stand as equals among the nations of the earth, enjoying political peace and economic prosperity."

In 1923 the United States gave formal notice of its acceptance of the standards for recognition adopted by the five Central American countries in their own Treaty of Peace and Amity of that year. The ideal, at least, of Washington, is "to keep the centre of Central American politics in Central America, not in Washington, and to insist that the political responsibility of each country rests on the people of the country." It is an ideal not fully realized, but it can be hoped that its clear statement and recognition at one end of the line will lead to an equally satisfactory and settled recognition at the other.

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#### Federal Farm Loan Board Reduces Interest Rate of Springfield Land Bank to 5%.

A deduction in the interest rate on new loans from 5½ to 5% at the Federal Land Bank of Springfield, Mass., was announced on Jan. 30 by the Federal Farm Loan Board. The reduction became effective Feb. 1. The announcement by the board said:

The Federal Farm Loan Board has fixed the interest rate of the Federal Land Bank of Springfield, Mass., at 5% on new loans on and after February 1, 1927. The reduction of one-half of one per cent in the rate on new loans is in keeping with the policy of the officers of the bank and the board to give to farmer-borrowers the lowest rate of interest consistent with sound banking and the market for their bonds. The Federal Land Bank of Springfield serves the First Federal Land Bank District which is composed of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. Since the bank was established in 1917, it has loaned on farms \$50,614,220 to 15,925 farmers.

RECORD OF PRICES ON ST. LOUIS STOCK EXCHANGE.

On this and the following page we furnish a complete record of the high and low prices for both stocks and bonds made on the St. Louis Stock Exchange for each month of the last two years. The compilation is of course based on actual sales, and covers these and nothing else.

MONTHLY RANGE OF PRICES ON ST. LOUIS STOCK EXCHANGE FOR YEAR 1926.

Table with columns for months (January to December) and rows for various stocks and bonds. Each cell contains low and high price values for that month. Includes sections for BANK AND TRUST COMPANIES, MISCELLANEOUS, and BONDS.

\* No par value.



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Table with columns for months (January to December) and stock categories (BANK AND TRUST COMPANIES, MISCELLANEOUS, BONDS). Each cell contains price ranges (Low High) for various stocks like Boatmen's Bank, American Inv 'B', etc.

\* No par value.

John G. Lonsdale Elected President of St. Louis Clearing House Association.

John G. Lonsdale, President of the National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis, who has received innumerable laurels in the banking world, has been further honored by being elected President of the St. Louis Clearing House

Association. In addition to this office, Mr. Lonsdale is at present head of the Bankers' Club of St. Louis, a director representing finance on the United States Chamber of Commerce Board, and a Class A Director of the St. Louis Federal Reserve Board. He is likewise a member of a National Commission on Agriculture.

**"Wanted—More Babbitts from Main Street."**

By JOHN G. LONSDALE, President, National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis.

So much is said about the outlook of business and too little about the outlook of the people for 1927. With fundamental conditions pretty secure, the tenor of the folk seems to be the vital equation. How do people feel about things? What things? Oh, everything. It's the sum total of little impressions that counts.

What sort of an aftermath has oil, elections and baseball left in the public taster? Are the old anchors to the windward holding? Have law laxities and disrespect for government weakened our supports of respectability; do the headlines hint at decadence?

Let me first affirm my faith in the everlasting stability of the American people. Nevertheless, the tendencies that give occasion to these questions are not of religious or ethical concern alone; they affect the lives of all, participants and observers alike.

We live in a tremendous age of big achievement; the world never moved at such a dizzy pace. I do not belong to the gentry that sighs for a return of the good old times; I do not share the hue and alarm over the youth of to-day. It is only the thing that the conductor says to me of mornings that has me thinking, "Watch Your Step."

Speed sometimes breeds carelessness; hurry gives license to thoughtlessness. Let us be sure that in all our getting and progress, in all the accumulation of national wealth, let us not lose sight of those things you can't count that are finer than dollars.

In an effort to provide some new thrill, be sure the proved past is preserved. Are we respectful of these things? Are we growing contemptuous? Are we burlesquing our very greatness?

Day in, and day out, we buy canned romance, warmed over satire and pink colored doctrine in "volume." Authors must be startling in their disclosures and their revelations, or else the jaded senses of a reading public would not react; the book reviewer would languish in his enthusiasm, and, above all, the ignoble prize of cash registrar proportions would not be realized.

For the sake of a thrill, or the till, as the case might be, we find almost everything, anything, held up to the glare of ridicule these days, from ex-presidents and religion to the most obscure but important of Americans—the average citizen, and the place where he lives, "Main Street."

Don't blame authors; the high cost of living plays no favorites; it is as blind as justice when it comes to genius, but such a wave of ridicule and petty fun-poking at simple but fundamental factors of our daily life can become menacing to the American ideals of home, church and nation.

It has been the untainted faith of the small towns that made up the background of this mighty country. The "hick"—blessed be his memory, the radio, the movies, the auto have subdued his type—was the real American. A survey of city leadership will show that its blood transfusions have come from the forks of the creek. So, let's don't forget that "Main Street" is America and that it is the wholesome, though seemingly naive spirit of the "Babbitts" that have contributed the purest strain of national endeavor.

This Babbitt-like eagerness to join hands, eat lunches and exchange viewpoints is the most typical

characteristic of our progress, coupled with a wholesome, unashamed profession of belief in a Divine Providence.

However hurried or tinselled the future may be, we should not stray far from these simpler forms of our past greatness. May it never be out of fashion to be from a small town, belong to a Chamber of Commerce for common good, and believe in God. The rest will take care of itself.

**1926 a Most Satisfactory Year on the St. Louis Stock Exchange.**

By WM. H. BIXBY, President St. Louis Stock Exchange.

The primary function of the St. Louis Stock Exchange is to broaden the distribution of the issues listed, and to create a free and open market on the same. Almost all of the securities of the leading local industrial, public utility and banking institutions are now listed and traded in on the St. Louis Stock Exchange. Our market has expanded wonderfully in recent years and we are proud of the fact that most of the securities listed can now be bought and sold without any abnormal fluctuations.

Several new issues and more than 900,000 shares were listed during 1926, but trading was not as active and average prices somewhat lower than in 1925; nevertheless, we had a good market and a most satisfactory year. We are proud of the fact that during the past twelve months not one single company whose stock is listed has passed its dividends, nor have any of the bond issues defaulted. Our membership numbers fifty and seats on the Exchange have doubled in price in the last two years.

The St. Louis Stock Exchange offers a distinct and valuable service to the public and both the governing body and the members, realizing that the strength of their institution depends on the class of securities listed and public confidence in the same, have therefore enacted and continually enforced most rigid listing requirements. Hearty co-operation and financial support is lent by the members to the State Securities Commission and the Better Business Bureau in their endeavor to prevent the sale of fraudulent securities. We point with pride to the fact that not only the Securities Commission of Missouri but the Commissions of adjoining States show their confidence in our Exchange by automatically permitting the sale in their territories of any security listed on the St. Louis Stock Exchange.

All of the investment houses and banks realize that our city should have a larger and broader local security market, and I feel confident that I can assure the investing public that all the various agencies will co-operate and strive to give the City of St. Louis a Stock Exchange in keeping with its size and importance.

**Course of Security Prices in Kansas City.**

There is no Stock Exchange in Kansas City, but the Prescott, Wright, Snider Co. keep a record of the dealings in the securities having a market in that city and they have courteously placed that record at our disposal. The following shows the high and low prices of these securities for the calendar year 1926, together with the bid and asked prices on Dec. 31, the close of the year. The figures, we are informed, have been obtained from reliable sources and the list includes, it is stated, virtually all of the most active local securities.

RANGE OF PRICES IN SECURITIES LOCAL TO KANSAS CITY.

Name of Security.	Range in 1926.		Price Dec. 31 '26.	
	Low.	High.	Bid.	Asked.
<b>STOCKS—</b>				
Butler Manufacturing Co., preferred.....	99	101	100	101
Central Coal & Coke, common.....	55	70½	60	65
Preferred.....	72	81½	78	82
Cook Paint & Varnish, 8% preferred.....	100	104½	102	---
Huttig Lead & Zinc.....	23½	34½	31	33
Irving-Pitt Manufacturing Co.....	100	101	100	102
Kansas City Power & Light, 1st preferred.....	111½	115	112	115
Kansas City Stock Yards, common.....	102	108	104	---
Preferred.....	80	83½	82½	---
Kansas City Structural Steel, preferred.....	100	104	101	103
Kansas Gas & Electric, preferred.....	97	104½	101½	103½
Lee (H. D.) Mercantile Co.....	49½	53	50	53
Lucky Tiger Mining Co.....	6.15	9.60	6.25	6.50
Peet Brothers Co., common.....	59½	95	78	82
Preferred.....	104½	108	105	---
Sheffield Steel Corporation, common.....	24	26½	25½	26½
Preferred.....	99	102	100	102
<b>BONDS—</b>				
Central Coal & Coke 6½s.....	1944	100½	103½	102
6s.....	1926-42	100	102	100
Dickey (W. S.) Clay Mfg. 6s.....	1927-40	99½	100½	99
Kansas City Railways 1st 5s.....	1944	55½	65½	62
2-year 6s.....	1919	65½	75	72
3-year 7s.....	1921	73	81½	81
2d 5s.....	1944	5	7½	4
2d 6s.....	1944	3	7½	4
Kansas City Bolt & Nut 6½s.....	1926-39	100½	102½	101
Long Bell Lumber Co. 6s.....	1942-43-46	93	96½	93½
Pickering Lumber 6s.....	1946	95½	100	95½
Wichita Union Stock Yards 6s.....	1934	99	102½	99½

The Colonial Bank Becomes Member of New York Clearing House Association.

On Jan. 24 the Colonial Bank at Columbus Ave. and 81st St., this city, was admitted as a member of the New York Clearing House Association. The bank had previously cleared its checks through an arrangement with another bank, a member of the Clearing House Association. The Colonial Bank is designated as No. 124 on the Clearing House roster. It was elected to membership on Dec. 12, and is the first bank admitted to the Clearing House since the Equitable Trust Co. became a member in September 1920.

Meeting of Association of Reserve City Bankers to Be Held in Pittsburgh May 19-21.

The Association of Reserve City Bankers will meet at Pittsburgh Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 19-21, it was announced by Hal Y. Lemon, President. The Pittsburgh members have promised to make it a memorable convention.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Feb. 4 1927.

There has been a small increase in general business, especially at retail, owing to the springlike weather. It has been up to 48 degrees here and 52 to 64 degrees in parts of the West. These temperatures, of course, hurt the coal trade. Cotton has advanced on a persistent demand and a remarkable scarcity of contracts; March touched 13.73 cents to-day a new high in the last month. There is a relative scarcity of tenderable cotton. This neutralizes the effect of the big crop, especially as there is believed to be an unprecedented consumption. The rise here to-day of ¼c. was traceable partly to a belief that the McNary-Haugen bill will become a law next week. Yet its passage would encourage the farmer to increase his acreage rather than to reduce it the proposed 25 to 30%, and might in the end work hardship to the cotton mills by promoting European competition to an unwanted degree through especially cheap raw cotton prices made for Europe in big crop years. Meanwhile cotton goods have been less active in this country, though it is true that some of the mills are well sold ahead. Manchester, England's, trade has latterly increased with the Continent and India. Wool has been steady and Boston reports a fair business. The London wool sales ended this week and resulted in steady or somewhat higher prices. Wheat has advanced with a better export demand, especially in Canada. It is significant that despite very large world's exports to Europe for weeks past its stocks do not increase. Evidently its needs were greater than it has admitted. At the same time the receipts at our Southern markets have increased, the ordinary cash demand has been smaller, the flour trade has fallen off and some look for lower prices when the wheat shipments from the Southern Hemisphere increase. Corn has been in the main steady though the interior holdings seem to be large and the cash demand is poor, even at the large current discounts; much of the crop was of low grade. There has been some foreign demand for rye at steady prices.

Sugar has been in the main quiet but steady. The statistics are not adverse to Cuban interests. The world's crop is smaller than last year by about 1,400,000 tons. Coffee has declined here and in Brazil. The coming Brazilian crop is expected to be large, something foreshadowed by the sharp discounts on the distant months. Meantime the spot trade in coffee is dull and mild coffee seems especially depressed. There has been a larger business in leather. The shoe manufacturing industry has been rather more active. A fair trade has been done in radio, electrical goods and machinery. It is still noticeable that the jewelry trade is dull. The sales of coal are smaller than a year ago. That is the case also with silk, silk goods and fur goods. Coke prices have shown a downward tendency. Iron and steel quotations have been lower in some cases. The modified prices led to some increase in buying, but on the whole both were quiet. The flour mills have had only a small trade. The mild weather has led to some increase in building operations. It is no-

ticed that the sales of building materials, brick, lumber, paint, cement and other supplies are larger than they were a year ago. That is also the case with the machine tool manufacturing trade. The automobile factories are working on a larger scale, though it is still much below that of a year ago. Petroleum has not changed much if any. It turns out that the production in 1926 was 766,504,000 barrels and of gasoline 292,820,000 barrels, a gain in petroleum of 1½% and in gasoline of something over 12½% as compared with 1925. Both show a new high record. Mail order sales decrease in January. The totals are noticeably below those of the same month last year. But chain store sales in January increased 6¾%. Lower prices have prevailed for copper, and some of the minor metals. The merchandise price index is lower. That is one of the features of the week.

Bank clearings in January were smaller than those of the same month last year. The stock market has been strong with sensational advances of 16% in issues like Wheeling & Lake Erie, for which there was a special demand. But it was noticeable, for that matter, that the railroad list in general showed marked strength. The outstanding feature is the disposition to invest idle funds in the railroad shares on an increasing scale. This is reflected in the increase in the transactions for the whole list, the total to-day approximating 2,300,000 shares, or 1,000,000 more than a week ago. Money has been abundant and easy, the call rate ruling at 4% for the third week in succession, while time loans were 4½ to 4¾%. There has been a decrease in trading in bonds after a prolonged period of activity. Francs have declined somewhat during the week but on the whole have acted very well, and it looks as though the French Government has the situation pretty well in hand. On the other hand, sterling exchange has touched the lowest price seen for several months, coincident with the threatening situation in China. Of course the outstanding feature in the foreign news is the regrettable civil war in China. The United States Government is handling the situation with mingled firmness and consideration and it is noted that the British Government is beginning to be more conciliatory. Due regard for the rights of China and a firm insistence on the requisite protection of our nationals seems to be the aim of the President and if the British and other Governments maintain a similar attitude, it will be for the best interests of all concerned, bearing in mind that Asiatic psychology would misinterpret any other attitude.

The Massachusetts Cotton Mills, recently purchased by the Pepperell Manufacturing Co. of Biddeford, Me., are busy and oversold on certain lines. The Merrimack Manufacturing Co. is adding new equipment to the Tremont and Suffolk mills. At Saco, Me., the mills are said to be doing better. The Salloway Mills of Franklin, N. H., manufacturers of hosiery, are now using a large part of Paper Mill C. The Contocook Mills at Hillsborough, N. H., are running close to capacity. For the past two years this plant, which turns out underwear and hosiery, ran on a greatly reduced







other leading departments except silk and velvets, woolen goods and musical instruments and radio apparatus showed at least moderate increases. The substantial reduction in radio sales followed a very large increase in 1925.

	Percentage Change in Net Sales.		Percentage Change in Stock on Hand.	
	Dec. 1926 from Dec. 1925.	Year 1926 from Year 1925.	Dec. 31 '26 from Dec. 31'25.	Year 1926 from Year 1925.
Shoes.....	+25.3	+9.4	-0.3	-0.1
Furniture.....	+12.7	+14.0	+3.6	+7.2
Men's & boys wear.....	+12.6	+5.1	+6.2	+5.4
Books & stationery.....	+12.2	+15.0	-14.2	+1.4
Hosiery.....	+12.1	+8.2	-2.9	+1.6
Women's ready-to-wear accessories.....	+11.3	+5.4	-2.9	-5.9
Men's furnishings.....	+8.8	+6.5	+3.0	-0.2
Toys & sporting goods.....	+8.2	+11.8	-5.4	+4.2
Luggage & other leather goods.....	+6.1	+6.4	-6.3	+7.7
Women's & misses' ready-to-wear.....	+4.9	+3.1	+4.9	-4.4
Home furnishings.....	+3.8	+4.7	+5.6	+3.7
Linens & handkerchiefs.....	+3.6	+11.4	+1.8	-0.1
Toilet articles & drugs.....	+1.6	+7.2	-0.7	+4.7
Silverware & jewelry.....	+1.2	+3.4	-0.7	+4.8
Cotton goods.....	+0.9	+2.3	-5.7	-3.4
Silks & velvets.....	-2.2	-0.4	-6.5	-1.4
Musical instruments & radio.....	-3.6	-26.9	-7.4	-6.3
Woolen goods.....	-19.5	-24.1	-44.5	-29.9
Miscellaneous.....	-1.2	-2.7	-15.3	-10.3

**Chain Store Sales in New York Federal Reserve District in December 14% Above Same Month in Previous Year—Smallest Increase in Recent Months.**

Increases in chain store sales in the New York Federal Reserve District are reported as follows in the February 1 "Monthly Review of Credit and Business Conditions" by the Federal Reserve agent at New York:

Aggregate December sales of chain stores in this district were 14% larger than a year ago, one of the smallest increases reported in recent months. The increase in average sales per store, however, was larger than in most months of 1926, and in shoe chains it was the largest in more than two and a half years.

Total sales for the year increased 17% over 1925 due mainly to the large increases in sales of grocery, variety, and drug stores which have each month in the year shown larger gains than the other types of stores. Moderate increases were reported for the year in all other lines, but only in variety, grocery, and ten cent systems did the increases in sales exceed the expansion in number of stores in operation.

New stores opened ordinarily have smaller sales for some time than the established units. Consequently in variety and grocery chains where the opening of new units proceeded less rapidly than in 1925, sales per store averaged larger in 1926, and the increase in total sales was larger than in the number of stores operated. In drug, tobacco, and candy chains, the opening of new stores was more rapid in 1926 than in 1925, sales per store averaged smaller, and the increase in total sales was smaller than in the number of units operated.

Type of Store—	Percentage Change—Dec. 1926 from Dec. 1925			Percentage Change—Year 1926 from Year 1925		
	No. of Stores.	Total Sales.	Sales per Store.	Total Sales.	Sales per Store.	Sales per Store.
Variety.....	+12.9	+25.2	+10.9	+25.2	+5.2	+2.8
Drug.....	+30.6	+19.7	-8.4	+20.8	-2.8	-2.8
Grocery.....	+9.0	+17.5	+7.9	+21.8	+6.7	+6.7
Shoe.....	+10.4	+14.6	+3.9	+6.1	-6.6	-6.6
Ten Cent.....	+7.7	+9.0	+1.1	+9.3	+2.7	+2.7
Tobacco.....	+5.4	+4.8	-0.5	+8.6	-1.6	-1.6
Candy.....	+4.7	+2.6	-2.2	+2.1	-10.2	-10.2
Total.....	+8.2	+14.2	+4.9	+17.4	+3.5	+3.5

**Brookmire's Forecast for 1927—Retail Trade Holds High Level of 1926 Due to Great Purchasing Power in Form of Bank Savings.**

America will experience a period of more active business and larger profits than normal during the first half of 1927, though below the activity of the first half of 1926, according to the Brookmire Economic Service, Inc., of New York. The movement of trade will be at a fairly high level, unless some excesses in the way of speculation and accumulation of inventories slow up operations during the first six months. The prosperity of 1926 Brookmires bases chiefly upon these factors:

1. An abundance of credit obtainable at low prices, as a result of the tremendous gold supply which the war and its aftermath has heaped up in this country.
2. A continuation of the construction boom.
3. A good demand for our products in foreign countries during the last half of the year.
4. A measurable improvement in the economic status of the farming population as a result of the crop year 1925-1926.
5. Efficiency in the transportation system of the country.
6. Business policies which emphasize volume rather than price.
7. A widespread use of installment selling to push production by placing a lien upon future income.

The Brookmire report on the business outlook says in part:

A great stock of gold still remains here with no reasonable probability of its being shipped abroad in the immediate future. It is reasonable to say that as long as an easy credit situation exists there is little probability that any down turn in business which might occur would be in any way drastic.

The present volume of contracts in the initial stage of construction and the high volume of contracts still being let is a guarantee that there will be no violent break in construction work, at least through the greater part of next year.

What effect our foreign trade relations will have upon domestic business during the coming year is somewhat problematical. On the whole we are going to meet with a period of increasing competition from abroad as stability is effected in currency and industrial conditions.

Farm Income \$9,750,000,000.

The total farm income for the year 1926-27 will be about \$9,750,000,000, cutting to some extent the purchasing power in rural communities.

The new year will see a continuation of the policy of emphasizing volume rather than price in production lines. As long as transportation conditions remain easy, the productive capacity of the country points clearly to such a continuation.

Installment buying as employed during this year renders it one of the danger points in the present business situation. Under present employment conditions it is not liable to be a weighty factor in starting a recession. However, if a business slump starts, this installment buying will tend definitely to accelerate the down turn and lengthen its duration.

Retail trade throughout the United States during the first six months of 1927 will be fully equal to the volume piled up during the corresponding period of last year, according to the annual sales and credit analysis of the Brookmire Economic Service, Inc. This is indicated, says the survey, by the carry-over purchasing power in the form of savings banks deposits. The survey goes on to say:

Prospects are however, that 1927 may see some slight reduction in total income from the high mark of over 76 billion dollars for 1926, although the consumer demand for merchandise is expected to hold up relatively well.

Mercantile credit conditions are sound for the most part as inventories are moderate and cash position of customers fair to good in most sections. Conditions are somewhat unsatisfactory in certain parts of the cotton belt and the northwestern wheat belt and in other sections where the cumulative effect of past inflation still leaves local banks in weakened conditions.

Due to these local weak spots, to some rather loose financial methods on the part of some mercantile and financial institutions and to growing intensity of competition generally, the rate of commercial failures may rise somewhat.

The Eastern Manufacturing Section recorded the greatest gain in estimated income in the country, with a total of \$23,000,000,000, or a gain of 7 1/2% over 1925. Others in order were: Central Manufacturing Section, \$20,000,000,000, a 7% increase; West Central Agricultural Section, \$3,300,000,000, no gain; Southeast Agricultural Section, \$6,300,000,000, no gain; New England, \$5,900,000,000 an increase of 3%; Pacific Coast Section, \$5,650,000,000, a 4% gain; Southwest Agricultural Section, \$4,700,000,000, a decrease of \$100,000,000; Rocky Mountain Section, \$2,400,000,000, a 1% increase.

**Stable Business Conditions Reported in Boston Federal Reserve District.**

Business conditions as a whole in New England were unusually stable during the latter part of 1926, and the New England business activity index did not vary by one per cent during October, November and December, according to the Feb. 1 issue of the Monthly Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. In its further analysis of the business situation in New England, the Bank states:

The rate of activity during the closing quarter of the year was slightly higher than the average maintained during the past five years, but was not as good as in the closing quarter of 1925. Inasmuch as preliminary reports indicate little change in New England business activity in January, as compared with December, it is probable that activity thus far in 1927 has been less than it was a year ago. Countrywide reports indicate a similar condition in the United States as a whole; in fact, during December production in the leading industries (as distinct from general business activity) was the lowest since 1924. The sharp reduction in automobile output was one of the major factors contributing to the decline in total production during the month. The building industry of New England continues to be very active, although the value of new contracts awarded during the closing months of 1926 and the first three weeks of 1927 was less than in the corresponding periods a year ago. In December there was a marked reduction in the number of real estate advertisements appearing in the Boston newspapers. An active real estate market is usually accompanied by a large number of real estate advertisements in the metropolitan newspapers.

New England department stores reported an exceptionally large volume of trade during both December and the early part of January. December business was the largest on record, and Boston stores during the first three weeks of January reported a moderate increase over sales in the same period last year. This was a month in which trade in New England made a larger increase over sales in the corresponding period a year previous than in any other Federal reserve district.

Wholesale commodity prices in general have been relatively stable since late in December. During October and November and the first part of December there was a moderate decline, resulting in a lower level of prices than at any time since the summer of 1924. Money rates declined during the first half of January, in response to an easier position of the member banks. The decline is seasonal in nature, and continues a softening in rates which often starts in October and ends shortly after the middle of January. The volume of so-called "commercial" loans of member banks in nine of the larger New England cities was smaller late in January than at any time in a year and a half. This is a reflection of the decline in prices of basic commodities, as well as the reduced rate of business activity in this district.

**Usual End-of-Year Recession Experienced in Federal Reserve District of Philadelphia.**

Business activity in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District has experienced the usual end of the year recession during the past few weeks, the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia reports in its Feb. 1 Business Review. In further surveying conditions the Bank states:

Factory employment has declined somewhat from the October peak and now stands practically at last year's level, and factor payroll totals in December were closer to the previous year's level than at any other time in the year. For the year 1926, as a whole, however, industrial activity in the district averaged 6% above that of the previous year. Construction activity naturally is quiet at this season, although contemplated building is in large volume. The value of permits issued and of contracts awarded in December both showed large increases over the previous month and the same month of 1925. Production of both anthra-

ite and bituminous coal in the district has slackened somewhat during the past four weeks and the market for both varieties is quieter than in November and December.

Distribution and marketing of commodities has continued in somewhat larger volume than a year before, but the December volume showed a smaller gain over 1925 than did many of the earlier months of the year. Railroad freight shipments in the Allegheny district declined seasonally in November and December, but in the latter month were 5.6% larger than in the previous year. December sales at wholesale were larger in most lines than in 1925 although the total gain was only 2.4%, owing partially to the lower prices prevailing for most wholesale commodities. Retail trade of reporting stores in the district was in record volume in December and the year closed with a small gain over the 1925 total. January has of course witnessed a seasonal recession in both retail and wholesale business. The dollar volume of business in the district, as measured by debits to individual accounts during the first three weeks of January was 8.4% larger than in the same period of 1926.

Although operations at mills making textile products in this district are being well maintained, there has been of late a seasonally quiet market and a few instances of declining prices. Business in raw cotton and cotton goods has been in fair volume and mill activity has been at about 80% of capacity. Gray goods and yarns have declined slightly in price but raw cotton and finished fabrics continue stable. The woolen industries have quieted seasonally and quotations for tops and worsted yarns have weakened slightly. Mills still have a good volume of orders, however, and continue active. Silk mills are operating at 85% of capacity, but demand is only fair and prices have been lowered. Rayon prices, too, have been reduced since November 1. In the hosiery trade there has been a slackening in the market for full-fashioned grades and a continued weak market for seamless. A seasonal lull characterizes the market for carpets and rugs and for clothing, but prices in both of these trades are fairly stable.

Purchasing of iron and steel products has slackened noticeably in the last two months and the industry generally has been less active than it was at the same period a year earlier. Despite the large annual totals recorded in 1926, the output of steel ingots and pig iron in the last month of the year was substantially less than in December, 1925. Unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corporation on December 31, were more than 20% below the volume a year earlier. Cement, lumber, paint and other building materials, though selling at firm prices, have met with only fair demand in the past few weeks, owing to the slackening in building operations. There has been some accumulation of stocks in anticipation of spring trade.

In the hide and leather trades a good market is reported for packer hides, goatskins, colored kid and sole leather, while demand for black kid is only fair. Conditions in the industry as a whole compare favorably with those of the year before. Prices of shoes are firm and unchanged and manufacturers report a fairly good demand.

The cigar industry is quiet following the excellent holiday business, but the current volume of sales at firm prices is in excess of that of last year. A moderately active market exists for flour with sales larger than in December but smaller than those of a year ago.

#### City Conditions.

In most of the cities of the district industrial activity, as measured by factory employment and payrolls, was less in December, 1926, than in the same month of the previous year. Philadelphia and Reading were the chief exceptions; these cities showed substantial gains in both items. The dollar volume of business, as reflected by debits, was larger than last year in all cities but Allentown, Johnstown, Lancaster and York, while only Johnstown failed to show a gain in the December volume of retail sales.

The changes from November to December were chiefly seasonal in nature. Considerable gains in retail sales and debits occurred in all cities, while building activity declined in most of them. Factory employment was less in most cases and the gains in payroll disbursements are attributable largely to the occurrence of Armistice Day in November payroll period.

#### Retail Trade.

Preliminary reports indicate that retail business during the month ended January 20 was more active than that of a year before. Prices, with some exceptions, continue at about the same level as those prevailing four weeks ago.

The total volume of retail trade during 1926 was 2.3% greater than in 1925. December sales were heavier than those in the same month of the previous four years; reporting stores and credit houses registered increases ranging from 1.1% in apparel to 9.4% in shoes. Among items showing larger sales are leather goods, misses' ready-to-wear, furs, silverware and jewelry, draperies, lamps and shades, musical instruments and radio; whereas marked decreases are noted in silks and velvets, woolen and cotton dress goods, women's coats and suits, waists and blouses. Stocks held by reporting retailers at the end of December were nearly 3% below those on the same date of 1925.

#### Further Curtailment in Industrial Employment Conditions in Chicago Federal Reserve District.

Further curtailments in employment at industrial plant of the Chicago Federal Reserve district were reported for the period Nov. 15 to Dec. 15. According to the Feb. 1 Monthly Business Conditions Report of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, from which we take the following:

The decreases for firms employing about 375,000 workers aggregated 1.6%, bringing the volume to 4% below the high point of the year reached in September. Approach of the holiday season with inventory-taking at many plants accelerated the downward trend in evidence since that time. Vehicles and the stone, clay, and glass products industries contributed the largest share of the reductions, while metals for the second consecutive month registered a decline in both men and payrolls. Increases for the month were generally confined to the leather and rubber products industries and the manufacture of clothing, the latter in preparation for the spring demand.

Employment throughout the year 1926 fluctuated within a range of not more than 6%, and with the exception of the closing month of the year, was on a definitely higher level than in 1925. At the close of the year, however, food products and the paper industries were the only groups to register increases in both men and payrolls over a year ago. Metals showed a slight increase in men but a somewhat smaller payroll; textiles, stone, clay and glass, and rubber products reduced the number of workers but increased payrolls; while vehicles, lumber, chemicals, and leather reported definite declines in both items. Reports by the Employers' Association of Detroit

covering employment at that city indicate a decline of approximately 20% from Dec. 1925, although the level is slightly higher than two years ago.

The supply of labor for outdoor work greatly exceeded the demand; the number of applicants at employment offices increased steadily whereas available positions decreased, resulting in a high unemployment ratio.

#### EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS—SEVENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT.

Industrial Groups.	Number of Wage Earners Week Ended			Total Earnings Week Ended		
	Dec. 15 1926.	Nov. 15 1926.	% Ch'ge	Dec. 15 1926.	Nov. 15 1926.	% Ch'ge.
All groups (10).....	375,465	381,624	-1.6	\$9,780,492	\$9,920,067	-1.4
Metals and metal products (other than vehicles).....	154,753	156,293	-1.0	3,785,534	3,837,188	-1.3
Vehicles.....	38,017	40,360	-5.8	1,080,955	1,189,099	-9.1
Textiles and textile products.....	27,584	26,870	+2.7	656,105	573,130	+14.5
Food and related products.....	48,919	49,457	-1.1	1,321,766	1,343,906	-1.0
Stone, clay and glass products.....	13,981	15,084	-7.3	406,655	445,402	-8.7
Lumber and its products.....	31,771	32,862	-3.3	805,912	836,367	-3.6
Chemical products.....	9,918	10,224	-3.0	275,403	281,845	-2.3
Leather products.....	16,532	16,424	+0.7	362,370	355,685	+1.9
Rubber products.....	3,026	2,988	+1.3	79,491	71,851	+10.6
Paper and printing.....	30,964	31,062	-0.3	1,006,301	994,594	+1.2

#### Moderately Decreased Activity Reported in St. Louis Federal Reserve District.

Reports relative to business and industry in the St. Louis Federal Reserve District during the past thirty days, says the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis in its Monthly Business Review made public Jan. 29, "reflect moderately decreased activity, both as compared with the month before and the corresponding period a year earlier." The Bank adds in part:

At many industrial plants operations have not been resumed at a rate as high as prevailed prior to the seasonal slowing down incident to inventorying and the holidays. Wholesalers and jobbers in a number of important lines, notably dry goods, hardware, groceries, and chemicals, complain of light and backward buying, though since the first week in January the drop in temperature has stimulated the movement of winter merchandise and brought out a good volume of fill in orders. Almost universally, purchasing of commodities is on an immediate requirement basis, future business on the books of manufacturers and wholesalers being at a lower ebb than at any similar period in more than a decade. Except in few instances, manufacturers are making up very small quantities of goods for which they have not actual orders.

While accounting for the movement into consumptive channels of a large volume and variety of merchandise the holiday trade on the whole was below expectations. Sales of department stores in the five largest cities of the district during December were 2.8% less than the same month in 1925, and turnover of retailers generally both in the large centers of population and in the country was relatively light. A decrease under a year ago was also reported in the December business of mail order houses and chain stores, but a gain in sales of the five and ten cent stores. The recent downward trend in production and distribution of automobiles continued in December, sales of passenger cars being the smallest for any month since January 1925. Generally through the iron and steel industry declining tendencies were in evidence. As indicated by permits issued and contracts let, building activity in December was below that of the same month in 1925. Debts to individual accounts in the principal cities of the district in December showed a decrease of 5.9% under the same month in 1925, and an increase of 6.0% over the November 1926, total.

Reports of the Employment Service of the Department of Labor indicate a rather general decrease in employment and gain in surplus labor throughout the district. Fewer workers were engaged in the coal mining, lumber, iron and steel and packing industries, and small reductions were reported at oil refineries, chemical plants, glass factories and quarries. While textile mills in the South were for the most part operating on full schedules, a slight decrease took place among textile workers. Unfavorable weather for outdoor activities of all sorts was reflected in curtailed building and highway construction, and resulted in a rather sharp accretion to the ranks of idle common labor. Fair to good gains in employment were noted at tobacco products plants, and activities at tobacco warehouses in Kentucky and Tennessee absorbed a heavy quota of unskilled workers. Following the holidays, there have been heavy releases of clerks and general help by department stores and other retail establishments in the large cities.

There was no marked change in conditions in the fuel situation as compared with the preceding thirty days. Interruption in demand from industrial sources during the inventory and holiday period was offset by a heavier call for coal from domestic consumers, with the result that operations at mines in the chief fields of the district averaged about the same as during the month before. In the Indiana and Illinois fields shaft mines were working from two to five days per week, those showing the greatest activity being favored with increased patronage from the railroads. Strip pits were for the most part operating at, or close to capacity. There were further complaints of "no bills" in all districts, but in the case of steaming coal the number of loaded cars on track has been substantially reduced since the first of this month. Operators report that the disposition to store coal against possible strike of bituminous miners in the spring is much less in evidence than thirty days ago. Since settlement of the strike of British coal miners the export trade, which was the principal contributing factor to activity in the general coal market during the last half of 1926, has fallen off heavily in volume. Total production of bituminous coal for the entire country during 1926 is estimated by the U. S. Bureau of Mines at 578,290,000 tons, the largest on record with the exception of 1918, when 578,386,000 tons were mined.

#### Continued Large Volume of Production in Kansas City Federal Reserve District in First Half of January— Volume of Trade Recedes From High Peak of December.

Surveying business conditions in its district the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City in its Feb. 1 Monthly Review says:

Reports to this bank from over the Tenth (Kansas City) Federal Reserve District covering the first two weeks of January, 1927, reflected a continuance of the exceptionally large production of commodities which featured the closing month of 1926. The volume of trade, which in





Deferred payment sales of 31 dealers reporting the item were 41.1% of their total retail sales in December, as compared with 36.1 in November and 38.6% a year ago. For 19 firms sales made on the deferred payment plan averaged 40.1% of their total 1926 retail sales, as against 39.1% in 1925.

#### MIDWEST DISTRIBUTION OF AUTOMOBILES.

	December 1926		Year 1926		Companies Included		
	Nov. 1926.	Dec. 1926.	Year 1925.	Nov. 1926.	Dec. 1925.	Year 1925.	
<b>New Cars—</b>							
Wholesale:							
Number sold.....	-3.1	-30.2	-6.3	36	33	33	
Value.....	-4.5	-29.6	-7.4	36	33	33	
Retail:							
Number sold.....	-0.5	-13.4	+2.1	80	46	46	
Value.....	-2.0	-6.2	-0.6	80	46	46	
<b>On hand Dec. 31:</b>							
Number.....	-20.1	+4.9	*+40.2	51	48	48	
Value.....	-15.4	+16.6	*+34.2	51	48	48	
<b>Used Cars—</b>							
Number sold.....	-5.3	+11.1	+7.8	80	47	46	
<b>Salable on hand—</b>							
Number.....	+1.6	+0.6	*+21.9	50	47	46	
Value.....	-5.7	+2.0	*+10.8	50	47	46	

\*Average monthly.

#### Great Britain Further Reduces Percentage of Rubber Exportable from Ceylon and Malaya.

The British Colonial Office on Jan. 31 approved a further 10% reduction in the rubber exportable quota from Ceylon and Malaya, effective Feb. 1. In its cablegram from London announcing this the New York "Journal of Commerce" said:

This brings the export allowance for the February-March-April restriction quarter to 70% of production.

This action follows the failure of the average spot London price for standard rubber to reach the pivotal level of 21 pence. The final average for the quarter just ended was fixed at the close of today's business at 19.265 pence. The failure of the average price to improve during the coming quarter will result in a further 10% reduction in exports to 60% of production.

In the event the exportable allowance should fall to 60%, the average price, under the restriction terms, must rule at 21 pence or better for three consecutive quarters before the allowance can be increased 10%.

The last reduction in exports was made on November 1, 1926, the average for the quarter ended with October being returned at 20.1997 pence. At this time the reduction amounted to 20%, the restriction act calling for 20% cuts when the reduction is made from a 100% export basis.

It is estimated by the rubber trade that this latest export reduction of 10% will reduce shipments from Malaya, Ceylon and other British plantations about 10,000 tons.

Great Britain's rubber restrictions of last November were referred to in these columns Nov. 6, page 2320. The New York "Times" cablegram from London Jan. 31 (copyright) said in part:

Falling off of American consumption has been an important factor in producing the altered situation in the rubber market. The latest estimates of United States consumption in 1926 are 366,000 tons, against 385,000 tons in 1925. Stocks steadily mounted during the last quarter and this week London stocks further increased to 54,786 tons against 10,000 at the end of January, 1926.

So far there is no sign of expansion of American demands, while owing to the use of export rights shipments from Malaya have lately been considerably larger than would have been the case if the shipments had had to bear the full effect of the restriction to 80%. It is understood that the new standard figure for Malaya will show an increase of 10% while the announcement that the Ceylon standard is raised from 69,252 to 73,839 tons gives little indication that the liberal assessment of Ceylon estates is likely to be corrected.

As to the views in Washington respecting the new restrictions, the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" said:

A further restriction to 70% in the exportable allowance of rubber for the quarter beginning February 1 will have but little effect upon the American rubber industry, it is hazarded by officials here tonight.

Tire manufacturers, it is believed, have long since discounted the cut from 80%, which has been expected for a considerable period.

#### See 10,000-Ton Export Drop.

It became evident some time since that the average price of rubber in London would not reach 42c for the quarter ending today, and plans of rubber users accordingly were based upon the probability of a cut for the coming quarter. Just what effect the cut will have upon tonnage shipped to the United States during the coming three months depends to considerable extent upon the amount represented by outstanding certificates carried over from the quarter just ended. It is estimated, however, that the exportable allowance for the coming quarter will be about 10,000 tons less than for the quarter just ended.

It is believed by some British rubber authorities that the present year will see free and unrestricted production overtaken by real consumption for the first time in some six or seven years. This prediction, however, is based to some extent upon the assumption that production of Dutch rubber will decline as a result of excessive tapping induced by the high prices which prevailed up to a comparatively recent time, but whether this is true is not definitely known as figures are lacking to show whether there has been any extensive plantings during the past few years.

It is pointed out here, furthermore, that due allowance must be made for the use in this country of reclaimed rubber and rubber substitutes, which may tend to keep imports lower than might be anticipated.

#### Peak Seen This Year.

Unrestricted production for this year is placed by Lieutenant Colonel J. C. G. Kunhardt, formerly of the Indian Medical Service and an authority on the statistical position of rubber, at something less than 640,000 tons, with consumption placed at somewhat in excess of that figure. Production in 1927, he declared in a recently issued review of the rubber position assuming a moderate rise in price, will be the maximum production from the world's present available sources of supply; in other words, the maximum annual output for the next five or six years.

Production in 1928, if stimulated by rising prices, will probably remain at approximately the same level, but it is believed that thereafter, in spite of further increases from wild sources, a decline will occur, reaching a minimum of something less than 630,000 tons in 1931.

During the next five years consumption will increase steadily, it is anticipated, with the result that, in order to make production and consumption balance, there will be a very considerable rise in the average price of rubber, probably accompanied by wide fluctuations.

On the basis of this authority's analysis, permanent increases in the exportable allowances of British controlled rubber could be looked for in the comparatively near future, but, it is pointed out by officials here who are familiar with the situation, actual data regarding the condition of wild rubber sources are lacking, and possible developments in the production and use of rubber substitutes and reclaimed rubber must be taken into consideration in attempting to survey the future situation.

#### Dutch East Indies Ban Seed Rubber Imports

Under date of Jan. 31 Washington advices to the New York "Journal of Commerce" stated:

New regulations and restrictions governing the importation of plants and plant products just issued by the Governor General of the Dutch East Indies prohibit the importation of seeds of hevea rubber, live hevea plants or parts of such plants, according to a report received today at the Department of Commerce from Assistant Trade Commissioner Bliss, Batavia. Other plants and living plant materials may be imported only at certain ports by permit and under regulations to be prescribed by the Director of Agriculture.

It is necessary that seeds, plants and plant products be accompanied by a certificate from a Government expert in the country of origin as well as undergo an official inspection upon arrival in port. In most cases the packing material will be fumigated. Contaminated material will be destroyed unless it can be purified or disinfected.

#### Review of Meat Packing Industry by Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Reviewing the meat packing industry the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in its Feb. 1, Monthly Business Conditions Report, says:

Production of meat and fat at slaughtering establishments in the United States totaled greater for December than in the preceding month, owing to a seasonal gain in the pork department which more than offset a recession in the beef section usual at this time. Employment for the last payroll in December declined 1.9% in number, 3.7% in hours worked, and 4.8% in total value from the corresponding figures for the preceding period. Domestic demand was affected by holiday consumption of poultry, so that the total value of sales billed to domestic and foreign customers by forty-eight packing companies in the United States showed a decline of 6.5% in December from November and of 1.2% from the corresponding month last year.

Quotations at Chicago were rather irregular during December with prices of lamb, smoked meat, lard, cow carcasses, choice-to-good veal, a majority of beef cuts, and the lighter pork cuts averaging lower than in the preceding month, while those for steer carcasses ranged from steady to slightly firmer and prices for fresh pork hams, fresh clear bellies, heavy pork cuts, 10-16 lb. dry salt fat backs and common to medium quality veal strengthened. Inventories at packing plants and cold-storage warehouses in the United States were heavier on Jan. 1 than at the beginning of December; dry salt pork stocks showed the only decline from a year ago. All items, with the exception of lamb, frozen pork, and pickled beef holdings, fell below the 1922-26 average for Jan. 1. Foreign demand remained rather dull during the entire period and centered largely upon stocks already landed, so that American packers forwarded a smaller quantity of edible product in December for export than in November. A majority of the companies reported reductions in their European consignment inventories from Dec. 1; a few showed increases. Prices, to some degree on the continent but more generally in the United Kingdom, continued somewhat under Chicago parity.

#### Lumber Industry Lethargic.

Failure of approximately forty West Coast mills to report last week's operations, says the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, makes it impossible to deduce reliable conclusions as to the state of the softwood lumber industry for the week ended Jan. 29. The total number of softwood mills reporting for that week for the whole country was only 303, as compared with 348 for the preceding week, and almost 400 at times. However, it appears that there has been a slight decrease in the volume of the softwood lumber movement outside of West Coast territory, both as between last week and the week before, and as compared with the corresponding week of 1926. The first four weeks of 1927 show a considerable recession of business, as compared with the same period of 1926.

Reports from 111 hardwood mills, compared with the figures for 129 mills the week before, indicate some shrinkage in the volume of hardwood business, states the National Association, adding:

#### Unfilled Orders.

The unfilled orders of 184 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 438,504,409 ft., as against 548,157,996 ft. for 216 mills the previous week. The 115 identical Southern Pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of 205,614,558 ft. last week, as against 203,666,868 ft. for the week before. For the 69 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 232,889,851 ft., as against 344,491,128 ft. for 101 mills a week earlier.

Altogether the 303 comparably reporting softwood mills had shipments 101%, and orders 104%, of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages were respectively 86 and 89; and for the West Coast mills 99 and 101.

Of the reporting mills, the 281 with an established normal production for the week of 187,546,549 ft., gave actual production 82%, shipments 83% and orders 85% thereof.

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

	Past Week		Corresponding Week—1926—		Preceding Week 1927 (Revised)	
	Softwood.	Hardwood.	Softwood.	Hardwood.	Softwood.	Hardwood.
Mills.....	303	111	332	117	348	177
Production.....	160,452,000	18,172,000	204,862,000	18,345,000	192,990,000	28,495,000
Shipments.....	161,793,000	15,799,000	220,938,000	18,865,000	195,626,000	25,876,000
Orders (new business).....	167,005,000	21,053,000	236,502,000	19,374,000	212,626,000	26,208,000

The following revised figures compare the lumber movement of the same regional associations for the first four weeks of 1927 with the same period of 1926:

	Production		Shipments		Orders	
	Softwood.	Hardwood.	Softwood.	Hardwood.	Softwood.	Hardwood.
1927.....	707,658,000	99,889,000	694,334,000	91,560,000	768,967,000	98,130,000
1926.....	765,170,000	89,322,000	815,587,000	87,001,000	888,224,000	90,973,000

The mills of the California White and Sugar Pine Association made weekly reports, but not being comparable, are not included in the foregoing tables. Sixteen of these mills, representing 52% of the cut of the California pine region, gave their production for the week as 8,768,000 ft., shipments 14,308,000 and new business 13,570,000. Last week's report from 16 mills, representing 58% of the cut was: Production, 9,040,000 ft., shipments, 13,873,000 and new business, 15,096,000.

**West Coast Movement.**

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wires from Seattle that new business for the 69 mills reporting for the week ended Jan. 29, was 1% above production, and shipments were 1% below production. Of all new business taken during the week 32% was for future water delivery, amounting to 18,478,764 ft., of which 12,594,549 ft. was for domestic cargo delivery, and 5,884,215 ft. export. New business by rail amounted to 37,573,235 ft., or 65% of the week's new business. Thirty one per cent of the week's shipments moved by water, amounting to 17,965,770 ft., of which 11,913,170 ft. moved coastwise and intercoastal, and 6,052,600 ft. export. Rail shipments totaled 37,118,958 ft., or 65% of the week's shipments, and local deliveries 2,104,284 ft. Unshipped domestic cargo orders totaled 70,602,590 ft., foreign 48,472,986 ft., and rail trade 113,814,275 ft.

**Southern Pine Reports.**

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 115 mills reporting, shipments were 14.28% below production and orders 11.26% below production and 3.52% above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 57,241,584 ft., shipments 55,293,894 ft. and production 64,508,399 ft. The normal production of these mills is 74,561,326 ft. Of the 113 mills reporting running time, 88 operated full time, 21 of the latter overtime. Four mills were shut down, and the rest operated from three to five and one-half days.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association of Portland, Oregon, with one less mill reporting, shows slight increases in production and shipments, with new business somewhat below that reported for the week earlier.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco, California, with one less mill reporting, shows a slight increase in production, and notable increases in shipments and new business.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Virginia, reports production about the same, and substantial increases in shipments and new business.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers Association of Minneapolis, Minnesota, with one more mill reporting, shows a nominal decrease in production, and good gains in shipments and new business.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, (in its softwood production) with five fewer mills reporting, shows heavy decreases in all three items.

**Hardwood Reports.**

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, (in its hardwood production) with five fewer mills reporting, shows a small decrease in production, and nominal decreases in shipments and new business.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute of Memphis, Tennessee, with thirteen fewer mills reporting, shows notable decreases in all three factors.

**West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report.**

One hundred and one mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ended Jan. 22 1927 manufactured 89,195,478 feet, sold 96,008,612 feet and shipped 91,101,187 feet. New business was 6,813,134 feet more than production, and shipments 1,905,709 feet more than production.

**COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING PRODUCTION, NEW BUSINESS, SHIPMENTS AND UNFILED ORDERS.**

Week Ended—	Jan. 22.	Jan. 15.	Jan. 8.	Jan. 1.
Number of mills reporting.....	101	103	102	99
Production (feet).....	89,195,478	87,877,536	70,986,881	36,304,010
New business (feet).....	96,008,612	109,920,061	72,762,589	66,421,374
Shipments (feet).....	91,101,817	84,267,947	64,041,372	58,886,055
Unshipped balances:				
Rail (feet).....	130,772,136	130,258,404	109,880,654	108,662,473
Domestic cargo (feet).....	114,133,976	113,637,490	103,424,962	94,727,162
Export (feet).....	99,585,016	101,228,580	102,633,150	82,707,609
Total (feet).....	344,491,128	345,124,474	315,938,766	286,097,244
First Three Weeks of—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Average number of mills.....	102	103	118	129
Production (feet).....	248,059,895	236,890,684	301,740,357	297,027,941
New business (feet).....	278,691,262	297,662,669	276,463,762	318,594,589
Shipments (feet).....	239,410,506	256,642,281	300,180,600	289,337,527

**New Automobile Models and Prices.**

In accordance with plans announced early in December and mentioned in our Dec. 11 issue on page 2978, the Marmon Motor Car Co. is augmenting its line with the introduction of custom built bodies on the Little Marmon chassis. An official statement says:

Four body styles have been released to production with the price range falling midway between the prices of the standard Little Marmon and the standard Series 75 large Marmon body types. In bridging

this gap, Marmon has opened a new field which will enable its distributors and dealers to offer a complete line of fine cars at prices ranging from \$1,795 upward.

Little Marmon custom body styles now in production and the price of each are as follows:

Custom-built two-window sedan .....	\$2,595
Custom-built three-window sedan .....	2,595
Custom-built Victoria coupe .....	2,595
Custom-built Town cabriolet .....	3,125

The Jordan Motor Car Co. on Jan. 29 announced a reduction of \$500 in the price of the Jordan eight cylinder closed cars, the sedan, Victoria and sport coupe. Their former price of \$2,195 will be reduced to \$1,695, effective as of Jan. 31. The open roadster, known as the Playboy, was reduced \$300, the new price being \$1,545, also effective on the 31st.

In a statement to the press, Mr. Jordan said the reduction had been made possible by the increasing public demand for the straight eight type of automobiles and also by the favor with which the small six cylinder Jordan, first brought out at the recent New York national show, had been received.

Dodge Bros., Inc., on Feb. 3 announced a new closed car called the "Special All-Purpose Sedan," from which the leather upholstery is removable. To all appearances it is a pleasure vehicle, but when converted has many commercial uses.

**Gasoline Prices Advance in the East—Change in Grading of Crude Oil.**

Events in the crude oil market during the week just ended were far from exciting. No price changes by the large dealers were made and but one revision in grading occurred. This was announced from Pittsburgh on Jan. 31 by the Joseph Seep Crude Oil Purchasing Agency when it made known the fact that there will be no division in the grades of Somerset crude in the future and that the new price will be \$20 a barrel for this crude in the Cumberland Pipe Lines. Previously Somerset crude was divided into light and medium, the former being quoted at \$2.35 and the latter \$2.20.

Gasoline prices showed a tendency to rise, several upward revisions being made during the week by the leading companies. The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey and the Texas Co. on Jan. 29 advanced the price of gasoline one cent a gallon in New Jersey, Maryland and the District of Columbia. This follows the advance by Tide Water Oil on Friday last (see p. 582, issue of Jan. 29.) The new tank wagon price is 19 cents per gallon.

Effective Jan. 31 the Standard Oil Co. of New York advanced rank wagon and service station price of gasoline 1 cent per gallon in Albany and Syracuse, making tank wagon price 21 cents and service station 23 cents at both points. This follows a similar advance of one cent per gallon Jan. 27. Also on the 31st, the Atlantic Refining Co. advanced the price of gasoline one cent a gallon in Pennsylvania and Delaware, followed at once by a similar advance posted by the Gulf Oil Corp.

Wholesale prices in the Chicago market on Feb. 4 stood as follows: United States motor grade gasoline, firm at 8¾ @ 9 cents; kerosene, 6 @ 6½ cents for 41-43 water white; 24-26 fuel oil, \$1.27½ @ \$1.30.

**Crude Oil Output Shows Further Decrease.**

A decrease amounting to 18,300 barrels per day occurred in the daily output of crude oil according to the Feb. 2 report of the American Petroleum Institute, which estimated that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Jan. 29 was 2,370,350 barrels as compared with 2,388,650 barrels for the preceding week. The daily average production east of California was 1,722,950 barrels, as compared with 1,732,050 barrels, a decrease of 9,100 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts for the weeks ended as indicated:

**DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.**

(In Barrels.)	Jan. 29 '27.	Jan. 22 '27.	Jan. 15 '27.	Jan. 30 '26.
Oklahoma.....	607,250	597,650	594,650	443,400
Kansas.....	115,750	117,800	118,900	99,050
Panhandle Texas.....	127,450	133,400	140,450	2,300
North Texas.....	99,700	100,650	101,350	75,650
West Central Texas.....	147,000	138,500	136,200	72,050
East Central Texas.....	50,000	51,600	52,400	61,850
Southwest Texas.....	39,150	39,300	39,800	36,700
North Louisiana.....	53,350	53,550	53,300	43,400
Arkansas.....	128,950	130,850	133,550	159,500
Coastal Texas.....	147,650	162,350	166,800	81,200
Coastal Louisiana.....	12,500	13,300	12,150	10,100
Eastern.....	107,500	107,500	108,000	99,500
Wyoming.....	62,700	59,600	57,000	74,000
Montana.....	7,750	12,600	12,600	12,200
Colorado.....	7,750	7,850	7,900	5,800
New Mexico.....	3,700	5,550	4,450	4,200
California.....	647,400	656,600	651,000	612,000
Total.....	2,370,350	2,388,650	2,391,000	1,892,900

The estimated daily average gross production of the Mid-Continent field including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, North, West Central, East Central and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended Jan. 29 was 1,368,600 barrels, as compared with 1,363,300 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 5,300 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, Arkansas heavy oil, was 1,266,750 barrels as compared with 1,260,150 barrels, an increase of 6,600 barrels.

In Oklahoma, production of North Braman is reported at 9,050 barrels against 10,350 barrels; South Braman 4,300 barrels no change; Tonkawa 25,350 barrels against 26,350 barrels; Garber 18,800 barrels against 19,150 barrels; Burbank 47,850 barrels against 47,250 barrels; Bristow-Slick 27,400 barrels against 27,450 barrels; Cromwell 13,400 barrels against 13,550 barrels; Papoose 7,850 barrels against 8,100 barrels; Wewoka 21,200 barrels against 23,000 barrels; Seminole 195,400 barrels against 181,000 barrels.

In Panhandle Texas, Hutchinson County is reported at 111,150 barrels against 115,350 barrels, and Balance Panhandle 16,300 barrels against 18,050 barrels. In East Central Texas, Corsicana Powell 22,400 barrels against 23,600 barrels; Nigger Creek 8,100 barrels against 8,400 barrels; Reagan County, West Central Texas 28,750 barrels against 28,650 barrels; Crane & Upton Counties 31,300 barrels against 29,600 barrels; and in the Southwest Texas field, Luling 17,800 barrels against 17,950 barrels; Laredo District 15,600 barrels no change; Lytton Springs 2,850 barrels, no change; In North Louisiana, Haynesville is reported at 8,350 barrels no change; Urania 13,250 barrels against 13,600 barrels; and in Arkansas, Smackover light 12,050 barrels against 12,450 barrels; heavy 101,850 barrels against 103,150 barrels; and Lisbon 5,300 barrels against 5,600 barrels. In the Gulf Coast field, Hull is reported at 17,600 barrels against 18,850 barrels; West Columbia 11,300 barrels against 12,800 barrels; Spindletop 70,100 barrels against 80,600 barrels; Orange County 6,500 barrels no change; and South Liberty 4,450 barrels against 4,650 barrels.

In Wyoming, Salt Creek is reported at 47,200 barrels against 42,550 barrels; and Sunburst, Montana 10,000 barrels no change.

In California, Santa Fe Springs is reported at 45,500 barrels against 47,000 barrels; Long Beach 93,000 barrels no change; Huntington Beach 90,000 barrels against 93,000 barrels; Torrance 25,000 barrels against 26,000 barrels; Dominquez 18,500 barrels against 19,000 barrels; Rosecrans 12,500 barrels no change; Inglewood 38,500 barrels against 39,000 barrels; Midway Sunset 90,500 barrels no change; Ventura Avenue 51,700 barrels against 54,300 barrels, and Seal Beach 10,200 barrels against 10,300 barrels.

### Cut in Wages of Glass Workers—Cut in Glass Prices Attributed to Output of Ford Plant.

Wage reductions and price cuts in the glass trade were reported toward the end of the month. From Pittsburgh on Jan. 28 Associated Press Advises said:

The Standard Plate Glass Co. and the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. have cut plate glass prices 10%.

This brings prices in line with those of the Ford Motor Co. glass plant, which had been selling automobile glass to other producers at about 6 cents a foot below the general market.

The "Wall Street News" announced the following from Pittsburgh on Jan. 29:

In the glass trade there are many who believe Henry Ford's glass plant near here is responsible to a great extent for the cut in glass prices. The 10% reduction in glass prices takes in virtually the entire list headed by automobile glazing sizes. Ford's plant has been running out glass at a capacity rate, but he has not been absorbing it for his automobiles and has been selling in competition with other glass concerns at perhaps a lower figure than the prevailing market. Ford's plant which is near Pittsburgh is a model of efficiency. It is admitted officially by glass people that the cut was caused by lack of demand from automobile makers, but they hesitate to mention Ford selling as a dominant factor.

Regarding wage cuts we quote the following from Pittsburgh Jan. 24 (Associated Press):

A 10% wage reduction, affecting more than 1,000 cutters and flatteners in the window glass trade, became effective to-day. The reduction was agreed upon by employers and the labor union, it was announced, to enable manufacturers to compete with imported glass.

As to the wage reductions by the American Window Glass Co., Pittsburgh advises to the "Wall Street News" Jan. 25 stated:

The American Window Glass Co. and the American Window Glass Machine Co. have reduced wages of employees 10%. This is the first wage cut in the glass trade for some time and it was accepted by the men without protest. The glass trade has been anything but brisk in past few months and the shares of the American Window Glass Machine Co. have dropped from 80 to 40, with fears now that the dividend will be passed. Foreign competition and other factors have caused uneasiness and the fear of a moratorium in the building trades has been added to the troubles of the window glass makers.

The "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 25 reported the following from its Pittsburgh bureau:

Reduction of 10% in wages paid by the American Window Glass Co. will partly compensate for the recent price cuts which averaged 18.2% on B. quality, single strength glass and 13.9% on B. quality, double strength, glass, compared with Oct. 25 1925 quotations.

Demand for window glass is now inactive. Company is operating at about 50% of capacity with 44 machines producing. Window glass industry, as a whole, has been producing about 1,000,000 boxes of glass a month and shipping about 600,000 boxes. American Window Glass, in common with other producers, has been accumulating a surplus stock of glass, but improvement in the situation appears likely since a number of plants throughout the country are closing down.

Foreign competition continues severe at coastal points and has been largely responsible for the downward trend of prices during the past two years. Plants in Belgium and Czechoslovakia have an advantage of an exceptionally low labor cost.

American Window Glass is installing 10 sheet drawing machines of the fourcault type at the Belle Vernon plant. Up to the present time company has confined operations to cylinder blowing machines.

Company reported net income of \$420,710 for the fiscal year ended Aug. 27 1926, which was equivalent of \$1.08 a share on the 130,000 shares of common stock after deducting dividends on \$4,000,000 7% preferred. Entire common stock is owned by American Window Glass Machine Co., which also owns patents under which the subsidiary operates. Holding company

was paid \$1,463,470 in royalties during the fiscal year and reported net of \$1,237,356, which was equivalent to \$5.74 a share on the \$12,998,000 common stock.

### World Zinc Stocks Increase 10,500 Tons—Sharpe Estimates World Stocks Jan. 1 at 43,600 Metric Tons, Against 33,100 Tons Dec. 1.

In presenting in its issue of Jan. 25 the figures of world zinc stocks on Jan. 1, the "Wall Street Journal" said:

A. J. M. Sharpe, Honorary Foreign Secretary of the American Zinc Institute, estimates world stocks of zinc Jan. 1 1927 at 43,600 metric tons of 2,204.6 lbs. each, compared with 33,100 December, increase of 10,500 tons during the month, mainly in United States and Germany. Stocks of zinc Nov. 1 came to 31,500 tons, Oct. 1 30,100 tons, Sept. 1 33,200, Aug. 1 to 37,200, 40,600 July 1, June 1 49,200, Jan. 1 1926 26,150, Jan. 1 1925 26,130 and Jan. 1 1924 53,050 metric tons.

Following table gives, in metric tons, Mr. Sharpe's estimates of zinc stocks in various countries:

	1927		1926			1925
	Jan. 1	Dec. 1	Nov. 1	Oct. 1	July 1	Jan. 1
United States.....	19,800	13,200	14,400	14,200	23,400	8,450
Canada.....	3,200	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,100	1,200
Australia.....	2,400	2,300	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,000
Germany and Poland.....	9,500	7,500	6,000	5,000	6,500	10,400
Belgium.....	4,000	3,200	2,400	2,100	1,800	1,800
France.....	1,500	1,400	1,000	1,000	1,200	800
Great Britain.....	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,200	300
Scandinavia.....	200	200	200	200	200	200
Far East.....	500	500	500	500	500	200
Elsewhere.....	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,000
Total.....	43,600	33,100	31,500	30,100	40,600	26,150

Mr. Sharpe in reviewing conditions in the industry throughout the world as of Jan. 1 says: "The United States statistics for December will, I am afraid, react on sentiment in Europe, which is unfortunate, because conditions were beginning to improve and better times in the market were expected. As it is, the increase of 7,400 tons in United States stocks Jan. 1, due to falling away in domestic consumption in December, will not conduce to stronger markets on this side. Indeed, these unfavorable American statistics will influence adversely the European situation unless they are quickly followed by a definite pronouncement that a curtailment of output policy is being introduced forthwith.

"Market factors are also becoming alarmed at the expansion in Canadian output of high-grade zinc, regular quantities of which find their way to Great Britain and the Continent.

"Belgian production for December is unavailable at time of writing, but, in any case, that country's output for 1926 will register a heavy increase over any post-war year. Similarly, production in Germany and Poland is continuing to expand and, although consumption in the Old World has not been at all bad, it has failed to keep pace in the last few weeks with European production supplemented by imports of high-grade zinc from Australia and North America. Thus it is that stocks in Europe have increased in the same way as they have in the United States.

"Now that the coal strike in Great Britain is past history, the industrial outlook is decidedly better, but it must necessarily be some little time before the various trades are able to make real headway. British zinc smelters resumed operations just before close of last year and in December accounted for a modest 500 tons of slab zinc. In the current month they should output at least 3,000 tons, so that, unless domestic consumption makes a similar gain, there will be a corresponding falling away in the amount of foreign zinc required.

"Germany has continued to be a most disappointing factor in the zinc situation in that her consumption has failed to progress mainly owing to the bad situation of the German works.

"There is no longer any dearth of ores. Indeed, there has been a superabundance of supplies for many months past, and the smelting charges have just lately been stiffened."

### Steel Shipments and Orders Show Greater Volume—Some Price Concessions—Pig Iron Market Reveals Strong Competition.

With wide variations among even the leading companies, shipments of steel in January appeared to average 15% more than in December, and specifications for February rollings were in still greater volume, the "Iron Age" states in its weekly review of the market issued on Feb. 3. Business remains highly competitive, with buyers feeling safe as to covering requirements. Current concessions in price have been effective chiefly in lining up bookings in steel bars. To what extent definite specifying will follow, the week's developments afforded little suggestion one way or the other, observes the "Age" in summarizing the situation in the market, adding:

The anomalous price situation in sheets and strips resulted in so little increased buying that the dips of \$4 and \$5 a ton from prices which had held for some months promise now to give place to the basis named last week, or generally \$2 below what had obtained up to the middle of January.

Operations have been stepped up slightly in the Pittsburgh and Youngstown districts, with plans to maintain the rate through February. December thus becomes the low period in the dip in production starting last October.

Keen competition rules in the pig iron market. At producing centres where prices have receded to unusually low levels bookings are in fair volume. At Cleveland, sales totaled about 25,000 tons for the fourth consecutive week. Buffalo producers booked 50,000 tons. In New York and in New England furnaces east of Buffalo have become more aggressive.

Buying of pig iron, in many cases, is prompted by the belief that the market is low rather than by pressing needs. In eastern Pennsylvania a decline of 50c. in foundry iron has been accompanied by slightly increased sales. Bessemer iron in the Valley has also receded 50c. a ton, although in that district likewise demand is not active. The market at Chicago has undergone no real test since the decline of 50c. in foundry and malleable grades a week ago, and the scheduled blowing out of a stack next week will reduce the number of active merchant stacks in the district to 4 out of 10.

Building demand loomed large in the past week, covering awards for more than 52,000 tons of fabricated structural steel. Included was an office building in Philadelphia taking 15,000 tons, a convention hall in Atlantic

City, N. J., calling for 12,000 tons and a hospital in Los Angeles, 9,000 tons. A bridge over the Hudson River at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., taking 10,000 tons, and a Detroit office building, of 9,000 tons, are two notable fresh inquiries.

The automobile trade still is cautiously buying. Automobile body sheets have not figured in reports of sheet weakness, and alloy steel specifications are heavier and prices steady.

About the last large rail business of the season has been closed with the purchase by the Rock Island of 26,000 tons, placed with the two Chicago rail makers. Orders were taken for 900 freight cars and 40 locomotives, and inquiries appeared for 1,305 freight cars. The Southern Pacific covered for 11,000 tons of tie plates and 30,000 kegs of spikes and bolts, and the Boston & Maine for 7,000 tons of tie plates.

Demand for wire and wire products has not taken on the proportions usual for the season, and competition at the expense of prices now and then still obtains.

Sales of large billets and slabs at \$33, Pittsburgh, and prices now obtainable on sheet bars and wire rods show \$2 a ton recession in these forms of semi-finished steel. Rather than stiffening finished steel, they have reacted to its weakness.

Expectation of a suspension in union coal mines on April 1 grows stronger, and western Pennsylvania now believes it will be of long duration, though showing no concern over coal supplies.

In a market of unusual activity, tin declined to 64.75c., New York, for spot Straits metal, the lowest since Aug. 18 1926. Some 3,000 tons was bought. The high price last year was 72.50c., on Nov. 23.

Exports in 1926 of American iron and steel products amounted to 2,167,048 gross tons. Rolled and finished steel accounted for 1,952,594 tons, or 5 1/2% of last year's total output.

The "Iron Age" pig iron composite price fell to \$19 21, from \$19 30 last week and \$19 71 at the opening of the year. One year ago it was \$21 79. The finished steel composite price remains for a second week at 2.396c. per lb., as shown in the following tables:

Finished Steel.		Pig Iron.	
Feb. 1 1927.	2.396 s. Per Lb.	Feb. 1 1927.	\$19.21 Per Gross Ton.
One week ago	2.396c.	One week ago	\$19 39
One month ago	2.453c.	One month ago	19 88
One year ago	2.439c.	One year ago	21 79
10-year pre-war average	1.689c.	10-year pre-war average	15 72

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

High.	Low.	High.	Low.
1926.. 2.453c.	Jan. 5: 2.403c.	May 18 1925.. 22 50	Jan. 13: 18 06
1925.. 2.560c.	Jan. 6: 2.396c.	Aug. 18 1924.. 22 88	Feb. 26: 19 21
1924.. 2.789c.	Jan. 15: 2.460c.	Oct. 14 1923.. 30 86	Mar. 20: 20 77
1923.. 2.824c.	Apr. 24: 2.446c.	Jan. 2	

Based on average of basic iron at Valley furnace and foundry irons at Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley and Birmingham.

Pig iron production in January nosed out December by the narrowest of margins and fell considerably below last January, but a bright promise is held for February by the gain of seven active stacks at the end of the month, declares the "Iron Trade Review" his week. The January total of 3,096,049 tons exceeded by 6,874 tons the total of 3,089,175 tons for December and compares with 3,319,789 tons in January 1926 on a daily average basis; the comparisons are 99,872 tons for January, 99,651 for December and 107,089 tons for last January. There were 210 stacks in blast as February opened. This is 56.9% of the total serviceable, according to the "Review's" report issued Feb. 3, in which it goes on to say:

Moderate and continuing improvement, spotty in character and superimposed upon an unstable price structure, still describes the finished steel market. Some producers emerged from January with orders and production slightly topping last January but many have fallen short. There is no doubt that the uncertainties of the price situation have proved discouraging. Buying experience of the past two years has been that February pig iron and steel output has kept pace with January, to expand in March to a year's record. Larger producers of steel believe the unfavorable showing of January will be dissipated shortly.

The price tendency in pig iron is downward. Bessemer iron has been reduced 50c. a ton by Mahoning Valley producers who have made several sales at the new price of \$19. Keeping step, basic iron has receded to \$18. Valley. At Chicago \$20 50 is more definitely the market for foundry and malleable iron. In eastern Pennsylvania foundry iron is easier at \$21 to \$21 50 base furnace, with \$21 having been shaded. Second quarter inquiries for pig iron are more numerous but are meeting a cool reception from producers in view of possible coal strike. Where second quarter commitments have been made they generally have been accompanied by some first quarter business.

Connellsville coke producers continue to adjust contracts in the light of their production in wage scales to \$6 or the 1922 level. Furnace coke has been holding its ground with spot sales at \$3 25 to \$3 35 but the foundry grade has surrendered 25c. and now ranges from \$3 75 to \$4 50.

The "Iron Trade Review's" composite price on 14 leading iron and steel products this week is \$37 32. This compares with \$37 38 last week and \$37 47 the previous week.

**Estimated Pig Iron Production Shows Small Gain in January.**

Data gathered by the "Iron Age" on Feb. 1 from companies which in most cases estimated the pig iron production for the last one or two days of the month, show that there was a small increase for January over December. The daily rate for January was 100,000 gross tons, as contrasted with 99,712 tons per day in December, a gain of 288 tons per day for January.

The total estimated output in January was 3,100,004 tons, or 18,944 tons larger than the December production of 3,091,060 tons, reports the "Age," adding:

There were 12 furnaces blown in and 7 blown out, a net gain for the month of 5. In December there was a net loss of 10 furnaces. There were 208 furnaces active on Feb. 1 as compared with 203 on Jan. 1.

Among the furnaces blown in during January were the Sheridan furnace in the Lebanon Valley; one Carrie furnace and the Edgar Thomson furnace of the Carnegie Steel Co. in the Pittsburgh district; the Stewart furnace in the Shenango Valley; E furnace of the Bethlehem Steel Corp. in Maryland;

No. 2 Mingo furnace of the Carnegie Steel Co. in the Wheeling district; one Haselton furnace of the Republic Iron & Steel Co. and the Cherry Valley furnace in the Mahoning Valley; one furnace of the Inland Steel Co. in the Chicago district; No. 3 furnace of the Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co., No. 6 Ensley furnace of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & R.R. Co. and one Woodward furnace of the Woodward Iron Co. in Alabama.

Among the furnaces blown out or banked during January was one furnace of the Wickwire Spencer Steel Corp. in the Buffalo district; B furnace of the Bethlehem Steel Corp. in the Lehigh Valley; one Edgar Thomson furnace of the Carnegie Steel Co. in the Pittsburgh district; the Sharpville furnace in the Shenango Valley; No. 1 furnace of the Weirton Steel Co. in the Wheeling district; No. 2 Hubbard furnace of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. and the Mattie furnace in the Mahoning Valley.

The actual output for January will be published next week.

**Activity in Iron and Steel Operations in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District During December.**

Production of iron castings was 2.3% greater in December than in November and exceeded the volume of a year ago by 8.7%. According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, which in its further report of iron foundry operations says:

Shipments also were heavier but December unfilled orders declined 23.5% from the November total and were 7.5% smaller than in December 1925. Stocks of pig iron and scrap were somewhat larger than those at the end of December of the previous year, but supplies of coke were materially lighter. The following table gives comparisons:

IRON FOUNDRY OPERATIONS, PHILADELPHIA FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT.

	December 1926.	Per Cent Change Month Ago.	Per Cent Change Year Ago.
Capacity	10,695 tons		
Production	5,371 "	+2.3	+8.7
Malleable iron	516 "	+13.9	+2.2
Gray iron	4,855 "	+1.2	+9.4
Jobbing	3,440 "	-3.5	+7.6
For further manufacturing	1,415 "	+14.6	+14.0
Shipments	4,615 "	+2.1	+4.3
Value	\$601,160	+4.1	+1.0
Unfilled orders	3,589 tons	-23.5	-7.5
Value*	\$540,262	-20.2	-5.9
Raw stock:			
Pig iron	6,242 tons	+6.3	+2.1
Scrap	3,711 "	+0.3	+1.3
Coke	1,923 "	+5.4	-14.3

Regarding the steel foundry operations during December the bank states:

Foundries making steel castings in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District were unusually active during December, as shown by increased production, heavier shipments and a larger volume of unfilled orders than was the case in November. Compared with the rate in December 1925, operations also were more extensive. Stocks of pig iron at the end of December were heavier than those on the same date a year before but supplies of scrap and coke were smaller. Details follow:

STEEL FOUNDRY OPERATIONS, PHILADELPHIA FED. RES. DISTRICT.

	December 1926.	Per Cent Change Month Ago.	Per Cent Change Year Ago.
Capacity	12,490 tons		
Production	8,943 "	+49.2	+30.8
Shipments	6,021 "	+18.0	+8.9
Value	\$924,844	+10.4	+2.5
Unfilled orders*	4,477 tons	+0.04	-33.7
Value*	\$748,491	+13.5	-25.9
Raw stock:			
Pig iron	2,108 tons	-0.8	+10.9
Scrap	7,977 "	+3.8	-33.1
Coke	1,377 "	+7.2	-22.4

\* Figures of one plant omitted.

**Possibility of Strike on April 1 Affects Bituminous Coal Markets—Anthracite Demand Is Dull.**

A great deal has been accomplished to put the coal market in a position to meet the "unpleasantness" that is expected on April 1, observes the Feb. 3 issue of the "Coal & Coal Trade Journal." As this is the whole burden of the story of the industry that was told during the past week, it is pretty nearly the first and last thing to be mentioned in any review of the market situation, declares the journal, adding further details as follows:

Two things are essential to this preparation. The holding together of mining organizations and the accumulation of coal stocks. It is not so easily apparent, even to those who watch the coal market closely, how much effort is being made to keep non-union miners in their places and working. The idea back of this is to have a strong front when the time comes, and it seems inevitable that it must come, when only non-union mines are operating. The effort to do this is wider than might be expected. Operators in some instances are keeping their men employed and selling coal at a substantial loss in order that their employees may not stray from them. Steady employment must become an attraction. The first of April must be met with the non-union mines ready to handle all the demands of current consumption.

At least this is the reasoning that is largely prevailing. It serves the further purpose of keeping production up and creating a reserve that is partly in the hands of the coal men and partly in those of the consumer.

This process will continue if reasonable encouragement is forthcoming. That is, if a fair amount of the mined coal is bought and contracted for at prices covering the cost or nearly so. Is this encouragement forthcoming? Apparently it is not. There is more buying at this time than is usual for the season, but not enough to make it easy for the operators to keep their mines running continuously and at high speed and get a return that will make things financially comfortable for them. There is much coal to be delivered on contract at unattractive prices, but not that amount of new and current buying that could be desired and is necessary.

The mine owners are full of determination and have a consistent program. The best calculations that they can make cause them to believe that larger buying must soon begin, and that prices will advance. They are banking on the fact that very many must buy and that the industrials, especially the public utilities, will have to take the probabilities of a strike into consideration and not be caught napping.

It can be said for the operators and their plans that such a break in their favor is highly probable. It is generally believed that they buying necessity of the country will have to be exerted soon, and that they and prices will feel the effects.

Anthracite is dull but expectant. It may soon be given a chance to become very much more active. There is of course a border land between it and bituminous that one or the other may occupy. Not long ago some of this land was lost to anthracite and the time is coming when it may be won back. In spite of prospects, however, the weather is not to be disputed. And never was the weather so unfair. Cold comes for a few days and then repents. The nipping periods have been extremely short. But the winter is not far spent. A different story may be written to-morrow. It has been at least an ideal winter for the movement of coal both by rail and in the cities and country. The people are able to purchase rather freely. There is a mild tendency to keep the bins partially filled. Orders do come in small quantities and for small amounts. But there is none of the excited urgent buying that follows in the wake of sustained cold.

The very lack of excitement and anxiety is the best thing that can be counted upon if a real strike develops. The public is in calm, constructive mood. Forty-four States Legislatures are in session at this time and a great deal of the coal legislation that is before them for consideration is constructive rather than otherwise. There appears to be little effort to regulate, but a certain effort to check up and change constraining laws. This is but a reflection of the public temper.

The first of April can be approached at least without the fear of thoughtful public remonstrance, because a strike comes with it.

Viewing the current weather conditions as the most important factor in the coal marketing situation, the "Coal Age" of New York in its weekly survey, makes the following observations under date of Feb. 2:

Continuance of rigorous winter weather over a large portion of the country stimulated buying interest in the market for bituminous coal, yet prices were irregular, the average being slightly lower than last week. Production continues to hover close to record figures. Domestic demand reacted most favorably to the low temperatures. Railroads, utilities and large industrial consumers bought for storage purposes, but a tapering off in this class of purchasing was noticeable here and there. Contracting is backward and export trade has disappeared from the picture.

Even in the absence of definite developments at the United Mine Workers' wage convention at Indianapolis the labor situation takes on increasing importance in the bituminous industry.

The "Coal Age" index of spot bituminous prices on Jan. 31 was 185 and the corresponding average price was \$2 24, a decline for the week of 3 points and 4 cents, respectively. Recessions in spot quotations on low-volatile coals of West Virginia and central Pennsylvania were responsible in large measure for the decline. A softening tendency was in evidence in New York, with prices in Philadelphia and Baltimore unchanged. Few changes occurred in quotations for Midwestern coals.

Steam sizes, particularly No. 1 buckwheat, held the center of the stage in the anthracite market. Small lots of No. 1 brought as high as \$4.50 in Philadelphia. Domestic demand for egg and pea has been good, while stove and chestnut are giving considerable trouble. Production of anthracite at the mines continues at a restricted rate working time in some of the collieries being limited to three days a week.

**Decreases Occur in Production of Bituminous Coal and Anthracite—Coke Output Increases.**

Though the production figures of bituminous coal and anthracite for the week ended Jan. 22 fell off from the records

made in the preceding week, the output was, nevertheless, well above that of one year ago, reports the U. S. Bureau of Mines in its weekly statistical review of the industry. Bituminous coal output amounted to 13,498,000 net tons in the week ended Jan. 22, against 12,431,000 net tons in the corresponding week of 1926, while anthracite, at 1,488,000 net tons for the week of Jan. 22 was greatly in excess of the output of 47,000 net tons in the corresponding week of 1926, when a strike was in progress, according to the tabulations prepared by the Bureau. Coke output during the week ended Jan. 22 amounted to 186,000 net tons, an increase of 5,000 net tons over the preceding week, reports the Bureau in its statement which we quote in full as follows:

The total production of bituminous coal during the week ended Jan. 22 is estimated at 13,498,000 net tons. This figure is subject to slight revision. As it stands, however, a decrease of approximately 0 5% from the output in the preceding week is indicated. The present rate of soft coal production is well above that in any other recent year.

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

	1926-1927		1925-1926	
	Week.	Coal Year to Date.	Week.	Coal Year to Date. <sup>a</sup>
January 8.....	13,253,000	445,805,000	13,031,000	406,467,000
Daily average.....	2,209,000	1,876,000	2,172,000	1,712,000
January 15. b.....	13,571,000	459,375,000	13,068,000	419,535,000
Daily average.....	2,262,000	1,885,000	2,178,000	1,724,000
January 22. c.....	13,498,000	472,874,000	12,431,000	431,966,000
Daily average.....	2,250,000	1,894,000	2,072,000	1,732,000

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

**ANTHRACITE.**

The sharp increase in anthracite production during the week ended Jan. 15 appears to have been temporary. The total production during the week ended Jan. 22 declined to 1,488,000 tons. This is, however, higher than in the week of Jan. 8. Output during the week of Jan. 22 in 1924, a normal year, was 1,836,000 tons.

*Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).*

	1926-1927		1925-1926	
	Week Ended—	Coal Year to Date.	Week.	Coal Year to Date. <sup>a</sup>
Jan. 8.....	1,368,000	75,344,000	47,000	40,455,000
Jan. 15.....	1,834,000	77,178,000	37,000	40,492,000
Jan. 22.....	1,488,000	78,666,000	47,000	40,539,000

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

**BEEHIVE COKE.**

The total production of beehive coke in the week ended Jan. 22 is estimated at 186,000 net tons, an increase of 5,000 tons over the output in the preceding week. The accumulated production of beehive since Jan. 1 amounts to 565,000 tons—less by 427,000 tons, or 43%, than in the corresponding period in 1926.

*Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).*

	Week Ended—			1927	1926
	Jan. 22	Jan. 15	Jan. 23		
	1927. b	1927. c	1926.	Date.	Date. a
Pennsylvania & Ohio.....	146,000	143,000	285,000	445,000	820,000
West Virginia.....	19,000	12,000	16,000	49,000	46,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn. & Georgia.....	6,000	8,000	22,000	20,000	66,000
Virginia.....	7,000	7,000	10,000	22,000	30,000
Colorado & New Mexico.....	5,000	7,000	6,000	17,000	17,000
Washington & Utah.....	3,000	4,000	4,000	12,000	13,000
United States total.....	186,000	181,000	343,000	565,000	992,000
Daily average.....	31,000	30,000	57,000	30,000	52,000

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

**Current Events and Discussions**

**The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.**

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on Feb. 2, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Reserve banks combined, shows an increase for the week of \$56,500,000 in bill and security holdings, partly offsetting the reduction of \$96,400,000 reported the preceding week; also an increase of \$50,200,000 in member bank reserve deposits, and declines of \$2,000,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation and of \$4,200,000 in cash reserves. Holdings of discounted bills increased \$28,100,000, of acceptances purchased in open market \$27,200,000 and of Government securities \$1,100,000. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Discount holdings of the New York Reserve bank increased \$16,600,000 during the week, of the San Francisco bank \$9,400,000 and of Boston \$3,000,000, while the Chicago bank reports a decrease of \$5,700,000. An increase of \$32,900,000 in open market acceptance holdings reported by the New York Reserve bank was partly offset by reduced holdings reported by Boston, Philadelphia and five other banks. The System's holdings of U. S. bonds were \$2,000,000 above and of Treasury notes and certificates \$900,000 below the preceding week's totals.

The principal changes in Federal Reserve note circulation during the week include an increase of \$11,200,000 reported by the New York bank, and decreases of \$5,500,000 and \$5,200,000, respectively, reported by Chicago and Cleveland.

The statement in full, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages—namely, pages 759 and 760. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities

of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending Feb. 2 1927 is as follows:

	Increases (+) or Decreases (—) During	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves.....	—\$4,200,000	+\$189,000,000
Gold reserves.....	—4,900,000	+169,000,000
Total bills and securities.....	+56,500,000	+120,700,000
Bills discounted, total.....	+28,100,000	—94,500,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+13,700,000	—94,400,000
Other bills discounted.....	+14,400,000	—100,000
Bills bought in open market.....	+27,200,000	+26,800,000
U. S. Govt. securities, total.....	+1,100,000	—45,900,000
Bonds.....	+2,000,000	—6,400,000
Treasury notes.....	—100,000	—91,100,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	—800,000	+51,600,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	—2,000,000	+24,000,000
Total deposits.....	+52,900,000	+15,700,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	+50,200,000	+26,800,000
Government deposits.....	+3,800,000	—10,600,000

**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. 24 was given out after the close of business on Monday of the present week.

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of 681 reporting member banks in leading cities as of Jan. 26 shows an increase of \$22,000,000 in investments and declines of \$71,000,000 in loans and discounts, \$149,000,000 in net demand deposits and \$51,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks. Member banks in New York City reported an increase of \$11,000,000 in investments and reductions of \$42,000,000 in loans and discounts, \$91,000,000 in net demand deposits and \$28,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve bank.

Loans on stocks and bonds, including U. S. Government obligations, were \$37,000,000 below the Jan. 19 total, reductions of \$32,000,000 in the New York district, \$10,000,000 in the Philadelphia district and \$7,000,000 in the Chicago district being offset in part by relatively small increases in other districts. "All other" loans and discounts declined \$34,000,000, the principal changes including reductions of \$16,000,000 in the New York district and \$15,000,000 in the Chicago district and an increase of \$9,000,000 in the Boston district. Total loans to brokers and dealers, secured by stocks and bonds, made by reporting member banks in New York City were \$38,000,000 below the previous week's figure, loans for own account having declined \$18,000,000, loans for out-of-town banks \$15,000,000 and loans for others \$5,000,000. As already noted, the figures for these member banks are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves. The statement goes on to say:

Holdings of U. S. Government securities increased \$16,000,000, of which \$8,000,000 was at reporting banks in the New York district. Holdings of other bonds stocks and securities were \$6,000,000 above the previous week's total, only nominal changes being shown for any of the reserve districts.

Net demand deposits declined during the week by \$96,000,000 in the New York district, \$23,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$16,000,000 in the Philadelphia district, and by \$149,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks were reduced \$51,000,000 at all reporting members and \$32,000,000 at reporting members in the New York district.

On a subsequent page—this is, on page 760—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.....	-\$71,000,000	+\$251,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+6,000,000	-19,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	-43,000,000	-29,000,000
All other.....	-34,000,000	+299,000,000
Investments, total.....	+22,000,000	+63,000,000
U. S. securities.....	+16,000,000	-194,000,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	+6,000,000	+257,000,000
Reserve balances with F. R. banks.....	-65,000,000	-42,000,000
Cash in vault.....	-3,000,000	-13,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	-149,000,000	-156,000,000
Time deposits.....	+10,000,000	+489,000,000
Government deposits.....	.....	-81,000,000
Total borrowings from F. R. banks.....	-51,000,000	-73,000,000

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

The Department of Commerce at Washington releases for publication to-day (Feb. 5) the following summary of conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and other means of communication:

**CANADA**

Wholesale trade is improving in Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg, but in most of the other centers it remains quiet. Retail business is fair throughout the Dominion. Ontario manufacturers of heavy machinery are said to be receiving numerous inquiries and their plants are moderately active. In the metal markets there is a hesitancy to buy in volume because of the feeling that price reductions may be made. The increasing imports of British woolen and worsted goods is being keenly felt by Canadian manufacturers. Imports during 1926 were more than 17% larger than in the previous year. The leather market is developing a firmer tone on account of the growing export demand; several large foreign buyers are now visiting Canada. The egg market was unsettled by the recent decline at Chicago, which has affected prices in Western Canada more than in the eastern part of the Dominion. The increased Customs valuation of American apples for duty purposes, effective January 24, adds 75 cents per box to the invoice prices of apples grown west of Chicago and imported into Canada from Chicago and points east.

**GREAT BRITAIN**

Orders for British coal for export are reported to have been placed by the Swedish and the Egyptian railways in the amounts of 80,000 tons and 100,000 tons, respectively and large prospective orders are said to be under negotiation. British coal production during the week ended January 15 amounted to 5,245,000 tons which was 4% below the output for the corresponding week of 1926.

**FRANCE**

A decree of January 21 authorizes the issue, beginning February 15, of 15-year, 7% Treasury bonds for the redemption of 6% Treasury bonds issued in 1922 totaling 4,380,000,000 francs and maturing in September of this year. The issue price of the new loan is 462.50 francs per nominal 500 francs bond. Another decree dated January 21 authorizes the issue of a loan of 150,000,000 Swiss francs for the use of the French State Railways. December production of pig iron was 827,000 metric tons and of steel ingots and castings 741,000. Total production for last year of pig iron and steel was 9,393,000 and 8,386,000 metric tons respectively.

**GERMANY**

Preliminary figures of German trade in 1926 show that imports totaled 10,565,000,000 marks and exports 9,884,000,000 marks. The unfavorable balance, therefore, is 681,000,000 marks, which is nevertheless a considerable improvement over 1925 when imports exceeded exports by more than 3,000,000,000 marks. The new government internal loan of 528,000,000 marks will be floated during the first week of February. Business conditions remain active, easy money conditions continue to prevail, and the stock market is once more rising.

**BELGIUM**

Belgian foreign trade in 1926 set a new record with exports only 15% below imports, as compared with an adverse balance of 18% in 1925. The foreign trade movement during the last quarter of 1926 was especially encouraging with a favorable balance of 3%. Total imports in 1926 were valued in round figures at 23,000,000,000 francs and exports at 19,500,000,000. Although the better trade showing is due partially to the British labor troubles, it has been achieved despite stabilization which occurred in October.

**ITALY**

The prediction that public subscription to the new loan would reach 3,000,000,000 lire has been confirmed. Recent improvement in security prices is being maintained. This upward tendency is attributable to the belief that further rise in lira exchange is improbable. Negotiations for the commercial treaty with Rumania have been begun.

**NORWAY**

The keynote of Norway's economic situation during January was uncertainty. The money market was as during the last few months, abnormally easy. The exchange rate fluctuated mildly. The development of a definite trend in the value of the crown was not apparent. Depression and commercial dullness dominate the industrial situation. Industries engaged in supplying the domestic market are still in an unsatisfactory position. Export industries are faring better so far as activity is concerned but the financial returns are so low that a satisfactory profit is not forthcoming. There are about 30,000 unemployed and the outlook in the labor market is becoming somewhat uncertain. Wage negotiations are being carried on in several industries. The summary budget proposal for 1927-28 balances at 384,000,000 crowns, as a result of drastically reduced expenditures. There are no new taxes in this proposal but neither are any of the present taxes reduced. It is apparent that the complete discontinuance of the gold supplement duty during 1927 is anticipated. Activity on the bourse decreased markedly and capital issues were much less than during November. The wholesale index is dropping rapidly.

**DENMARK**

Increased financial stability followed Denmark's return to the gold standard on January 1, 1927. This, together with a peaceful labor outlook, constitutes the chief favorable factor in the Danish economic situation. In general, conditions in the commercial and industrial field remain very dull and the immediate outlook can not be considered encouraging. It is now expected locally that statements regarding the "crisis" relief measures of the new Government will be submitted about February 15. There was no apparent pressure on the crown during January and the exchange rate remained very stable. The downward trend of wholesale prices continued and retail prices have followed the same course. Unemployment has been declining somewhat. A considerable number of important spring wage negotiations have been settled on the status quo basis. The adoption of protective measures by the Government has again been demanded by the footwear, textile and leather industries. The hoof and mouth disease has been practically extinguished. The production and exportation of agricultural products continue high.

**SWEDEN**

Business activity in Sweden increased considerably during December. The iron and steel industry, still in a very depressed state, is assuming a more favorable position due to increased domestic demand and augmented exports of ore to Germany. A seasonal lull occurred in the lumber industry but the general outlook is hopeful. Sales for future delivery are approaching 50% of the estimated output. Sweden's imports during December were valued at 147,521,000 crowns as against 142,424,000 crowns during November, and exports totaled 152,435,000 crowns and 138,458,000 crowns during these months, respectively. There was, therefore, a favorable balance of 4,914,000 crowns during December, while November trade resulted in an import surplus of about 4,000,000 crowns.

**FINLAND**

The port of Helsingfors was still open at the end of the first week in January and the port authorities claim that they will be able to keep it open throughout the winter. There is much heavy ice, but the ice breakers have been able to keep the lanes open without difficulty. The air service between Helsingfors and Reval is expected to resume daily flights very shortly. The retail trade over the end of the year was reported to be very large. Lumber sales for 1927 delivery continue very active and are considerably larger at the end of this year than usually.

**GREECE**

It is reported that the Government experts committee, now considering measures to improve the financial situation chiefly by reducing expenditures and by modifying tax collecting methods, will shortly complete their report. The Athens market shows no great activity because of the tightness of ready money. Industrial enterprises in general are reported to have suffered serious losses from the depres-

sion in the value of their stocks, the increase in workmen's wages, and the reduction in demand for manufactured products because of the scarcity of money. A number of bankruptcies are also reported. For the first time since the war, however, the cost of living index fell a few points at the close of the year. The Greek refugee indemnity bonds are showing considerable improvement in price, reaching 660 on January 28, as compared to 510 to 520 in the first week of January. This is reported due to the Government's acceptance of plans submitted by the Refugee Settlement Commission. Revised estimates of the 1926 tobacco production are somewhat higher than the earlier ones although the crop is still estimated as somewhat less than that of 1925. Considerable progress has been made by the Parliamentary committee in considering the revision in the Constitution.

#### EGYPT

Business conditions continue unsatisfactory because of the decline in the purchasing power of the small cotton cultivators who constitute the backbone of the population of the country. The market in general, however, shows no radical change and remains comparatively stable. It is believed in Egypt that the Government's intervention has helped to prevent further speculation on the cotton market. Importers are not optimistic as to the immediate future. It is expected locally that as a result of increasing agitation the present Parliament may take some action to bring about a general reduction in land rents. Alexandria bonded warehouse stocks of rice, flour, and coffee have shown a decline, while those of sugar and cereals have advanced. December crop reports, show weather conditions to be good and winter planting to have been satisfactorily completed. The Egyptian total foreign trade for 1926 amounted to \$262,000,000, imports, as compared to \$209,000,000, exports, showing an import surplus of \$53,000,000, which is almost wholly due to the 1926 fall in cotton prices.

#### SYRIA

There is increasing industrial activity in northern Syria. Wages are increasing in the textile trades and foreign trade in cotton goods has been more active. Export trade to southern Turkey has increased in spite of Customs difficulties. The Government's financial position is secure as 1926 revenues have exceeded expenditures. The tobacco monopoly concession is estimated to have produced a revenue of £ S. 600,000 (\$389,400) as compared to £ S. 325,000 (\$210,925) in 1925. The road construction program is being carried out and two suspension bridges over the Euphrates River are being built. Although the Pistachio nut harvest is carried on under favorable conditions the crop is, nevertheless, lower than the early estimates indicated.

#### PALESTINE

The winter sowing season was delayed, first by lack of rain, and then by exceptionally heavy rains. Most of the crops, however, are now progressing satisfactorily. Wheat prices increased because of the delayed sowing. Fruit and olive production promised to be exceptionally good this year, but some localities have suffered from attacks by the olive fruit fly. The Samaria olive crop is estimated at double that of last year. Vegetable crops are normal, but the tobacco crop is still on the strings and the market is inactive with few purchasers. The Indian corn (dura) was the best crop of the year in the north but poor in the south. Agricultural settlement is regarded to be progressing satisfactorily in spite of the handicap of a somewhat reduced agricultural budget.

#### SOUTH AFRICA

Trade in South Africa during January was quiet, due to the after Christmas buying depression, the taking of inventories, and business adjustment processes. The port Elizabeth wool market is firm and competition is active. Shipments of all types of wool to America are higher. New gas works are to be erected in Johannesburg, for which project the municipality is borrowing £300,000; other construction projects are reported. The Johannesburg broadcasting station has been placed in liquidation. A severe drought, the third serious one within a period of five years, has caused extensive stock and crop losses, but the situation has been checked by recent rains. The total value of all mineral production in South Africa during the calendar year 1926 is stated to be £58,481,000, which is over £4,250,000 greater than the 1925 valuation of these products.

#### JAPAN

With the exception of a slight improvement in textile exports, there was little change in business conditions in Japan during the week ended January 29. Silk prices remain low and there are no indications of a rally in the market. Japan's adverse trade balance up to January 20 shows an increase of over 100% compared with the same period last year.

#### CHINA

Business in North China at the end of January is chiefly concerned with the settlement of its accounts, in preparation for the Chinese New Year. The money market is easy and interest rates show no abnormal advance. Chinese New Year settlements at Shanghai are proceeding satisfactorily with no serious failures. Business houses are closing for the New Year, to reopen February 7. British banking houses at Hankow, the closing of which had seriously hampered the Yangtze trade, reopened for business January 24. Import business at present may be characterized as limited to small current requirements, due in part to the near approach of the Chinese New Year and in part to the uncertain political conditions surrounding Shanghai.

#### PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Business has improved somewhat from the quiet tone, prevailing since the beginning of the year, to moderately good trade activity. The copra market is slightly easier, with arrivals at Manila fairly good and all mills operating. Abaca trade has weakened, on account of smaller demand from foreign markets and increased production. The price tendency is downward. Sale of the government owned Cebu Cement Company, which was considered for several months past, has been definitely abandoned and the deposit returned to the prospective purchasers.

#### NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES.

Restrained optimism in business circles, with which the present year opened, continues and is reflected in conservative buying. The first few months of the year constitute the season between major crops and business is abnormally quiet. There are at present no unusual retarding influences, however, and general good feeling prevails.

#### INDIA

The piece goods market at Calcutta has shown an appreciable improvement since the first of the year, and dealers are optimistic for the future. Jute and hessians, however, have been dull. Rubber shares are moving well and money is easier. Currency bills were introduced into the legislature on January 25, and the Government announces

that those having to do with exchange and the rupee ratio will be pressed for final action at this session. A bill embodying the gold standard and reserve bank features is being circulated throughout India at present, in order to ascertain public opinion. It is thought in India, therefore, that action on this bill will not be taken until the September session of the legislature.

#### MEXICO

No change is noted in the generally depressed business situation which has existed in Mexico for some time. Domestic tanneries and shoe factories are operating on a 60% capacity. The cotton acreage during the present year has been considerably reduced. The acreage sown to wheat and garbanzos has been increased, and the prospects of these crops, as well as for alfalfa, are good. Production in the mining industry has been holding up fairly well, but petroleum production continues to decrease. Due to the reduction in drilling operations the oil companies are discharging a large number of their employes. The Mexican Government recently made a remittance to New York to cover the balance due on the service of the public debt for 1926, and also the interest on the general mortgage bonds of 1908 of the National Railways. Due to the scarcity of gold coin Mexican gold showed greater strength during the week ended January 29. Due to the rise in the value of gold, silver coins dropped to a discount of 12%.

#### WESTERN NICARAGUA

General business conditions improved somewhat during January in Managua and Granada, while other west coast cities suffered depression, due to the disturbed political conditions. Banks and merchants report payments more prompt in the above mentioned cities. The withdrawal of foreign credits to finance the coffee crop has resulted in increases in cordoba circulation. Importations show slight, if any, decrease in volume, and incoming consignments are being accepted rapidly. It is estimated locally that 225,000 quintals of coffee will be available for exportation. This figure is a reduction of 25,000 quintals over previous estimates. The sugar crop is estimated in Nicaragua at 225,000 quintals.

#### GUATEMALA

The lateness of the coffee crop and a decline in prices, together with the inactivity of the foreign market, have brought about unusually unfavorable conditions in the month of January. A large portion of the coffee crop is ready for shipment, but is being held for a more active market. The standard grades are quoted at one cent lower than in December and five cents lower than in January, 1926. The planters have not settled their accounts and, as a consequence, merchants are not meeting their drafts promptly. Banks are complaining of a shortage of American currency.

#### HONDURAS

The business outlook is reported as one of pessimism throughout the republic. Economic conditions in December and to date have been increasingly unfavorable. Banana shipments (the principal item of export along the north coast) were at a low level due to the seasonal buying depression in the United States and British markets. The exchange situation improved somewhat in southern Honduras.

#### SALVADOR

Although imports into Salvador during the month of January increased over December, merchants complained of the general inactivity in business transactions. This situation is probably due to the continued weak prices for coffee and lack of interest in the foreign markets. There were few shipments, owing to the subnormal demand from abroad and the lateness of the crop which will not be available for export until late in February.

#### PANAMA

The new treaty between Panama and the United States, together with a disappointing tourist trade, have been the underlying factors in the adverse business conditions which prevailed in Panama during January. There was a general lull in business following the holidays, with the exception of sales of automobile tires and construction materials. Banks report a decline in collections.

#### ARGENTINA

The exports movement in Argentina has reached its seasonal peak, and the prevailing impression is that improved business conditions will follow shortly, although the effect will probably be gradual in view of the abnormal conditions in the cattle market and low prices for export agricultural commodities.

Shipments of new wheat and linseed have been delayed en route to the seaboard because of congestion at storage and rail-collecting points occasioned by a large carry-over from last year's corn crop. The accumulation of corn resulted from unfavorable weather conditions during harvesting and a shortage of ocean tonnage to European ports because of the British coal strike.

Weather conditions have been favorable to the growing corn crop, which will be harvested in March. Harvesting operations of other cereals were somewhat hindered by rains in January, but no serious results are anticipated. The new wheat is of good quality and an exportable surplus of approximately 4,000,000 metric tons is expected in Argentina. European wheat stocks are low and Argentine farmers are pressed for money, so it is believed locally that the greater part of the crop will be marketed in the early part of the year. The flaxseed crop will be large, it is reported, but the quality is inferior to that of last year; the quantity available for export, including carry-over from last crop, is estimated at 1,650,000 metric tons.

Import lines have experienced the usual midsummer dullness, but, in view of favorable crop returns, the coming season is expected to be good.

The Argentine budget for 1927 has been passed by Congress; it provides for expenditures of 650,000,000 paper pesos (\$270,000,000) from general revenues and 23,000,000 paper pesos (\$9,550,000) from the national lottery proceeds. Authorization is included in the budget for a bond issue of 142,000,000 paper pesos (\$59,000,000) for consolidation of part of the floating debt of the State Railways and issues of 6% internal port works bonds totaling 140,000,000 paper pesos (\$58,100,000).

#### BRAZIL

General business conditions in Brazil showed little change in January, the expected improvement in all lines having failed of realization, although early improvement is still expected locally and conditions are somewhat better in many lines than last year. Most national industries, especially the textile industry, are operating satisfactorily due to low exchange. Producers of low grade cotton goods are again working full time and old stocks have been liquidated. In the Sao Paulo district many lines have been adversely affected by unfavorable weather conditions. General conditions in the money markets of Brazil are slightly easier. Rediscount rates at the Bank of Brazil are unchanged, but discount rates are slightly lower, being 9% for best paper in both



Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. Commercial failures have been less numerous than in past months.

Exchange has been steady, averaging 8,568 milreis to the dollar, which is slightly lower than the stabilization level. There was no marked change in export movements, coffee, sugar, and cotton maintaining about the same relative positions as for last month. The cost of living is rapidly increasing, due, primarily to the failure of prices to decrease during the past year of comparatively high exchange, and to the further price increases resulting from the recent weakening of exchange. Prices of practically all domestic products are increasing to the same extent as imported goods.

#### CHILE

Chilean business in general was characterized by quietness in January. A somewhat larger volume was transacted by retailers, because of the summer season, but purchases in wholesale and import lines was confined to goods for immediate requirements. Practically all manufacturing industries worked on reduced schedules. Recently reported annual balances show that the banks of the country are in excellent condition, and bank and trade collections are reported to be good, while commercial failures are not numerous and unimportant. The guarantee by the Nitrate Producers Association to repurchase from buyers all unsold stocks remaining on July 1, 1927, has greatly stimulated nitrate exports. Congress and the Chief Executive have agreed on the revised measure for the 1927 budget, as resubmitted to Congress last week. Congress is expected to remain in extra session throughout the summer. Harvesting of crops continues, but the wheat yield, as reported from the Santiago-Concepcion zone, is disappointing. Quietness characterized the import market in all lines.

#### PERU

The retail trade in Peru for the month of January was dull. Imports increased abnormally as a result of the rush of local merchants to import stocks of merchandise affected by the tariff advances prior to the effective date, January 1, 1927. The balance of the 1927 cotton crop was placed on the market following a slight rise in prices, which helped business in general. Estimates of the new cotton crop indicate a reduction in acreage planted. Exchange was quoted on January 30 at \$3.68 to the Peruvian pound compared with \$3.55 on December 24, 1926. The anticipated conversion of the \$12,000,000 reorganization loan has stimulated exchange, and representatives of several American banks are in Peru to bid for this loan. Congress adjourned on the 19th of January.

#### VENEZUELA

The volume of Venezuelan trade during January was below average, and bank collections were slow. The dry goods, hardware, machinery, and drug markets were dull, a condition apparently resulting from overstocks of merchandise. The trade in low-priced automobiles was good but sales of trucks and medium and high-priced cars were slow. The outlook for the agricultural implements trade is fair as the Government is endeavoring to arouse renewed interest in agriculture. Farmers are discouraged as a result of the severe drought that was experienced in the country in the early months of 1926 and the exodus of farm labor to the cities and petroleum fields. Crops of coffee and cacao, the two principal export commodities of the country, are reported to be smaller than usual and of poor quality. Stocks on hand at the various shipping points are low. The exports of petroleum from the Maracaibo region reached the large total of 36,000,000 barrels during 1926, as compared with 19,000,000 barrels in 1925.

#### BOLIVIA

Business conditions in Bolivia were fair in January, although no improvement took place over December. The demand for staple foodstuffs was the only activity in an otherwise quiet market. The average London quotation for tin was £300 per ton, with the market fluctuating. Exchange was steady, the average for January being 2.92 Bolivianos to the United States dollar compared with 2.95 for December. In the mining industry conditions were satisfactory and prospects appear good for the future.

#### URUGUAY

Some improvement was noted in Uruguayan business conditions during January, and prospects for continued betterment appear favorable for the next two months. Packing house operations and the wool market are active, and the agricultural situation continues excellent. The money market is quiet, and exchange holds steady. Uruguayan imports for 1926 totaled 73,271,000 gold pesos (tariff value, which is approximately 70% of the real value) a gain of over 832,000 when compared with 1925. Exports on the other hand declined from 98,727,000 pesos (real value in 1925) to 94,773,000 in 1926, a loss of 3,954,000 pesos. Uruguayan purchases from the United States increased over 2,000,000 pesos and its sales to this country decreased 830,000 pesos in the 12-month period.

#### CUBA

Little actual increase occurred in the business movement during January, but there is a general expectancy of greater future activity. The prospects for future business have stimulated negotiation and preparation. The improvement shows more plainly over the island than in Havana, as the effects of the depression have been felt more directly outside of the capital. Reports received from the interior indicate that collections are better, retail trade is improved and a much better feeling is in evidence. Foodstuffs are being distributed in heavier volume and the movement of building materials to the interior has shown a decided increase. Building in Havana is at a low ebb, except for the construction of small houses in the suburbs. Havana retail trade was maintained remarkably well during the depression and consequently it has not shown a notable response to the change in general conditions. Sugar prices have remained at profitable levels and the grinding of the crop is progressing favorably. The tobacco crop is expected in Cuba to be smaller than the very large crop of last year.

#### HAITI

The operations of the new tariff is benefiting Haiti, and stimulating the local industries. The first shipments of Haitian tomatoes and bell peppers sold at good prices in New York. The coffee crop is moving slowly at fair prices and the sugar yield is reported good. The sisal contract, permitting the development of up to 10,000 acres by American capital, has been approved by the Haitian government, and other American interests are investigating the possibilities of Haitian kapok. Depression is noted in the textile market and the automotive trade is slack. Warehouse construction is active. Government reports show a strong financial position.

#### JAMAICA

The outlook in the island is good. Leading exports during the month showed substantial increases, with the exception of coffee, the movement of which is practically over for this season. Imports are estimated to have increased 15% during the first 25 days of January. Re-

tail business has been dull since the cessation of holiday activities, and collections are slow. Bank deposits, however, are normal. There is progressive activity in construction, and the number of tourists during the first 25 days of January, 1927, was nearly double that of the same month of 1926.

#### BRITISH GUIANA

No improvement was evident in the unfavorable economic conditions in British Guiana in recent months. The severe drought that was experienced throughout the country from the beginning of September, 1925, to the end of May of 1926, seriously affected the rice and sugar crops and diamond production. A decrease in value of the exports of these commodities was noticeable. According to preliminary figures, imports for 1926 amounted to \$10,600,000, a decrease of \$700,000 as compared with the previous year; and exports totaled \$12,300,000, a decrease of \$2,000,000, as compared with 1925.

#### PORTO RICO

Although business conditions in Porto Rico during January were about at the same level as in the previous year the economic outlook is good. The credit situation is better and merchandise stocks normal. Collections are fairly prompt and improving. The trend of sugar prices is the center of interest, and it is expected locally that better prices will prevail in the near future. Nearly all the sugar mills are grinding and one new mill, "San Michel," is expected to start grinding in March. Recent heavy rains have somewhat reduced the yields, and drier weather is needed if the sucrose content is to be increased. New sheds are being erected for storing the tobacco crop which is progressing well although the excessive rains have hampered picking and the leaves contain an excessive amount of moisture. Coffee prices are firmer. Vegetable shipments to New York during the past winter have been heavier than in the previous year and grapefruit prices improved slightly with expectations of a still higher price level. Sea Island cotton demand and prices are still unsatisfactory.

### Sir Reginald McKenna of Midland Bank, Ltd., Compares Rigidity of Bank of England System With Elasticity of Federal Reserve System.

The workings of the Bank of England were contrasted with those of the Federal Reserve System in the United States by Sir Reginald McKenna, Chairman of the Midland Bank, Ltd., of London, in addressing the stockholders of the Midland Bank at the annual meeting on Jan. 28. Mr. McKenna, who was formerly Chancellor of the Exchequer, exploded a bombshell (we quote from the copyright account to the "Herald-Tribune") when he told the stockholders in almost as many words that the Bank of England, familiarly known as "The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street," is in fact an "old lady" in its methods of granting credits to industry. That the Bank of England's system must be modernized to meet trade requirements was the keynote of Mr. Kenna, whose standing as a financial authority in England is almost unrivalled. The paper quoted states that Mr. McKenna called for the re-establishment of the Bank of England on the same reserve basis as the Federal Reserve Bank and the recently constituted Reichsbank, "or, indeed, in accordance with any modern system." Among other things, the account also said:

He pointedly referred to the far greater elasticity of the Federal Reserve system of the United States as compared with England's central bank. To-night financial circles are busy speculating on whether or not the present visit of Montagu Norman, governor of the Bank of England, to New York may not be preliminary to a reform of the Bank of England on the model of the Federal Reserve Bank for which Mr. McKenna's startlingly outspoken speech was intended to pave a way.

Many hard things had been said before about the Bank of England, but this venerable institution never before was so roughly handled by a critic of Mr. McKenna's standing.

The following extract from Mr. Kenna's remarks in the Jan. 28 message (copyright) to the New York "Times":

"We have been working on a gold standard for nearly two years and except for the rigidity of the Bank of England system there is nothing now to prevent the same response being given to growing trade demands in this country as has been given in America. It may be argued that if the Bank of England were to buy or lend more freely, thus increasing bank cash and enabling banks to grant additional accommodation to industry, we should have no absolute assurance this step would be followed by greater production. If it were not an expansion it would be in the nature of a sure inflation.

"Admit the risk. But what reason is there for supposing production would not be stimulated as it was in the United States in the Autumn of 1921 and at intervals since that time when exactly this policy was pursued.

"In the United States credit can readily be expanded to meet trade requirements more or less regardless of the movement of gold, while with us such movements are guiding factors, and the explanation of the difference is to be found in a far greater elasticity of the Federal Reserve System, compared to our own central bank.

"The American system has been framed to suit modern conditions, and in fixing reserve requirements the development of deposit banking has been duly recognized. On the other hand, the Bank of England continues to operate under an act of 1844, and as a consequence, though it hold £15,000,000 in gold, its reserve against deposit liabilities is only £34,000,000.

"This reserve, susceptible as it is to foreign demands for gold, is insufficient to permit our own market operations with a view to increasing the volume of credit on anything more than quite a small scale. Its diminutive size does not allow the same freedom of policy as enjoyed by the Federal Reserve Bank in order fully to occupy our people and give the volume of commodities which the unemployed and new recruits to labor would produce."

An Associated Press account (from London) of the reception of Mr. McKenna's declarations appeared as follows in the New York "Evening Post" of Jan. 29:

Who shall decide when bankers disagree?

This is a question suggested by a comparison between the statement of Reginald McKenna, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, that the Bank of England should be placed on a basis somewhat similar to that of the Federal Reserve Bank in the United States, and the argument put forward recently by Frank Goodenough, chairman of Barclays Bank, that the American system, although successful in the United States, probably would not suit the conditions existing in Great Britain. The former Chancellor, who was speaking before the annual meeting of the London Joint City and Midland Bank, of which he is chairman, made a comparison himself—between the prosperity of the United States and the depression in England. To overcome this he was in favor of a sort of inflation, to take the form of greater facilities for trade and improvement and bank credits. It was his opinion, however, that before any radical changes are determined upon there should be a searching investigation by experts.

#### *Modification Called Inevitable.*

Coming from such a high authority, Mr. McKenna's remarks were found to awaken special interest and they draw comment from the whole press. The gist of most of the comment appears to be summed up in the statement of one newspaper that the "expert consideration of the theoretical basis and practical technique of the British credit and currency system," which Mr. McKenna advocates, would be advantageous, particularly as to the impending fusion of Treasury notes and Bank of England notes seems to make inevitable some modification of the bank act.

Notwithstanding this conclusion, however, financial commentators point out that conditions in the United States differ widely from those here, and dwell on these differences at considerable length.

#### *Bank Act of 1844 Seen as Obsolete.*

The London Times, while believing that England's bankers more generally agree with Mr. Goodenough, says that Mr. McKenna's statement amounts to an assertion that the bank act of 1844 is obsolete, and admits that many thoughtful persons share the former Chancellor's views.

Therefore, the paper thinks an inquiry, if conducted in a free, unprejudiced atmosphere, would contribute to a better understanding of the problems involved.

In copyright advices to the "Post" on Jan. 28 its London correspondent made the following observations:

His (Mr. McKenna's) speech will be severely criticized in sound financial circles as favoring more of political expediency than of sound banking. The cardinal error was his complete failure to recognize the entire difference between American conditions and ours, also his failure to recognize many of the obvious causes of Britain's depression distinct from our money policy.

McKenna never mentioned, for example, that in the years selected the United States was saturated with gold and had a favorable exchange, while Great Britain's bank reserve proportion was frequently 12%, against pre-war level of 50%. American exchange was under \$4 and her commodity price level about 45% above pre-war, against our 140%.

In his eagerness to make out a case against the monetary policy all these points, and also our labor restrictions were entirely ignored by McKenna, thus crippling the effectiveness of his speech which included a plea for a reconsideration of our banking and currency system.

### **British Incorporate Estates to Escape Supertax.**

Associated Press cablegrams from London Feb. 2 said:

Eight English dukes, four marquises, a dozen earls and many wealthy persons who claim no title have now become "incorporated." In other words, they have transferred their properties to limited liability companies whereby they are enabled to divide up their estates more readily among their heirs and avoid payment of the supertax on their "savings" and on sums spent for improvements.

Limited liability companies in England are free from the supertax, which hits individuals with incomes exceeding £12,000 a year at the rate of 6 shillings on the pound. This is equivalent to 30%.

### **Latvia Fixes Legal Rate of Interest on Loans at 12%.**

According to advices to the Department of Commerce from Commercial Attache C. J. Mayer, at Riga, the legal rate of interest has been fixed (effective Jan. 1) at 12% by the Government of Latvia. The advices from Riga were announced as follows at Washington on Feb. 2:

According to the new regulations, the legal interest rate for any kind of loans and for any business transactions, the economic object of which is a loan, is 12%.

All charges made beyond the stipulated limit, regardless of their qualification (provision, commission, porto, coercive deposits, remuneration for various services rendered), are not considered binding, and if already paid, they are subject to reimbursement.

For bills payable elsewhere than the residence of the holder it is permissible to make an extra charge equivalent to actual collection expenses, but in no case more than 1/2 of 1% of the amount of the bill.

Interest which has been paid in advance, before the enforcement of these regulations, for a period not exceeding six months, is not to be refunded, regardless of its amount, except in cases of usury where reimbursement is ordered by the court.

### **British Proposals for Settlement of Chinese Problem—Statement by Sir Austen Chamberlain in Speech at Birmingham, England.**

The first authoritative statement of Great Britain's policy for the settlement of the Chinese problem since the British memorandum was issued last December, was made by Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, in a long speech devoted exclusively to that subject at Birmingham, England, on Jan. 29. The Foreign Secretary then announced that Great Britain was prepared to give up her concessions in China, recognize Chinese courts and make British subjects liable to pay the regular Chinese taxation. This

declaration of policy by Sir Austen Chamberlain was followed on Feb. 2 with official publication of the text of British proposals in accordance therewith handed to the rival Chinese Governments at Hankow and Peking. Both the speech as cabled to the Associated Press and the text of the proposals are given hereunder. According to the latest advices, the proposals were on the point of being accepted by the Nationalist (Cantonese) Government on Feb. 1 when the negotiations were suddenly stopped by Eugene Chen, the Cantonese Foreign Minister, with a demand that the British first must cease their concentration of troops in China. The negotiations, however, were not broken off, it has been announced at London.

In a long speech devoted entirely to Chinese relations Sir Austen declared that Great Britain was prepared for a change in all points desired by China—extraterritoriality, the tariff and the quasi-independent status of the concessions. On all these points the present system, he contended, was antiquated, unsuited to modern conditions and no longer afforded protection to British merchants.

#### *Will Recognize Native Courts.*

The much-discussed proposals which Charge O'Malley had presented to the Cantonese Foreign Minister at Hankow, the Foreign Secretary said, included recognition of modern Chinese law courts without the attendance of British officials as competent courts for causes brought by British complainants. The British government, he added, was ready to apply to British courts in China existing modern Chinese civil and commercial codes and duly enacted subordinate legislation.

"We will go further than this," the Secretary continued, "as soon as all the Chinese codes and judicial administration are ready. We are prepared to make British subjects liable to pay the regular Chinese taxation not involving discrimination against British subjects or goods.

"This would include taxation levied under a national tariff when such a law was promulgated and so far as we alone can effect such an object this removes the last obstacle to full tariff autonomy.

#### *Goes Further Than Half Way.*

"As regards the concessions, we are prepared to enter into local arrangements according to the particular circumstances of each port, either for the amalgamation of the administration with that of adjacent areas under Chinese control or for some other method of handing over the administration to the Chinese while securing to the British community some voice in municipal matters.

"You will see that we go much further than half way. But I am certain that it is the right and wise course to take. I am thinking not of the inconvenience of the moment but of our relations with China for the next 100 years.

"These proposals can be put into force by the unilateral action of the British government. For the moment there can be no new treaty, for a treaty can only be signed with a recognized government and we cannot yet recognize any government as the government of the whole China.

"We cannot recognize Canton as the government of China only, for this would be to recognize the division of China, which every Chinese, whatever his party, would resent. We cannot recognize the claim of Canton to be the government of the whole of China, for this would not be in accordance with the facts, for Canton controls hardly a third of China. The Chinese themselves must decide the question, and foreign recognition must conform to the realities of the situation."

The Secretary admitted that the anti-British policy of the Cantonese was an additional difficulty in dealing with them, and discussed at length the reasons why Great Britain was singled out for this attack. He protested that the so-called opium war, which had opened China to foreign trade, was no more an opium war than the American War of Independence was a tea war. Declaring that alien influences did not hesitate to preach to the Chinese that the British were more responsible than any other people for Chinese woes, Sir Austen said that undoubtedly the anti-British cry was the most dangerous factor in the present situation.

Proceeding to outline recent events at Hankow, he characterized the seizure of the British concession as an outrageous and unjustifiable attack on the long-established rights of a peaceful British community, and, combined with a similar outrage at Kiukiang, proved there was no guaranty of safety for British lives under the authority of the Cantonese government in the present revolutionary state of affairs.

He argued that, while it was comparatively easy to induce the few British residents to leave Hankow, it would not be so easy from Shanghai; hence, while he did not desire to assume that there would be bloodshed at Shanghai, it would be a dereliction of duty if the British government failed to take proper precautions.

Emphasizing that the defense force was non-aggressive, Sir Austen added: "I hope no occasion will arise for its use. There is no intention on our part to hold Shanghai if we can obtain satisfactory assurances that what has happened in Hankow will not be repeated at Shanghai."

He heartily reciprocated the expressed desire of Eugene Chen, the Cantonese Foreign Minister, for a settlement of the treaty and other questions on a basis of economical equality and respect for each other's political and territorial sovereignty. He therefore desired to say nothing to make a friendly settlement more difficult; but preferred to look for what he hoped would be a happier future.

The text of the proposals given out at London follows:

1. His Majesty's Government is prepared to recognize the modern Chinese law courts as competent courts for cases brought by British plaintiffs and to waive the right of attendance of a British representative at the hearing of such cases.
2. His Majesty's Government is prepared to recognize the validity of a reasonable Chinese nationality law.
3. His Majesty's Government is prepared to apply, so far as practicable, in the British courts in China modern Chinese civil and commercial codes, apart from procedure codes and those affecting personal status, and the duly enacted subordinate legislation as and when such laws and regulations are promulgated and enforced in the Chinese courts and on Chinese citizens throughout China.
4. His Majesty's Government is prepared to make British subjects in China liable to pay such regular and legal Chinese taxation, not involving discrimination against British subjects or British goods, as is in fact imposed on and paid by Chinese citizens throughout China.
5. His Majesty's Government is prepared, as soon as a revised Chinese penal code is promulgated and applied to Chinese courts, to consider its application to British courts in China.

6. His Majesty's Government is prepared to discuss and enter into arrangements, according to the particular circumstances at each port concerned, for modification of the municipal administration of the British concessions so as to bring them into line with the administration set up in former concessions, or for their amalgamation with former concessions now under Chinese control, or for the transfer of police control of the concession areas to the Chinese authorities.

7. His Majesty's Government is prepared to accept the principle that British missionaries should no longer claim the right to purchase land in the interior, that Chinese converts should look to Chinese law and not to the treaties for protection, and that missionary, educational and medical institutions conform to Chinese law and the regulations applying to similar Chinese institutions.

When communicating these proposals to Eugene Chen, the Cantonese Foreign Minister, Owen O'Malley, the British Chargé d'Affaires, prefaced them as follows:

"When a satisfactory settlement has been reached with respect to the British concessions at Hankow and Kiukiang, and when assurances are given by the Nationalist Government that they will not countenance any alteration except by negotiation of the status of the British concession and the international settlements, his Majesty's Government will be prepared to concede at once along the lines indicated in the enclosure hereto part of what is desired of them by the Chinese Nationalist Party. So liberal and generous a step cannot, in their view, be regarded otherwise than an earnest of the fair and conciliatory spirit with which they are animated."

### Inter-Allied Arms Control Commission Leaves Germany —Work of Enforcing Disarmament Passes to League of Nations.

The Inter-Allied Military Control Commission, after officiating seven years under the provisions of the Versailles Treaty regarding the disarmament of Germany, ended its work on Feb. 1 and the League of Nations succeeded to it. The Paris correspondent of the New York "Evening Post" on the following day, cabling that the accords had reached the Council of Ambassadors sitting there, briefly summarized the terms and conditions as follows:

The Allies' unconditional demands for the demolition of fortresses in East Prussia, near the Polish frontier, and specific orders regarding the manufacture of munitions have prevailed. The Council of the League of Nations will assume responsibility for the interpretation of the Versailles Treaty's disarmament clauses, and henceforth the League will be the watchdog of the old Central Empire. The Allied Military Control Commission, as set up by the Council of Ambassadors, is suppressed. Marshal Foch, however, will be virtually the judge of Germany's armaments, inasmuch as one of his best friends, General Baroatier, will head the League's Commission of Investigation in Germany.

The points of the agreement are: First, the establishment of a frontier zone between Germany and Poland, in which no forts, gun bases or trenches can be constructed and in which only those built prior to 1920 will be tolerated; second, an agreement concerning the works to be demolished; third, special provisions on maintenance work in existing forts along the terms of the peace treaty; fourth, a formal declaration on the part of Germany to engage in no construction work on forts, shelters, bases or trenches other than those specifically mentioned; fifth, the Reich engages to vote a bill prohibiting the importation or exportation of war materials and their manufacture for exportation.

The occasion was the subject of the following discussion by the Paris Correspondent of the New York "Times," cabling to his paper on Feb. 1:

Feb. 1, 1927, is a date which will be written often in the history of the next few decades, for today the Allies gave up their effort to control the military equipment of Germany. For the sake of the policy of conciliation, they agreed to consider Germany as up to date in execution of the military clauses of the Treaty of Versailles, and henceforth it is up to the League of Nations to see that Germany does not arm again.

Certainly there is no one foolish enough to say that Germany now could put into the field only the army of 100,000 men allowed by the treaty. She could put three times as many into action in ten days, and that the Allies know full well. One is forced to the conclusion, then, that the Allies have largely admitted the impossibility of holding a nation of 60,000,000 to an army of 100,000.

#### German Army Budget Equals French.

And it is interesting to note that for that technical 100,000 the German budget this year carries about the same appropriation as France is spending for an army of 600,000. There is a difference between prices in the two countries, but not that much difference. And allied control ceases on the day there comes into power a German Government depending on the Nationalists of the Reich.

He would be an unreasoning optimist who believed the League of Nations was going to control Germany militarily, as the Allies tried to do. The Allied Commission of Control ceases business today and in reality the military control of Germany ends. In future League members may call the Council's attention to the armament of Germany, and there is a League commission in control, but no more will German armament makers be up against groups of allied officers exploring the secrets of their factories and dye works.

It had been arranged at Geneva on Dec. 12 that allied military control should cease Feb. 1 and pass to the League of Nations. It had also been agreed that if the Allies and Germany could not agree on outstanding issues by that date they would go to the Council of the League. The meetings of the Allied Military Commission and the Conference of Ambassadors up to midnight failed to agree, but this morning new instructions were received from Berlin by the German delegates and shortly after midday it was announced that an agreement had been reached.

There are two outstanding points: First, German trade in arms and, secondly, Germany's new fortifications built along her eastern frontier. By a compromise Germany agrees to destroy the forts built since 1920 and the Allies allow her to keep others. The Reich agrees to build no more fortifications in a zone to be delineated, this applying to the Koenigsberg Kustrin and Glogau districts. Further, Germany gives her word that there will be no more forts than are listed, which include a series discovered quite by accident some months ago.

#### German Trade in Arms.

As for the arms trade, Germany agrees once more that import and export of arms as well as manufacture thereof for export shall be forbidden in the Reich, and she furthermore agrees there shall be no manufacture or commerce in arms for interior use. Then follows a long list of what are construed to be arms.

The report of Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech follows:

The Berlin Government pledges itself to obtain passage by the Reichstag as soon as possible of a law putting this agreement into effect. Inasmuch as the League will lack the machinery to keep watch on all corners of Germany this arrangement has a value commensurate with the reliance one places in Germany's promise, and she had already in the Versailles Treaty promised what she promised again today. It is not difficult to see that there is doubt in the minds of many Frenchmen. Those who favor Foreign Minister Briand's policy of conciliation say that inasmuch as the Allies could not control Germany's military equipment in all details it was just as well to take the step, which should remove causes of irritation. Naturally the Nationalists take the opposite view and accuse M. Briand of sacrificing the security of France. They quote the words of General Morgan, formerly of the Control Commission, that Germany could make equipment in twelve months for a large army, and that without its being discovered.

The Liberte says Germany ought to be proud of the constant revision of the Treaty of Versailles and adds: "Naturally enough, when they saw Hindenburg, who figured in the list of war guilty, sign the Locarno compact with the shout of 'Glory Hallelujah,' who could blame them for thinking they could get away with anything?" The Temps says the Germans have never been honest about the military clauses and will not be honest about today's agreement. The Temps laments the concession of the suppression of control made by France to favor the Left Government in Germany, whereas it is a Right Government which benefits. This paper is especially worried that Defense Minister Gessler now has his task made easier in rebuilding the German army since the allied inspectors today leave Germany. The Journal des Debats says: "The Covenant and treaties of Locarno give the League sufficient powers to denounce and forestall menaces to peace. It depends on how the League uses its powers whether it justifies its existence or should disappear."

#### A Political Sacrifice.

If it be true that the Allies give up powers they could not enforce, it is also true that they have given up a position where, in the analysis, they could take summary action, which is now impracticable. That is a political sacrifice and the Germans see it, for, as the Berliner Tageblatt says today, henceforth the Allied Ambassadors may call Germany's attention to an alleged default, but Germany does not have to answer them—she will answer only to Geneva. And Germany and her friends sit in the League. They did not sit in the Conference of Ambassadors. In other words, today's developments conduce to peace if Germany lives up to her new obligations better than she lived up to her old ones. If, on the other hand, the Reich uses its new and better opportunity to build up another big army, today's developments may conduce in the opposite direction.

One can scarcely resist remarking that the Treaty of Versailles was divided into three parts, territorial, military and financial. The financial part was revised in the Dawes plan. Today the military clauses are revised. There remains before Germany revision of the territorial clauses. And who doubts that vision guides her statesmen now?

#### \$3,000,000 Hungarian Credit.

The following is from the "Sun" of last night (Feb. 4):

The Hungarian Central Mortgage Credit Institution has sold to Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co., an issue of \$3,000,000 ten year 7% agricultural bonds, offering of which will be made within a few days.

#### J. E. Sterrett, Retired Member of Dawes Committee, Arrives in United States—Sees European Progress.

Joseph E. Sterrett, who resigned, effective Jan. 15, as American member of the Transfer Committee under the Dawes Reparation plan, arrived in New York on the North German Lloyd liner Columbus on Jan. 24 accompanied by Mrs. Sterrett and his son. Mr. Sterrett will resume his connection with Price, Waterhouse & Co., in which he was a partner before his appointment to the Transfer Committee in 1924. Just before their departure from Europe the German Government bestowed on Mr. and Mrs. Sterrett the order of the German Red Cross. As was noted in these columns Dec. 11 (page 2994), Mr. Sterrett has been succeeded on the Transfer Committee by Pierre Jay, of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. According to Mr. Sterrett, "Europe is making progress in political, economic and social stabilization." He is also reported as saying:

This fact must be apparent to any one who compares the conditions which existed three years ago in the countries recently at war, with those of the present. Everywhere it is at last recognized that the war is over and that peaceful co-operation will prove more productive than force. In bringing about this change there have been many factors at work, but none has been more important than the Dawes plan. The reparation problem had reached a point where it was poisoning the international relations between ex-enemy countries, and was rapidly bringing ruin to all. The adoption of the Dawes plan substituted a definite program for uncertainty and, what was equally important, it took the reparation problem out of politics and allowed the nations involved to approach their other mutual problems in a kindlier spirit. That they have developed leaders and have courageously faced these other problems we have the witness of Locarno and Geneva, and there is also the promise of Thoirry—all within two years.

In economic and other fields the advances are not less marked. That the Dawes plan has been and is a success is due in the first place to the soundness of the principles upon which it is based. It had to do with a highly controversial subject and at a time when it was exceedingly difficult to forecast the future. The plan did not attempt a final solution of the reparation problem but it provided for the immediate future so that time with its healing processes, might bring the plan to fruition through a more complete settlement, which it is not unreasonable to expect may be realized in the not distant future.



With reference to this "indirect financing" the New York "Times" in its issue of Feb. 3, stated:

Indirect financing for French interests through transactions which do not come under the ban against loans to countries which have not funded their debts to the United States has reached considerable proportions, it was learned yesterday. These operations have come about through the demand in this country for European securities, which have reached their highest price levels on record.

The purchase by American bankers of a block of City of Paris bonds recently issued in Holland was typical of several transactions put through in the last few weeks. The American bankers obtained the original underwriters' terms on the bonds, buying them from Dutch bankers. Then they sold the bonds privately, mostly to their friends. In this way American bankers were not placed in the position of making direct loans to France or any of her industries or municipalities while the debt situation was unsettled. Also, there was no public offering of this class of financing is understood to be under negotiation in Paris, though the amounts are moderate.

#### Other Securities Taken Here.

The extent of the demand in this country for French securities was illustrated recently when bankers here accumulated a large stock of old City of Paris bonds in the market and made a public offering of them, which was promptly subscribed. There are also said to have been considerable purchases of the French railway loan floated in Europe last year.

French dollar bonds traded in on the New York Stock Exchange have risen to record prices recently, mainly because of the improved financial and economic conditions in France.

The indirect French financing is only an incidental part of the search by American bankers in Europe for new bond issues to bring out in the unprecedented market here. Despite the sale this week of three important foreign loans aggregating \$66,500,000, negotiations are being pushed for several new issues, none for less than \$10,000,000. At least three, and probably more, American banking houses are discussing with Budapest the possibility of a loan of \$20,000,000, and Poland is expected to obtain a large loan shortly. Competitive bids are being made by Wall Street houses for several other issues in Europe and South America.

From the "Journal of Commerce" we quote in part from Washington advices of Feb. 3 the following:

Two weeks ago the official spokesman for President Coolidge stated that the President believes that it is a citizen's right to invest his money as he pleases with as little interference as possible on the part of the Government and that it would not interfere unless such investments should prove to be to the disadvantage of the country as a whole. He pointed out at that time that there are contingencies when for the protection of the citizens of this country it would seem wise to exercise some supervision over investments in the foreign field and over foreign loans floated here, such as when there is a threat of foreign monopolies or in case there should be insufficient funds in this country so that the sending of considerable funds abroad would not be warranted.

#### French Objections Cease.

The attitude of both the President and Secretary Mellon is anything but discouraging to the flotation of foreign loans here and it is very unlikely that the Administration now would interpose an objection to the public offering of French security.

Indications of a relinquishment of the ban on loans to foreign nations which have not funded their debts to the country are believed to be becoming evident as a result of the conviction of Administration officials that the ban has not been an effectual influence upon foreign governments in the funding of their debts.

France, for instance, has been improving her position steadily despite the loan ban, and, although Secretary Mellon today had not learned the reason for the change in the discount rate of the Bank of France from 6 to 5½%, he was of the opinion that the reduction was in line with the general improvement of financial conditions in France. He believes that the situation in France is evidenced by the present position of the franc.

Despite the fact that the tendency of the money market has been unmistakably downward, Secretary Mellon sees no effect on Federal Reserve rates as a result of the change in the rediscount rate of the Bank of France.

#### City of Paris (France) Loan Arranged in Holland and Switzerland.

The following is from the New York "Evening Post" of Feb. 1:

The City of Paris has borrowed 28,000,000 guilders in Holland and Switzerland. The new bonds are twenty-year 7s offered at 95½. The portion of the loan offered in Amsterdam amounted to 20,000,000 guilders and the Swiss share was 8,000,000 guilders.

#### 32% Bank of France Dividend Distribution Sets a New Record, Exceeding 1925 by 2%—Shares Take Market Lead.

The "Wall Street Journal" on Jan. 27 reported the following from its Paris office:

Bank of France declared a dividend of 32% net, a new record, against 30% paid for 1925. Shares of 1,000 francs jumped 755 points to 13,200 on Wednesday, leading a general advance in bank shares with foreign purchasing.

The governor's report remarks that three-quarters of the circulation continues backed by the state's guarantee only, and so long as this circulation remains, the franc will continue to be exposed to the dangers of change in public mood and speculative maneuvers.

#### Federal Reserve Bank of New York Receives Interest Instalment Due on French Debt.

In its issue of Feb. 2 the "Wall Street Journal" announced the following from its Washington bureau:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York Tuesday reported to Treasury receipt of \$10,000,000 from the government of France as semi-annual instalment of interest on the \$400,000,000 so-called commercial debt of

France to the United States. France has been paying interest at 5% on obligation representing supplies purchased after the war, despite failure so far of a final conclusion of the war debt proper.

#### France Suspends Further Issues of Treasury Bonds.

In a copyright cablegram Feb. 2 from Paris, the New York "Times" stated:

A decree of the Ministry of Finance suspending further issue of ordinary Treasury bonds will go into effect on Friday. This, following the recent suppression of the six-month national defense bonds, is regarded as another proof that France is on the road to financial health and stability.

Former Finance Minister Clementel was elected today as President of the Senate Finance Commission, which includes among newly added members another former Finance Minister, M. Caillaux.

#### Gold Shipments from France.

In addition to the gold shipments from France, noted in our issue of a week ago (page 586), a further shipment was reported in the New York "Times" of Feb. 3 as follows:

The fourth shipment of gold to arrive in this country from France in the last few weeks came in last evening on the French liner Paris. It totaled 97,000,000 francs, or about \$4,000,000. With earlier shipments which arrived on the last trip of the same vessel, on the Rochambeau and on the France, amounting to a little more than \$14,000,000, this brings the total which has arrived in the country up to nearly \$19,000,000.

Like previous shipments, it was consigned to the American Exchange Irving Trust Co. It arrived too late to be taken to the vaults of the Federal Reserve bank where it will be stored, and remained overnight on the liner.

#### Premier Poincare Denies Plans for Franc—Puts Political Stabilization Before Financial.

The following Associated Press advices from Paris yesterday (Feb. 4) are from the "Sun":

Premier Poincare put an end to all hopes or fears of immediate stabilization of the franc when he told the Chamber of Deputies to-day that such action would be too dangerous.

"I have been accused of wishing to insure my political situation by not stabilizing the franc," he said. "I am ready to yield my place to the man who will stabilize it, but there is too much danger at present, and we must first insure financial rehabilitation."

He emphasized that there would be no legal stabilization until political stability was assured. The hard times crisis confronting France since the franc was saved will be a passing one, the Premier predicted, but he warned the Chamber that the country would have to swallow a good deal of unpleasant medicine before its recovery was complete.

Successive inflations had brought on the crisis, he asserted, remarking that Frenchmen no longer had the traditional desire to save.

#### 3,000,000 Italians Respond to Loan Appeal—3,150,000,000 Lire Subscribed.

Success beyond all expectations of the Italian lictoral loan was the keynote of a report made by Count Volpi, Fascist Minister of Finance, to Premier Mussolini, says Associated Press accounts from Rome (Feb. 2), which add:

Three million Italians thus far have subscribed 3,150,000,000 lire. This is exclusive of subscriptions made abroad and the end is not yet, for prospective subscribers have until March 31 to do their bit in helping the Treasury to bring the lira back to its pre-war value.

"This is ample proof," assets Count Volpi, "of the importance of the financial operation, as well as of the confidence of the subscribers and the popularity of the loan."

Two hundred subscriptions of more than 100,000 lire, 2,000 of between 50,000 and 100,000 lire, and 5,000 between 25,000 and 50,000 lire were received by the Treasury. Short-term Treasury bondholders converted 20,353,000 lire into loan certificates. Conversion was compulsory.

The Minister of Finance also pointed out that the public debt decreased by 6,824,000,000 lire during the last six months of 1926 as compared with the previous six months, but shows an actual increase of 486,000,000 lire which, Count Volpi predicts, will be covered by loan subscriptions from abroad.

Circulation has not increased on account of the loan.

#### Germany to Float Internal Loan—Government Offers 500,000,000 Marks in 25-Year 5% Bonds at 92.

The proposal of Germany to float an internal loan was detailed as follows in a cablegram from Berlin Jan. 25 (copyright) to the New York "Times":

The German Government will float an internal loan of 500,000,000 marks in 5% twenty-five-year bonds, it was officially announced today by Herr Reinhold, Minister of Finance. The money will be used to balance the 1927 budget, it being foreseen that the Reich's income through taxes, duties and other sources of revenue will lack this amount of covering the estimated expenses, totaling more than 10,000,000,000 marks, including increased Dawes plan reparations payments.

Of these bonds, 300,000,000 will be taken over by banking concerns through the Reichsbank. The remaining 200,000,000, the greater part of which has already been subscribed, will be issued with a nine-month non-sales obligation. The bonds will be placed on the market from Feb. 3 to 11 at 92. They are unredeemable before 1934 and will be retired within twenty-five years thereafter at par. Steps will be taken immediately to place the bonds on the German Stock Exchange and fix the discount rate at the Reichsbank.

Herr Reinhold explains that the Reichstag, through its approval of the 1926 extraordinary budget amounting to 940,000,000 marks, empowered him to make a loan of that amount on condition that the Treasury be permitted to delay it until the Reichsbank discount rate had been reduced and the fluidity of money warranted the step. Although the present interim Cabinet will likely be replaced by a new Government within a couple of days, Herr Reinhold felt that no time should be lost in putting through the loan, not as a means of filling present Treasury

needs, but to provide for the shortage which is predicted in the coming year's budget.

The Minister explains that he saved the taxpayers large sums by being able to postpone the loan until the discount rate had dropped from 7 to 5%. Herr Reinhold gives as another reason for floating the loan at the present time his belief that private industry will need large loans in the near future, which will be followed by a period of tight money, when a national internal loan would be more difficult.

The *Boersen Courier* differs with Herr Reinhold's view as to the advisability of hurrying the loan through at the present time. It is pointed out that the Treasury at the end of November contained 163,000,000 marks surplus, with an additional 400,000,000 surplus from last year, which, with the income of the last quarter of the fiscal year undoubtedly will cover the extraordinary budget demands. The *Courier* fails to see in what manner Herr Reinhold's step will aid either the Government or industry.

Referring to the surprise in German financial circles occasioned by the low interest rate of 5% which the new loan is to bear, even though the issue price is 92, the Berlin correspondent of the "Times" on Jan. 30 said in a copyright message:

Since the Government has the Reichstag's sanction to borrow 940,000,000, the smallness of the issue indicates that the 5% rate is officially regarded as a doubtful experiment.

General opinion is that the interest yield, which works out at 5.43% less income tax in reichsmarks, will not attract foreigners at a time when some European dollar loans yield well over 7% tax free. The loan will materially increase the republic's debt, which, including the Dawes loan, stood at 2,196,000,000 marks at the end of 1926.

#### Kingdom of Norway 6% Internal Bonds 1921-1931 Called For Redemption.

The Guaranty Trust Company of New York, as depository, announced Jan. 28 that it has been informed that the entire outstanding issue of Kingdom of Norway 6% internal loan 1921-1931 bonds has been called for redemption on April 1, 1927, at par and accrued interest to the date of redemption; and notice has been given by the depository that all their deposit certificates are likewise called for redemption on the same date at their principal amount and accrued interest to the date of redemption. Holders of deposit certificates may present them for redemption to the Guaranty Trust Company at its Corporate Trust Department, on and after April 1, 1927, with Interest Warrants due October 1, 1927 and subsequent attached. Interest Warrants due April 1, 1927 are to be detached and presented for payment in the usual manner. Warrants due after April 1, 1927 shall be null and void.

#### Banker Before United States Senate Committee Tells of Loan to President Diaz—American Capitalist Sought Control of Railway, It Is Also Testified.

The following is from the *United States Daily* of Jan. 29:

Although incorporated under laws of the State of Maine, the Bank of Nicaragua and the Nicaraguan Railroad are owned by the Republic of Nicaragua, Dr. Joseph L. Medina, of New York, a director of the bank and president of the railroad, told a special sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. The hearing at which Dr. Medina testified was conducted by Senator Shipstead (Farmer-Labor), Minnesota, in pursuance of his resolution (Senate Resolution No. 15) against commitment of American forces for the collection of financial obligations due from foreign governments.

The Nicaraguan bank and railroad pay taxes to the United States. Both have sought for some time to obtain charters under the laws of Nicaragua in order to escape these taxes, said Dr. Medina.

The president of the Nicaraguan railroad, like Dr. Tejerino, former financial agent of the Nicaraguan government under President Solorzano, testified that 51% of the stock of the railroad, one day after Diaz became president, was pledged to the bank as collateral for a \$300,000 loan to Diaz. He estimated the road's value at \$4,000,000.

At that time, said Dr. Medina, Frederick Straus, New York banker, was President of the railroad, and R. F. Loree, Vice-president of the Guaranty Trust Co., was President of the Bank of Nicaragua.

Philip Moffat, former American Consul at Bluefields and Managua, testified that shortly after obtaining control of the railroad, the bankers were offered \$1,600,000 for their controlling interest. The offer, he said, was made by Minor C. Keith, an American capitalist, interested in Central America.

In various fiscal arrangements, including the issuance of a new currency by the government of Nicaragua, the negotiations bore the stamp of approval of the State Department at Washington, said Mr. Moffat.

#### Mexico Completes 1926 Payments Due on Foreign Debt.

Announcement that the Mexican Government had remitted in full the amount due during 1926 on its external debt, was made on Feb. 2 by the International Committee of Bankers on Mexico, of which Thomas W. Lamont, of J. P. Morgan & Co., is Chairman. The statement follows:

The International Committee of Bankers on Mexico is gratified to announce that the Mexican Government has completed the remittance to the Committee for the benefit of the holders of the Government's direct obligations of the sum of \$10,692,845, being the total amount due for interest and payable by the Government for the year 1926 under the terms of the Modified Agreement of October 1925, between the Government and the Committee. The Government has also paid to the Committee for the benefit of the holders of such obligations of the National Railways of Mexico (or its subsidiaries) as bear the guaranty of the Government, the

sum of \$2,674,097, sufficient to cover a year's requirements of such issues. The National Railways of Mexico has remitted to the Committee for the benefit of the Railways obligations not guaranteed by the Government, a sum sufficient to enable the Committee to pay the cash warrants due to and including July 1 1924, upon that class of railway debt. Detailed announcement as to the payment of the various cash warrants will be advertised promptly. These details will be found in our advertising pages to-day—Ed.]

The International Committee is pleased to express publicly its satisfaction that despite a somewhat complex situation the Government has at this time so fully carried out its obligations to its bondholders as contemplated by the agreement made with the Committee under date of Oct. 23 1925 for the benefit of the holders of its external debt.

Further advices on Feb. 2 regarding Mexico's external debt and the payments in 1926 stated:

Following the prolonged period, beginning in 1911, during which Mexico was suffering from abnormal conditions, the Mexican Government concluded, under date of June 16, 1922, an Agreement with the International Committee of Bankers covering the resumption of interest payments on its external indebtedness. This agreement, at the Government's request, was so drawn as to cover both the debt for which the Government was directly responsible and the obligations of the National Railways of Mexico which the Government controlled through ownership of a majority of the common stock.

The 1922 agreement was declared operative on Dec. 8 1923, and during that year the Government remitted \$15,000,000 which was distributed to the bondholders in payment of the interest due for that year on the debt covered by the agreement, the payments being made by means of cash warrants attached to the bonds and evidencing the amount of interest each bond was entitled to receive under the terms of the agreement.

Late in 1923, conditions in Mexico were again upset by the revolt of de la Huerta who had been Minister of Finance at the time of the negotiation of the 1922 agreement, resulting in such a strain on the Government's finances as to cause a cessation of the remittances for interest on the external debt and in a demand for some modification in the terms of the agreement because of their negotiation by an official who subsequently revolted against the Government.

Recognizing the added burdens thrown upon the Mexican Government's finances by the de la Huerta revolt, the Committee discussed with Finance Minister Pani the conditions under which new remittances could be resumed, with the result that a modified agreement was executed under date of Oct. 23 1925. This modified agreement separated the obligations into two classes:

- (a) The direct debt of the Government; and
- (b) The debt of the National Railways.

Under the modified agreement payments were begun early in 1926 and shortly after July first of that year the Committee was able to announce the payment of the six months' interest on the direct debt, the first unpaid cash warrants then attached to the bonds being announced as payable upon presentation. Remittances were also received from the railways for the purpose of paying obligations on the Railways Debt, but for various reasons, including the necessity of making necessary repairs to the Railways property, together with a certain amount of interruption in the business of the railways as a result of the so-called religious boycott, the railways remittances were not sufficient to permit the payment of the cash warrants attached to Railways Bonds at the same time payment was made on the cash warrants attached to the direct debt.

With the receipt of funds remitted during the last few days, the Mexican Government has completed its obligations payable during 1926 with respect to interest on the direct debt, and has also remitted funds sufficient to take care of one year's interest on that part of the Railways Debt which was guaranteed by endorsement by the Mexican Government prior to the execution of the 1922 Agreement. The Committee is, therefore, now able to announce payments of the earliest overdue cash warrants on the deposit of bonds as follows:

- (a) Cash warrants maturing up to and including January 1 1925 on the direct debt;
- (b) Cash warrants maturing up to and including Jan. 1 1925 on the National Railways of Mexico 4s; Vera Cruz and Pacific Railway guaranteed 4½s and Tehuantepec National Railway guaranteed 5s and 4½s;
- (c) Cash warrants maturing up to and including July 1 1924 on the Railways Debt other than those items mentioned above under (b).

A formal notice specifying the cash warrants now payable is being published in the United States and abroad.

With regard to a statement in the matter by the Mexican Ministry of Finance, we quote the following Mexico City advices from the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 29:

Government of Mexico on Thursday deposited \$3,822,405 with the International Committee of Bankers on Mexico to cover direct obligations and payments due on National Railways obligations. Official statement issued by the Ministry of Finance follows:

"If the de la Huerta-Lamont agreement had been in force in 1926, Mexico would have had to pay for direct obligations on its foreign debt \$11,400,440, plus, for National Railway obligations, \$11,099,560, or a total of \$22,500,000. The Pani agreement of 1923 reduced that total to \$11,021,999.

"During 1926 the Government placed in New York City, to cover direct obligations, \$9,229,536 and on Thursday placed there \$1,792,462. Further, in view of the fact that the National Railways were unable to cover their obligations, even under the modified agreement, the Government was obliged, as its original guarantees still stand effective, to place in New York against the general mortgage on railways of 1908, the sum of \$2,029,943. Thus the total placed to the credit of the International Committee of Bankers on Mexico on Thursday was \$3,822,405, and total payments for the year 1926 were \$13,051,942.

"Despite economic difficulties of 1926, which were accentuated during the present month, the Government in respecting the sanctity of its contracts has succeeded in complying with its foreign obligations, but heroic sacrifices were involved. These will be continued to ensure future payments, for thus only can Mexico's credit be rehabilitated."

#### Mexican Paper Hits Payment on Debt—Ask If Government Has Right to Impose Such a Sacrifice on the Nation.

We take from the New York "Times" the following Mexico City cablegram (copyright), Feb. 2:

The Government is criticized adversely for continuing payments on the foreign debt in spite of the difficult state of its own finances in an editorial in "The Universal" to-day.

Referring to the remittance last week to the International Committee of Bankers in New York, the editorial begins:

"A New York dispatch published in Mexico City states that the financial press makes no comment on the payments made on the Mexican debt. The favorable impression we expected to make has failed to appear, although we have paid at the cost of much sacrifice the sum of 13,000,000 pesos.

"It was announced at the time the agreement to pay the debt was made that when capitalists saw that Mexico wished to pay and could pay, currents of gold would flow into the country to develop our natural riches," the "Universal" continues. "But we are still waiting.

"We are suffering to satisfy a small group of bankers who neither in the present international difficulties nor in any others have done anything that would recognize this credit which we foolishly believed would be re-established.

"Now is the time to ask whether a Government has the right to impose tremendous sacrifices on the people, no matter what the conditions, in order to pay a group of powerful gentlemen who, in the idleness which they enjoy, have not felt or learned the suffering which the desire to be well thought of by them has cost us."

#### Offering of \$27,500,000 6% Bonds of Republic of Chile—Books Closed—Bonds Oversubscribed.

At 93¼ and interest to yield about 6.50%, an issue of \$27,500,000 Republic of Chile, 6% external sinking fund gold bonds was offered on Feb. 2 by a group headed by Hallgarten & Co., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and Lehman Brothers, and including J. Henry Schroder Banking Corporation, Cassatt & Co., William R. Compton Co., Continental and Commercial Company of Chicago, The Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh, the Northern Trust Company of Chicago, the Guardian Detroit Company, Inc., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Bank of Italy of San Francisco, The Canadian Bank of Commerce, Edward B. Smith & Co., Merrill, Lynch & Co. and J. G. White & Company, Inc. The books were closed about 10:30 on the 2nd, the bonds, it is announced, having been oversubscribed. A substantial amount of the bonds has been placed in Europe, including \$1,500,000 of bonds which are being offered in Amsterdam by Pierson & Co., Nederlandsche Handel-Maatschappij, Mendelssohn & Co. Amsterdam, Proehl & Gutmann and Vermeer & Co.

The proceeds of the loan will be used for public works, including additional port facilities, sanitation and water supply, and for the retirement of certain existing obligations. The bonds will be the direct obligation of the Republic of Chile and principal and interest will be payable in time of peace or war irrespective of the nationality of the holder. The bonds will provide that if in the future the Republic shall issue or dispose of any bonds or loan secured on specific revenues or assets, these bonds shall be equally and ratably secured therewith.

The bonds will be dated Feb. 1, 1927, and will become due February 1, 1961. They will be redeemable only through the sinking fund on Aug. 1, 1927, or on any interest date thereafter at face amount on not less than 10 days' notice. Regarding the sinking fund which is calculated to redeem the entire issue at or before maturity we quote as follows from the prospectus:

A cumulative Sinking Fund of 1% per annum is provided for, to operate semi-annually through purchase of bonds at or below face amount or if not so obtainable then by call, of bonds by lot at face amount. The Republic reserves the right to increase the amount of any Sinking Fund payment, and to tender bonds in lieu of cash.

The bonds will be in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal only. Principal and interest Feb. 1 and Aug. 17 will be payable in New York City at the office of either of the Fiscal Agents, Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. and Hallgarten & Co., in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness; or at the option of the holder in London at the office of the Sub-Fiscal Agent, J. Henry Schroder & Co., in Sterling at exchange rate of \$4.8665 to the Pound Sterling; without deduction for any Chilean taxes, present or future. Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. and Hallgarten & Co., are Fiscal Agents. The National Bank of Commerce in New York, is Registrar of the bonds.

Alberto Edwards, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Chile, supplies the following information regarding the revenues, debt, etc., of the Government:

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

**Debt**—Official records disclose that there has been no default in interest payment on external debt for over 84 years. By agreement with the bondholders, amortization was deferred from 1880 to 1884 on account of conditions arising from the War of 1879. Between 1885 and 1914, Chile placed loans in London and on the Continent for a total principal amount of £46,662,638 (\$227,083,728) which were offered to the public on an average yield to maturity of approximately 5.04%.

The total debt of the Republic as of December 31, 1926, including

all guaranteed obligations, and including this issue but excepting obligations to be retired thereby, aggregates about \$327,255,007, of which approximately \$96,734,274 consists of guaranteed obligations for railroad companies, the Mortgage Bank, workmen's dwellings, irrigation projects and municipal loans. Government owned properties have an estimated value of approximately \$650,000,000, which is about twice the total debt. On July 1, 1923, the total national wealth of the country was estimated at over \$3,372,000,000, equivalent to over \$855 per capita. The national wealth in 1923 was therefore over 10 times the total debt as of the end of 1926, including this issue.

**Monetary System**—By legislation enacted in 1925 upon recommendations of a Commission of American experts, the country has established a financial structure providing a stable currency. The peso has a gold parity equal to \$0.12166 United States currency and is currently quoted at substantially this rate.

Application will be made to list the bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

#### Chile to Inquire Into Loans Made By North American Bankers in 1926.

Santiago (Chile). Associated Press advices Feb. 1 said:

Prompted by reports that Chilean Government contracts with North American bankers who extended loans to Chile during 1926 would endanger the economic liberty of the country, the Chamber of Deputies today adopted a resolution requesting the Minister of Finance to deliver copies of such contracts to the Chamber for examination.

Because of the short time allowed for discussion of the budget for 1927, amounting to more than 993,000,000 pesos, the Chamber refused to act on it, and the budget, by virtue of a constitutional provision, became automatically effective at midnight. The budget had not been approved by the Senate.

#### Offering of \$14,000,000 Bonds of Republic of Bolivia—Books Closed—Issue Oversubscribed.

A public offering of \$14,000,000 7% external secured gold bonds of the Republic of Bolivia, designed to finance important railway construction in that country, was made on Feb. 2 by Dillon, Read & Co., at 98½ and interest to yield 7.12% to maturity. The closing of the books occurred shortly after they were opened, the bonds, it is stated, having been oversubscribed. A portion of the issue was withdrawn for offering in Europe by Mendelssohn & Co. Amsterdam, Nederlandsche Handel Maatschappij, Pierson & Co. and others. The bonds will be dated Jan. 1, 1927 and will mature July 1, 1958. An accumulative sinking fund is provided for, beginning October 1927, calculated to redeem all the bonds by maturity, which will be used to purchase bonds up to 102½ and interest or, if not obtainable, to call bonds by lot, semi-annually, at 102½ and interest.

The bonds will be in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500 registerable as to principal only. Principal and interest (Jan. 1 and July 1) will be payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, in New York City at the principal office of Dillon, Read & Co., without deduction for any Bolivian taxes, present or future. The bonds will be redeemable as a whole, or in part by lot, at 102½ and interest, on any interest payment date on 30 days' notice. The Central Union Trust Company of New York, is Countersigning Agent. The Republic of Bolivia has agreed to make application to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange. Zacarias Benavides, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Bolivia, states:

The bonds will be the direct obligation of the Republic of Bolivia, and will be issued under authority of the Laws of November 18, 1925, March 31, 1926, December 24, 1926 and January 5, 1927. In addition, the Government has agreed that it will pledge, by a first or a second charge, certain revenues to secure payment of interest, amortization and principal, and that the proceeds of such revenues available for the service of the bonds shall be maintained at not less than one and one-half times the amount required for such service. Included in the revenues upon which the service of the bonds will constitute a first charge are the newly created royalties of the Government from the exploitation of the oil lands in the Department of Chuquisaca, in which Department important oil properties have been located.

The Republic proposes to employ the proceeds of the bonds to commence the construction of a railroad from Cochabamba to Santa Cruz, to carry on the construction of the Potosi-Sucre railway, and for other purposes.

#### Finances.

The Bolivian Government has met all obligations appertaining to the public debt incurred during the last half century. The total national debt of Bolivia on December 31, 1926 was approximately \$43,700,000 or less than \$16.00 per capita (excluding this issue). This debt has been incurred principally for the construction of railroads and other public works. Revenues of the government have exceeded expenditures, other than capital expenditures, in each of the past three years. Bolivian currency is based on the gold standard, the notes of the Banco de la Nacion Boliviana having a gold cover in excess of 40%. The Government is arranging for an American Financial Mission to visit Bolivia in 1927 for the purpose of advising with respect to the fiscal system of the Government.

Conversions of Bolivian currency into United States currency have been made at 33 1/3 cents to the Boliviano, approximately the present rate of exchange, parity being

38.93 cents to the Boliviano. It is expected that temporary bonds, or interim receipts of Dillon, Read & Co. will be ready for delivery about February 17.

#### Offering of \$25,000,000 5% Bonds of New South Wales (Australia)—Books Closed—Issue Oversubscribed.

The first financing ever done in this country for the State of New South Wales, Commonwealth of Australia, occurred on Feb. 2, in the offering of a new issue of \$25,000,000 external 30-year 5% sinking fund gold bonds at a price of 96¼ and interest, to yield about 5.25%. This offering was made by a syndicate headed by The Equitable Trust Company of New York, Harris, Forbes & Co., The First National Corporation of Boston, Estabrook & Co. and the Harris Trust & Savings Bank. Negotiations were conducted by a representative of The Equitable Trust Company of New York, who recently returned from Australia. A portion of this \$25,000,000 issue was withdrawn for sale in Europe by various banking houses, including Pierson & Co., Mendelssohn & Co. and Nederlandsche Handel-Maatschappij, of Amsterdam.

The Equitable Trust Company of New York, on behalf of the syndicate which offered the bonds announced that the issue had been largely oversubscribed and the books closed at 10:15 A. M. on the day of the offering. The bonds are not redeemable except for the sinking fund, prior to Feb. 1, 1942. A cumulative sinking fund sufficient to retire at least one-half of the entire issue by maturity has been set up. Details are given as follows:

Coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, not interchangeable. Callable as a whole on February 1, 1942, or on any interest date thereafter, on thirty days' notice, at 100 and accrued interest. The State of New South Wales has agreed to provide a cumulative Sinking Fund, payable semi-annually, calculated to be sufficient to retire at least one-half of the Bonds of this issue by maturity, by purchase at not exceeding 100 and accrued interest, or, if not so obtainable, by annual lot drawings for redemption on February 1 of each year, on thirty days' notice, at 100 and accrued interest. Principal and interest payable in New York in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for any present or future taxes levied or collected by or within the State of New South Wales, or the Commonwealth of Australia or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof, at the principal office of The Equitable Trust Company of New York, Fiscal Agent. The bonds will bear date February 1, 1927 and will run to February 1, 1957. Interest will be payable February 1 and August 1. Unusual interest was occasioned by the recent announcement that this issue had been purchased by American bankers, who, while not having participated in any loan for New South Wales heretofore, have nevertheless financed other British colonies or states, an instance being the \$22,000,000 loan marketed in this country for the State of Queensland, Australia, a few years ago and which in July, 1925, marketed a loan of \$75,000,000 for the Commonwealth of Australia. American financing for British colonial account, which except in the case of Canada has been entirely a post-war development, is expected by bankers here to expand steadily.

As to the purpose, etc., of the \$25,000,000 New South Wales issue, information credited to John T. Lang, Premier and Colonial Treasurer of the State of New South Wales, and other sources.

**Purpose**—The State advises that the proceeds of these Bonds will be devoted by the State exclusively to productive public works.

**Security**—These Bonds will be the direct obligations of the State of New South Wales, which has agreed that if at any time, while these bonds are outstanding, it shall issue, offer for public subscription or sale, or in any manner dispose of any bonds or contract any loan secured by any charge or pledge on or of any revenues or assets of the State, the services of these Bonds shall be secured equally and ratably with such subsequent bonds or loan.

**General**—New South Wales is the oldest and most prominent State of the Commonwealth of Australia, and has a population of about 2,300,000. Its area is 309,432 square miles, or larger than the combined areas of Germany and Italy. The State embraces approximately forty per cent. of the population, wealth, industry and developed resources of the country. More than 97% of the population of Australia is of British stock. The capital of New South Wales is Sydney, the largest City industrially and financially, and leading port of Australia.

**Finance**—New South Wales enjoys a high credit rating in the London market. The State's loans in London bear an average coupon rate of about 4¾%. As of June 30, 1926, the public debt of the State was \$1,115,690,975 of which \$681,644,602 was external, \$355,804,437 was internal and \$78,241,936 was floating. The total value of all State-owned properties is estimated by the State to be about \$1,596,277,600 of which about 79% is revenue producing. Many of the State's properties are of a municipal character as a result of which the debts of the Municipalities are relatively small.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1926, total revenues of the State, including income from public works and services, amounted to \$188,097,955 and total expenditures, including cost of operating public works and services, amounted to \$194,298,131. Approximately 58% of the State's revenues was derived from its public works and services. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, the State's budget provides for revenues of \$209,258,366 and budgeted expenditures of \$208,581,895.

Dollar amounts given above have been converted from Pounds Sterling at par of exchange. It is expected that application will be made to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange. It is anticipated that Temporary Bonds, or Interim Receipts of The Equitable Trust Company of New York will be available for delivery about February 15. The intention to make public offering of these bonds was noted in our issue of Jan. 29, page 590.

#### London Underwrites South Australian Loan.

A cablegram from the Central News, London, Jan. 29, to the New York News Bureau, said:

Underwriting is in progress for a £2,500,000 5% South Australian loan, to be offered at 98. The issue is redeemable 1945 to 1975. On July 1 three months' interest will be due. The financial district thinks it will be interesting to compare the outcome with the New South Wales issue in New York.

#### Loans Puzzle Australia—Two Issues at Different Prices Cause Wide Comment.

A London cablegram Jan. 31 to the New York "Times" (copyright), said:

The simultaneous issue of the New South Wales 5% loan in New York at 96¼ and the South Australian 5% loan in London at 98, is the subject of much discussion in Australian newspapers and financial circles, according to the Sydney correspondent of the Daily Telegraph. "The general opinion in political circles," he says, "is that Mr. Lang, Premier of New South Wales, received a plain hint from London that New South Wales business was not wanted on any terms at the present juncture. Having regard to the quotation of New South Wales stocks on the London Exchange, Mr. Lang probably obtained a favorable price in New York, even though South Australia obtained 1¼% better terms.

"The exact method by which the New York loan will be 'finalized' will probably form the subject of a Parliamentary discussion.

"Although several American financial houses negotiated for it, the New South Wales Government loan is stated to have been completed suddenly, without giving some reputable firms an opportunity of bidding.

"Mystery surrounds the Australian representation on the American syndicate, which is said to include a former Australian university professor and a former prize fight promoter who recently had dabbled in politics."

#### Ontario Grain Pool.

According to the Toronto "Globe" of Jan. 28, Ontario's grain pool, modelled on the same lines as the Prairie Organizations, was launched at a meeting of 300 Kent farmers at Chatham, Ontario, Jan. 27. The "Globe's" advisers state:

The first contract—disposing of all grain grown for the next five years—was signed by President Harry Gilroy of the United Farmers' Co-operative Company, while F. L. Agnew of Comber, signed the second.

The Ontario pool, it was explained, will work in conjunction with the three Western pools, and when it is fully organized it is hoped that the greater portion of the grain grown from the Ottawa River to the Rocky Mountains will be marketed through one central organization in the hands of the producers themselves.

#### Similar to Prairie Pool.

The form of contract adopted is very similar to that of the Manitoba Wheat Pool. The grower who signs up agrees to dispose of all his grain through the pool for a term of five years. Exceptions will be made in certain cases. A farmer selling pedigreed seed grain can do so without permission of the pool, while a farmer who desires to sell a quantity of grain to a neighbor for the latter's own use will be able to secure permission from the local committees. It is proposed to appoint captains for each county and canvassers from each township, and a campaign will be conducted simultaneously in the various counties for contracts. In the meantime, however, those who desire to sign are privileged to do so.

#### Use Present Elevators.

As far as possible the grain will be handled through the elevators already established. A conference was held previous to the meeting between the co-operative company officials and elevator men of the district, at which the former requested that the pool grain be handled as well as that not purchased by the pool. A meeting was held subsequently by the elevator men, and it is understood that a proposition will be submitted to the company.

C. P. Burnell, President of the Manitoba Wheat Pool; J. J. Morrison, Secretary of the U. F. O.; J. S. Jeffrey, Manager of the Grain Department of the United Farmers' Co-operative Company, and Mr. Gilroy were the principal speakers.

In a short address Mr. Morrison declared that the farmers of Ontario were just turning their attention to marketing. He maintained that unless the farmers adopted co-operative marketing, not only in Ontario, but in other parts of the world, farmers will never receive their just dues.

This is the first of a series of meetings in the interests of the pool that will be held throughout the Province this winter.

#### Bill Authorizing Secretary of Agriculture to Take a Census of Baled Cotton Passed by Senate.

A bill authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to take a census of baled cotton, known as the "carryover," on hand on Aug. 1 1927, and to make and publish a report thereof was passed by the Senate on Feb. 2. The Washington correspondent of the "Journal of Commerce" says:

The bill provides that any individual, firm or corporation who, between June 7 and Aug. 1 1927 sells or otherwise disposes of any cotton subsequent to its examination and classification shall make a full report to the Secretary of Agriculture of the number of bales, grade and staple so sold or disposed of. The report of the Secretary of Agriculture is to be made on or before Sept. 1 and is to be based upon an accurate and exhaustive census.

#### Message of President Walker D. Hines of Cotton Textile Institute to National Wholesale Dry Goods Association.

With his inability to be present at the annual meeting of the National Wholesale Dry Goods Association at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, this city on Jan. 20, Walker D.



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Hines, President of the Cotton Textile Institute, Inc., addressed a message to the Association in which he sought an early exchange of views with its representatives with a view to promoting "all those matters which may be of mutual interest and benefit." The message, read by George A. Sloan, Secretary of the Institute, follows:

I had looked forward with the greatest interest to enjoying the honor which the National Wholesale Dry Goods Association had shown me by inviting me to the Annual Dinner and I am deeply disappointed that I cannot be present. I know the great interest which the members of the Association feel in the policies of the Cotton-Textile Institute and therefore it seems appropriate to explain my present situation respecting those policies. For the time being, my role must be that of a student seeking to learn the facts and get the points of view of men who have had long experience in the cotton textile industry and trade, and in the nature of things I am not yet in a position to formulate policies and recommend them to the governing board of the Institute. I am seeking every opportunity to establish contacts and get the benefit of personal discussion. Although the Institute membership is confined to mill owners, this does not mean that the Institute's interests exclude consideration of matters of common interest to the cotton mills and the important instrumentalities in the cotton goods trade. On the contrary, I believe one of the most important functions of the Institute is to consider with the various branches of the cotton goods trade the questions of common interest, and to co-operate in promoting those common interests. It is for this reason that I am doubly disappointed not to be at the dinner this evening, because I had felt the occasion would be an admirable one for establishing relationships with your Association which would be a commencement in effective understanding and co-operation. I very much hope that your Association will, through its Executive Officers or some appropriate Committee, make provision for an early exchange of views with Secretary Sloan and myself, so that we may begin what I hope will prove to be a continuing practice of exchanging views and helping to find and promote all those matters which may be of mutual interest and benefit. If you ever again honor me with an invitation to be your guest, I hope I shall not disappoint you and myself but will be able to take advantage of the favor you show me.

After delivering the message from Mr. Hines to the Association meeting, Mr. Sloan, Secretary of the Cotton-Textile Institute, added:

Having talked with Mr. Hines during the day, I can assure you of his keen disappointment in not being present this evening.

In the preliminary discussions of the industry's needs we have come to appreciate more and more the importance of the part which you gentlemen play in the distribution of cotton textiles.

Certainly, we can never hope to improve—even maintain—our present standing in commerce without the consistent co-ordination of the various units engaged in production and distribution. We are encouraged in the belief that the Institute may be helpful in the common cause by the splendid promises of support that reach us daily both from within and without the industry.

In this early stage of our efforts there is nothing tangible to offer for your consideration. But as Mr. Hines develops the policies and activities of the Institute there will undoubtedly be frequent occasion for the executives of our organizations to jointly consider such matters as are of mutual concern.

Consider me, therefore, this evening as an extremely interested observer and kindly accept my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to be present.

#### Spencer Turner Elected President of the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York.

Spencer Turner of Turner Halsey Co., 62 Leonard St., was elected President of the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York at the Jan. 31 meeting of the Board of Directors. He succeeds William D. Judson of Parker Wilder & Co. Other officers were chosen as follows: William F. Adam, of American Bleached Goods Co., Inc., Vice-President, and Norman S. Hope, of Wellington Sears & Co., Treasurer. Perry S. Newell was re-elected Secretary. Mr. Turner, Mr. Adam, Mr. Hope, Saul F. Dribben of Cone Export & Commission Co., and Henry C. Taylor, of Taylor, Clapp & Beall, will comprise the Executive Committee.

#### Suspension of "Bawl Street Journal" Edited by Late Robert A. Bould, Creation of Robert A. Bould Fund.

The death last July of Robert A. Bould has resulted in the suspension of the "Bawl Street Journal" of which Mr. Bould was the editor-in-chief. Mr. Bould lost his life in an effort to save from drowning a young woman who had fallen from his sail boat into the waters of Long Island Sound. The "Bawl Street Journal" has been published annually for the past seven years in conjunction with the annual field day of the Bond Club of New York. The decision to suspend its publication this year was reached at a meeting of the Board of Governors and was made known on Jan. 28 by Medley G. N. Whelpley, President of the Bond Club, who issued a statement saying:

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the Bond Club of New York, I have been requested to announce that there will be no issue of the "Bawl Street Journal" this year. This decision was reached unanimously at a meeting of the board after full consideration of the many factors surrounding the continuance of the publication.

Through the death of Robert A. Bould last summer, the club has lost the man who instituted the paper and acted as editor in chief of each of the seven issues. During the past several years it had become increasingly apparent that there had developed not an exclusive family publication, but a paper that had assumed the proportions of an institution, with a national and international circulation. The responsibility thus created has imposed a burden in time and effort which we have found impossible to demand of

those members of the staff or other members of the club who are fitted by temperament and training for this arduous editorial task.

No announcement of this character would be complete without again publicly acknowledging the fine work of the late Mr. Bould, and of Northrop Clarey and Jacques Cohen, associate editors. They and their assistants, with the generous contribution of Clarence Barron of the facilities of the "Wall Street Journal, made this publication possible."

In October the Board of Governors of the Bond Club of New York adopted a resolution calling for the establishment of a "Robert A. Bould Fund," the income therefrom to be used "for social, charitable and educational purposes, to the end that good deeds may be done in honor of the memory of Robert A. Bould." The tribute to the late Mr. Bould, who was one of the most popular members of the Bond Club of New York was prepared in the form of a resolution, was submitted to members of the club for their approval at the first of the fall luncheons held at the Bankers Club on Oct. 21 and approved by a rising vote. At this luncheon Myron T. Herrick, United States Ambassador to France, was the guest of honor and principal speaker. The resolution drafted by the Governors of the Bond Club in part said: "It is with deep sorrow that we record the death on July 31 of our beloved member, Robert Alexander Bould. He gave his life in an heroic effort to save another. The deed, generous, courageous, and whole-souled, was entirely characteristic of the man." The resolution, after reviewing Mr. Bould's record during the decade in which he was a familiar figure in Wall Street, further state: "In his death we have lost, not only a member who gave without stint to the interests of the Bond Club, but one who had become an outstanding personality in Wall Street and in the City of New York. Therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That the Bond Club of New York hereby records its deep appreciation of the great and effective service which Robert Bould gave to the Club; and be it further

*Resolved,* It is fitting and proper that recognition be given to his works; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Board of Governors shall set aside in the investment fund of the club the sum of ten thousand dollars to be known as the "Robert A. Bould" fund; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this fund shall be administered and may be maintained by and in the sole discretion of the Board of Governors, and that the income therefrom be expended for social, charitable, and educational purposes, to the end that good deeds may be done in honor of the memory of Robert A. Bould.

#### Wheeling & Lake Erie Shares Again Reach High Peak on Stock Exchange—Questionnaire of Exchange.

The violent upward movement in the stock of the Wheeling & Lake Erie RR. witnessed on the New York Stock Exchange a week ago (Jan. 28) and referred to in our issue of Saturday last (page 594) has been repeated the current week. The Stock Exchange, in two separate notices to members, has called for reports of their aggregate long and aggregate short positions in both the common and preferred stock of the company; the first notice relating to dealings in the common stock, was issued as follows, Jan. 28

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

January 28, 1927.

Gentlemen—I am directed by the Committee on Business Conduct to ask you to furnish by 11 a. m., Monday, Jan. 31 1927, the aggregate long and the aggregate short positions of yourselves and customers in the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Co. common stock at the close of business on Jan. 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 1927.

At the same hour each morning thereafter until further notice, the Committee desires like information from you with respect to your position at the close of business on the previous day.

Please send this information in a sealed envelope addressed to the Committee on Business Conduct, Room 601, Stock Exchange Building.

Respectfully,

E. V. D. COX, Secretary.

The following notice was issued Feb. 3

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

February 3, 1927.

Gentlemen—Referring to the letter sent to you on Jan. 28 1927 by the Committee on Business Conduct, requiring, among other things, a report from you at 11 o'clock each morning until further notice of your aggregate long and aggregate short positions at the close of business on the previous day in the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Co. common stock, I am directed by the Committee to say that in addition to this information, it desires your reports, commencing with the one to be submitted on Feb. 4 1927, to contain like data with respect to the preferred stock of the same company.

Respectfully,

E. V. D. COX, Secretary.

With regard to the continued rise in the stock on Monday (Jan. 31) the "Times" of Feb. 1 stated

While the New York Stock Exchange continued to watch the market action of the stock of the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway, no action was taken yesterday to indicate that anything illegal had been discovered through means of the questionnaire sent out on Saturday asking members to report their position in the stock. The inquiry by the Exchange was instituted after the violent fluctuations in the stock on Friday.

Wheeling & Lake Erie common was active yesterday, but much less so than last week. It touched a high of 66½ and a low of 59½, closing at 62½ for a net gain of 2½ points. The total turnover was 19,500 shares.

No comment was made at the Exchange yesterday on the Wheeling & Lake Erie situation.

During the past few days the soaring of the stock has been marked, the "Wall Street News" of the 3d in observing its movements stating

After Wheeling & Lake Erie dropped five points to 63, the stock became in urgent demand following the calling in of loan stock and a little over 1,000 shares were in the market as urgent borrowers putting the leaning rate up to 1½% premium, the highest touched so far. This high leaning rate was followed by hurried buying of the stock, forcing it up more than 10 points to 73½, a new high record.

Yesterday (Feb. 4) gyrations were described in the "Evening Post" of last night as follows:

Another outburst of speculative enthusiasm in railroad shares, featured by a sensational rise in Wheeling & Lake Erie shares, was the outstanding development in a strong and active session of the stock market to-day. Hurried covering of commitments by unfortunate speculators for the decline contributed to the large volume of buying orders that forced prices upward in vigorous fashion, not alone in the merger rails but in the standard investment list.

Speculation in railroad shares flared up again to overshadow movements in standard industrials soon after the opening of trading. Wheeling & Lake Erie shares attracted most attention, although others in the so-called merger class began to move over a wider range as the market broadened. Frantic attempts on the part of trapped shorts to cover their commitments were reflected in the sharp run-up of Wheeling common, which again crossed the preferred in a sensational spurt of a point or mere between sales of small lots. After rising almost 15 points from the opening, the shares sagged slightly and then started a new climb which carried them to a record peak at 89 in the early afternoon, an advance of more than 60 points from the year's low. Reports of a corner were revived, but shares were available for borrowing at high premiums. Wabash suddenly came into the spotlight with a sharp rise at the start of the session and was joined later by Kansas City Southern, Missouri, Kansas & Texas, Texas & Pacific and Missouri Pacific. New Haven was strong by Western Maryland was quieter.

Reports of pending change in control of the Wheeling & Lake Erie have figured in the news of the week, the "Post" of Feb. 2, referring to this in part, as follows:

The Baltimore & Ohio RR. was disclosed to-day as the maker of close traffic agreements among itself, the Wheeling & Lake Erie and the Pittsburgh & West Virginia railroads, and as likely to become the ultimate owner of the Rockefeller stockholdings in the Western Maryland and Wheeling & Lake Erie roads.

It was reported that a deal was almost completed whereby the large blocks of prior preference and preferred stock in the Western Maryland and Wheeling & Lake Erie companies, now held by the Rockefeller interests, will pass to a group that is acting in behalf of another railroad. This report was unofficial, but it received credence from those known to be closely in touch with affairs of the two Rockefeller-controlled roads, as did also the report that the other railroad was the Baltimore & Ohio.

The New York Stock Exchange on Feb. 4 made the following announcement:

The Stock Exchange is informed that directors of Wheeling & Lake Erie meet Monday to consider prescribing regulations for conversion of prior lien and preferred stock into common. It is believed that if such regulations are prescribed it will be necessary to obtain formal approval of the I.-S. C. Commission and Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to issue additional common. This should not take a great while. The Stock Exchange will be prepared to list the additional common stock immediately upon notification that these steps have been taken.

#### Shares of Gold & Stock Telegraph [Co. Traded in on New York Stock Exchange.

For the first time within the memory of the oldest stock market statistician, shares of the Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., which operates the New York Stock Exchange tickers, were traded in on that exchange on Jan. 26. Ten shares changed hands at 116½, it was noted in the New York "Times," which further said:

The stock is on the recently established "inactive list" of stocks rarely traded in. Special interest attached to the appearance of this stock's symbol, GSX, on the tape because it represents a company which distributes the market quotations.

The company is a subsidiary of the Western Union Telegraph Co.

#### New York Stock Exchange Inaugurates New Service Making Available Copies of Listing Applications to Banks and Investment Houses Throughout Country.

In order that investors in securities throughout the United States may have available complete information concerning all corporations whose stocks and bonds are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, a new service was recently instituted by the Exchange by means of which banks, investment bankers and brokers throughout the country might secure copies of listing applications as they are approved by the Governing Committee of the Exchange. A number of bankers and others in a large number of States are reported as having taken advantage of this service. Because of the fact that in remote parts of the country, it has been found difficult for prospective investors and their advisers to secure complete information concerning these corporations without some delay, the authorities of the Exchange devised the present plan, which has proved of considerable benefit to a large body of American investors. In a letter sent to banks and investment bankers throughout the United States at the time the service was first inaugurated, E. H. H. Simmons, President of the Exchange,

outlined the purposes and the aims of the new plan. President Simmons said:

Applications to list new and additional issues of securities are being approved by the New York Stock Exchange at the rate of nearly 500 a year. The printed applications for initial listings probably contain a greater amount of fundamental data bearing upon the character and value of the securities to be listed than is available in any other form to others than the officers and directors of the corporations themselves. Such an initial application may consist of from four to thirty large and closely printed pages giving both descriptive matter and tabulated statements of figures. Applications for additional listings bring the history of the applicant up to date.

These printed applications can be of great use and information to those whose function it is to advise investors wisely and the Stock Exchange feels an obligation, in the public interest, to make them available to others than its own membership.

The Exchange offered this service at a nominal cost, covering the expense of printing and mailing the applications as they were approved by the Governing Committee. Prior to making this information available to others than members of the Exchange, the President wrote a letter to all member firms urging them to carefully preserve and to keep a complete file of all these applications as they were received from the Exchange. At that time President Simmons wrote:

In its endeavor to stabilize investment and to protect American investors the Exchange makes a most serious effort to obtain from applicants for a listing the significant and essential details concerning the security issues in question. In many respects these applications are the most exhaustive and informative documents of the sort in existence. But there remains the further problem of rendering this detailed information readily available to American investors throughout the country. I would, therefore, request your co-operation in carefully preserving in a permanent file these listing applications as they are received.

#### New York Stock Exchange Notice Regarding Lost Securities—Members Reminded They Are Responsible for Safekeeping of Securities Erroneously Delivered to Them.

A reminder of the ruling affecting lost securities, under which the Arbitration Committee of the New York Stock Exchange takes the position "that a firm receiving securities which are not due them are responsible for their safekeeping," was issued as follows on Nov. 17 by E. V. D. Cox, Secretary of the Exchange:

To the Members:

November 17 1926.

I am instructed by the Arbitration Committee to particularly call to the attention of members the circular heretofore sent out, which reads as follows:

"October 1 1920.  
I am instructed to bring to your attention the fact that a number of claims have recently come before the Arbitration Committee of the Stock Exchange in connection with lost securities.

"In many instances securities have been received by firms which should not have been delivered to them, other names having been given up, or comparison refused, or no transaction having been had. These securities have been given out again to messengers who did not come from the firms to whom the securities belonged and have been made away with. In some cases receipts had been given when the securities were originally received and the return of such receipts was not demanded.

"The Arbitration Committee has taken the position that a firm receiving securities which are not due them are responsible for their safekeeping, and therefore must use more than ordinary care in seeing that such securities are returned to the proper firm, and I am instructed to request that you bring this matter forcibly before your securities department."

E. V. D. COX, Secretary.

Supplementing the above Secretary Cox issued the following notice Nov. 29:

To the Members:

Nov. 29 1926.

I am instructed by the Committee on Securities to call again to your attention the decision of the Committee that securities reported to have been lost or stolen may be returned until they reach the party who introduced them into the Street, unless in the opinion of the committee in any particular case there are equitable considerations why such reclamation should not be made; also to point out that unless you are in a position to return such securities to customers from whom originally received, you may be called upon to defend your title thereto.

I am also instructed to call to your attention the decision of the committee that securities cease to be a delivery at the time of publication of notice that they have been called for redemption, and that if called securities are delivered either the buyer or seller may make reclamation, unless in the opinion of the committee in any particular case there are equitable considerations why such reclamation should not be made. This, of course, does not apply where an entire issue of securities is called; neither does it prevent members from trading in called securities specifically as such.

#### Ruling of New York Stock Exchange Regarding Advertising by Members.

Under date of Jan. 25 new regulations governing forms of advertisements by members of the New York Stock Exchange were announced by Secretary E. V. D. Cox. Among other things, members are advised that "when offering are permitted, members must maintain the same market on the floor of the Exchange as they make over the counter." The regulations were issued as follows:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE,  
Committee on Business Conduct.

Advertising.

New York, Jan. 25 1927.

To the Members:

The rules of the Exchange dealing with the forms of advertising of members are embraced in Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter VIII of the rules adopted by the Governing Committee pursuant to the Constitution, and read as follows:

"Sec. 1. No member shall publish an advertisement of other than a strictly legitimate business character."

"Sec. 2. Every advertisement of a member, unless it is in a general form approved by the Committee on Business Conduct, must, before publication, receive the approval of said committee."

You will note that it is provided that a proposed advertisement in a general form that has been approved by the committee may be published without first being submitted. It is the ruling of the Committee on Business Conduct that, subject to the policy with respect to listed securities which is outlined below, the following types of advertisements come under this general description:

1. An ordinary business card;
2. A simple and direct offering of a particular security (which must be named and not take the form of a so-called "blind" advertisement); and
3. A syndicate offering of securities of a corporation, provided: First, that the security advertised is not that of a corporation in a prospective state; second, that no prediction of any kind is made in the offering; third, that no statement is made of what past earnings would have been under any assumed conditions that did not exist at the time; and, fourth, that no reference is made to any contemplated application to list the security on this Exchange.

In order to expedite the work of the Committee on Business Conduct all proposed advertisements requiring approval before publication must be submitted in duplicate, one copy to be retained by the committee for its files and the other to be returned with its decision.

Policy of the Committee on Business Conduct and of the Committee of Arrangements with respect to advertisements of listed securities, formulated under Section 3 of Chapter VIII of the rules adopted by the Governing Committee pursuant to the Constitution, which reads as follows:

"Sec. 3. Every advertisement of a member offering to make purchases or sales of listed securities, must, before publication, in addition to the approval required by Section 2, receive the approval of the Committee of Arrangements."

Offerings may be advertised in securities assigned to the bond cabinets and the inactive stock list. In such advertising the securities must be offered "at the market, to yield about ----%."

Active listed securities, i. e., those not classified as above, may merely be advertised by giving their names without any accompanying text, except, if desired, the phrase "Circular on Request." Inactive listed securities may, of course, be similarly advertised.

An exception to these rules is made, however, in the case of securities of original issue, which may be advertised at a price by participants in the syndicates during its existence. Scrip and fractional amounts of one share may also be advertised at a price.

When rights are admitted to dealing they shall be treated on the same basis as listed securities for advertising purposes.

Advertisements of the above character in which offerings are made must be submitted to the Committee on Business Conduct before publication.

When offerings are permitted, members must maintain the same market on the floor of the Exchange as they make over the counter.

E. V. D. COX, Secretary.

#### Consolidated Stock Exchange Resumes Trading.

The Consolidated Stock Exchange of this city after a period of several months inactivity has resumed trading on a limited scale, four or five floor traders and as many commission houses now doing business, according to the New York "Times" of Feb. 3, which reported that at the Exchange's executive offices it was said that the volume of transactions, while small, is slowly increasing. Continuing the "Times" said:

The three tickers which the New York Stock Exchange and the Western Union Telegraph Company are seeking by judicial proceedings to have removed from the headquarters of the Consolidated at 14-16 Pearl Street are being used. Two of these tickers are the so-called "injunction tickers," to the use of which the Consolidated insists it is entitled under an injunction in its favor obtained nearly forty years ago.

The Consolidated several months ago consented to certain conditions imposed by the State Attorney General in connection with the dismissal of proceedings instituted against it under the Martin act. Special Deputy Attorney General Keyes Winter prosecuted the case. In his absence from his office yesterday it was said there that nothing was known of the resumption of trading.

The stipulation which the Consolidated and Mr. Winter agreed to provided that the Exchange should employ an auditor to be nominated by the State Attorney General, which was done some time ago; that stocks must actually be delivered, that each commission house must maintain intact a capital of not less than \$25,000 and not less than 5% of the market value of all stock carried for customers and that no partner of a commission house shall trade in securities for his own account when such trading would affect the capital of the partnership, "or result in a position in any security against that of a customer in the same security."

President Philip Evans has been working several months on plans for the resumption of trading.

#### Protective Committee Calls for Creditors of G. L. Miller & Co., Inc., to Deposit Bonds.

The committee for the protection of the bondholders of G. L. Miller & Co., the realty investment house, which has been in the hands of a receiver in equity since September 3 1926, and is now in bankruptcy, issued a call on Jan. 20, for concerted action by the bondholders. George E. Roosevelt, Chairman of the Committee, according to the New York "Times" of Jan. 21 stated that principal amounts of more than \$26,000,000 were involved as well as a special fund, claims against which must be filed before March 1, next, in order to protect the investors. The committee has sent to bondholders of record a list of fifty-seven bond issues, which it says should be deposited with the committee to protect the investors. The following is taken from the paper mentioned:

"In some of these cases foreclosure proceedings have already been instituted," said Mr. Roosevelt, "and it is necessary that the bonds be collected so that the bondholders may protect themselves upon any sale of the mortgaged property. In other cases receivers have been appointed for the mort-

gaged properties. In certain cases the owners are attempting to take advantage of the situation arising from the Miller bankruptcy to obtain the properties at less than their value.

"In some cases the property mortgaged is a leasehold, and steps must be taken to prevent forfeiture of the leasehold and consequent complete loss to bondholders. In almost all these cases the earnings of the property are insufficient to pay the interest and amortization on the bonds, and a readjustment of the financial structure will be necessary."

Reclamation petitions and claims against the special fund created by the Miller Company last August must be filed at once as the Bankruptcy Act requires all creditors of a bankrupt to file their claims within six months after the date of adjudication, according to Mr. Roosevelt.

"Under the mortgages which secure the various Miller bond issues, Mr. Roosevelt added, "mortgagors were usually required to pay monthly to Miller & Co. a certain amount. These monthly payments, taken together, were to provide for the semi-annual interest on the bonds, the maturing principal on the bonds and for other minor items.

"Up to about Aug. 10 1926, Miller & Co. made it a general practice to mingle these payments with its own funds and to use the money for any purpose which Miller & Co. saw fit. About Aug. 10 1926, Miller & Co. took a general account of the moneys of this sort which had come in before that date and had been thus mingled with their general funds, and with a view to protecting those bondholders for whose account such moneys had been received, Miller & Co. set aside certain cash and securities, consisting principally of Miller bonds and interim receipts, under a resolution of its board of directors purporting to establish a trust of such cash and securities for the benefit of bondholders. Monthly payments of this sort received after Aug. 10 were kept separate from Miller & Co.'s general funds.

"Apart from the possible rights of bondholders in this trust fund and these segregated moneys, the court, besides determining those rights, must decide on the status of persons who sent their bonds or coupons to Miller & Co. for payment or to exchange for other bonds just before the receivership, and who got in return checks which were never paid or receipts or other evidences of their rights."

The other members of the Bondholders' Protective Committee are Lyle T. Alverson, R. A. Bigger, E. P. Curtis and W. E. Robb. Arthur F. Clement is Secretary with offices at 30 East 42d St.

National Bank of Commerce in New York has been appointed depository under a deposit agreement, dated Dec. 22 1926, in which George E. Roosevelt, Chairman, Lyle T. Alverson, R. A. Bigger, E. P. Curtis and W. E. Robb are named as a committee for the protection of the holders of bonds sold through G. L. Miller & Co., Inc.

#### McCown & Co.'s Liabilities Placed at \$919,903 in Excess of Assets.

That the liabilities of the stock brokerage house of McCown & Co. of Philadelphia, whose failure on Jan. 25 was reported in our issue of Jan. 29, page 592, exceed the firm's assets by \$919,903, according to a schedule filed in the Court of Common Pleas No. 4 by the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co. of Philadelphia to which the firm made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, was reported in the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Feb. 1. In the schedule, it is said, assets are set forth as \$4,958,061, with additional personal assets of Frank C. McCown, Jr., the only member of the failed firm, amounting to \$20,562. Total firm liabilities are given as \$5,895,577, with added personal liabilities of \$2,949. The "Ledger" went on to say:

Charles A. Wolfe, of the law firm of Roberts & Montgomery, filed the schedule after it had been drawn up and signed by McCown & Co., and submitted to the assignee. He pointed out that the schedule is "sketchy," due to the amount of work necessitated in the short time allowed by law after an assignment is made. He particularly specified the accounts between the assigned firm and banking and brokerage concerns which are complicated by pledges of collateral to secure loans.

According to Mr. Wolfe, it will probably require an inventory of the firm's assets and liabilities, which will be taken by expert appraisers to be appointed by the Court, to determine the exact status of the firm's condition.

Attached to the schedule filed yesterday is a statement that, because of the shortness of time, it is not possible to check the accounts and that the schedule is subject to verification and investigation.

There is also attached a short statement that the firm's difficulty was due to the sudden decline in market price of a corporate stock, "for which McCown & Co. had large commitments, leaving McCown & Co. with insufficient working capital to take care of the commitments in view of the market conditions."

Estimates made in financial circles yesterday (Jan. 31), following the filing of the schedule, indicate that there will be a loss of approximately \$1,250,000 to creditors of the McCown firm and that creditors may receive 75 cents on the dollar.

Another development in the affairs of McCown & Co., according to the paper mentioned, was the filing on Jan. 31 in the Court of Common Pleas No. 4 of a suit by Earl B. Breeding, a customer of the company, against the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co., as assignee, for the recovery of 45 shares of stock of Liberty Title & Trust Co. stock placed with the McCown firm as collateral for a loan of \$8,000. Judge Lewis, it is said, granted a preliminary injunction restraining the Northern Trust Co. from disposing of the stock and the Liberty Title & Trust Co. from changing title to the securities.

Yesterday's edition of the "Ledger" (Feb. 4) stated that at a meeting of the protective committee (formed on the day the brokerage house made an assignment and composed of representatives of Philadelphia and New York banking houses which held Estey-Welte Corporation class A stock for the account of McCown & Co.) yesterday at the Racquet

Club in Philadelphia, the members unanimously agreed to place their holdings of Estey-Welte Corporation class A stock in the hands of trustees in order to protect the market value of the shares. No estimate of the number of shares represented in the approval of the resolution, it was stated, could be obtained, but it was said that of the more than 50,000 shares of Estey-Welte stock held for the McCown account when the assignment was made last week, approximately 50% had been liquidated. The passage of the resolution for trusteeship, it was stated, followed the presentation of a deposit agreement and a review of the 1926 business of the Estey-Welte Corporation, and the outlook for the company's activities. C. S. Newell, Vice-President and Secretary of the Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives & Granting Annuities; Harry Thayer, of West & Co., Philadelphia, and M. L. Tooker, of Tooker & Co., 120 Broadway, New York, were appointed trustees and the Pennsylvania company was named depository. The resolution, according to the "Ledger," after designating acceptance of the plan, read:

We all agree to deposit our stock with the Pennsylvania company as depository, provided that the amount deposited be satisfactory to the committee.

The agreement of deposit provides, the "Ledger" went on to say, that Estey-Welte A stock "shall be held and controlled and marketed in such manner as best to preserve the market value for said shares and to realize the maximum value thereon." Also that any holder of the stock may become a party to the agreement by depositing his stock with the Pennsylvania company. The trustees are especially authorized and empowered, through such agencies as they may in their uncontrolled discretion select, to sell and dispose of at public or private sale any part of the shares deposited under the agreement.

The Pennsylvania company, it was stated, would start to receive the stock at 2 o'clock yesterday (Feb. 4). Although the agreement of deposit designates Feb. 5 (to-day) as the final day on which deposits may be made, it was said it is likely that an extension of time will be granted. Further, the agreement provides that those who make deposits shall receive depository certificates, which shall be transferable and negotiable, it was stated. A consolidated balance sheet of the Estey-Welte Corporation, it was stated, as of Dec. 31 1926, showed total assets and total liabilities of \$4,283,542. Current assets were \$1,329,947 and current liabilities \$630,921, it was said.

#### E. F. Higgins of Bank of America Looks for Maintenance of General Level of Prosperity in South in 1927 Despite Fall in Cotton Prices.

The general level of prosperity will be maintained in the South in 1927 despite the decline of approximately \$600,000,000 in purchasing power caused by the fall of cotton prices, according to a study made by Elmore F. Higgins, Vice-President of The Bank of America, New York. Cotton is only one factor in the Southern economic situation and accounts for only a fraction of the total income, Mr. Higgins declares. A survey of the agricultural situation reveals that other crops have been uniformly large and will benefit their producers, particularly those farmers who heeded the appeal for crop diversification. Mr. Higgins says:

"The new South of 1927 is becoming primarily an industrial South. The textile manufacturing plants, particularly in the Piedmont section, the iron and steel industry centering in Birmingham, the great building industry, the railroads, the growing mining developments in many parts of the South and the shipping and lumbering activities are the vital indices of the true economic conditions of that part of the country and the purchasing power of its people. It has been estimated that the total annual income of the South is \$18,000,000,000.

"For the first time in the history of this country, the number of cotton mill spindles located in the Southern states has at last exceeded that in New England, thus establishing the South as the most important textile manufacturing region in the United States. The Southern mill owner is not only operating more spindles but is producing more than twice as much as the New England mill owner per unit of machinery.

"The iron and steel industry also enjoyed an active and profitable year. The lumber industry has maintained a heavy rate of operations. The shipping industry of the South continues prosperous. Conditions in the building industry indicate a return to normal conditions after the boom of 1920-1925, and moreover the transition has been accomplished in a satisfactory manner. Railroad activity in the South continued at a high level through the year. Coal production in Alabama and Kentucky increased sharply and these regions are becoming important producing areas.

"This record of continued progress in the major industries of the South in large part offsets the adverse cotton crop developments which have received an undue share of the public attention. This conclusion is supported by the sound banking conditions now prevailing in the South. The ease with which the banks handled the present record-breaking crop was a remarkable demonstration of banking efficiency. Furthermore, this sound credit condition extends to the individual

farmers. Farm mortgage payments have been made with regularity in recent months, and collections by merchants are reported as satisfactory. With such sound credit conditions, the solution of an excess crop is greatly facilitated and there is every reason to expect that the general level of prosperity will be maintained during 1927."

#### Acceptance Bank Earnings Larger—Increase Due in Majority of Cases to Extension of Activities into Other Fields.

Acceptance houses generally did much better in 1926 in the way of earnings, notwithstanding that the volume of acceptances outstanding has been running smaller, the "Wall Street Journal" says in a survey of the field. For the most part, however, larger earnings were due to the fact that these houses extended their activities into other fields, such, for instance, as syndicate operations, including flotations of foreign issues, and trading in securities, &c. The following is also from the item appearing in the "Wall Street Journal":

There are few what might be called purely acceptance houses here-comparable to the real acceptance, or merchant banking, houses of Europe. Nearly all the leading banks, trust companies and private banks now do an acceptance business but in most cases accepting is a side line with them. Special provisions under the banking laws empower the national and State institutions to accept bills of exchange.

Of original acceptance houses, the largest are International Acceptance Bank, Kidder Peabody Acceptance Corp., J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., French-American Banking Corp. and Huth & Co. Houses such as J. P. Morgan & Co., Brown Bros. & Co., Goldman, Sachs & Co., Heidelberg, Ickelheimer & Co. accept on a large scale, but they have for many years also undertaken other financial operations.

According to the American Acceptance Council, which is designed to further the acceptance business generally, volume of bills outstanding at close of last year was \$751,365,000 as reported by the principal accepting banks throughout the country, compared with \$773,735,600 at the close of 1925.

Following table shows the amount of acceptances and letters of credit outstanding reported by these banks on Dec. 31:

	1926.	1925.
International Acceptance Bank.....	\$55,200,008	\$55,610,638
Kidder-Peabody Acceptance Corp.....	33,337,261	34,378,910
J. H. Schroder Banking Corp.....	12,626,296	11,545,950
French-American Banking Corp.....	12,896,469	12,264,171

From Dec. 31 reports, the net earnings in the preceding 12 months, with percentage earned on capital, surplus and profits, compare as follows:

	1926	%	1925.	%
International Acceptance Bank....	\$2,298,000	16.9	\$1,882,136	14.6
Kidder-Peabody Acceptance Corp....	1,080,012	9.0	759,368	6.8
J. H. Schroder Banking Corp.....	940,779	23.4	520,670	15.0
French-American Banking Corp....	454,530	11.8	328,048	9.3

International Acceptance Bank's net earnings are before taxes, profit sharing, charge offs, extra reserves, &c., which amounted to \$1,310,300 in 1926 and \$927,000 in 1925.

International Acceptance Bank, started in 1921, is owned by a number of stockholding banks and firms in the United States and foreign countries. J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp. is the New York affiliation of the great London, century-old, house of J. Henry Schroder & Co. The New York institution was opened in Oct., 1923. French American Banking Corp. was organized in April 1919, and is entirely owned by three banks, Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, National Bank of Commerce in New York and the First National Bank of Boston.

#### 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. 31—Renewal, 4%; high 4%; low, 4%; last, 4%. Small volume. Ample supply.
Feb. 1—Renewal, 4%; high, 4%; low, 4%; last, 4%. Small turnover. Money freely offered. Some transactions reported over the counter at 3 3/4%.
Feb. 2—Renewal, 4%; high, 4%; low, 4%; last, 4%. Money in supply all day and at close.
Feb. 3—Renewal, 4%; high, 4%; low, 4%; last, 4%. Money freely offered at all times.
Feb. 4—Renewal, 4%; high, 4%; low, 4%; last, 4%. Money in supply all day.

Statements of previous weeks have appeared weekly in our issues since July 10 1926; last week's statement will be found on page 592 of our issue of Jan. 22.

#### McNary-Haugen Farm Bill Given Right of Way in Senate—Efforts to Make McFadden Branch Banking Bill Special Business of Senate.

Efforts to make both the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill and the McFadden branch banking bill the special order of business in the Senate have marked the sessions of that body this week, and on Feb. 3 the farm measure was given right of way, the Senate voting on that day (66 to 14) to make it the unfinished business. In the House on Jan. 31 a tentative agreement to call up the McNary-Haugen bill on Feb. 8 was reached by Representative Tilson, the Republican leader, and Chairman Snell of the Rules Committee. Privileged legislative status for the bill was approved the same day by the House Rules Committee. As to the Senate action on Feb. 3, we quote the following from the Washington account to the New York "Journal of Commerce":

The effect of the motion presented by Senator Charles L. McNary, in charge of the measure upon which this vote was had, is to make the measure the unfinished business of the Senate, enabling that Senator to hold it before the Senate until acted upon. However, he has indicated a willingness to have it temporarily laid aside from time to time to permit action on pending appropriation bills. The present unfinished business of the Senate is the Lenroot-Taber milk bill, which will come to vote tomorrow.

This action was taken after failure came to a joint petition in the form of a unanimous consent agreement to take up the Farm Relief bill at once and to vote upon it on Monday, February 7; then to take up the resolution on the McFadden National Bank bill, with a view to voting upon the latter Wednesday, February 9. Despite the setback to the bank bill today it seems as though a coalition of the agricultural and farm groups is near. This would indicate that a vote on the latter will be assured at this session, and the sponsors of the McFadden bill hold they have votes enough to assure its passage.

*Storm Greet's Motion.*

A storm of protest followed this motion by Senator McNary. Senator David I. Walsh, of Massachusetts, declared that it was a mistake to link these two important measures together, adding that he did not propose to see the farm bill pass with only two or three days allowed for debate. The Massachusetts Senator characterized the farmer-banker alliance as a novel combination. He said, however, that he would agree to a vote on the farm bill a week from tomorrow and on the bank bill the following day. Senator George Norris, of Nebraska, also objected to grouping the two issues.

"Why try to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for the bank bill?" he inquired.

Among others opposed to the agreement was Senator Ashurst, of Arizona, who said he feared that efforts would be made to get the Boulder Dam bill in under the agreement and to this he is very much opposed. Senator Jones, of Washington, stated that such an agreement would delay action on the appropriation bills. Senator Joseph T. Robinson, of Arkansas, Democratic floor leader, also stated that the time allowed for the farm and bank measures was so short that it would be impractical to take up the money bills before these other two were disposed of.

*Dawes Intervenes.*

Senator Glass told Senator Norris he had put "the cart before the horse," that the farm bill supporters were not pulling the chestnuts out of the fire for the bank bill, but that the exact opposite was the case. He declared that two-thirds of the Senate were for the bank bill. Senator Norris retorted that if this be true the supporters of the bank bill could get a cloture rule.

Senator Gooding of Idaho informed the Senate that he had been active in endeavoring to bring the farm and bank groups together, since he was satisfied that otherwise neither bill could pass this session. He has been circulating two petitions calling for the application of cloture with respect to these two matters, to be invoked at such time as it may be deemed desirable so to do. He declared that the farm bloc have enough votes to pass the measure and that they were not going to devote much time to talk. Vice President Dawes, earlier in the day, had been brought into the matter and sought to use his influence in getting the two groups together with respect to the controversy between them as to which of the measures should have precedence.

When it became apparent that it would not be possible to reach an agreement in the Senate linking the two measures together, Senator McNary withdrew his suggestion and immediately moved to take up the farm bill. Senator Jones, of Washington, offered a substitute motion contemplating the taking up of the State, Justice, Commerce and Labor Appropriation bill, which was reported to the Senate yesterday. He said that this could be done, holding that the measure was privileged, but the Vice President ruled that was not so after 2 o'clock.

An agreement has been reached, it is said, between the Kentucky and Tennessee delegations and the farm bill sponsors in Congress for the inclusion of tobacco as one of the basic crops covered by the McNary-Haugen bill. It is declared that this makes certain that votes that otherwise would be of a negative character will be drawn to the support of the bill. The Kentuckians claim that inclusion of tobacco will mean at least forty additional votes for the measure. Appropriate amendments will be offered in the Senate by Senator McKellar, of Tennessee, and in the House by Representative Kincheto, of Kentucky. The basic commodities now carried in the bill are cotton, rice, corn, wheat and hogs.

*Line-up of Vote on Bill.*

With one exception—Senator King of Utah—all of the negative votes on the McNary motion to take up his bill came from the East.

Analysis of this vote shows that the so-called "bank bloc" played along with the farm bloc members, since, for instance, Senator Glass of Virginia, has been opposed to the passage of the farm bill and Senators Pepper, Pennsylvania, and Edge, New Jersey, are members with Mr. Glass of the Senate Conference Committee on the banking bill.

Senator McLean (Conn.), is chairman of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency. Senator Reed (Pa.) stands with his colleague, Senator Pepper, back of the bank bill. All of these are listed with those voting to take up the farm bill and it is doubtful if they will vote for its passage unless to do so will actually guarantee enactment of the McFadden bill.

A motion to make the conference report on the McFadden banking bill the special order of business of the Senate on February 3 came from Senator Pepper on Jan. 31. On the latter date the Washington correspondent of "The Journal of Commerce" said:

Points of order, parliamentary inquiries, disputes and roll calls occupied the attention of the Senate for four hours and when adjournment came it was apparent that the Senate was no nearer an agreement as to the time when the report should be considered than had there been no discussion today.

*Poll Is Favorable.*

A poll of the Senate, it is said, indicated that there are sufficient votes to pass the conference report if and when it comes up for final action. But it was charged by Senator Glass, of Virginia, there is a filibuster under way which may compel the application of the cloture rule before anything can be done to make the McFadden bill a law before March 4 next.

The *United States Daily* noted that in the Senate on Feb. 1 the parliamentary discussion was prolonged nearly four hours as a result of which no action was taken on

that day on Senator Pepper's resolution to make the McFadden bill a special order of business February 3. Late in the day on Feb. 2, Senator McNary served notice on the Senatethat he would move on Feb. 3 (we quote from the New York "Times") to fix a time to vote on the measure, efforts to reach an agreement having failed. Senator Pepper announced at the same time that he would move on the 3rd to take up the McFadden-Pepper Banking bill.

Senator Pepper, in proposing on Jan. 31 that the McFadden bill be made the special order of the Senate business, had the following to say in part regarding the bill:

This measure was originally passed by the House. It was sent to the Senate, and the Senate proposed 39 amendments, including two which had the effect of eliminating from the House measure the so-called Hull amendments. The bill went back to the House. The House refused to recede, and requested a conference; but in requesting a conference the House passed an overriding resolution instructing its conferees to stand pat on the Hull amendments.

The Senate appointed conferees without restriction. We went into conference, and for weeks and perhaps even months discussed the matter in conference.

The Senate conferees found themselves unable to yield on the point covered by the House instructions, because that had been the subject of a test vote in the Senate, and the Senate had expressed itself by a vote of 67 to 16. The House conferees, being bound by the House instructions, were unable to agree with us. The consequence was that there was no recourse except to report a disagreement. That was accordingly done; but when the House conferees reported their disagreement to the House, the House, without asking for a further conference or merely withdrawing its instructions, took the whole subject matter of dispute into its cognizance, and, by the resolution which is now upon the President's table, reversed its action to the following extent:

Out of the 39 Senate amendments, the House, out of hand, expresses its concurrence in 26. In the case of seven others the House concurred in the Senate amendments with some very slight verbal changes, raising no question of substance except one, which I need not now go into, and, with regard to the remaining six points, stood pat upon its original provisions; but no one of them concerned any point of serious difference between the Senate and the House, they being points upon which the conferees would have been prepared to yield in a free conference. So that when the House resolution came over here we were in a position to move to concur with the House in its insistence upon the seven points of difference with the Senate in the form of amendments to Senate amendments, and to recede on the six points where the House stood pat on its original provisions. So that while we have not technically a conference report, because the conferees, under the circumstances I have narrated, had to report a disagreement, we have completed legislation here with the exception of some points which Senators who have not yet studied the bill will be surprised to find are of exceedingly minor importance when compared to the whole scope of the legislation. It is because we are pressing for a consideration of this as legislation carefully thrashed out and substantially completed by the two Houses that we are urging in a rather unusual way that this matter be made a special order.

Senator Smith interjected, "so that in effect you are asking the Senate to pass upon the resolution that is now pending in reference to the action of the House, so that the Senate and the House will then, by that act, if we adopt the resolution, be in practical accord?"

In answer Senator Pepper said:

The Senator has stated the matter with entire accuracy; and let me say that on all the great points of difference between the House and the Senate, with the exception of one that I referred to awhile ago—the question of territory contiguous to a municipality—on all the great points of difference between the House and the Senate the House has accepted the point of view of the Senate, and accepted it finally, and the Hull amendments are removed from the realm of discussion. The indeterminate charters of Federal reserve banks are removed from the realm of discussion. These are points upon which both Houses are now in agreement.

The acceptance by the House of the McFadden bill without the Hull amendments was noted in our issue of Jan. 29, page 596. In the same issue (page 594) we referred to the fact that the McNary-Haugen farm bill had been ordered favorably reported by the Senate Agricultural Committee.

**Federal Reserve Bank of New York on Gold Movement During Year and Month of December.**

With regard to the gold movement the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has the following to say in its February "Monthly Review":

With the receipt of \$17,000,000 during December, imports of gold for the year 1926 reached a total of nearly \$213,500,000. Exports of \$7,000,000 brought the export total up to \$115,700,000. For the entire year there were net imports of slightly under \$97,800,000, as compared with net exports of \$134,000,000 in 1925, but, with the exception of 1925, net imports of gold in 1926 were the smallest in any year since 1920.

Of the exports during December, \$5,000,000 went to Germany, continuing the movement of earmarked gold to the Reichsbank, and \$1,000,000 was shipped to the Dutch East Indies. Imports included \$5,000,000 each from China and Chile, \$4,000,000 from Japan, and \$1,000,000 from England.

The most important movements of the year have been as follows: the import of \$83,000,000 from Canada and the export of \$42,000,000 to that country in consequence of seasonal fluctuations in exchange; the import of \$51,000,000 from Australia; the import of \$24,000,000 from Mexico, largely due to special shipments by the Bank of Mexico, and partly offset by exports of \$6,000,000; the import of \$21,000,000 from Chile, chiefly from the Central Bank of Chile for the creation of a reserve in New York; the import of \$14,000,000 from Japan, sent by the Japanese Government

for the support of its exchange; and the export of \$48,000,000 to Germany, consisting chiefly of earmarked gold belonging to the Reichsbank.  
 In January, following the decline of Canadian exchange below the gold shipping point, there was an earlier and heavier gold movement from Canada than in either of the two previous years. This movement amounted to \$37,500,000 in the first 28 days of January. In addition, gold imports at the Port of New York amounted to \$17,700,000, including \$14,700,000 from France and \$2,600,000 from Chile, and exports totaled \$14,500,000, of which \$12,500,000 went to Germany.

**Treasury to Redeem Circulation Bonds—Likely Action on McFadden Bill Presages Completion of Plan to Abolish National Bank Currency.**

From its Washington Bureau the "Wall Street Journal" on January 24 reported the following:

Recent developments in Congress foreshadowing final action at this session on the McFadden banking bill bring forward again the Treasury's policy for abolishing national bank currency by the ultimate retirement of all bonds bearing the circulation privilege.

Initial steps for the carrying out of this policy were taken more than two years ago by Secretary Mellon when he called for redemption of the 4% bonds of 1925. Retirement of the national bank circulation was predicated upon the early passage of the McFadden bill, which later became the subject of extended controversy only recently showing definite signs of subsiding. Retirement of the 4% bonds of 1925 of which \$118,489,900 were outstanding, was begun February 2, 1925. There now remain only three issues of bonds bearing the circulation privilege, all 2% bonds, of which an aggregate of \$674,625,630 is outstanding.

As originally drafted by Mr. Mellon, the Treasury's program would provide for the retirement of the 2% Panama canal loan of 1916-36, of which \$48,954,180 is outstanding and the 2% Panama canal loan of 1918-38, of which \$25,947,400 is outstanding, at some date after the passage of the McFadden bill but before the callable date of the 2% consols of 1930. These bonds are not redeemable until after April 1, 1930, and would be retired next.

Objections by some of the national banks to the plan for abolishing national bank circulation have been met by the Treasury with the contention that by the passage of the McFadden bill they would obtain additional powers which would more than compensate them for the loss of the circulation privilege.

The loan of 1925 carried interest at 4%, so that in its retirement the government made money. But the remaining bonds bearing the circulation privilege outstanding are all 2% issues and the government is paying above 3% for new money. However, Mr. Mellon inaugurated the retirement program on the principle that it was necessary in the interest of an elastic currency system, and believes the importance of simplifying the country's currency system by the elimination of the national bank note is paramount and the increased rate of interest in such event may properly be considered an investment in behalf of a sound monetary reform.

For the 12 months ended June 30 1926—that is, for the latest fiscal year—net profits for member banks were \$434,409,000, or 8.97% of their capital funds, which amount to \$4,842,687,000.† This was the highest rate of return that has been received in any fiscal year since 1920. The actual dollar amount of net profits for the past year was larger than for any other fiscal year on record, but the rate of return expressed as a percentage of total capital funds was considerably below the record figures for the fiscal years 1919 and 1920, owing to some growth in the volume of capital funds during the intervening period. In the accompanying table are shown the actual dollar amounts of the various items of member bank costs and earnings, together with the amount per \$100 of earning assets, for the years ended June 30 1925 and 1926. Comparisons between the two sets of figures indicate the effect of changes in the volume of earning assets on the actual dollar amounts of costs and earnings and on the final rate of profits on capital funds.

**ANALYSIS OF MEMBER BANK COSTS AND EARNINGS, YEARS ENDING JUNE 30 1925 AND 1926.**

	1926.	1925.	Amts per \$100 of Earning Assets.	
			1926.	1925.
Interest earned.....	\$1,679,827,000	\$1,543,202,000	\$5 46	\$5 36
Other earnings.....	303,390,000	300,706,000	0 99	1 06
<b>Gross earnings.....</b>	<b>\$1,983,217,000</b>	<b>\$1,843,908,000</b>	<b>\$6 45</b>	<b>\$6 41</b>
Interest on deposits.....	\$658,027,000	\$625,368,000	\$2 14	\$2 18
Interest on borrowed money.....	29,688,000	19,866,000	0 10	0 07
Salaries and wages.....	384,259,000	362,128,000	1 25	1 26
Taxes.....	106,297,000	100,205,000	0 35	0 35
All other expenses.....	230,834,000	213,398,000	0 75	0 74
<b>Total expenses.....</b>	<b>\$1,409,105,000</b>	<b>\$1,320,965,000</b>	<b>\$4 58</b>	<b>\$4 60</b>
<b>Net earnings.....</b>	<b>\$574,112,000</b>	<b>\$522,943,000</b>	<b>\$1 87</b>	<b>\$1 82</b>
Losses on loans.....	\$131,227,000	\$133,554,000	0 60	0 66
Losses on investments.....	35,963,000	34,958,000	0 40	0 40
All other losses.....	38,447,000	29,765,000	---	---
<b>Total losses.....</b>	<b>\$205,637,000</b>	<b>\$198,277,000</b>	<b>\$0 67</b>	<b>\$0 69</b>
Recoveries.....	65,934,000	53,738,000	0 21	0 19
<b>Net losses.....</b>	<b>\$139,703,000</b>	<b>\$144,539,000</b>	<b>\$0 45</b>	<b>\$0 60</b>
Net addition to profits.....	\$434,409,000	\$378,404,000	\$1 41	\$1 32
Dividends declared.....	278,368,000	260,677,000	---	---
<b>Total earning assets, c.....</b>	<b>\$3,746,398,000</b>	<b>\$3,745,251,000</b>	---	---
Capital funds, d.....	\$4,842,687,000	4,594,265,000	---	---
<b>Earnings assets per \$1 capital funds.....</b>	---	---	<b>\$6 35</b>	<b>\$6 26</b>
<b>Net profits per \$100 of capital funds, e.....</b>	---	---	<b>8 97</b>	<b>8 24</b>

- a Amount per \$100 of loans.
- b Amount per \$100 of investments.
- c Gross loans and investments—average of amounts from condition reports for five call dates during the year.
- d Capital, surplus, and undivided profits—average of amounts from condition reports for five call dates during the year.
- e Obtained by dividing net profits by capital funds; equivalent to product of two preceding ratios.

Gross earnings during the last fiscal year were about \$140,000,000 larger than the year before. The increase was almost entirely in interest and discount earned, which constituted about 85% of the banks' total earnings, and reflected for the most part growth in the volume of the banks' loans and investments. The table shows that interest and discount earned amounted to \$5 46 per \$100 of loans and investments during 1926, compared with \$5 36 in 1925. Since this class of earnings is derived almost entirely from the banks' loans and investments, the amounts approximate the average yield of these assets. The increase in gross earnings was due in part to the slight advance in the average rate of return on the loans and investments, but in larger measure to growth in the volume of these assets, which, at about \$30,750,000,000 \* in 1926, was \$2,000,000,000, or about 7%, larger than in the preceding year.

Total expenses absorbed somewhat more than 71% of gross earnings and showed an increase of nearly \$90,000,000, leaving net operating earnings about \$50,000,000 above last year. Although there were increases in all the reported items of expense, the amounts of each class of expenditure per \$100 of earning assets showed only slight changes, increases in the actual amounts of the expenses being accounted for by growth in the volume of transactions, as indicated by the volume of earning assets, and, in the case of interest on deposits, by growth in the volume of deposits.

Total losses charged off during 1926 were somewhat larger in amount than for the preceding year, but the increase was more than offset by an increase in amounts recovered on assets previously charged off, and the net result was a slight decline in net losses, leaving net profits after meeting all costs nearly \$60,000,000 larger in the past fiscal year than in the preceding one.

The amount of net profits per \$100 of earning assets, as well as the actual dollar amount, was somewhat larger in 1926 than in 1925. The slight increase in the amount of gross earnings per \$100 of earning assets has already been pointed out. The amounts of both expenses and net losses per \$100 of earning assets showed slight decreases for the year, and the amount remaining as net addition to profits, at \$1 41 per \$100 of earning assets in 1926, compared with \$1 32 for the year before.

During the past two years there was a comparatively steady growth in the volume of member bank earning assets. This growth has been at a somewhat more rapid rate than the accompanying growth in the volume of capital funds invested in member banks, and in 1926 the banks had, for each dollar of capital funds, \$6 35 of earning assets as against \$6 26 in 1925. As a result of this change a given amount of profits per \$100 of earning assets represented a somewhat larger return per \$100 of capital funds in 1926 than in 1925. The increase in the rate of net profits on capital funds from 8.24% in 1925 to 8.97% in 1926 is, therefore, due in part to the increase in the profit per \$100 of earning assets and in part to the increased proportion of earning assets to capital funds.

It has already been noted that net profits of member banks in 1926, at \$434,409,000, were higher than for any previous fiscal year. The increase in net profits during the past few years has accompanied a marked growth in gross earnings, which is attributable in considerable measure to growth in the volume of earning assets. This fact is brought out in

† Capital, surplus, and undivided profits.  
 \* Average of amounts shown in reports of condition for five call dates during the year.

**Earnings and Expenses of Member Banks in Federal Reserve System—Gross Earnings in 1926 Exceed Those of 1925 by \$140,000,000.**

Gross earnings of member banks in the Federal Reserve System during the year ending June 30 1926 were about \$140,000,000 larger than those of the year before, according to the Federal Reserve Board, which in its January Bulletin reports 1926 gross earnings of \$1,983,217,000, as compared with \$1,843,908,000 in 1925. The net earnings of member banks in 1926 are shown as \$574,112,000, against \$522,943,000 in 1925. The net addition to profits amounted to \$434,409,000 in 1926, or 8.97% of the banks' capital funds, which amount to \$4,842,687,000. Details are supplied as follows by the Board:

During the first six months of 1926 member banks in the Federal Reserve System had net profits of \$223,061,000; this amount was about \$12,000,000 larger than the figure for the preceding six months and represents an annual rate of return of 9.10% on the banks' total capital funds,\* compared with 8.86% for the earlier period. The increase in profits was the net result of an increase in gross earnings only partially absorbed by a slight increase in total expenses, and a decrease in the net amount of losses charged off.

Notwithstanding a considerable decrease in the number of member banks during the first half of the year, total loans and investments were in larger volume than ever before, and while the average yield of these earning assets was somewhat lower than in the last half of 1925, gross earnings increased by about \$9,000,000; at the same time expenses increased only slightly. There was a reduction of \$12,000,000 in the amount of losses charged off, owing chiefly to a decrease in the amount of defaulted loans written off; amounts recovered from assets previously charged off showed a decline for the period, but net losses were still nearly \$5,000,000 lower than in the last half of 1925. Costs and earnings of member banks for six-month periods since the middle of 1924 are summarized in the following table:

**COSTS AND EARNINGS, ALL MEMBER BANKS, JUNE 30 1924 TO JUNE 30 1926.**

	First Six Months of 1926 (9,372 Banks).	Last Six Months of 1925 (9,482 Banks).	First Six Months of 1924 (9,530 Banks).	Last Six Months of 1924 (9,566 Banks).
Gross earnings.....	\$996,047,000	\$987,170,000	\$930,924,000	\$912,984,000
Expenses.....	705,580,000	703,525,000	663,792,000	657,173,000
<b>Net earnings.....</b>	<b>\$290,467,000</b>	<b>\$283,645,000</b>	<b>\$267,132,000</b>	<b>\$255,811,000</b>
Total losses.....	\$96,681,000	\$108,956,000	\$84,143,000	\$114,134,000
Recoveries.....	29,275,000	36,659,000	25,147,000	28,591,000
<b>Net losses, a.....</b>	<b>\$67,406,000</b>	<b>\$72,297,000</b>	<b>\$58,996,000</b>	<b>\$85,543,000</b>
<b>Net addition to profits.....</b>	<b>\$223,061,000</b>	<b>\$211,348,000</b>	<b>\$208,136,000</b>	<b>\$170,268,000</b>

a Total losses less recoveries on assets previously charged off.

the following table, which shows for the past eight fiscal years the volume of member bank earning assets, the amounts of interest earned and of gross earnings and the amounts of interest and of gross earnings per 100 of earning assets.

PRINCIPAL EARNING ASSETS AND EARNINGS, ALL MEMBER BANKS, YEARS ENDING JUNE 30 1919 TO 1926.

Table with columns: Years Ending June 30, Earning Assets, Int. and Discount Earned, Gross Earnings. Rows: 1919-1926.

\* Averages of amounts of gross loans and investments from condition reports for call dates during the year.

Total interest and discount earned by member banks has shown an increase in each of the past eight years with the exception of 1922, when there was a decrease from the record total for the preceding year. Since interest and discount constitute the major portion of banking income, the same was true also of gross earnings during the period. The table shows that for the year ended June 30 1926 the banks' gross income amounted to about \$1,983,000,000, an increase of \$140,000,000 from the year before and of more than \$692,000,000 from 1919.

Costs and earnings of member banks for the last eight fiscal years are summarized in the following table, which shows actual dollar amounts as well as amounts per \$100 of earning assets:

COSTS AND EARNINGS, ALL MEMBER BANKS, YEARS ENDING JUNE 30 1919 TO 1926.

Table with columns: Years End. June 30, Gross Earnings, Expenses, Net Earnings, Net Losses, Net Profits. Includes sub-table for Amounts per \$100 of Earning Assets.

While member bank earnings were expanding during the past eight years, with growth in the volume of banking transactions, some of the more important items of expense have also been increasing. The largest increases were in amounts expended in salaries and wages and in the form of interest paid on deposits, which accompanied the increased volume of business handled as reflected in growth in the volume of earning assets and of deposits.

PROFITS OF ALL MEMBER BANKS, YEARS ENDING JUNE 30 1919 TO 1926.

Table with columns: Years Ending June 30, Earning Assets, Capital Funds, Amount of Earning Assets per \$1 of Capital Funds, Net Profits.

\* Averages of amounts from reports of condition for call dates during the year. a Obtained by dividing net profits by average amount of invested capital; equivalent to the product of the two preceding ratios.

All the figures which appear in the foregoing analysis relate to all member banks combined. Corresponding figures are given separately for each Federal Reserve district in the following tables:

ANALYSIS OF MEMBER BANK COSTS AND EARNINGS, BY DISTRICTS, YEARS ENDING JUNE 30 1925 AND 1926.

Table with columns: Boston District, New York District, Philadelphia District, Cleveland District. Rows: Amounts per \$100 of loans and investments, Interest earned, Other earnings, Gross earnings, Interest on deposits, Interest on borrowed money, Salaries and wages, Taxes, All other expenses, Total expenses, Net earnings, Total losses, Recoveries, Net losses, Net additions to profits, Other ratios.

Table with columns: Richmond District, Atlanta District, Chicago District, St. Louis District. Rows: Amounts per \$100 of loans and investments, Interest earned, Other earnings, Gross earnings, Interest on deposits, Interest on borrowed money, Salaries and wages, Taxes, All other expenses, Total expenses, Net earnings, Total losses, Recoveries, Net losses, Net additions to profits, Other ratios.

Table with columns: Minneapolis District, Kansas City District, Dallas District, San Fran. District. Rows: Amount per \$100 of loans and investments, Interest earned, Other earnings, Gross earnings, Interest on deposits, Interest on borrowed money, Salaries and wages, Taxes, All other expenses, Total expenses, Net earnings, Total losses, Recoveries, Net losses, Net additions to profits, Other ratios.

a Total losses less recoveries on assets previously charged off. b Obtained by dividing net profits by capital funds; equivalent to the product of the two preceding ratios.

Note.—These and other figures here presented are based upon data taken from the customary abstracts of reports of condition and of earnings, expenses, and dividends. It should be borne in mind in using them that the statistics employed represent aggregates for banks reporting on the various dates and such ratios as are included in the tables are therefore ratios of aggregates, in which figures for large banks have a statistical influence somewhat disproportionate to their number, in comparison with the figures for small banks. No adjustments have been made in the underlying data for changes during a given year in the number of banks whose reports underlie the statistics, since the figures presented are for sufficiently large groups that the results appear not to be appreciably affected by these changes.





You carry with you my very warm regards and my best wishes for success and happiness in your new occupation."

Mr. Winston is succeeded as Under Secretary of the Treasury by Ogden L. Mills, of New York, whose nomination was sent to the Senate by President Coolidge on Feb. 1. The nomination, confirmed by the Senate on that day, was called up out of order without reference to a committee, a courtesy usually extended only to former Senators. Mr. Mills, who is a member of the House of Representatives, will, it is stated, retain his House seat for the present. Associated Press advices from Washington, Feb. 3, announcing this, said:

Although he had mailed his resignation to Governor Smith, he said later, after a visit to the White House, that he had changed his mind and had recalled his resignation.

After his conference with the President, Mr. Mills said he would divide his attention between duties at the Treasury and looking after certain Administrative measures at the Capitol.

He is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, and this session has been particularly interested in alien property and the Treasury's proposal for replacement of the supply of medicinal whiskey.

**Semi-Annual Meeting of Business Organization of Government—President Coolidge on Budget—Favors Adequate Preparedness But Opposes Militaristic Policies.**

At the semi-annual business meeting of the Government on Jan. 29, President Coolidge referred to the direct connection which the public debt has with the question of military preparedness, and said:

To the extent that we are able to reduce our public debt and to eliminate the vast charges of interest thereon, to that extent are we adding to our military preparedness, and to the same extent are we lightening the burden of the people of this country. Probably of all the great nations of the world, we are in the most fortunate financial condition. But, aside from the many and other important reasons, we should, from a financial standpoint alone, refrain from any gesture which could possibly be construed as militaristic. There are in this nation people who advocate policies which would place us in a militaristic attitude. There are others who beguile themselves with a feeling of absolute safety and preach a doctrine of extreme pacifism. Both of these are dangerous to our continued peace and prosperity. What we need and all that we need for national protection is adequate preparedness. In that is reflected our traditional attitude toward all nations. It contains no gesture of offense and no gesture of weakness.

I am for adequate military preparedness. \* \* \* As a nation we are advocates of peace. Not only should we refrain from any act which might be construed as calling for competition in armament, but rather should bend our every effort to eliminate forever any such competition. We can not and should not divorce our own interests in this direction from the interests of other nations.

The President pointed out that five and a half years ago, "when we set about to put our finances in order, we were faced with a public debt of \$23,977,000,000." He noted that "we have seen that debt reduced by more than \$4,334,000,000 in the five years which ended June 30 last" and that "in these five years the schedule fixed by law for debt reduction from our ordinary receipts was exceeded by \$2,096,000,000. In other words, on June 30 last we were over \$2,000,000,000 ahead of the schedule. This excess debt reduction represents an extraordinary annual saving in interest of nearly \$100,000,000." The President also observed that "in the same period of time we have seen three substantial reductions in rates of taxation. He added that "the outlook today is that a large sum can be applied this current fiscal year to the further reduction of our debt. If this is realized" he said "our debt on June 30 next will stand well below \$19,000,000,000. We will be then ahead of the schedule more than two and one-half billions of dollars." While stating that "this year promises a substantial surplus, and we have every hope for a surplus the next year," the President said:

It is too early to forecast whether or not there can be a further permanent reduction in taxes in the near future. We are waiting a test of the producing ability of the revenue act of 1926. But what we can, should, and must do today is to keep a firm grasp on our expenditure program. This is essential if we are to reap the full benefits of a favorable revenue under the existing law.

The President's address follows:

Members of the Government's Business Organization: In these meetings I find a real encouragement. I approach them with knowledge of what has been done. I leave them with increased hope for the future. We gather here to consider the business operations of the Government. It is here we discuss our policies and aims, so that all may contribute understandingly to their fulfillment. We represent the most colossal business organization in the world. Its activities touch almost every known interest. Because of this it is important that we proceed along definite business lines. And this becomes even more important when we pause to consider the one and only object of our operations—the welfare of the American people. The profit of our labors go to the people. This is our constant inspiration for loyal, faithful and devoted service.

In speaking of the business operations of the Federal Government we are not greatly concerned with the amount of responsibility attaching to an office. Rather are we concerned with the manner in which that responsibility is discharged. It is in the discharge of our duties that we find success or failure. In the vast business of the Federal Government we must necessarily measure the product in the aggregate. This aggregate is the sum total of all of our efforts. No matter how high or

how low the position held, each of us in the Federal service contributes to the aggregate of the product.

We are often charged with inefficiency. But I am fully convinced that the facts demonstrate that, measuring efficiency by the aggregate of the product these last years, there is no business body more efficient than the business organization of the Federal Government. You have the opportunity and privilege of serving all of the people. It calls not alone for efficiency, but for high ideals of service—a conception of duty where selfish interests and selfish desires have no place. It calls for loyalty and patriotism. We are serving a cause which to us should be sacred above all things—the cause of the people of this great nation. Errors of judgment are excusable. There is no excuse for disloyalty. If there be persons in our organization who have not been loyal, who have not lived up to the ideals demanded by the cause we serve, they have not only contributed nothing but they have subtracted something from the efforts of the loyal. They should be displaced.

*Debt Reduction in Five Years.*

When five and a half years ago we set about to put our finances in order, we were faced with a public debt of \$23,977,000,000. It is easy to save when not in debt. It is an entirely different thing to save and economize when in debt. The record of this intervening period has shown that the vast public debt was an inspiration for real accomplishment. We have seen that debt reduced by more than \$4,334,000,000 in the five years which ended June 30 last. In these five years the schedule fixed by law for debt reduction from our ordinary receipts was exceeded by \$2,096,000,000. In other words, on June 30 last we were over \$2,000,000,000 ahead of the schedule. This excess debt reduction represents an extraordinary annual saving in interest of nearly \$100,000,000. And in the same period of time we have seen three substantial reductions in rates of taxation. This has been accomplished not at the expense of the character of service rendered by the Federal Government, but manifestly and plainly to all for the benefit of that service. The outlook today is that a large sum can be applied this current fiscal year to the further reduction of our debt. If this is realized our debt on June 30 next will stand well below \$19,000,000,000. We will be then ahead of the schedule more than two and one-half billions of dollars.

*Public Debt and Military Preparedness.*

The public debt has a direct connection with the question of military preparedness. To the extent that we are able to reduce our public debt and to eliminate the vast charges of interest thereon, to that extent are we adding to our military preparedness; and to the same extent are we lightening the burden of the people of this country. Probably of all the great nations of the world, we are in the most fortunate financial condition. But, aside from the many and other more important reasons, we should, from a financial standpoint alone, refrain from any gesture which could possibly be construed as militaristic. There are in this nation people who advocate policies which would place us in a militaristic attitude. There are others who beguile themselves with a feeling of absolute safety and preach a doctrine of extreme pacifism. Both of these are dangerous to our continued peace and prosperity. What we need, and all that we need, for national protection is adequate preparedness. In that is reflected our traditional attitude toward all nations. It contains no gesture of offense and no gesture of weakness.

I am for adequate military preparedness. It is a question to which I always give the most serious thought in my recommendations to the Congress in the budget message. As Commander in Chief of the Army and of the Navy, the Chief Executive of this nation has an emphatic responsibility for this phase of our welfare. As a nation we are advocates of peace. Not only should we refrain from any act which might be construed as calling for competition in armament, but rather should we bend our every effort to eliminate forever any such competition. We can not and should not divorce our own interests in this direction from the interests of other nations. Rather should we view the matter from the standpoint of the best interests of all nations. Surely the best interests of all are found in directing to the channels of public welfare moneys which would otherwise be spent without reproductive results.

*Improvement in Business Operations of Government.*

There has been great improvement in the business operations of our Government. This is due primarily to the establishment by the Congress of a scientific plan for carrying on the nation's business. But the real accomplishment has been in the execution of this plan by the executive branch of the Government with the unwavering support of its general principles by the legislative branch. We have learned that impulsive recommendation or impulsive action is out of harmony with good business administration. In these days of effort to make each dollar count we have learned the lesson of mature thought and mature deliberation. We are giving relative weight to each of our requirements and are measuring them in the light of their real importance and necessity. And upon this same principle we are looking forward and building for the future.

It is rather difficult to visualize the real effect of this successful effort for constructive economy in the business of the Government. We see certain tangible results, but there are others equally, if not more, important. We can visualize the vast reduction in our public debt. There is brought home to us the benefits of the three substantial reductions made in rates of taxation. We know the firm grasp which we have taken on our expenditures. But there are other things not so apparent.

Prosperity in this country has been increasing from year to year since the depression of 1920. The calendar year which just closed was one of unprecedented business prosperity in the history of this nation. Your efforts contributed materially to this favorable situation. The reduction in taxes gave the people a greater proportion of their own income for investment in profitable industry. It thereby returned more money to the channels of agriculture, trade and commerce. And aside from all of this is the great influence which the economical operations of the Federal Government have had on the people of this country. An extravagant and poorly managed central Government necessarily has an adverse influence on its people. And just the reverse influence flows from a well-ordered and well-managed central Government.

One of the great lessons we have learned in the transaction of our business is the value of coordinated effort. Coordination in any business is essential to success. The nation's business is no exception. For many long years the executive departments and establishments operated independently, with little or no concern for the common good of all. This is no longer the case. The old order of things has disappeared. In its place we have a well coordinated executive branch of the Government. Departmental lines have given way and departmental prerogatives have willingly surrendered to policies and practices which are adopted for the best interests of all. The facilities at the disposal of the Federal Government are extraordinary both in class and character. In our personnel are represented the highest talent of science, profession and trade. We are utilizing our facilities and talent not alone depart-

mentally but interdepartmentally. The extent to which we are doing this is increasing as our vision of its possibilities is enlarged.

Coordination has brought a clearer conception of what is required of us—a clearer conception of what our real duty is. For your assistance in coordinating the routine business of Government we are maintaining certain coordinating agencies. These in effect are your agencies, their business is your business and the work they are doing is your work. I refer to the chief coordinator, his assistants and the several coordinating boards. They are rendering valuable service and I urge you to give them your hearty cooperation.

We are gradually but surely covering the ground for standardization of methods and practices to cover operations which are common throughout the service. Standardized Federal forms are replacing the individual departmental forms. We are still in the period of transition, but the foundation has been well laid and we are building on that.

#### *Expenditures Since 1925.*

Keeping pace with the improvement in our business operations is an improvement in our physical plant. This has been made possible by holding down our ordinary current requirements so that we could make profitable investment. The building programs prescribed by the Congress will extend over a period of years. The cost is thereby wisely distributed so that it can be absorbed without embarrassment. The completion of these programs will remove an overhead cost and effect a permanent saving. This is wise spending. It will bring a real profit, which is the essence of constructive economy.

In all directions we are taking up the slack. We are striving in this way to provide for enlargements in existing necessary lines of effort and for the assumption of the cost of additional projects essential to the public welfare without materially increasing the sum total of our annual expenditures. We are having a fair measure of success in this. In 1925 we spent \$3,529,000,000; in 1926, \$3,584,000,000; and it is now estimated that we will spend in 1927 \$3,643,000,000 and in 1928 \$3,572,000,000.

With a full Treasury and revenues at flood it requires courage to continue along the lines we have been following these last years. I am speaking not alone from an executive standpoint, but also from a legislative one. I realize the great pressure for increased appropriations brought upon the Congress and I realize the enviable record which it has made in supporting the principles of its budget law. It is significant that the Congress has not granted the total amount requested in any single budget. It is pleasureable and easy to give. It is difficult to withhold. If the Treasury vaults were thrown open and its accumulated capital drawn upon until not a dollar were left, even then would we not be able to satisfy the demands that probably would be made from various groups and from various localities. And who will say that these demands may not have justification? Projects that eventually will be resolved into completed works, purposes and policies that in time to come must be adopted and financed, if accepted in their entirety today, would throw a tax burden upon the people that would cripple business, check prosperity and convert our annual surplus into an annual deficit. What needs to be done should be done. Great developments are sure to come. They should come, however, as the result of orderly procedure with an eye always to the best interests of the taxpayers. For extravagance and unnecessary provision—a waste of the people's money—there is no justification. I intend always to recommend sufficient appropriations to do what is necessary to be done and what should be done. If I err in my judgment I prefer to err on the side of saving rather than on the side of spending.

#### *Business Administration of Government.*

In business administration the matter of personnel is of first importance. It is a matter in which justice to the employes and justice to the people must be equally conserved. It is the money of the people which pays the salaries of our employes. These salaries constitute the largest single item in our overhead costs. The Federal service should be adequately manned, but not over-manned. It may be impossible to secure this exact level, but every effort should be made to approximate it. Since the end of the fiscal year 1921 the number of employes in the Federal executive civil service, excluding the Postal Service, has been reduced 70,000. This has not impaired efficiency of operation. Rather has it been one of the contributing factors in increasing efficiency.

The chief incentive for perfecting new and improved methods of business is reduction in cost. That incentive, which exists everywhere in private business, should certainly exist in the business of the Federal Government. We are serving more stockholders than any other business. When reductions of force are justified, they must be made. This does not mean that we have no concern in the welfare of employes separated from the service by reason of reduction in force. I have recently issued an executive order that the names of those so separated having satisfactory efficiency records be placed upon the re-employment registers of the Civil Service Commission and that all new appointments be made from the qualified eligibles thereon until the registers have been exhausted.

The Government has given evidence during the last few years of its continuing interest in the welfare of its employes. The recently amended retirement act has materially improved the financial outlook for those employes who leave the service because of age. The new travel-allowance law has provided adequate rates of reimbursement for those traveling on the business of the Government. The classification act of 1923 is continually operating to improve the salary status of the personnel in the executive departments and independent establishments. We are concerned with the question of adequate and proper salaries for our employes. This is both a natural and a necessary interest.

In the last fiscal year there were 21,486 employes at the seat of government in grades 1 to 4 of the clerical administrative and fiscal service, with a salary range from \$1,140 to \$2,040. They comprised 46 per cent of all employes classified under the act of March 4, 1923, and their average salary was \$1,549. The average salary in that year of 8,039 employes of banks, financial institutions and insurance companies in nine of the largest cities east of the Mississippi River, with duties comparing fairly with those of the Government employes in the four grades mentioned, was \$1,329. This shows a difference of \$220 per year in favor of these employes in Washington. Since the field services are on a comparable salary basis, this favorable difference applies to the much larger number of employes performing the same kind of service in the field.

The Federal Government exists only for the good of the people. If we do not make every dollar count in doing the needful things, we unduly enlarge the amount required from the people. The same is true if we unduly enlarge the functions of the Government. In spite of three substantial reductions in tax rates, we have taken from the people something more than actually necessary to carry on the business of

the Government. From this has accrued the yearly surpluses which have been invested in the further reductions of the national debt and the profit arising therefrom through reduction in interest. These surpluses would not have accrued had the business of government not been well managed.

#### *Too Early to Forecast Further Tax Reduction.*

This year promises a substantial surplus, and we have every hope for a surplus the next year. It is too early to forecast whether or not there can be a further permanent reduction in taxes in the near future. We are waiting a test of the producing ability of the revenue act of 1926. But what we can, should and must do today is to keep a firm grasp on our expenditure program. This is essential if we are to reap the full benefits of a favorable revenue under the existing law.

In planning your next year's expenditure program keep constantly in mind the necessity of holding the level of spending to a degree consistent with efficient and productive results. Every dollar wasted, every penny misspent, is confiscation of capital—a withdrawal of working funds from the field of useful development and production. And in giving consideration to plans or proposals for enlarging the functions and activities of the Government apply to them the measure, not of desirability, but of necessity.

In making your apportionment of funds for the coming year, I want to emphasize again the necessity of setting aside a reasonable amount in reserve to meet the contingencies which may happen during the year. We have found this a profitable practice. These reserves should not be released to meet ordinary or routine requirements. The true spirit of the reserve of which I speak is to have something in hand to meet contingencies. If these do not arise, the reserves are then reflected in a direct saving. They always reflect an indirect saving to the extent that they make it unnecessary to call upon Congress for additional funds.

#### *Reduction in Government Crisis.*

Six years ago the costs of the Government were over \$5,500,000,000, or \$51 per capita. Total taxes were nearly \$4,900,000,000. The index figure of the cost of living was over 190. To initiate a policy of constructive economy at that time required a great deal of courage. To all appearances it was almost impossible of accomplishment. The time when it would give any actual relief seemed to be so far in the distance that there was little incentive to make the required sacrifices to secure it. In this short period of time the progress has been nothing less than astounding. We have reduced the costs of the Government nearly \$2,000,000,000, so that they now stand somewhat over \$3,500,000,000. The per capita costs have been reduced more than \$20, so that they now stand at somewhat over \$30. The total taxes have been reduced about \$1,500,000,000, so that they are now just over \$3,400,000,000. This is a saving of \$5,000,000 for each working day. The index cost of living has come down to 176.

This readjustment of the finances of the Government has been a large contributing factor in the prosperity which the country has enjoyed. Out of our surplus earnings we have paid off nearly a quarter of our national debt and furnished billions of dollars to stabilize and refinance other parts of the world. Measured by its productive capacity and by its distribution in wages and its results in the general raising of the standards of living, it is far in excess of anything ever enjoyed before by any people anywhere at any time. If we had the courage to adopt this policy when its beneficial results appeared to be far in the future, now that we are in the midst of their enjoyment we ought to have the courage and the self-control to continue it. There is not a home anywhere within the broad confines of this republic which is not better off because of the services which you have rendered and the sacrifices which you have made. These results are unprecedented in the financial history of the world. They have placed America at the pinnacle of success and prosperity. It is our business to do our part to keep it there.

#### **Director of Budget, Brigadier-General Lord on Accomplishments of Bureau—Surplus Applied Toward Reduction of Debt.**

The record of what has been accomplished during the period of budget control was dealt with in the remarks of Brigadier-General H. M. Lord, Director of the Budget, at the semi-annual meeting on Jan. 29 of the Business Organization of the Government. He stated that "despite persistent efforts to reduce revenue by cutting taxes to a point barely sufficient to meet our actual demands we seem helpless in the face of the country's continuing prosperity. Reduction in taxes" he said "has come to be almost synonymous with increase in revenue. At the end of each year we are called upon to determine what to do with surplus millions. Our great but diminishing national debt solves for us the problem. We can put the surplus there, thus reducing our interest costs by many millions, and thus in turn contributing to the development of a similar surplus and the creation of a similar problem at the end of the next year." In part the "Herald-Tribune" quotes the director-general as saying:

"The sixth annual budget is now before Congress. The estimates in the six budgets total \$22,741,682,205.02, which is \$1,492,458,996.68 less than was asked by the executive departments. In that billion and a half overestimate are buried proposals that never should have been seriously considered. Generous contributions to that vast total were made by executives newly identified with the government service. New in the field and eager to do something, they called for liberal appropriations for all sorts of things, some of them wise and meritorious, others new, novel, unnecessary and impracticable.

"If the responsible people in the departments would show a little more discrimination in their asking, the amazing difference between the departments' estimate and the President's submission to Congress would be measurably reduced.

"Since the end of the World War we have had but one deficit. According to the school boy, a deficit is what you've got when you haven't as much as you had when you didn't have anything. Well, that's what we had in 1919—a deficit—and it was a robust one. In that fiscal year—1919—our expenditures exceeded our receipts by

\$13,370,637,568.60. In 1920, however, we swung into our surplus stride and ended the year with a balance of \$212,475,197.67. A great reversal that—from \$13,000,000,000 in the red in one year to \$212,000,000 in the black the next.

“The surplus at the end of 1922 was \$113,801,651.10, and this on the heels of tax reduction. This surplus, like the others, belonged to the taxpayers and was handed back to them. The year 1923 showed a surplus of \$309,657,460.30. The taxpayers got this, too. The fiscal year 1924 gave us a record surplus, more than half a billion—\$505,366,986.31. That was a very large sum of money to distribute, but it went back to the people who contributed it.

“For the next year—1925—notwithstanding another tax reduction measure, there was a surplus of \$250,505,238.33 for the taxpayer, and he got it. We closed the year 1926 with an excess of receipts over expenditures totaling \$377,767,816.64, which has followed the other surpluses through the channel of relief to the taxpaying citizen. These various surpluses added give a total of \$2,056,208,121.96 saved from expenditures. Of this great total \$1,757,099,152.68 is credited to the period of budget control. The President’s statement that there is no business body more efficient than the business organization of the Federal government is supported by this wonderful record.

“The World War debt on August 31, 1919, reached its most pretentious proportions—\$26,596,701,648.01. December 31 last it had dropped—not dropped but brought down—to \$19,074,665,337.35, a reduction in seven years of \$7,522,036,310.66. In the last calendar year, from January 1, 1926, to December 31, 1926, it was reduced by \$1,173,504,301.08, and the President has called attention to the prospect of a \$1,000,000,000 cut this fiscal year.

“There is, however, in this imposing array of surpluses and in the melting away of the debt no warrant for any relaxation whatever in the effort for greater economy with greater efficiency. Our national debt is too big by billions. It should be lightened in every way possible.

“At a meeting of the Federal Business Organization, held one year ago, we organized the One Per Cent Club. At that time Congress was engaged in tax reduction. To help the President and Congress to meet whatever contingency might arise you were asked to reduce your estimated expenditure for the year by not less than 1%. Of the forty-three departments and establishments that make up the government’s executive organization, thirty-two qualified for full membership in the One Per Cent Club. Eleven of the thirty-two cut their estimated expenditure by more than 5%. The White House and the Budget Bureau are in the 5% class.

“We have in mind the organization of a new and different kind of Federal club—a correspondence club. The Federal Specifications Board has reduced the kinds of ink for government use from twelve to seven. Study of the great and increasing mass and mess of correspondence with which the government is afflicted makes one almost wish that the specifications board had limited the varieties of ink to one, and that one the invisible kind. Stenographers and typewriters are alluring temptations to verbosity, loquacity, garrulity and prolixity. We use a page or two to say what should be expressed in a brief sentence or two and use a brief sentence or two to say what might just as well or better be left unsaid.

“Unnecessary correspondence, redundancy, repetition, duplication, iteration are costing the Federal Treasury a great deal of money annually. The fault is so universal in the service, the cost in time and supplies so great something must surely be done, and an attempt will be made to curtail and improve government correspondence. I present it to you at this time with an earnest appeal that you give thought to the subject and furnish the Director of the Budget suggestions you think may be helpful in organizing this effort.”

Federal Income Tax Collections in 1926 Exceed 1925 Collections by \$346,423,185.

Federal income tax collections in 1926 (on 1925 incomes) aggregated \$2,172,127,321 and compared with \$1,825,704,136 collected in 1925—an increase of \$346,423,185. Of the 1926 totals \$1,256,793,286 represented corporation taxes and \$915,334,036 individual tax payments. These figures compare with \$956,268,218 paid in 1925 by corporations and \$869,435,918 paid by individuals. New York led collections in 1926, paying \$618,415,054, of which \$276,299,218 came from corporations and \$342,115,836 from individuals. While the income tax collections in 1926 showed increases, miscellaneous taxes collected in 1926 amounted only to \$698,160,578, against \$868,552,110 in 1925, a decrease of \$170,392,531. The following summary of income tax collections in 1925 and 1926 was made public by the Bureau of Internal Revenue at Washington on Jan. 26:

SUMMARY, INCOME TAX—CALENDAR YEAR 1925.

Table with 4 columns: Quarter Ended, Corporation, Individual, Total. Rows for Mar. 31, June 30, Sept. 30, Dec. 31, and Total.

SUMMARY, INCOME TAX—CALENDAR YEAR 1926.

Table with 4 columns: Quarter Ended, Corporation, Individual, Total. Rows for Mar. 31, June 30, Sept. 30, Dec. 31, and Total, plus an Increase, 1926 row.

The details by States are furnished as follows by the Bureau:

STATEMENT OF INCOME TAX (SEPARATED AS TO CORPORATION AND INDIVIDUAL) COLLECTED DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 1925.

Large table with 4 columns: States, Corporation, Individual, Total. Lists all states and territories with their respective tax amounts for 1925.

STATEMENT OF INCOME TAX (SEPARATED AS TO CORPORATION AND INDIVIDUAL) COLLECTED DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 1926.

Large table with 4 columns: States, Corporation, Individual, Total. Lists all states and territories with their respective tax amounts for 1926.

An increase of \$251,859,624 in the total collections of internal revenue during the fiscal year ended June 30 1926 (the above figures are for calendar years) as compared with the yield for the previous fiscal year, despite the reduced income tax rates, was shown in a preliminary statement of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. According to this statement, made public Sept. 27, the total internal revenue collections from all sources in the late fiscal year were \$2,835,999,892, as compared with \$2,584,140,268 for the fiscal year ended June 30 1925. The late year’s collections include back tax collections totaling \$404,537,468. On the other hand, the tax refunds amounted to \$174,120,177. The collections from income tax in 1926 were \$1,974,104,141, as

compared with \$1,761,659,049 in 1925—an increase of \$212,445,092. Further below we give the internal revenue receipts by States, from which it will be seen that more than 25% of the total 1926 yield of \$2,835,999,892 was contributed by New York State, the receipts from that State totaling \$733,729,534, of which \$569,505,487 represented income tax and \$164,224,047 miscellaneous taxes. In our issue of Nov. 6 (page 2349) we referred to the income tax yield for 1924. We give herewith the statement issued in September by Acting Commissioner C. R. Nash:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 8 1926.

Sir:—I have the honor to submit to the following preliminary statement relating to the collection of internal revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30 1926:

Total Collections, 1926 and 1925.

The total collections of internal revenue from all sources for the fiscal years 1926 and 1925 were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount. 1926: \$2,835,999,892 19. 1925: \$2,584,140,268 24.

Increase \$251,859,623 95
The revenue Act of 1926 provided for an increase in rates of corporation income tax from 12 1/2 to 13%, effective for the tax year 1925, and a further increase to 13 1/2%, effective for the incomes earned in the year 1926. Under the revenue Act of 1926 the normal income tax rate on individuals who are citizens or residents of the United States is 1 1/2% upon the first \$4,000 of net taxable income, 3% on net taxable incomes between \$4,000 and \$8,000, and 5% on net taxable incomes above \$8,000, compared with the corresponding rates of 2, 4 and 6% provided for by the revenue Act of 1924. The surtax rates were reduced from a maximum of 40% applicable on the amount of net income in excess of \$500,000 to 20% applicable on the amount in excess of \$100,000, the reductions beginning with net incomes of \$26,000. The earned income provision of the Act of 1926 allows a 25% reduction in tax liability on earned net income of not more than \$20,000, the maximum amount being \$10,000 under the revenue Act of 1924. The revenue Act of 1926 provided for an increase in the personal exemption from \$1,000 to \$1,500 in the case of a single person, and from \$2,500 to \$3,500 in the case of a head of a family or a married person living with husband or wife.

The revenue Act of 1926 provided for the repeal of and for reductions in the rates of various miscellaneous taxes which also affected the revenue receipts for the last few months of the fiscal year 1926. The Act reduced the rates of tax on the net estates of decedents with an exemption of \$100,000 instead of \$50,000 and a maximum credit of 80% instead of 25% for estate, inheritance or legacy taxes paid to States, effective Feb. 26 1926. The Act also provided for making refunds on amounts paid on net estates taxable after June 2 1924 in excess of the rates provided in the revenue Act of 1921. The revenue Act of 1926 repealed the gift tax, effective Jan. 1 1926, with provision for making refunds of such taxes paid since June 2 1924 under the provisions of the Act of 1924 in excess of the rates provided for in this Act. The enactment of the revenue Act of 1926 resulted in a reduction in the rates of tax on all classes of cigars, effective March 29 1926. The revenue Act of 1926 repealed the corporation capital stock tax and other special or occupational taxes, effective July 1 1926. It also repealed certain stamp taxes on deeds, conveyances, powers of attorney, &c., effective March 29 1926; and various excise taxes, including taxes on automobile trucks and wagons, tires, parts or accessories, effective Feb. 26 1926. The Act also reduced the rate of tax on passenger automobiles and motor cycles from 5 to 3%, effective March 29 1926. The tax on admissions to theatres and other places of amusement remains the same with the exception that the exemption of amounts paid for admission of 50 cents or less was increased to 75 cents or less, effective March 29 1926.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Refunding taxes illegally collected 1924 and prior years: \$737,093 65. Refunding taxes illegally collected 1926 and prior years: \$58,944,780 59. Refunding taxes illegally collected 1927 and prior years: \$114,475,022 77.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Total: \$174,156,897 01. Less amount by which repayments exceeded disbursements in connection with the appropriation refunding taxes illegally collected 1925 and prior years: \$36,719 27.

Net total \$174,120,177 74
The above total includes interest allowed on claims under provisions of the Revenue Acts of 1921, 1924, and 1926.

If the taxes refunded for erroneous or illegal collections for the fiscal year 1926 and prior years, amounting to \$174,120,177 74, were deducted from the gross collections of \$2,835,999,892 19, the net collections for the fiscal year would be \$2,661,879,714 45. The gross collections, however, are used for comparative purposes in this report.

The gross collections of \$2,835,999,892 19 are comprised of collections on current returns amounting to \$2,431,462,424 26, and back-tax collections in the amount of \$404,537,467 93. The latter figure is made up as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Tax Type, Amount. Income tax: \$285,358,165 32. Estate tax: \$20,540,328 39. Gift tax: \$202,039 87. Capital-stock tax: \$7,800,434 54. Sales tax: \$1,103,268 89. Miscellaneous taxes: \$132,964 61. Tobacco tax: \$195,663 31. Accounts and collections unit: Deputy collectors: \$78,500,438 00. Special squads: \$10,704,165 00. Total: \$89,204,603 00.

Total, fiscal year 1926 \$404,537,467 93
Exclusive of \$148,867,165 26 deficiency assessments subject to provision of Sec. 274 (d) of Revenue Act of 1924 and Sec. 279 of Revenue Act of 1926.

Income Tax.

The collections from income tax for 1926 compared with that for 1925 were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount. 1926: \$1,974,104,141 33. 1925: \$1,761,659,049 51.

Increase \$212,445,091 82
The receipts for 1926 include payments of the third and fourth installments of the tax on the returns of net income for 1924 and the first and

second installments of the tax on the returns of net income for 1925, together with additional collections on assessments made for prior years.

A comparison of the quarterly receipts from the tax on incomes during the last two fiscal years is as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Quarter, 1924, 1925, Increase. Quarter ended Sept. 30: 1924: \$399,063,367 54; 1925: \$424,329,053 80. Quarter ended Dec. 31: 1924: \$380,641,279 51; 1925: \$420,320,680 39. Quarter ended Mar. 31: 1924: \$519,241,931 98; 1925: \$575,386,583 90. Quarter ended June 30: 1924: \$461,812,470 48; 1925: \$554,067,823 96.

Miscellaneous Taxes.

The collections in 1926 and 1925 from miscellaneous taxes, which include all sources of internal revenue except income tax, were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount. 1926: \$861,895,750 86. 1925: \$822,481,218 73. Increase: \$39,414,532 13.

A comparison of quarterly receipts from miscellaneous taxes during the last two fiscal years is as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Quarter, 1924, 1925, Increase. Quarter ended Sept. 30: 1924: \$222,655,456 70; 1925: \$267,372,008 80. Quarter ended Dec. 31: 1924: \$228,403,711 84; 1925: \$229,759,051 20. Quarter ended Mar. 31: 1924: \$178,076,403 42; 1925: \$195,702,803 07. Quarter ended June 30: 1924: \$193,345,646 77; 1925: \$169,061,887 79.

The principal increase during the year in the revenue from miscellaneous taxes was on account of tobacco and tobacco manufactures, which amounted to \$25,419,227 91. The States reporting the largest collections from manufactures of tobacco were as follows:

Table with 4 columns: State, Cigars, Cigarettes, Manufactured Tobacco and Snuff. California: \$452,795 10 Cigars; \$9,302,887 80 Cigarettes; \$35,813 78 Tobacco and Snuff. Florida: \$415,409 79 Cigars; \$14 08 Cigarettes; \$409,720 92 Tobacco and Snuff. Illinois: \$4,089,643 38 Cigars; \$11,532 80 Cigarettes; \$576 07 Tobacco and Snuff. Michigan: \$505,214 54 Cigars; \$1,287,638 70 Cigarettes; \$6,523,610 00 Tobacco and Snuff. New York: \$3,736,890 12 Cigars; \$20,485,899 53 Cigarettes; \$4,357,819 28 Tobacco and Snuff.

The taxes on tobacco products, such as cigarettes, cigars, &c., and automobiles and certain other miscellaneous taxes, are payable by the manufacturers and are credited to the offices of the collectors where the payments are made. Many of these articles are distributed for consumption or sale throughout the country. The taxes on such articles, therefore, are not considered as being derived wholly from the States in which collection is made.

There was an increase in collections on passenger automobiles and motor cycles amounting to \$18,991,696 62 and a decrease in collections on automobile trucks and wagons, tires, parts or accessories, amounting in the aggregate to \$5,523,247 12. The States reporting the largest collections from these sources were as follows:

Table with 4 columns: State, Automobile Trucks and Wagons, Other Automobiles and Motor Cycles, Tires, Parts or Accessories. California: \$137,322 48 Trucks and Wagons; \$825,105 20 Other Automobiles and Motor Cycles; \$700,827 06 Tires, Parts or Accessories. Connecticut: \$10,908 93 Trucks and Wagons; \$284,186 98 Other Automobiles and Motor Cycles; \$351,427 18 Tires, Parts or Accessories. Florida: \$524,492 25 Trucks and Wagons; \$1,183,058 17 Other Automobiles and Motor Cycles; \$962,186 67 Tires, Parts or Accessories. Illinois: \$307,668 26 Trucks and Wagons; \$7,151,493 05 Other Automobiles and Motor Cycles; \$443,618 41 Tires, Parts or Accessories. Michigan: \$28,796 64 Trucks and Wagons; \$472,002 57 Other Automobiles and Motor Cycles; \$954,232 08 Tires, Parts or Accessories. New Jersey: \$91,555 72 Trucks and Wagons; \$1,064,145 65 Other Automobiles and Motor Cycles; \$2,447,765 92 Tires, Parts or Accessories. New York: \$38,784 63 Trucks and Wagons; \$1,002,715 27 Other Automobiles and Motor Cycles; \$657,138 72 Tires, Parts or Accessories. Ohio: \$1,420,397 76 Trucks and Wagons; \$2,600,601 46 Other Automobiles and Motor Cycles; \$4,561,317 40 Tires, Parts or Accessories. Pennsylvania: \$2,678,839 29 Trucks and Wagons; \$7,882,937 78 Other Automobiles and Motor Cycles; \$5,961,317 40 Tires, Parts or Accessories. Wisconsin: \$381,439 17 Trucks and Wagons; \$5,785,014 06 Other Automobiles and Motor Cycles; \$693,219 63 Tires, Parts or Accessories.

There was a net increase in collections from documentary stamp taxes amounting to \$3,732,426 07. The States reporting the largest collections from these taxes were as follows:

Table with 4 columns: State, Bonds, Capital Stock Issues, Conveyances, &c., Capital Stock Sales or Transfers, Sales of Produce (Future Delivery). California: \$1,588,095 29 Bonds, Capital Stock Issues, Conveyances, &c.; \$128,879 11 Capital Stock Sales or Transfers; \$700,827 06 Sales of Produce (Future Delivery). Florida: \$2,311,076 88 Bonds, Capital Stock Issues, Conveyances, &c.; \$534,132 07 Capital Stock Sales or Transfers; \$425,903 29 Sales of Produce (Future Delivery). Illinois: \$2,290,455 08 Bonds, Capital Stock Issues, Conveyances, &c.; \$12,353 86 Capital Stock Sales or Transfers; \$343,326 02 Sales of Produce (Future Delivery). Louisiana: \$304,558 72 Bonds, Capital Stock Issues, Conveyances, &c.; \$289,994 59 Capital Stock Sales or Transfers; \$39,280 60 Sales of Produce (Future Delivery). Michigan: \$716,488 33 Bonds, Capital Stock Issues, Conveyances, &c.; \$39,280 60 Capital Stock Sales or Transfers; \$114,437 50 Sales of Produce (Future Delivery). Missouri: \$501,376 91 Bonds, Capital Stock Issues, Conveyances, &c.; \$28,249 91 Capital Stock Sales or Transfers; \$1,095,701 20 Sales of Produce (Future Delivery). New Jersey: \$1,156,323 86 Bonds, Capital Stock Issues, Conveyances, &c.; \$2,449 22 Capital Stock Sales or Transfers; \$371 50 Sales of Produce (Future Delivery). New York: \$10,252,099 34 Bonds, Capital Stock Issues, Conveyances, &c.; \$15,698,212 17 Capital Stock Sales or Transfers; \$1,095,701 20 Sales of Produce (Future Delivery). Ohio: \$1,006,907 11 Bonds, Capital Stock Issues, Conveyances, &c.; \$65,109 82 Capital Stock Sales or Transfers; \$371 50 Sales of Produce (Future Delivery). Pennsylvania: \$1,982,921 28 Bonds, Capital Stock Issues, Conveyances, &c.; \$230,084 86 Capital Stock Sales or Transfers; \$371 50 Sales of Produce (Future Delivery).

There was a decrease in the collections from the tax on admissions to theatres and other places of amusement amounting to \$6,927,132 43. The States reporting the largest collections from the admission taxes were as follows:

Table with 3 columns: State, Amount. California: \$1,892,752 76. New Jersey: \$683,518 40. Illinois: \$2,575,197 97. New York: \$7,782,036 80. Massachusetts: \$1,330,935 86. Ohio: \$1,109,132 79. Michigan: \$1,023,051 85. Pennsylvania: \$1,821,589 97. Missouri: \$674,689 21.

The miscellaneous taxes for 1926 include the following collections on account of the Philippine Islands, Porto Rico, and the Virgin Islands:

Table with 2 columns: Territory, Amount. Philippine Islands: \$790,887 56. Porto Rico: \$103 25. Virgin Islands: \$3,857 48. Total: \$794,848 29.

In addition to the above amount reported on account of Porto Rico there was also collected \$992,901 30 from sale of stamps affixed to tobacco manufactures shipped to the United States, which was deposited in San Juan, P. R., to the credit of the Treasurer of the Territory of Porto Rico.

Collections Under the Revenue Act of 1926 and Other Internal Revenue Laws.

The following is a comparative statement of internal revenue receipts for the fiscal years 1925 and 1926, which are shown as nearly as possible according to the grouping of taxes levied in the revenue Acts of 1924 and 1926:





This change in the attitude of the Commission and the Department of Justice has stimulated the organization of several new "associations" under the Webb Export Trade Act.

With the spread throughout Europe of trade agreements and "cartels" of international proportions, conditions may develop, in some lines of trade, that may make it practically necessary for American exporters, through "associations" under the Webb Export Trade Act, to come to agreements with foreign producers and with foreign "cartels" regarding prices to be charged or orders to be allotted in foreign markets.

"The acquisition or pooling of competitive patents," said the Attorney-General in 1924, "is one of the major problems arising in the enforcement of the anti-trust law."

Monopoly is the purpose of the patent law, and prevention of monopoly is the purpose of the anti-trust laws.

Patents, patent license agreements and the acquisition of competing patents are to-day being closely scrutinized by the Department of Justice. The Supreme Court on Nov. 23 1926 rendered an important decision on this subject, but other issues, going to the fundamentals of the patent system, are foreshadowed in other cases now pending in the courts and within the Department of Justice.

Trade associations, with all their new liberty under the Supreme Court decisions of June 1925, are still closely bound by the rules that enable the Government to "imply" unlawful agreements from the course of conduct of association members.

Labor unions in several recent cases have escaped the anti-trust laws on the ground that they did not substantially restrain "inter-state commerce." This loophole is not a wide one, however, and did not avail the Chicago carpenters' union in the case that the Supreme Court decided on Nov. 23 1926.

Mergers, especially since the three merger cases that the Supreme Court decided on Nov. 23 1926, will probably hereafter be watched still more vigilantly by the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission with a view to prompt action by the Government against any mergers in violation of the Clayton Act before those mergers have been actually accomplished.

Every period of industrial mergers and consolidations during the past 37 years has been immediately followed by a period of anti-trust prosecutions, accompanied by agitation for more drastic legislation.

Will history repeat itself in the instance of the present flood of industrial mergers and consolidations? Public attention has been captured by the prodigious proportions of the present flood of mergers and consolidations, and in certain sections of the country this movement has been viewed with deep suspicion.

Ominous of the unrest that prevails on this subject in many parts of the country are several resolutions that have been introduced into the United States Senate during the past few years calling for investigations and reports by the Federal Trade Commission regarding mergers and consolidations in various lines of industry. Already there is some indication that, when the next period of agitation begins for more drastic legislation against "big business," efforts may be made to strengthen the anti-trust laws by legislation along entirely new lines.

The notion so prevalent in 1912 that "the big trusts, the big combinations," to quote President Wilson's language in "The New Freedom," "are the most wasteful, the most uneconomical, and after they pass a certain size the most inefficient way of conducting the industries of the country" has long since been exploded.

Radical critics who advocate the strengthening of the anti-trust laws now seem to be turning aside from the old lines of drastic prohibitions against various specifically defined mergers, consolidations, agreements in restraint of trade, and the like, and to be advocating some form of Governmental regulation and control that may somehow compel the big, low-cost units to discontinue selling at the price level fixed by their smaller, higher-cost competitors, and to sell at a lower price level, and thus to reduce their profits, and to hand on to the public, in the form of lower prices, a larger part of their low-cost economies.

This involves, of course, the extermination of these smaller, higher-cost competitors unless, as seems desired by some of these critics, it is intended that the Government should embark upon a policy of price fixing in a great many lines of industry such as was attempted by this and other Governments under the stress of the great war.

**Wage Demands of Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen Referred to United States Board of Mediation.**

On Jan. 20 an agreement to refer to the United States Board of Mediation (created under the Watson-Parker Act) the wage demands of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen reached between representatives of the Eastern railroads and the Brotherhood. The requests of the firemen for wage increases ranging from 15% to 20% and for changes in working rules were submitted to the railroads last year and held in abeyance awaiting the result of arbitration of the recent wage dispute of the conductors and trainmen on Eastern lines, in which an increase of 7½% in wages was awarded by the Board of Arbitration on Dec. 2. Regarding the firemen's demands and the conferences thereon, the Committee on Public Relations of the Eastern Railroads had the following to say in a statement issued Jan. 24:

The Conference Committee of Managers, representing certain Eastern railroads, has been in conference almost steadily during the past week with the representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, in an effort to reach an amicable settlement of the requests of the firemen for an increase in rates of pay and certain changes in working conditions. The total increases requested amount to between \$1 and \$2 75 per day, depending on the type of service and the size of the locomotive. No agreement has yet been reached.

These conferences started on Jan. 6 1927. The requests for increased wages were served on the railroads on June 25 1926. D. B. Robertson, President of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, is handling the case for the employees. Associated with him is his executive committee and the general chairman from each of the individual railroads involved. J. G. Walber, Vice-President, Personnel, New York Central Lines, is chairman of the railroads' conference committee.

**Dual Basis of Pay.**

Railroad firemen in road service have a dual basis of pay and the method of computing their earnings is more favorable than obtains for other classes

who are paid on an hourly or daily basis. In through passenger service, firemen receive a day's pay for 100 miles or less, 5 hours or less (the amount depending upon the size of the locomotive), with additional pay for mileage in excess of 100. Overtime is computed on a speed basis of 20 miles per hour on runs in excess of 100 miles. For example: If a fireman made a run of 175 miles and was on duty 6 hours, his pay would be computed by multiplying 175 (equivalent to 1¼ days' pay) by the mileage rate for the six hours' work.

**Short Turn-Around Service.**

In short turn-around and suburban passenger service, 100 miles constitutes a day's work. Overtime is allowed after eight actual hours' work within a spread of ten consecutive hours; also for all time in excess of the ten elapsed hours. In this service both miles and hours in excess of that constituting a day's pay are allowed.

**Freight Service.**

In freight service, 100 miles or less, eight hours or less constitutes a day's pay. Additional pay is allowed for mileage in excess of 100, together with time and one-half for any overtime that may accrue on a speed basis of 12½ miles per hour. To illustrate: On a run of 125 miles made in 11 hours, a fireman would receive 125 miles (equivalent of 1¼ days) plus one hour overtime at time and one-half. On a run of 150 miles made in seven hours a fireman would receive pay for 150 miles, or the equivalent of a day and one-half. If a fireman made 70 miles and consumed 10 hours he would receive one day's pay and two hours' overtime at punitive rates.

**Yard Service.**

In yard service, a day's pay is allowed for eight hours' work or less, with time and one-half for service performed beyond eight hours.

Briefly, the present rates of pay and the increases requested are as follows:

Class of Employees.	Rates of Pay in Effect at Present per Day.	Increases Requested per Day.
<b>Passenger Service—</b>		
Steam locomotives (other than 3-cylinder and Mallet).....	\$4 56 to \$5 44	\$1
Electric locomotives.....	4 56 to 4 88	1
Firemen on Mallets when used in passenger service.....	5 76	1
Firemen in passenger service—daily earnings guarantee.....	5 25	1
<i>Note.—The Mallet rate is also asked for firemen on 3-cylinder locomotives, which would result in an increase of \$1 72 if applied to 3-cylinder locomotives now in service.</i>		
<b>Through Freight Service—</b>		
Firemen on steam locomotives (other than 3-cylinder and Mallet).....	5 00 to 6 20	\$1 00 to \$2 43
Electric locomotives.....	5 00 to 5 16	1 00 to 2 75
Mallet engines.....	6 20 to 6 51	1 19 to 2 69
<i>Note.—The increase requested for firemen on 3-cylinder locomotives in through freight service ranges from \$1 63 to \$1 82 per day.</i>		
<b>Yard Service—</b>		
Firemen on steam locomotives (other than 3-cylinder and Mallets).....	5 28 to 5 68	\$1
Electric locomotives.....	5 28 to 5 44	1
Mallets.....	6 40 to 6 64	\$1 00 to \$1 24
Outside hostlers.....	\$5 92	\$1
Inside hostlers.....	5 28	1
Hostler helpers.....	4 72	1
<i>Note.—The request for firemen on 3-cylinder locomotives ranges from \$1 88 to \$2 12 per day.</i>		

The other outstanding features of the requests of the firemen are as follows:

**Changes Requested in Working Conditions.**

That overtime in through-passenger service be paid at one-fifth instead of one-eighth the daily rate which now obtains:

That mechanical stokers be placed on locomotives weighing 175,000 pounds and over on drivers, and that two firemen be employed on such locomotives until so equipped.

That firemen on freight service be given a reasonable amount of time for meals en route.

That firemen in all classes of road service be allowed 50c. per meal and 50c. lodging when away from home.

**Reduction in Corporation Taxes Urged Upon President Coolidge by Committee of New York Chamber of Commerce With View to Stimulating Business.**

Declaring that corporations are excessively taxed, that Congress can lighten the burden of productive industry and lessen the cost of living, thus stimulating manufacturing and benefiting all classes of people, Andrew V. Stout, chairman of the Committee on Taxation of the Chamber of Commerce, in a report made public on Jan. 31, urged upon President Coolidge, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and Congress an immediate reduction in taxes levied on corporations. The report and resolutions, which were presented to President William L. DeBost at the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber on Feb. 3, was prepared and signed by Mr. Stout and the other members of the Committee on Taxation of the Chamber, Acosta Nichols, Charles F. McWhorter and Willis D. Wood. The Federal corporation tax has been raised several times, in the last few years, Mr. Stout stated, whereas the individual income tax has been reduced three times in the same period. Since the individual purchaser pays, in the last analysis, the corporation tax, Mr. Stout said it would be better for general business to reduce the corporation assessment. Then, too, he pointed out, with a reduction in the Federal Corporation tax, American corporations would be able to compete more successfully with foreign manufacturers. In his report Mr. Stout said:

"In past generations, taxes have often been made excessive as a result of a general hostility in the public mind toward corporations, frequently a hostility engendered by misrepresentations of political demagogues. Such an attitude can hardly exist at the present day, when corporate organizations have become in the United States the prevailing method of doing business. In fact, a large part of the daily expenditures of every inhabitant are now made for commodities and services supplied by corporations."

Now, according to Mr. Stout, there are 19,000,000 stockholders in the United States. Not alone investors, but customers and employees, have become stockholders of corporations, and a large part of this total pay income on only the minimum rate of 1½%. The corporations during 1926 were assessed at 13½%. Corporations, too, he added, were in many sections of the country taxed locally, corporations in the State of New York being subject to a 4½% tax. Mr. Stout added:

"It is now well recognized that taxes on the producer or distributor of commodities or of services ultimately are passed on to the customer as an expense of carrying on the business. As a matter of fact, in the cost accounting of every well conducted business enterprise, taxes are included, and are, in the final analysis, added to the price which the buyer is asked to pay. It seems obvious, therefore, that a reduction in corporation income taxes is a form of tax reduction that will give the most benefit to the general public, for everyone is a buyer directly or indirectly from corporations.

"Furthermore, it should not be overlooked that as taxes are a part of manufacturing and production costs, and raise commodity prices, the sale of American goods in foreign markets would be benefitted by a decline in corporations taxes. In short, the economic tendency of lower corporation rates would be not only to decrease the cost of living in the United States, but to benefit our industries through larger foreign sales of American goods."

### Wage Increases Granted to Employees of American Railway Express Co.

An increase of 2½ cents an hour in wages was awarded to 60,000 employees of the American Railway Express Co. in a unanimous decision announced on Jan. 13 by the United States Board of Mediation which was created under the Watson-Parker Railroad Labor Act. The increases are based upon rates of pay in effect Dec. 31 1926, and became effective as of Jan. 1 1927. Messengers on trains required to handle baggage will be paid 4½ cents an hour more than the general rates provided, as well as those required to handle mail. Messengers required to handle both mail and baggage are to receive 8½ cents in addition to the general rate. The increases will add about \$4,500,000 to the company's yearly pay-roll. The text of the award was given out by John H. Clarke, formerly Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and Chairman of the Board of Mediation. Its text follows:

1. An increase in the rates of pay of 2½ cents per hour shall be paid to all employees comprehended within the terms of the agreement of submission.
2. The same relative increase in the rates of pay shall be applied to all employees comprehended within the terms of the agreement of submission and rated upon daily, weekly or monthly bases.
3. Rates of pay in effect on Dec. 31 1926 shall be the bases upon which the increased rates of pay prescribed herein shall be computed.
4. The increases in the rates of pay hereinbefore provided for shall be effective as of Jan. 1 1927.
5. Messengers in train service required to handle baggage shall be paid 4½ cents per hour in addition to the general rates hereinbefore established by this award.
6. Messengers in train service required to handle United States mail shall be paid 4½ cents per hour in addition to the general rates hereinbefore established by this award.
7. Messengers in train service required to handle both baggage and United States mail shall be paid 8½ cents per hour in addition to the general rates hereinbefore established by this award.

The extra allowance to messengers in train service handling United States mail will not apply when the amount of such mail handled does not exceed in volume, between any two points, that provided for the minimum space that can be authorized by the Post Office Department; namely, three feet or its equivalent, 54 sacks or pieces.

An increase of 12 cents an hour has been sought by the express workers. Regarding the arbitration of the demands the "Times" of Jan. 14 said:

A remarkable feature of the arbitration in the American Railway Express Co. case, it was declared, was that neither side of the controversy was represented by attorneys. The express company's representative was its Vice-President, L. R. Gwynn; the American Federation of Express Workers was represented by its President, James J. Forrester; the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks was represented by its Vice-President, E. V. Badley, and the Order of Railway Expressmen was represented by its President, A. Bollinger.

Mr. Clarke was the neutral arbitrator. The partisan arbitrators were E. A. Stedman of Chicago, Vice-President of the Express company, and William B. Wilson of Pennsylvania, former Secretary of Labor, who represented the employees.

### "Fifth Trunk Line System" Analyzed by F. J. Lisman—Will be 50 Miles Shorter than any Existing Railroad between New York and Chicago.

The fifth trunk line system now in the making under the direction of Leonor F. Loree and his associate, William H. Williams, Chairman of the Wabash, promises to be 50 miles shorter than any existing railroad between New York and Chicago and 30 miles shorter than any between New York and St. Louis, according to F. J. Lisman, railroad economist, who has analyzed the project and makes public for the first time certain details regarding it. Mr. Lisman believes that if plans for the new system are consummated

it will compete actively with the Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio, New York Central, and the proposed Van Sweringen system. Talk that there is no room for a fifth line, he points out, does not take into account the railroad topography of the country. Sufficient traffic exists, in his opinion, to give the system gross earnings of more than \$350,000,000 a year. It would have capitalization in excess of a billion dollars. Mr. Lisman says:

The public seems to have no conception of how complete a railroad system, between the Atlantic Coast on the east and the Mississippi River on the west, can still be created by the consolidation of independent connecting corporations—practically without the construction of a mile of additional line, with the exception of Mr. Loree's Pennsylvania project—and by trackage rights involving altogether less than 100 miles or about 1% of the total mileage.

Such a system would be created around

	Miles Oper.	Capitalization.
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh	601	\$52,569,000
Delaware & Hudson	905	118,608,000
Lehigh Valley	1,363	138,335,000
Wabash	2,524	232,131,217
New York Pittsburgh & Chicago	283	260,344,233
Wheeling & Lake Erie	511	90,072,858
Pittsburgh & West Virginia	92	34,935,000
Akron Canton & Youngstown (with its controlled Northern Ohio)	171	18,050,000
Western Maryland	804	140,642,043
Washington & Old Dominion	81	3,250,000
Ann Arbor	296	18,264,250
Green Bay & Western	234	10,100,000
Minneapolis & St. Louis	1,627	71,620,626
Total	9,492	\$1,188,922,457

and would include for its main stem the new 283-mile road projected by Mr. Loree from Easton to Pittsburgh, known as the New York Pittsburgh & Chicago, which he calls the backbone of the fifth system.

The lines would extend from Montreal and Quebec on the northeast, also from New York, Baltimore, Washington, and the important Potomac yards south of Washington, with main lines passing through the cities of Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Cleveland, Toledo and Detroit, to Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha and the Twin Cities.

The mileage between New York and Pittsburgh would be 360 miles, or about 75 miles shorter than the route of the Pennsylvania RR.; the distance from New York to Chicago would be about 50 miles shorter than the Pennsylvania RR., the present short line, and about 30 miles shorter between New York and St. Louis; it would be the shorter line by 17 miles between Baltimore and Pittsburgh. The line between Pittsburgh and St. Louis would include trackage between Delphos, Ohio and Huntington, Ind.; 15 miles over the Nickel Plate and 48 miles over the Erie.

Few people realize that the Wabash is 11 miles shorter between Chicago and Detroit than the Michigan Central and exactly the same distance as the New York Central between Toledo and Chicago. The Ann Arbor Division of the Wabash, in connection with the Green Bay & Western, would form a most excellent trans-lake route to the Twin Cities and the Northwest, with avoidance of the congested Chicago gateway.

Trackage rights would have to be obtained from the end of the Green Bay & Western for distance of about 35 miles, in order to get into the Twin Cities over the Minneapolis & St. Louis and to avail of the magnificent terminals owned by that company in the city of Minneapolis. The Minneapolis & St. Louis, in connection with the Wabash, forms a short line between St. Louis and the Twin Cities and also a reasonably good line between Kansas City and the Twin Cities.

The roads above enumerated dovetail into each other from a traffic point of view; as a whole, they are in good physical condition, with quite a substantial amount of double track. Undoubtedly large amounts of money would have to be spent to co-ordinate all these railroads but the economies which can be brought about by joint management would probably pay a very large part of the interest on the additional capital required.

The only important sections and cities north of the Ohio River and east of the Mississippi not reached by such a system would be sections of Ohio and Indiana, including Cincinnati and Louisville. Ohio and Indiana are gridironed by electric interurban lines which are making a tremendous struggle to recover from freight earnings their loss in passenger business. They are more and more successful in that direction and would, no doubt, greatly welcome the co-operation of a new railroad system.

### Albert Frank & Company Opens Offices on Pacific Coast.

Albert Frank & Company, established in New York in 1872 and ranking as one of the oldest advertising agencies in the United States, extends its organization to the Pacific Coast through the opening this week of offices at 507 Montgomery Street, San Francisco. In addition the company will maintain representatives in Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle, thus making available to the entire Pacific Coast territory the international advertising service which it is equipped to render. The announcement says:

The extension of Albert Frank & Company's organization in this country and abroad has followed the demands of business, transportation and finance for an advertising service developed on the broadest possible scale. In 1900, the company, whose activities had previously centered in New York, entered the Chicago field, where it has played an active part in sales promotion and advertising work. In 1908, an office was opened in London in recognition of the growing community of interest between American and foreign business enterprises and of the opportunity for sound advertising effort to strengthen friendly and profitable international relationships. Three years ago, an office was established by the company in Boston to place Albert Frank & Company's service more conveniently at the disposal of New England where the firm already had extensive interests.

The opening of Pacific Coast offices by the company rounds out its national organization, giving it direct representation from coast to coast, and signalizes the recent rapid development of industry, commerce and finance in the Far East. The offices will be under the management of E. E. Albertson, who has had many years' experience in the advertising and newspaper business on the coast. For three years he was financial editor of the San Francisco Chronicle and for five years served in that capacity with the San Francisco Call. He has also been connected with the "Coast Banker" and has had his own







While judicial relief sometimes may be granted to a quasi sovereign state under circumstances which would not justify relief if the suit were between private parties, *Georgia vs. Tennessee Copper Co.*, 206 U. S. 230, 237 nevertheless it must appear that the State has suffered a wrong furnishing ground for judicial redress or is asserting a right susceptible of judicial enforcement. The mere fact that a State is the plaintiff is not enough. *Wisconsin vs. Pelican Insurance Co.*, 127 U. S. 265, 287; *Oklahoma vs. A. T. & Santa Fe Ry.*, 220 U. S. 277, 286, 289.

#### States Must Yield.

The Act assailed was passed by Congress in pursuance of its power to lay and collect taxes, and, following the decision of this court in respect of the preceding Act of 1916, *New York Trust Co. vs. Eisner*, 256 U. S., 345, must be held to be constitutional. If the Act interferes, with the exercise by the State of its full powers of taxation or has the effect of removing property from its reach which otherwise would be within it, that is a contingency which affords no ground for judicial relief. The Act is a law of the United States made in pursuance of the Constitution, and, therefore the supreme law of the land, the constitution or laws of the States to the contrary notwithstanding. Whenever the constitutional powers of the Federal Government and those of the State come into conflict, the latter must yield. *Ex parte Virginia*, 100 U. S. 339, 346; *Brown vs. Walker*, 161 U. S. 591, 606; *Cummings vs. Chicago*, 188 U. S. 410, 428; *Lane County vs. Oregon*, 7 Wall. 71, 77.

The contention that the Federal tax is not uniform because other States impose inheritance taxes while Florida does not, is without merit. Congress cannot accommodate its legislation to the conflicting or dissimilar laws of the several States nor control the diverse conditions to be found in the various States which necessarily work unlike results from the enforcement of the same tax. All that the Constitution (Art. 1, section 8, column 1) requires is that the law shall be uniform in the sense that by its provisions the rule of liability shall be alike in the parts of the United States.

#### Result Held Speculative.

The claim of immediate injury to the State rests upon the allegation that the Act will have the result of inducing potential taxpayers to withdraw property from the State, thereby diminishing the subjects upon which the State power of taxation may operate. The averment to that effect, however, affords no basis for relief, because, not only is State's right of taxation subordinate to that of the general government, but the anticipated result is purely speculative, and, at most, only remote and indirect. *Minnesota vs. Northern Securities Co.*, 194 U. S. 48, 68-70. If, as alleged, the supposed withdrawal of property will diminish the revenues of the State, non constat that the deficiency cannot readily be made up by an increased rate of taxation. Plainly, there is no substance in the contention that the State has sustained, or is immediately in danger of sustaining, and direct injury as the result of the enforcement of the Act in question. See *In re Ayers*, 123 U. S. 443, 496; *Massachusetts vs. Mellon*, 262 U. S. 447, 488.

Nor can the suit be maintained by the State because of any injury to its citizens. They are also citizens of the United States and subject to its laws. In respect of their relations with the Federal Government "it is the United States, and not the State, which represents them as *parens patriae*, when such representation becomes appropriate and to the former, and not to the latter, they must look for such protective measures as flow from that status." *Massachusetts vs. Mellon*, *supra*, pp. 485-486.

It follows that leave to file the bill of complaint must be denied.

Rule discharged and leave denied.

Florida's fight to maintain the right of the States to determine their own internal taxation policies and to protect State constitutions against invasion by Federal authorities, was resumed on Nov. 22 in the Supreme Court of the United States. In the suit Florida attacked the Federal inheritance tax law on four grounds: First, that her State Constitution forbids the levying of inheritance taxes; second, that under the provisions of the Federal law inheritance taxes from which the Commonwealth receives no benefit are now collected in the State; third, that the Federal Government rebates to the States having inheritance tax levies 80% of the tax collected, and, Florida having no estate tax, receives no rebate, it being, therefore, contended that the Federal statute is discriminatory, and fourth, that the courts have held that the estate tax is an excise tax and that the Federal Constitution expressly provides that excise taxes must be uniform.

Florida's executives in seeking permission to bring the suit had the backing of the business interests of the State headed by the Florida State Chamber of Commerce, which was one of the organizations sponsoring the no-inheritance tax provision of the State's Constitution, and the court action was the result of a State-wide meeting of business men held in Palm Beach last April at the call of the Chamber. J. B. Johnson, Attorney-General of Florida, appeared before the Court for the purpose of setting forth why the Commonwealth should be permitted to file an original bill of complaint seeking to test the constitutionality of the statute. The Solicitor-General of the United States, representing Secretary Mellon and David H. Blair, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, appeared before the court some weeks ago in answer to the tribunal's rule to the defendants to show cause why the State should not be permitted to file its bill. Florida base her right to bring the suit on four different grounds, Mr. Johnson told the court.

First, that under the estate tax provision of the Revenue Act several millions of dollars annually are withdrawn from the State, thus depleting its revenue producing property.

Second, that under and by the terms and provisions of this Act the sovereign rights of the State have been invaded.

Third, that it is an undertaking to coerce the State of Florida into laying and collecting an estate or inheritance tax, and

Fourth, that it is an undertaking to penalize the State of Florida and her property and citizens for failure on the part of the State to lay and collect for State purposes a tax on estates of decedents.

The United States Solicitor-General raised three points against the right of Florida to maintain the suit: First, that Section 3224 of the Revised Statutes provides that "No suit for the purpose of restraining the assessment or collection of any tax shall be maintained in any court"; second, that the State does not suffer any direct injury through the taxation of its citizens and therefore may not maintain the bill on that ground, and, third, that the State is not entitled to bring the suit as *parens patriae*.

The Solicitor-General's assertion that Florida sought to enjoin the collection of taxes was an error, Mr. Johnson argue. "The State of Florida can have no objection to the United States laying and collecting this tax," he told the court. "The provision of the Revenue Act challenged by the State is that provision which rebates a proper tax. It is the indirect appropriation of Federal revenue to favored States to the detriment and hurt of Florida.

"The estates tax provision was not intended as a revenue measure. This clearly appears from the reports and proceedings by and before the committees of Congress, and from the debates and proceedings in the House of Representatives. It was intended solely as a coercive measure to force, if possible, uniformity as to estate and inheritance taxes as between the States. And the bare truth of the matter is that this rebate provision was directed at the State of Florida. It is a direct attack on the State of Florida for having adopted a constitutional amendment prohibiting the assessment and collection of inheritance taxes. This estate tax provision with the rebate is entirely outside and beyond the powers delegated to Congress." Mr. Johnson quoted from the report of Chairman Green of the House Ways and Means Committee as follows:

A very important change was also made in the application of estate taxes. Under the present law a credit is allowed upon these taxes of the amount of any inheritance or estate tax paid to any State, up to 25% of the Federal tax. In order to give the States full freedom to make use of this tax the committee decided to extend the credit which might be so allowed up to 80% of the Federal tax. The several States by the use of this provision will be enabled to make use of the inheritance tax without additional cost to its citizens.

"From this it is plain that the application of this estate tax provision was not intended to apply to the taxpayer, but was intended to apply to States as units," asserted Mr. Johnson, "And it was passed for the purpose of making an indirect appropriation of Federal taxes for the use and benefit of certain favored States, and for the purpose of making a direct attack upon the State of Florida.

We have made a table of the estate taxes collected by the Federal Government for the year 1925 by States. From this table it appears that the United States collected estate taxes in the sum of \$101,411,866 73.

Taking this, and allowing the 80% rebate to those States imposing an inheritance or estate tax, it would leave the Federal Government the pitiful sum of \$21,888,915 11. This would amount to an indirect appropriation of \$79,622,862 80 of Federal taxes for the use and benefit of certain State Governments.

It is useless to search for any precedent or decision of the Supreme or any other court covering a parallel case, said Mr. Johnson, because the case in question is without precedent or parallel.

It is a direct attack on one of the sovereign States of the Union by a combination of a majority of the States. This estate tax provision cannot be considered a Federal statute. It is so entirely outside of the power of Congress that it amounts to nothing more or less than efforts of members of Congress to force States into uniformity in the laying and collection of estate or inheritance taxes. It is an effort on the part of the members of Congress, not representing the United States, but representing the prejudices and wishes of their several States, to perpetuate an illegal act, not against the individual taxpayer, but against the State.

The action on the part of a majority of the States is equivalent to these States saying to Florida: "You have a legal and constitutional right to exempt your citizens and the property of your State from the payment of estate or inheritance taxes for the support of your State Government. You had the right to provide for this exemption by constitutional provision. Yet, regardless of your right, and right or wrong, and because we are strong enough to force you, we will make you pay an estate tax for the support of the Federal Government and we will appropriate four-fifths of this same tax to pay the expenses of our respective State Governments."

Georgia was cited as a concrete example. Georgia, in March last year enacted an estate tax law wherein the tax was set at 80% of the Federal assessment. Tax officials of the State of Georgia, the Attorney-General told the court, were advertising the advantages Georgia possesses in a leaflet which compares Georgia with Florida, and cite that when the Government levies a \$75,000 estate tax in Florida "the whole amount goes into the Federal Treasury, with not one penny of benefit, so far as that \$75,000 goes, to either the estate or to the State of Florida." In Georgia, the leaflet continue, the Government assesses \$75,000 against the estate, but four-fifths of the amount is credited as an exemption going into the Treasury of Georgia. "In our case,"

the leaflet set forth, "we get our share for applying to the expense of operating our State Government."

"If the Representatives and Senators in Congress had wanted to be fair, and had wanted to meet the uniformity provision in the laying and collecting of taxes as required by Section 8, Article 1, of the Constitution of the United States," continued Mr. Johnson, "they should have provided for the collection of the entire amount of the estate tax paid and then refunded to the treasury of each State, for State purposes, 80% of the tax collected from each State. If Congress had no authority to do this, then Congress has no authority to do what it has done. Congress cannot do indirectly what it is not allowed to do directly."

Florida did not ask for an injunction to restrain the collection of a Federal tax, the Attorney-General told the court. "The so-called estate tax is the instrument used by a combination of a majority of the other States to nullify a valid constitutional provision of the State of Florida, and to slander and violate the State's sovereignty; and for the purpose of establishing and vindicating this sovereignty the State has asked to enjoin the use of the weapon employed."

With reference to the assertion of the Solicitor-General that Florida does not suffer any direct injury through the taxation of its citizens and therefore may not maintain the bill on this ground, Mr. Johnson declared that the existence of a State depends primarily upon its citizens, upon the property and business for the support of its people and its Government and upon resources from which it can draw the necessary revenue to support the Government.

"Any unlawful attack by a foreign power on any one of the enumerated elements is of direct interest to the State of Florida," he continued. "The other States in the Union and the United States, outside of its constitutional powers are foreign to the State of Florida for this purpose. Under the constitution, it is the primary duty of the United States to protect the sovereignty of the State of Florida. The State having been denied the use of diplomacy, and denied the use of force, has only one recourse, and that is to this court. The United States might lend its aid to an unlawful and unconstitutional act, or wrong perpetrated by a majority of States against one State, or a minority of States. When it does it will lose its self-respect and the integrity of the Union. That is what we are before this court to find out. We are appealing to our only source of relief, outside of force."

If Congress should pass an estate tax law with the same rates as are in the present law, and should then provide that the States west of the Mississippi River should be allowed a rebate of 80% of this tax for the use of their States, but that the States east of the Mississippi River should pay the tax in full, you would either have a civil war or a split in the Union. No self-respecting State would submit to so unjust a discrimination. And such a discrimination would be as unjustifiable as the present law.

When the earnings and wealth of the citizens of the State of Florida are unlawfully taken by foreign powers then it is up to the State of Florida to appeal to the United States for protection, or resort to force. If the taxable wealth of the State is \$500,000,000 and ten millions of this is taken away, then 2% of the State's producing wealth is gone, and the ability of the people to pay the taxes necessary to the State is reduced to a much greater per cent, because taxes must necessarily come from the earnings of the people. We should take warning from the example of those nations whose Governments have been destroyed by excessive taxation. The power to tax is the most dangerous weapon in the hands of any Government.

Honorable Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, made a true statement before the Finance Committee of the Senate. On page 38, Report of Hearing before the committee of the Senate, Part 1, Jan. 4-5 1926, he said:

"Taxation by the Federal Government is going down and that of the States is going up. The States need every source of revenue available. In the majority of the States the Federal tax directly decreases the property which the State can tax. For example, if an estate pays \$1,000,000 of tax this is deducted from the net value of the property on which the State percentage is levied. The State gets no tax on the value represented by what the Federal Government has taken. Aside from the direct loss of revenue to the State there is an indirect loss. The present ~~total~~ death taxes in this country could in some cases take more than 100% of what a man leaves. Excessive Federal taxes contribute largely to the muddle. The result must be that ultimate values are destroyed, and with them the sources from which the State must take revenue."

The above statement is not true as to the facts stated because they come from the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury. They are not to be considered as true for the purposes of this case as an admission against interest. The facts stated by Mr. Mellon are true fundamentally. They are true the same as if Mr. Mellon had said "water runs down hill."

The State of Florida was in no sense acting as *parens patriae* to the taxpayers, except as such purpose would be served as incidental to the main relief sought by the State, the Attorney-General told the court. The primary purpose of the suit, he said, was to restrain a slander and violation of the State's sovereign right.

It is for the purpose of restraining other States in the Union, by and through an unconstitutional, unauthorized and unlawful Federal weapon, from violating and interfering with the rights of the State reserved to it under the Constitution, and to restrain the infliction of a penalty on the State of Florida for failure to comply with the wishes and desires of other States in a matter over which they have no authority or control.

As stated before, this case is without parallel or precedent. Under the Constitution all powers not delegated to the United States were reserved to the States. Under the Constitution the States surrendered their rights to redress grievances by diplomacy and by force, and in consideration for

these rights the United States agreed that these grievances should be adjudicated by the Supreme Court of the United States. In this case this Court owes it to itself, to the United States and to the States, to take cognizance of the State's case presented and to exercise the jurisdiction conferred by the Constitution in such cases made and provided.

Senator Fletcher, of Florida, introduced in the Senate on Jan. 3 a bill to repeal the estate tax provisions contained in the Revenue Act.

### Thirty States Demand Repeal of Federal Inheritance Tax.

From its Washington correspondent Dec. 30, the New York "Evening Post" reported the following:

Plans for concerted action by the majority of State Legislatures throughout the country to demand of Congress the repeal of the Federal inheritance tax were decided upon at a meeting here of the National Committee Opposed to the Federal Inheritance tax.

Official representatives of almost thirty States were present, the majority of them members of the State Legislatures that meet next month or appointees of the Governors of those States especially designated to attend this meeting.

Arthur A. Sherman, President pro tempore of the Rhode Island Senate, resided at the meeting.

According to Edgar A. Brown, speaker of the South Carolina Legislature, the Federal inheritance tax, as contained in the last revenue measure, has resulted in a nation-wide protest from taxpayers, State Legislatures and civic leaders, many of whom have already appealed to Congress to repeal this levy.

Sentiment both in the House and in the Senate at the present time is for the repeal of this measure, said Frank W. Mondell, former majority leader on the floor of the House. Franklin S. Edmonds of Philadelphia was among those attending the meeting.

### Ridder Brothers Acquire Ownership of "Journal of Commerce"—New York "Commercial" Merged With It.

The purchase of controlling interest in the New York "Journal of Commerce" as well as the good-will and assets of the New York "Commercial" by Bernard H. Ridder, Joseph E. Ridder and Victor F. Ridder, sons of the late Herman Ridder, was made known on Jan. 1. Editorially the "Journal of Commerce" had the following to say in its issue of Monday, Jan. 3, regarding the change in ownership:

The "Journal of Commerce" announces in its news columns in this issue a change of ownership and control. By virtue of this change new officers have been elected and a majority of the board of directors have resigned and have been succeeded by others. Bernard H. Ridder has become President of the corporation, Joseph E. Ridder Vice-President, Victor F. Ridder Treasurer and Leo E. Owens Secretary. The former ownership and officers have completely retired.

When reorganization of the company has been completed its stock will be opened in part to general public subscription, although the absolute control of a majority of the stock has been acquired and will be retained by the Ridder brothers.

As a phase of the reorganization the subscription list and certain of the assets of the New York "Commercial" have been purchased. Beginning with to-day this newspaper will be published under the title of "The Journal of Commerce, Commercial Bulletin and Commercial," and will be delivered to all "Journal of Commerce" and former "New York Commercial" subscribers.

The well-established editorial and news policies of the "Journal of Commerce" will undergo no change. Every effort will be made to sustain and strengthen its position as a non-partisan, independent representative of business. It will devote special attention to the great current problems of financing business. Its news services will be maintained at as good a level as heretofore and effort will be made still further to improve and broaden its contact both with foreign and domestic affairs.

As with every enterprise which seeks to represent public interests, success in the program this mapped out will depend entirely upon the support and approval of readers and clientele. This "The Journal of Commerce" has liberally received in the past. It solicits continuation of such support and it promises continued publication of liberal and public spirited newspaper into a union reflecting the interests and promoting the well-being of the trade and business of the United States and its people.

The Ridder Brothers are the publishers of the New York "Staats-Zeitung," the New York "Herald," and "Long Island Daily Press." According to the "Herald Tribune," the amount involved in the transaction just announced is said to have been approximately \$2,850,000, of which close to \$2,000,000 represented the cash payment. The paper quoted also says:

#### Policies Not to Be Changed.

No immediate change in policies is contemplated, according to Victor Ridder, and the staff of "the Journal of Commerce" with substantial additions from that of "The Commercial" will be retained virtually intact. H. Parker Willis, the present editor of "the Journal of Commerce," will be the editor of the new paper.

It is generally reported that the ownership is considering disposing of the membership in the Associated Press held by "the Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin," as its full name reads, and will conduct the merged publication without the Associated Press service. That this franchise was one of the most valuable assets involved in the transfer is indicated from the fact that when state tax assessors were going over the estate of the late Joseph Pulitzer some years ago, the Associated Press membership of the morning "World" was valued at \$200,000. Negotiations for the sale of the franchise to the tabloid "Daily News" are reported in progress.

#### Deal Financed in Wall Street

The deal was financed by the Ridders under the name of Journal of Commerce Corporation, with Shields & Co., a Stock Exchange firm, acting as bankers.

The new owners point out that "The Journal of Commerce," established in 1827, has in the last eighteen years had earnings substantially in excess

for the maximum annual interest on the new notes, and that during the five years ended June 30, 1926, earnings available for interest and Federal taxes averaged \$215,725 annually, equivalent approximately to three and one-half times the maximum interest charges on the notes. During the years 1918-21 the earnings averaged in excess of \$500,000 a year, and in 1920 were more than \$700,000.

Rumors of the pending merger had been current in the street for weeks. The delay in closing is said to have been due to difficulty in establishing clear titles to the properties. It was generally thought that Charles A. Stoneham, President of the New York National League ball club, had the controlling interest in "The Journal of Commerce," but in the course of the negotiations it was disclosed that the estate of the late R. R. Govin, the former president of the company, and other stockholders also held substantial interests. At the time of the sale the paper was under the direction of Mason Peters as business manager. R. R. Govin, Jr. was the president of the corporation.

Similar title difficulty was experienced with "The New York Commercial" which dates its origin back to 1795 with the establishment of "The New York Price Current," which it succeeded. Russell R. Whitman was President of the Commercial Newspaper Co. which held "The Commercial," but was generally reported that W. B. Lashar, President of the American Chain Co., Inc., a \$30,000,000 concern, was a substantial financial backer of this publication and had a major interest in it at the time of the sale.

The two papers were competitors in the same field, with the latest circulation figures giving "The Journal of Commerce" from 28,000 to 30,000 daily and "The Commercial" about 15,000. Only "The Journal of Commerce" was a member of the Associated Press.

The consolidation adds a new chapter in the remarkable rise of the Ridder family in the publishing world. Their fortunes began with the arrival in this country of Herman Ridder in 1826 and his publication of a Catholic organ in 1876. In 1889 Herman purchased the "The New Yorker Staats-Zeitung." Later "The New Yorker Herold" was added to the family possessions and more recently the late pioneer's three sons took over "The Long Island Daily Press." They will assume active management of the newly merged paper on Monday.

Fred R. Marvin, editor of "The Commercial," referring to the sale last night, said: "It is to be regretted that a newspaper devoted to American ideas and institutions must disappear from the newspaper field, especially since this paper on Jan. 1 would have entered into its 132d year."

Mr. Marvin said he would continue his interest in the Key Men of America organization for keeping track of radical movements. He is to become associate editor of "The National Republic," a magazine published at Washington. Mr. Marvin said he would shortly assume charge of the New York Office.

The New York "Times" in its account of the transaction had the following to say in its news columns Saturday, Jan. 1:

Joseph E., Bernard H. and Victor F. Ridder, sons of the late Herman Ridder, announced yesterday the purchase of the entire capital stock and debenture notes of the "Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin" and the good-will, subscription lists and other assets of the "New York Commercial" for a total of about \$2,850,000. The two newspapers will be merged under the title of "The Journal of Commerce and Commercial." The first issue will be published on Monday morning in the plant of the "Journal of Commerce." The Ridder brothers publish the "New Yorker Staats-Zeitung," the "New Yorker Herold" and the "Long Island Daily Press."

The Ridders announced that the merged paper would follow the news and editorial policies of the "Journal of Commerce" under the continued editorship of Dr. H. Parker Willis of that paper. As the merged papers publish news of all the important trades and industries, as well as financial and general news, they said, the amalgamated paper would be the only daily paper of its kind in New York, since the "Wall Street Journal" did not print trade news in detail.

#### Will Sell Notes to Public.

They also said the new paper will be the "first responsible newspaper" in New York, so far as they have been able to learn, to offer common stock for sale to the public. Through Shields & Co., investment bankers, with the Chase National Bank as trustee, the Journal of Commerce Corporation, which will publish the merged paper, will sell ten-year 6½% sinking fund gold notes of a par value of \$950,000. These notes will be dated to-day and will be sold at the price of 98½ and accrued interest, to yield about 6.70%. Each note will carry, on its original issue, a detachable warrant entitling the holder to purchase 20 shares of common stock at \$29 85 a share up to Dec. 31 1927; \$31 54 up to Dec. 31 1928, and \$33 22 up to Dec. 31 1929. The stock will be voting stock with a par value of \$1 a share. Note holders may sell their rights to buy stock. It is planned to have the stock listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Ridders and their associates in the merger will buy stock to the amount of \$650,000 for cash. It is announced that they will control two-thirds of the common stock. There will be 100,000 shares of common all together. In addition, \$425,000 worth of 7% cumulative first preferred stock (\$100 par) has been issued to the former owners of the purchased newspapers as part payment. An issue of \$350,000 7% cumulative second preferred stock has been authorized but not issued.

Another unusual feature of the merger is that the Ridders, who will direct the policy, publication and circulation of the amalgamated paper, have agreed to act in this capacity without pay so long as any of the \$950,000 note issue is outstanding. They reserve the right to redeem all or any part of the issue at 102½ and interest on any interest date at thirty days' notice. They explained that the profits of the papers which they now publish made it unnecessary for them to take anything for managing their new paper and that they wished the note issue to be an absolute first lien, even ahead of their own salaries, while the notes are outstanding.

#### Papers Long Established.

Both newspapers are among the oldest in New York. The "Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin" was established in 1827. The circular offering the notes for sale states that for the last eighteen years its annual earnings have been substantially in excess of the maximum interest requirements on the notes, and that during the five years ended on June 30 1926 such earnings, available for interest and Federal taxes, averaged \$215,725 annually, equivalent to three and one-half times the maximum annual interest charges. From 1918-21 such earnings averaged more than \$500,000 a year, and in 1920 they were more than \$700,000. The newspaper's circulation is about 30,000. It has an Associated Press franchise. It has been controlled by the Govin estate since R. R. Govin, its publisher since 1923, died in Monte Carlo last February.

The "New York Commercial," which was established in 1795 as the "New York Price Current," has not been so successful as the "Journal of Commerce" in recent years. Its circulation is about 10,000. It has no Associated Press membership. Russell R. Whitman was President of the Commercial Newspaper Company, which published it.

As some of the circulation was duplication, the Ridders expect the circulation of the merged paper to be about 35,000. The Ridder family has been publishing newspapers in New York since 1876. Herman Ridder, who died in 1915, had been a director of the Associated Press, President of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association and Treasurer of the National Democratic Committee.

Shields & Co. of this city on Jan. 4 offered \$950,000 ten-year 6½% sinking fund gold notes of the Journal of Commerce Corporation. Each note will be accompanied by a detachable warrant entitling the holder to purchase common stock of the company during the next three years in the ratio of 20 shares for each \$1,000 note, at prices ranging from \$29 85 to \$33 22 per share. Details of this offering were given in our "General Investment News" Department.

#### Governors of Investment Bankers Association of America Opposed to Swing-Johnson Bill for Construction of Dam at Boulder Canyon, Colo.

Opposition to what they term an effort to engage the United States Government in the electric power business was expressed by the Investment Bankers Association of America, at a meeting of the Board of Governors held in Chicago on Jan. 19, in a resolution condemning the Swing-Johnson bill now pending in Congress, which proposes the construction by the Government of a high dam in the Colorado River at Boulder Canyon, Colo., under the guise of flood protection. The resolution, adopted unanimously, follows:

Resolved, by the Board of Governors of the Investment Bankers Association of America, at a meeting held at Chicago, Ill., on the nineteenth day of January 1927, that the Investment Bankers Association of America reaffirm its opposition to the proposed legislation now pending before the Federal Congress, known as the Swing-Johnson bill, because:

1. While the measure is represented as primarily for flood control and reclamation on the Colorado River, yet it is in fact a proposal to have the Government enter into the electric power business, involving government ownership and operation of a large power plant.
2. The bill departs from the already established national policy contained in the Federal Water Power Act for the handling of power questions by the Federal Power Commission by granting licenses to private enterprise for the use of water for power purposes under the Federal Water Power Act.
3. Full and adequate flood protection and water supply can be provided by construction costing much less than will be required to build the proposed high dam at Boulder Canyon.

And, further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Rules Commission of the House of Representatives now considering the question of a special rule for said bill.

PLINY JEWELL, President,  
Investment Bankers Association of America.

Incident to the above resolution, it is recalled that Congressman E. O. Leatherwood, of Utah, a member of the Commission on Irrigation and Reclamation, recently stated in his minority report on the Swing-Johnson bill that he found the measure one which would seek to bestow special advantages to one State at the expense of her sister State and the public at large. He furthermore stated that he found it backed by clever propaganda and personal appeal, and masquerading under false colors and a concealed attempt to thrust the Government in to business on a large scale, and that the purpose of flood control and reclamation can all be covered at much less expense.

#### The Nation's Food Bill—Between 18 and 22 Billion Dollars Spent Annually by United States for Food.

The food bill of the United States shows an annual retail valuation of between 18 and 22 billion dollars, and more than 43.1% of the average workingman's family budget is expended for food, according to an "Analysis of the Nation's Food Industry" issued by Chandler & Co., emphasizing the tremendous proportions of the industry in this country to-day. Food is America's greatest pursuit in respect to the value of annual output, the number of people engaged therein, and the amount of investment involved. A statement bearing on the analysis says:

To supply the demands of Americans for foodstuffs, every year more than 116,980,000 tons of foodstuffs are carried by our railroads and approximately 375,000 independent and chain grocery stores are in constant operation in the process of distribution. The average annual production of our canning factories alone exceeds 30 pounds of fruits and vegetables for each of our 110,000,000 men, women and children.

A study of the aggregate annual retail valuation of foodstuffs reveals the startling fact that 17 different articles of food represent approximately 76 of the total national food bill, while the remaining 24% are distributed over more than 1,000 different items. Many of the 1,000 articles are manufactured combinations of the 17. The main food classifications are: Pork, fish, chickens, other meats, milk, wheat flour, sugar, butter, eggs, wheat, bread, white potatoes, ice cream, coffee, canned vegetables, apples and canned fruits.

Like other phases of modern life, the food industry has been affected by the contributions of science and invention. As late as 1880, 71% of the people lived on farms, but with the growth of factories and large scale production, to-day more than half of the population is urban and a strictly consuming class. During this same period those remaining on the farms have been able to more than double the food production to meet the demands of our increased population.

A comparative ranking of States in consumption and production of food shows that while consumption of the 17 basic food of the classification follows closely distribution of population, production varies greatly among the different States. Some marked variance is present in the rank of consumers, however, such as Delaware, ranking 46th in population, ranking 18th in consumption of apples. New York ranks first as a consuming State in every classification, with Pennsylvania generally second, Illinois third, Ohio fourth, and Texas fifth.

In production, New York leads again, with first place in the production of bread, white potatoes, coffee and apples; second place in the production of milk and ice cream, and third place in the production of beef, wheat flour and fish. Illinois, with first place in the production of pork and beef, with second place in the production of coffee and with third place in the production of chickens, eggs and ice cream, claims second place in rank among producers, closely followed by Minnesota which leads in the production of wheat flour and butter and is second in white potatoes, and Iowa which leads in the production of chickens and eggs and is second in butter. California has two first places in the production of canned vegetables and canned fruits while Pennsylvania leads in the production of ice cream; Wisconsin, milk; Virginia, fish; Kansas, wheat, and Colorado, sugar.

According to the bulletin, the outstanding recent development in the distribution of food has been the rapid rise of the chain store and the resulting economies of large scale distribution in the industry. Where a few years ago the chain store was practically unknown, to-day approximately 40,000 or over 10% of our 375,000 grocery stores are members of a chain. Comparative size shows that shops doing an annual gross business of from \$13,000 to \$58,500 represent 78% of the total number in business, while shops with sales ranging from \$58,500 to \$250,000 represent 20%.

According to the survey, "an ideal distribution of essential commodities would require a continuous flow of raw material in the processes of manufacture and an equally steady flow of finished products through the channels of distribution, to be consumed and replaced as rapidly as they are produced. Economic distribution of essential commodities cannot be secured on any other basis than that of continuous demand and a constant movement of products toward the consumers, with a minimum of handling costs between the producer and consumer. At the present time out of the 41,614,243 people engaged in gainful occupation, 29,570,867 are engaged in manufacturing, transportation, distribution and allied activities.

### Golden Anniversary of American Paper & Pulp Association to Be Celebrated in New York Feb. 21-24— Increase in Use of Newsprint Paper.

Plans for the four days celebration of their Golden Jubilee by the American Paper and Pulp Association were completed on Jan. 17 at a meeting of the executive committee at the association's headquarters in New York. The fiftieth annual convention will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria here, Feb. 21-24. "During our golden anniversary," said Dr. Hugh P. Baker, Secretary of the association, "we will attempt to bring home to the public the vital part in the nation's progress which the wood pulp process of paper-making has played. Next to the invention and improvement of printing itself, this growing production of wood pulp paper has been of prime importance in the wide dissemination of knowledge." He added:

The manufacture of fine paper from cotton and linen rags has also increased greatly during the past half century paper making and its allied operations have grown from the status of an infant industry until it ranks seventh among the country's large industries, with an annual output valued at more than a billion dollars. At the present rate of increase we will soon be using as much fine paper and newsprint as all the rest of the world combined. Our total for 1926 exceeds 16,000,000 tons of paper and pulp. This includes more than a million tons of specialty products ranging from paper cups to automobile tops. For the manufacturers are pushing forward the development of all sorts of new pulp and paper products in order to meet competition and keep pace with demand.

Americans are the greatest paper users in the world. A century ago an American's paper ration was about a pound a year. To-day we use 170 pounds per capita. This is more than twice as much as an Englishman uses, four times more than a German, 12 times as much as a Japanese and 16 times the per capita consumption of Russians. During our golden anniversary our Association aims to enlist the interest and aid of the public in a program for the preservation and reforestation of the country's great wooded areas upon which the future supply of wood pulp and newsprint depends. Scientific forestry alone will insure a permanent supply of raw material. Under skillful management an acre can be brought to yield six times as much wood as by the slow processes of nature unaided.

The American Paper and Pulp Association has its own forestry service and is co-operating with the Forest Services of the Department of Agriculture; also with the Department of Commerce, the National Industrial Conference Board, and other national organizations. Norman W. Wilson of the Hamermill Paper Co., Erie, Pa., is President; Alex G. Gilman of the Allied Paper Mills, Kalamazoo, Mich., and D. C. Everest of the Marathon Mills, Rothschild, Wis., Vice-Presidents.

### New York Chamber of Commerce Urges Delay on Measure Increasing City's Debt by \$300,000,000—Unification of Subways and Increased Fares Favored.

Declaring that the \$300,000,000 referendum measure for increasing the city's debt limit should be laid on the table for a year by the State legislature, Alfred E. Marling, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, in a report sent to members of that organization on January 30 urged that the city authorities declare themselves on the unification of the subway systems and an increased fare. The report,

with resolutions memorializing the Legislature, was presented to President William L. DeBost at the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber on Feb. 3. With a slight amendment to the report the Chamber unanimously urged the Legislature to delay action on the referendum of increasing the city's debt limit by \$300,000,000 until the city authorities clarify their subway plans, especially regarding the five-cent fare, municipal operation of the various lines and the unification of the various systems. The Executive Committee of the Chamber, for whom Mr. Marling acted, consists of Mr. Marling, Mr. DeBost and James Brown, Chairman; John McHugh, R. A. C. Smith, David T. Warden, Clarence A. Ludlum, Andrew V. Stout, Charles L. Bernheimer, Frederick J. Lisman, J. Vipond Davies, Charles T. Gwynne, John Claffin, E. H. Outerbridge, Darwin P. Kingsley, Irving T. Bush, Frederick H. Ecker, John B. Trevor, George F. Baker, Howard C. Smith. Stating that the Chamber has repeatedly taken action in favor of the unification of the rapid transit facilities and for a rate of fare which will make them self-supporting with charging deficits to the city treasury, Mr. Marling pointed out that numerous civic and commercial organizations throughout the greater city had supported this stand and virtually all who have studied the situation are opposed to municipal operation. Nearly \$14,000,000 a year is charged to deficits and the enormous sum of \$76,642,188 "has already been charged into taxation since the opening of the subways." Mr. Marling continued:

"By making the present unsecured investment of the City of New York, amounting to \$266,000,000, self-sustaining by an increase in the rate of fare, that amount would be removed from the present debt limit and a like amount financed for use in construction of the new subways. There is, therefore, no immediate necessity for legislative authority for the present increase of \$300,000,000 in the city's debt limit for transit purposes.

"It appears, so far as the Chamber can ascertain, to be the avowed intention to recapture portions of the properties now operated by private operating companies, under contract with the City, to the serious damage of these operators, to the inconvenience of the public by the breaking up of continuously operated lines, and to the damage of the City by competition with its own properties leased to the companies.

"So far as the Chamber can ascertain, no steps have been initiated by the City looking to negotiations with the present operating companies nor with any other organization, tending to a general unification of the existing systems together with the new subways now under construction.

"So far as the Chamber can ascertain, the plans of the Board of Transportation for the new subway system, now under construction by the City, include lines which directly duplicate service now provided by the City-owned subways, and when completed will compete directly with existing service, which these existing lines are amply able to serve with adequate capacity for many years to come. The unification of all these properties, operating rapid transit service, will thereby eliminate the present necessity for duplication of subway construction, by postponement for many years of an expenditure estimated at not less than \$150,000,000, so that the unified operating system by proper and suitable connections can be earlier produced at greatly reduced present cost of investment.

"The Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, recognizing a serious emergency in this problem, and being convinced that the questions above recited should be clarified and determined at this time and absolutely in advance of the passage of legislation, which directly, or by authorizing a Referendum Vote of the State on the subject, would, if carried, place in the Government of the City of New York the power to increase its debt limit by \$300,000,000 for transit purposes, recommends that appeal be made to the State Legislature in all its branches that the matter be held in obedience and action postponed for one year, or until the principles for which the Chamber of Commerce stands are cleared up satisfactorily.

"In making this recommendation, the Chamber of Commerce in no way desires to oppose the increase of the debt limit and the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$300,000,000 for transit purposes as soon as the fundamental objections are removed; and it believes that the postponement of this action will give the necessary time to the officers of the City Government, the Board of Transportation and the operators of existing public utilities to effect a reproachment."

### Sixtieth Anniversary of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

Tuesday of this week, Feb. 1, marked the sixtieth anniversary of the organization of the investment banking house of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. The firm was founded on Feb. 1, 1867, by Abraham Kuhn and Solomon Loeb, of Cincinnati, who had acquired substantial fortunes as commission merchants in that city. Jacob H. Schiff, whose energy brought the firm to the front rank in finance, became a partner in 1875 and was directing head of the firm until his death in 1920. Abraham Wolff, father-in-law of Otto H. Kahn, became a partner in 1875 and was active until his death in 1900. The firm's first office was at 31 Nassau Street, the site of the present building of the National Bank of Commerce. Later, space was taken at 30 Nassau Street in the Mutual Life Building. Subsequently the firm erected its own building at 27 Pine Street and was the first private banking house in New York to have its own system of vaults. The firm acquired land on the southeast corner of William and Pine Streets

and later built the twenty-story structure in which its offices are now located.

Directing heads of the firm today include Otto H. Kahn and Felix H. Warburg, both elected members in 1897; Mortimer L. Schiff, admitted in 1900; and Jerome J. Hanauer, admitted in 1912. The activities of the firm have centered largely in acting as banker for governments and large corporations and in issuing securities to the public. It is estimated that the firm alone or with others has placed or underwritten almost ten billion dollars in securities, an amount equal to one-half of the national debt of the United States.

Among the earliest clients of the firm were a number of great railroad systems. The first transaction was with the Chicago & North Western and took place in 1880. The Pennsylvania and the St. Paul did business with the firm in 1881 and the Missouri Pacific in 1885. Banking relationships with the New York, Ontario & Western; the Texas & Pacific; Norfolk & Western; Illinois Central; Union Pacific; Baltimore & Ohio; and the Chicago & Alton date back from 25 to 40 years; while Southern Pacific, Chesapeake & Ohio; and Delaware & Hudson first sought advice and cooperation 20 or more years ago. More recent are the relations between the firm and the Wabash; Hudson & Manhattan; Chicago & Eastern Illinois; Denver & Rio Grande Western; Gulf, Mobile & Northern; New Orleans, Texas & Mexico and the International-Great Northern.

The incident of the struggle between James J. Hill and J. P. Morgan & Co. on the one hand and E. H. Harriman and Kuhn, Loeb & Co. on the other over Northern Pacific in 1901 stands out in the history of Wall Street. The firm also acted as bankers for Western Union Telegraph and Westinghouse for many years, also Central Leather, American Smelting and Refining, United States Rubber, Inland Steel, Republic Iron & Steel, Consolidation Coal and Famous Players-Lasky Corporation. The firm has placed many issues of foreign governments and municipalities.

In times of great financial stringency, notably in 1893 and 1904 and in the panic of 1907, Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and other institutions came forward with supplies of cash to relieve the situation. In the field of railroad reorganization the firm has been active, such roads as Union Pacific; Central Pacific; Baltimore & Ohio; Missouri Pacific; Wabash; Chicago & Eastern Illinois; Texas Pacific; Denver & Rio Grande and Hudson & Manhattan having been reorganized under its direction. Present efforts are being directed toward the successful reorganization of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.

#### Booklet of National City Co.—“Spanning the Hudson.”

“Spanning the Hudson” is the title of a booklet which the National City Co. of New York has prepared presenting drawings and figures in connection with the proposed bridge to be built across the Hudson River from Fort Lee to Fort Washington under the direction of the Port of New York Authority. The National City Co. with associates recently placed an issue of \$20,000,000 Port of New York Authority, New York-New Jersey Inter-State bridge 4% gold bonds, the proceeds of which are being applied to the construction of the bridge. In addition to numerous views of the proposed bridge, the booklet discusses the need for such a structure, the part the Port Authority will play in the project, the plan for defraying the cost of construction and also furnishes comprehensive figures regarding the estimated volume of traffic over a period of years and the probable revenues which will be derived therefrom. Asserting that the Port Authority bonds are “a sound investment,” the booklet says that:

Thoroughgoing investigation convinces us of the technical and administrative ability of the Port of New York Authority to conceive, plan, carry through and operate its various projects, and that “bonds secured by revenues from its bridges or other facilities whose economic practicability has been established by exhaustive traffic and engineering studies, in our opinion, are safe and desirable investments.”

#### Midwinter Trust Conference under Auspices of Trust Company Division of A. B. A. to be Held Feb. 16-18.

The eighth midwinter trust conference for corporate fiduciaries conducted under the auspices of the Trust Company Division, American Bankers Association, will be held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York, Feb. 16, 17 and 18. Subjects of practical value to trust officials in the daily conduct of business will be presented and opportunity given

for full discussion. W. S. McLucas, Vice-President of the Division and Chairman of the Board of the Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo., will preside. The sessions will be held in the Astor Gallery as follows:

Wednesday, Feb. 16, business meetings 10.30 a. m. to 12.30 p. m. and 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Thursday, Feb. 17, business meetings 9.30 a. m. to 12.30 p. m. and 2 p. m. to 4.30 p. m., reception 7 p. m. and banquet 7.30 p. m.

Friday, Feb. 18, business meetings 10 a. m. to 12.30 p. m. and 2 p. m. to 4.30 p. m.

There will be one o'clock luncheons each day at which those in attendance at the conference may get together. Hotel reservations, transportation and entertainment arrangements will be handled by the conference managers for the delegates.

The sixteenth annual banquet of the trust companies of the United States will be held in connection with the conference in the Grand Ball Room of the Waldorf Astoria the evening of Thursday, Feb. 17, preceded by a reception in the Astor Gallery at 7 p. m. Edward J. Fox, President of the division and President of the Easton Trust Co., Easton, Pa., will preside. The speakers will be Cornelius F. Kelley, President of the Anaconda Copper Mining Co., and Edgar A. Guest of the Detroit Free Press. The committee on arrangements for the banquet is as follows:

Edward J. Fox, Chairman.  
J. N. Babcock, Vice-President Equitable Trust Co., New York.  
F. W. Blair, President Union Trust Co., Detroit.  
Uzal H. McCarter, President Fidelity Union Trust Co., Newark, N. J.  
Edwin P. Maynard, President Brooklyn Trust Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
A. V. Morton, Vice-President Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities, Philadelphia.  
James H. Perkins, President Farmers Loan & Trust Co., New York.  
John W. Platten, President United States Mortgage and Trust Co., New York.  
Francis H. Sisson, Vice-President Guaranty Trust Co., New York.  
Theodore G. Smith, Vice-President Central Union Trust Co., New York.  
A. A. Tilney, President Bankers Trust Co., New York.  
Leroy A. Mershon, Secretary, 110 East 42d St., New York.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Trust Company Division will be held during the week of the conference. William R. Hervey, Vice-President of the Pacific-South West Trust and Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Chairman of the committee, will preside. Meetings of sub-committees will also be held.

#### Amalgamated Bank of New York (Labor Bank) Increases Capital.

The stockholders of the Amalgamated Bank of New York, the first labor bank to operate in New York, voted at their annual meeting on Jan. 19 to increase the capital from \$300,000 to \$500,000 and to increase the surplus from \$150,000 to \$250,000. The increase became effective Jan. 27, at which time 2,000 shares were sold at \$150 per share.

#### Newly Organized Brotherhood National Bank of San Francisco.

A charter for the Brotherhood National Bank of San Francisco, California, was issued by the Comptroller of the Currency on Dec. 13, and the institution opened its doors on Dec. 18. It is housed at 26 O'Farrell St., the building having been completely remodeled for its needs. The bank has a capital of \$500,000. The stock of the bank was offered at \$130 per share, giving a surplus of \$150,000. On the opening day deposits were \$1,519,256, with deposits at close of the year, under date of the bank's first call, in the amount of \$1,837,289. It is stated that its opening day deposits broke the record for all Brotherhood banks throughout the country. The officers are: President, Henry E. Cass; Vice-Presidents, L. L. Sanford, J. H. Stapp, B. E. Crayne, W. H. Treseler and L. R. Arnold; Vice-President and Cashier, E. B. Ansley; Chairman of the board, George O. Barnhart.

#### Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers National Bank of Boston Changes Name to Engineers National Bank.

The Comptroller of the Currency announces that on Jan. 20 the name of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers National Bank of Boston, Mass., was changed to the Engineers National Bank of Boston.

#### Name of Labor Co-Operative National Bank of Newark Changed to Labor National Bank.

The Labor Co-Operative National Bank of Newark, N. J., on Jan. 20 changed its name to the Labor National Bank of Newark, according to the weekly report of the Comptroller of the Currency.

**Annual Convention of American Bankers Association at Houston, Tex., Oct. 24—Spring Meeting at Hot Springs, Ark., in May.**

The week of Oct. 24 has been fixed for this year's annual convention of the American Bankers' Association, it is announced by F. N. Shepherd, Executive Manager of the organization. The convention will be held at Houston, Tex. The Administrative Committee of the American Bankers Association has designated the Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Ark., for the annual spring meeting of the Executive Council, of the Association. The meeting will be held the week of May 1.

**ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, & C.**

Plans for the erection of a 31 story building at 52 Wall Street, to be known as The National City Company Building, were announced on Feb. 1 by Charles E. Mitchell, President of The National City Bank and of its investment affiliate, The National City Company. The structure which is expected to be ready for occupancy on May 1, 1928, will be designed to house the overflow of the National City organization and to provide space for its future growth over many years to come. It is understood that approximately half of the building will be occupied by the National City and the balance will be available for general occupancy on long-term lease. Through the erection of this building, the National City organization will be able to bring under a single roof all its various activities for which space is not available at headquarters, 55 Wall Street. The International Banking Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the bank, most of whose branches the bank took over on Jan. 1, last, now occupies under lease two entire floors of the building at 60 Wall Street. In addition, the National City organization rents for storage and other purposes quarters in various parts of the city. The new building will be of stone and brick construction, fireproof in every particular, and will have a total floor area of 350,000 square feet. It will have a frontage of 45 feet on Wall Street, extending through to Pine Street where it will have a frontage of 88 feet, with entrances on both streets. Present estimates point to a total cost for the building in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000. Architecturally, the building, which has been designed by McKim, Mead & White, will be Grecian in type up to the thirteenth floor, where the first set-back in conformity with the zoning laws will occur. The second set-back will be at the sixteenth floor, the third at the twenty-second and the fourth at the twenty-sixth, above which the building will tower to a point 410 feet above the street level. The building will rise on the site which The National City Bank occupied from the time of its organization in 1812 until 1908 when present headquarters were completed. Prior to that 52 Wall Street was the site of the home of the New York branch of the First Bank of the United States, from which The National City Bank traces its descent, and the cornerstone of the building in which The National City Bank opened for business 115 years ago will be preserved in the new structure.

At the executive committee meeting of The National City Bank of New York on Feb. 1, the following appointments were made: Daniel A. Freeman, assistant cashier, and Harbeck Meeker, assistant manager.

Meyer Rosenstein has been elected Vice-President of the American Union Bank of this city.

On Monday evening, Jan. 31, the officers of the Central Mercantile Bank & Trust Co. of this city, were tendered a dinner at Fleischer's Restaurant, Broadway, between 87th and 89th Streets by the merchants and residents of the vicinity, in appreciation of the action of Central Mercantile Bank & Trust Co. in taking over the Broadway Central Bank, Broadway at 97th Street, during the recent "run" on the institution, following the discovery of defalcations by three of its officers. More than 250 persons attended the dinner. Arthur Tarshis, Chairman of the dinner committee, presided. Among the speakers were C. Stanley Mitchell, President of the Central Mercantile Bank & Trust Co.; Surrogate John P. O'Brien, Louis Stewart, Sr., a director of the bank, and Robert Adamson, Vice-President of the institution.

William E. Knox, President of the Bowery Savings Bank of New York and formerly President of the American Bankers

Association, committed suicide yesterday (Feb. 4) by shooting himself in the uptown office of the bank on East 42d St. His act is attributed to ill health. Mr. Knox had been President of the bank since March 14 1922. He entered its employ as a clerk in 1885. Mr. Knox was President of the Savings Bank Section of the American Bankers Association in 1914-15, and Vice-Chairman of the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks in 1921-22. He was President of the American Bankers Association in 1924-25. He was a director of the Title Guarantee & Trust Co. and the Queen Insurance Co., a member of the New York Chamber of Commerce, &c. Mr. Knox was born in Ireland in 1862, and came here with his parents at the age of nine.

The Bank of Manhattan Co. of this city on Jan. 27 appointed the following new officers: George S. Dowing, Vice-President; William S. Milan and Ellis Weston, Assistant Vice-Presidents, and Richard P. W. Weber and Henry P. Strebel were added to the advisory board.

Directors of the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, have called a special meeting of shareholders for Feb. 15 to vote on increasing the capital of the institution from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000. This will be done by offering to stockholders 30,000 additional shares at \$175 a share. With the present market value of the stock of the Old Colony Trust Co. at \$337, this will give a probable value to the rights of around \$30 each. These new shares will bring in \$5,250,000, of which \$2,250,000 will be added to the present surplus of \$10,000,000. Undivided earnings now total more than \$3,200,000. This increase in capital is made necessary, it is stated, by the growth in business of the company, particularly in its banking, trust and savings departments, as well as the Old Colony Corporation. With probable increase to \$15,000,000, the Old Colony Trust Co. occupies still more strongly its position as New England's largest trust company. According to the Boston "Transcript" of Feb. 1, William Edmunds of Edmunds Brothers, investment bankers, has been made a Vice-President of the company.

The State Banking Department at Albany has granted permission to the Colonial Bank of this city to increase its capital from \$1,200,000 to \$1,400,000. The new issue was distributed as a stock dividend to the stockholders. The latter approved the issuance of the additional stock at their annual meeting on Jan. 12. It was made effective immediately.

The State Banking Department at Albany has also granted permission to the Colonial Bank Safe Deposit Company of this city to increase its capital from \$200,000 to \$250,000. The new capital was authorized by the stockholders at the yearly meeting on January 12. It became effective at once.

Announcement is made of the election of William A. Lobb to the Board of Directors of the Chelsea Exchange Bank of this city. The Board, in addition to Mr. Lobb, now consists of Jules E. Blulatur, Herbert Dupuy, Chester F. Ericson, William J. Flynn, Louis Golde, Victor H. Gramont, Lamar Hardy, Louis Haas, Toney A. Hardy, George Kern, Edward S. Rothchild, William E. Reed, Lewis H. Rothchild and Charles J. Specht. Mr. Lobb, who has been associated with the Chelsea Exchange Bank since 1903, or over twenty-three years, is at the present time Vice-President in charge of the new branch at 36th Street and Eighth Avenue. Prior to the opening of this new branch, Mr. Lobb was for years in charge of the old Chelsea Exchange 34th Street Branch. The Chelsea Exchange Bank, which has six branches in various sections of the city, opened its new bank at Eighth Ave. and 36th Street, on Jan. 31. The bank, which is the most modern in this section, according to President Rothchild, replaces the old Chelsea Branch which had been at 34th Street for nearly 25 years.

The funeral of Edward E. Vincent, who died in St. Mary's Hospital on Feb. 2, took place at the Fairchild Chapel, Brooklyn, on Feb. 4. Mr. Vincent, who was in his thirty-ninth year, was an Assistant Secretary of American Exchange Irving Trust Company, and was connected with the Brooklyn Office of that Company, 350 Fulton Street, Brooklyn. He had been engaged in banking since he entered the service of the New York National Exchange Bank as a boy in 1904. For a number of years he had



been actively identified with the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Banking and during the last two years had been a member of the Board of Governors of the Chapter. Last year he also was Chairman of the Chapter's Entertainment Committee.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Globe Exchange Bank of Brooklyn, on January 13, Jean Perl was appointed Assistant Cashier, and Louis Levine was appointed Assistant Cashier and Manager Foreign Department. At this meeting, a dividend of 3% on the par value of the Capital Stock of the bank was declared, payable February 1, 1927 to stockholders of record as of January 20, 1927.

The Hampshire County Trust Company of Northampton, Mass., claims the distinction of making the first trans-Atlantic telephone call from that city. The call from New England to Old England was put through by Arthur B. Witherell, Treasurer of the trust company, who talked with Mr. Mickie, of the Midland Bank, Ltd., London.

The newly organized United States Trust Co. of Newark, N. J., opened its doors for business on Feb. 1 in its temporary quarters at 946 Broad St., Newark. The trust company will open its permanent home at Broad and Franklin Sts., Newark, later in the year. The institution has been formed with a capital of \$1,200,000 and a surplus of \$400,000. The officers are: President, J. Ashley Brown; Vice-President Edward T. Ward; Secretary and Treasurer, Percy B. Menagh; Trust Officer, Hugh B. Reed; Solicitor, Andrew Van Blarcom; General Counsel, Saul Cohn. The directors are:

J. Ashley Brown, President. William L. Blanchard, Builder. E. Torrey Carrington, President Carrington & Co., manufacturing jewelers Newark. Saul Cohn, Vice-President United States Mortgage & Title Guaranty Co. of New Jersey; Vice-President Citizens National Bank & Trust Co. Albert S. Cronheim, Treasurer the Georke Co., Newark. James Crowell, President James Crowell Lumber Co. Rubin M. Ellis, President Philip Morris & Co., Ltd., New York. James Falls, Falls Markets, Newark. Rudolph J. Goerke, President the Georke Co., Newark; Vice-President Dime Savings Bank. Martin H. Goldsmith, Treasurer the David Straus Co., Newark. Alfred J. Jennings, President Hahne & Co., Newark. Joseph Kahrs (Lintott, Kahrs & Young) Counsellor-at-Law. S. S. Kresge, President Kresge Department Stores. Jack H. Lehman, Builder. William E. Lehman, President United States Mortgage and Title Guaranty Co. of New Jersey. John Milton, Counsellor-at-Law; Prosecutor, Hudson County. Paul J. Nugent, Member New York Stock Exchange. William T. Posey, Vice-President United Cigar Stores Co. Hugh B. Reed (Reed & Reynolds) Counsellor-at-Law. Louis Schlesinger, President Louis Schlesinger, Inc. John F. Shanley Jr., Estate of John F. Shanley. Alfred A. Stein, Judge Common Pleas Court, Union County. Andrew Van Blarcom (Riker & Riker) Counsellor-at-Law. Edward T. Ward, former President Aaron Ward & Sons; Director, Firemens Insurance Co. E. Francis Whalen, Director United Cigar Stores Co. Norman F. Wiss, Treasurer J. Wiss & Sons, Newark. Thomas B. Yuille, President Tobacco Products Co.

The new Harrison National Bank of Newark, N. J., opened for business on Monday, Jan. 31, in temporary quarters at 103 North Fourth Street, corner of Cleveland Avenue, Harrison. The bank will occupy these quarters pending the completion of a new building which it is erecting at Harrison Avenue. The charter for the bank was granted on Jan. 26, 1927. The bank has a capital of \$225,000 and a surplus of \$56,250. The officers are: President, Joseph C. Braelow; Vice-Presidents, Thomas J. Butler, Walter R. Davidson, Patrick J. Condon and F. Randolph Dunn; Cashier, Horatio W. Manning.

At a meeting of the directors of the West Side Trust Company, of Newark, N. J., on Feb. 1, a resolution was passed calling for a special meeting of the stockholders on Feb. 15, for the purpose of voting to increase the capital stock of the company from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000. This increase will be offered to the stockholders, who will be entitled to subscribe for two-thirds of their present holdings, at \$300 a share. The present quotation for West Side Trust Company stock is \$825 per share, which it is pointed out is the highest quotation for any bank stock in Essex County. The statement of the company issued at the close of business December 31, 1926 showed capital of \$600,000, surplus of \$650,000 and undivided profits of \$125,000. The West Side Trust Company has interests in other banks, controlling through ownership of two-thirds of the capital stock, the South Side National Bank and Trust Company and the Peoples National Bank, both of Newark.

This will be the third increase of capital of the West Side Trust Company, which commenced business on June 2, 1902 with a capital of \$200,000, which was increased to \$300,000 in March, 1922, by the sale of \$100,000 of new

stock at \$250 per share, and in December, 1922 was further increased to \$600,000 by the declaration of a stock dividend of 100%. Since the increase of capital to \$600,000, annual dividends have been paid at the rate of 16%, and it is understood to be the policy of the management to maintain this dividend rate after the capital is increased to \$1,000,000.

Meyer Kussy is president of West Side Trust Company, also of the South Side National Bank and Trust Company and the Peoples National Bank, and Ray E. Mayham is vice-president of all three banks. The other officers of the West Side Trust Company are: Frederick W. Paul and August Goertz, vice-presidents, Herman G. Grimme, treasurer, Frederick W. Parisette, secretary, and Ferdinand T. Burger, assistant treasurer.

The National Newark and Essex Banking Co. of Newark, N. J., announce the opening of a Travel Bureau of which Charles Ashmun, is manager. The new bureau is the official agency for all Steamship Lines Tours and Cruises.

The stockholders of the Central Trust & Savings Bank of Philadelphia on January 13 approved plans to increase the capital from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. The enlarged capital will become effective April 1, 1927; par value, \$50; subscription price, \$100; this will add \$250,000 to capital and \$250,000 to surplus, making in addition to the capital of \$1,000,000, a surplus of \$1,600,000.

Tradesmens National Bank of Philadelphia announces Jan. 29 the declaration by its Board of Directors of the regular quarterly dividend of \$3.50 per share, at the rate of 14% per annum, payable February 1 to stockholders of record at the close of business January 31, 1927.

The Erie National Bank of Philadelphia, the organization of which has been in process for the last few months, was opened in temporary quarters at No. 3824 North Fifth Street, on Feb. 1, according to the Philadelphia "Record" of that date. A modern bank building is being erected for the institution on the northwest corner of Erie Ave. and Sixth Street, which is expected to be ready for occupancy next June. The new bank, which is a member of the Federal Reserve System, starts with a capital of \$250,000 and a surplus of \$50,000. Its officers are as follows: Allan Sutherland, President; Charles D. Jones, J. Westley Masland and Joseph Lynn Aylesworth, Vice-Presidents, and Julius P. Loef, Cashier.

The Philadelphia "Ledger" of Jan. 29 stated that John W. Frazier had been elected First Vice-President of the Whatron Title & Trust Co. of that city, succeeding George Cascaden, while J. A. Doody had been made Second Vice-President, succeeding David Patchell.

A merger of the Phoenix Trust Co. of Philadelphia with the Northern Central Trust Co. of that city, under the title of the latter, was consummated on Jan. 31, when the enlarged trust company opened for business. The new bank in addition to its main office at the South West corner of Broad and Erie Avenues has five branches, namely, the 29th Street branch, East Germantown branch, Lehigh branch, Lindley branch and Fern Rock branch. Herbert J. Girard and W. J. Wilson, Assistant Secretaries of the institution, are in charge, respectively, of the 29th Street Office and the Lehigh Office. The new bank has resources of \$6,500,000. Walter Gabell is President.

Organization of a new bank in Ardmore, Pa. (a Philadelphia suburb) under the title of the Counties Title & Trust Co. with a capital of \$200,000 and a paid-in surplus of \$100,000, was reported in the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Jan. 24. The new company, it was stated, is now erecting a two-story banking home of white limestone at the Southeast corner of Anderson and Montgomery Avenues, Ardmore, which will be ready for occupancy in the early spring and the bank plans a formal opening about June 1. Anthony L. Aff, formerly of the Federal Reserve Bank and First National Bank of Philadelphia, it was further stated, would be Vice-President of the new institution.

Incorporation of the Paoli Bank & Trust Co., Paoli, Pa., with a capital stock of \$125,000, was announced on Jan. 13 at the State Corporation Bureau, Harrisburg, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Jan. 14. Frank W. Coffman of Paoli has been chosen Treasurer of the new bank.

According to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Jan. 21, George W. Reily, formerly Vice-President, was recently elected President of the Harrisburg National Bank of Harrisburg, Pa., succeeding Edward Bailey. Mr. Reily is also President of the Harrisburg Trust Co. Howard A. Rutherford, who has been connected with the bank for thirty-seven years, was chosen to succeed Mr. Reily as Vice-President. Mr. Rutherford was heretofore Cashier of the bank, it is understood, and continues to hold that office as well.

Stockholders of the Washington Trust Co. of Pittsburgh at their recent annual meeting authorized an increase in the capital out of surplus account, according to the Pittsburgh "Gazette" of Jan. 14. The increase, which amounts to \$650,000, or 6,500 shares (raising the capital, it is understood, from \$350,000 to \$1,000,000), will be divided pro rata among the stockholders of record Jan. 12. For each share of stock at present held, it was stated, the holder will receive one and six-sevenths shares additional out of the increase. It was further stated that for fractional shares there will be issued fractional stock warrants, which will bear no interest or dividends.

Unanimous approval of a plan to unite the Bank of Pittsburgh, N. A., and the Columbia National Bank of Pittsburgh, was given at a meeting of the directors of these institutions held on Feb. 1, according to the Pittsburgh "Post" of the following day. The respective shareholders of the banks, it was stated, would be asked to ratify the proposed consolidation at meetings to be held on Mar. 4 and the merger would become effective Mar. 7. The resulting institution will continue the name of the Bank of Pittsburgh, N. A., which is said to be the oldest banking institution West of the Allegheny Mountains, having been established in 1810. The Columbia National Bank, known as the "oil bank," was organized in 1893 by Edward H. Jennings, nationally known as an oil operator. It opened in quarters at Fourth Avenue and Smithfield Street, and in 1904 was moved to its present location in Fourth Avenue, three doors from the Bank of Pittsburgh. The proposed consolidation, it is understood, will increase the deposits of the Bank of Pittsburgh \$11,000,000, making the total deposits of the enlarged organization \$65,000,000, while the combined capital and surplus of the institution will remain as heretofore, namely at \$6,000,000. A complete financial service, including commercial, 4% savings, trust, bond, safe deposit, stock register, foreign and credit departments will be maintained. The officers will be as follows: Harrison Nesbit, President; Wilson A. Shaw, Vice-President and Chairman of the Board; J. D. Ayres, J. M. Russell, Alex. Dunbar (and Cashier), and William A. Wilson (and Trust Officer), S. B. Conglon, William H. Bell, Thomas H. Eddy, W. T. Davidson, V. C. Boggs, Vice-Presidents; Frank D. Young, William M. Kiser, Scott S. Nesbit and S. M. Shelly, Assistant Cashiers; John H. Reuser, Comptroller, and Foster W. Doty, Assistant Trust Officer.

C. H. Handerson, President of the Financial Advertisers Association, who, at the annual meeting Jan. 12 was made Assistant Vice-President of the Union Trust Company, Cleveland, has served for a number of years as the bank's advertising manager. Mr. Handerson has been prominent in advertising for many years and at the last convention of the Financial Advertisers Association, he was elected to head that body. In addition to his new duties, Mr. Handerson will continue to handle the advertising of the Union Trust Company. Reference to Mr. Handerson's new post was made in our issue of Jan. 22, page 466.

The Central Trust Co. of Cincinnati—the institution formed by the affiliation of the interests of the Citizens' National Bank & Trust Co. and the Fourth & Central Trust Co., noted in our issue of Jan. 1, page 65—is now carrying on all the business of the two institutions at Fourth and Vine Streets, the former main office of the Fourth & Central Trust Co. and at the five former branch offices of that institution, namely at 2818 Woodburn Ave., 3114 Reading Road, 3766 Warsaw Avenue, Spring Grove and Hopple Streets, and in Mariemont. The new organization has a combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$8,500,000 and is a member of the Federal Reserve System. The Fourth National Bank was organized in 1863. The original Central Trust Co. organized as the first trust company in Ohio, began business in 1883. In 1923

these two banks merged and became The Fourth & Central Trust Co. The Citizens' National Bank & Trust Co. began business in 1880. The personnel of the Central Trust Co. is as follows: A. Clifford Shinkle (former President of the Fourth & Central Trust Co.), Chairman of the Board; Charles W. Dupuis (heretofore President of the Citizens' National Bank & Trust Co.), President; G. W. Williams, First Vice-President; Hugh P. Colville, Edward A. Sisson, William D. Knox, Charles Bartlett and R. Cliff Smith, Vice-Presidents; Edward J. Hoff, Assistant to President; J. F. Klein, Cashier; G. E. McCubbin, Secretary; Philip Hinkle, Trust Officer; Benjamin R. Emley, Max C. Rieker and F. S. Mygatt, Assistant Cashiers; F. W. Weissman, F. B. Baldwin and Fred Lindsey, Assistant Secretaries; A. M. Hopkins, Charles H. Cheeseman and Albert W. Schwartz, Louis Gulden and A. S. Bowling, Assistant Trust Officers; A. H. Cochnower, Manager of Safe Deposit Department, and B. R. Taylor, Auditor.

Failure of the Jewett State Bank, Jewett, Ohio, with deposits of more than \$300,000, on Jan. 28, was reported in a dispatch from Cadiz, Ohio, on that date to the Cincinnati "Enquirer." The closing of the bank, it was stated, following a "run" on the institution the preceding day.

Formal opening of the new and enlarged banking quarters of the Central Manufacturing District Bank of Chicago at 1110 West Thirty-fifth Street, that city, will take place today, Feb. 5. William N. Jarnagin is President of the institution.

Robert D. Mathias, Vice-President of the Depositors State Bank, Chicago, long identified with the activities of the Financial Advertisers Association in Chicago, was elected vice-chairman of his bank's Board of Directors at the annual meeting of stockholders, January 11.

That important changes in the personnel of the Illinois Merchants' Trust Co. of Chicago would take place yesterday (Friday, Feb. 4) necessitated by the recent death of Ernest A. Hamill, who was Chairman of the board of that institution, was foreshadowed in the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Feb. 1. It was then stated that John J. Mitchell, the President of the trust company, would be elected Chairman of the board to succeed Mr. Hamill, and that Eugene M. Stevens, an Executive Vice-President of the bank, would be made President. The election of Mr. Mitchell as Chairman of the board marks the second time that he has been elected Chairman of the board. The "Journal of Commerce" gave the following brief outline of Mr. Stevens's (the new President) career:

As a curious coincidence this may be considered a birthday President to Mr. Stevens. He was born Feb. 1 1871 in the little town of Preston, Minn. His schooling and early business education, however, was obtained in Winona, Minn. He tried his hands at various clerical pursuits while educating himself in finance and by 1901 had accumulated sufficient experience and capital to organize the investment business of Eugene M. Stevens & Co. in Minneapolis. He was so successful in developing a clientele as a result of his investment knowledge that he was called to become Vice-President in charge of the bond department of the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank in 1917. When the merger developed he was made an Executive Vice-President.

Mr. Stevens enjoys a wide acquaintance with banks and bankers throughout the country and has taken a very active interest in association work. He was one of the organizers of the Investment Bankers Association of America, one of the first Board of Governors and later its Vice-President for three terms. He has also served as Chairman of the Chicago group of this organization and the esteem with which he is held by his fellow bankers is indicated in the fact that during 1925 he served as President of the Bankers' Club of Chicago. His knowledge of financial organization has given Mr. Stevens increasing responsibility in recent years and he has served on a number of reorganization committees, among them Wilson & Co. He is a director of the packing company, of the Diamond Match Co. and numerous other corporations.

Rogers & Tracy, Inc., Chicago Bank Stock specialists, announce that they have completed negotiations resulting in the acquiring of the controlling interest in the Ogden National Bank of Chicago by several prominent Chicagoans. The new interests will be added to the old management for the furtherance of the bank's progress. The present list of officers and new associates is as follows: B. L. Rosset, President of B. L. Rosset & Co., certified public accountants, Chairman of the Board; Max Woldenberg, President of A. Daigger & Co. and Mutual Paper Box Corporation, Vice-Chairman of the Board; Frank Ransford, President; C. R. Corbett, formerly Assistant Cashier of People's Trust & Savings Bank, Vice-President; Raymond Greene, Cashier, and A. F. Mirrielees, Assistant Cashier. John W. Fowler, Vice-President and a director of the Chicago Trust Co. and Chairman of the executive committee of the United States Gypsum Co. and Gordon

Ramsey, Attorney, Davis, Ramsey & Kracke, former Assistant Director of the United States Budget, will be associated with the management of the institution.

That the First State Bank of Detroit with resources of \$27,917,000 and approximately 60,000 depositors is shortly to be merged with the Griswold National Bank of that city, giving the reorganized institution combined resources of approximately \$48,000,000, and that stock control of the First State Bank had already passed into the hands of a syndicate composed of the directors of the Griswold bank, were reported in the Detroit "Free Press" of Feb. 1. Full details of the proposed merger, it was stated, would be completed within 30 to 60 days. It was yet to be determined, it was said, whether the new institution would operate under a national or a state charter. Definite announcement had been made, however, that George H. Kirchner, President of the First State Bank, would become Chairman of the executive committee and a director of the enlarged bank, "retaining a substantial interest in the merged institution." The Detroit paper went on to say:

The First State, at the southwest corner of Griswold street and Lafayette boulevard, has 15 branches and one under construction, at Gratiot and Park Grove avenues. The directors of the bank have recommended to the stockholders that they sell their stock to the directors of the Griswold National, and it is understood that a fixed price for the securities has been stipulated in the agreement to merge.

Calvin H. Newman, president of the Griswold, declined to say what price was paid for the First State stock. He said the directors wished to make no further announcement at this time. It is understood, however, that Mr. Kirchner, president of the First State, has agreed to use his full efforts to bring about a transfer of as much stock as possible not later than February 28.

The Griswold National Bank began operations in October, 1925, Mr. Neuman going to Detroit from Emporia, Kan., to become President of the institution. It is capitalized at \$1,000,000 with surplus of \$1,000,000 and has total resources of \$20,000,000. The capital of the First State Bank is \$2,500,000, with surplus of \$700,000 and its total resources, as before stated, are \$27,917,000.

The Comptroller of the Currency announces that effective Jan. 24 The Old National Bank of Battle Creek, Mich., changed its name to "The Old National Bank and Trust Company of Battle Creek."

In regard to the affairs of the Iowa Loan & Trust Co. of Des Moines, whose failure on Dec. 20, 1926, was reported in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 25, page 3277, the Des Moines "Register" of Jan. 25 stated that the Central State Bank of Des Moines had agreed to take over enough of the closed bank's liquid assets to pay the depositors 40% of the amount due them, 25% to be paid as soon as the proper waivers are obtained and the proposition is approved by the Court, and 15% within a period of six months from that time. The remainder of the assets, it was stated, are to be handled through a company organized by the depositors or through the State Banking Department. The plan was approved by the depositors' committee and the State Banking Department on Jan. 24. Continuing, the Des Moines paper said in part:

This proposition has been pending for some three weeks and all of the assets have been very carefully examined and analyzed by the officers of the Central State bank.

It has been predicted by those who are somewhat familiar with the assets of the Iowa Loan & Trust Company that the final amount the depositors will realize will be between 65 and 85 per cent. Much depends upon the liquidation of real estate which at the present time is problematical.

A depositors committee, which has been meeting at the Chamber of Commerce daily and which represents \$1,500,000 of deposits in the closed bank, has been working with the Central State bank and is now preparing waivers necessary to put the plan into operation.

There are two forms of waivers which must be secured—the first to adopt the plan of having the Central State bank pay 40 per cent to the depositors; the second, to adopt the plan for liquidating the balance of 60 per cent of the assets. This latter half of the proposal contemplates each depositor taking liquidation certificates for 30 per cent of the remaining 60 per cent of the assets and by assigning to a liquidating corporation the remaining 30 per cent and to receive therefore stock in proportion to the amount assigned in the liquidating corporation. The liquidating corporation will take for liquidation all of the assets over and above those taken by the Central State bank.

Before the plan can be put in operation under the Iowa law, a majority of the depositors having a deposit of \$10 or more each and whose total deposits equal 75 per cent of the total deposits of the bank must sign waivers.

This plan will in no way hinder the state banking department from proceeding to collect the stock assessment from the stockholders of the Iowa Loan & Trust Company.

"The state banking department has approved the plan," L. A. Andrew, superintendent of the department, said last night.

A group of depositors partly opposed to the above plan will meet tonight at the courthouse at 8 p. m. This group, which is organizing as the "Iowa Loan & Trust Company Bank Depositors' Defense Association," was launched by A. D. Pugh, C. S. Cooter, Lon Pollock, and I. T. Jones.

The American National Bank of Saint Paul, Minn., announces that in closing its year, Dec. 31, 1926, it transferred \$100,000 to the Surplus account from the Undivided Profit account, leaving the capital \$400,000 and making the surplus \$200,000 with an Undivided Profit account of a little over \$108,000. The bank also paid its regular 8% dividend for the year.

The First National Bank of Montevideo, Minn., with deposits of \$700,000, closed its doors on Jan. 31, according to advices from that place appearing in the "Wall Street News" of Feb. 1.

Advices by the Associated Press from Shelbyville, Ky., on Jan. 25, printed in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of the following day, reported the closing of the Peoples Bank & Trust Co. of that place by S. A. Phillips, Deputy State Banking Commissioner, following the discovery of a shortage of \$60,000 in the accounts of Otho H. Vardeman, Assistant Cashier. When arrested Vardeman is said to have told the examiners that the embezzlements covered three or four years and he had lost the money in speculation. The Peoples' Bank & Trust Co., according to the dispatch, was organized in 1905 with a capital of \$75,000 and surplus of \$20,000 and its December statement showed assets of \$567,379.

Advices by the Associated Press from Jefferson City, Mo., on Jan. 25, appearing in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of the following day, reported the closing of the Farmers & Merchants' Bank (a small institution) of Kelso, Mo., on Jan. 25 by its board of directors. The dispatch further stated that C. A. Duncan, a State bank examiner, had been sent to take charge of the institution.

Arthur H. Burg, a Vice-President of the St. Louis Union Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo., committed suicide on Jan. 21 by shooting himself in Forest Park, that city. Three weeks previously Mr. Burg had been overcome by carbon monoxide gas while in his garage, and his act in taking his life is attributed by his associates to the unfounded obsession that he was losing his mind as the result of the carbon monoxide poisoning. Since the accident he had been very despondent. Mr. Burg, who was 49 years of age, was connected with the St. Louis Union Trust Co. for twenty years, having entered the institution as a bookkeeper.

The Bank of Hyde at Swanquarter, Hyde County, N. C., closed its doors on Jan. 25, according to a press dispatch from Swanquarter on Jan. 28, printed in the Raleigh "News & Observer" of the following day. Poor agricultural conditions in Hyde County, it is understood, were the main causes of the bank's embarrassment.

That the Fourth National Bank of Macon, Ga., which has owned the Continental Trust Co. of that city for more than five years, had parted company on Jan. 11, each institution deciding to "go it alone," was reported in a special dispatch from Macon on Jan. 11 to the New York "Times," which went on to say:

Charles B. Lewis, who has been President of the Fourth National, was chosen President of the Continental Trust Co., and Leon S. Dure, Vice-President of the Public Utility Co. of Macon, was elected President of the Fourth National. W. R. Rogers Jr. becomes active Vice-President of the Continental Trust Co., and George E. Patterson, Executive Vice-President of the Fourth National. The resources of the Fourth National are given at \$12,469,159.49, with deposits of more than \$11,000,000.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Industrial Bank of Richmond, Richmond, Va., on Jan. 21 Charles F. Hayward tendered his resignation as a director and H. A. Claborne of Claborne & Taylor, Inc., was elected in his stead, according to the Richmond "Dispatch" of Jan. 22. At the subsequent meeting of the directors Mr. Hayward also tendered his resignation as Vice-President and Cashier and A. A. Schaaf, formerly Assistant Cashier, was chosen to succeed him as Cashier. Other elections were that of John D. Brown, who was made Vice-President and Counsel, and that of H. L. Newbill Jr., who was elected Assistant Cashier. In regard to Mr. Hayward's resignation from the Industrial Bank, the "Dispatch" said:

Mr. Hayward is widely known in banking circles. He has been connected with the Industrial Bank of Richmond since its organization in 1924, prior to which he was with the Federal Trust Co. Though Mr. Hayward declined to discuss his plans for the future, he declared that he did not contemplate leaving Richmond.

William S. Ryland, Vice-President of the State-Planters Bank & Trust Co., Richmond, Va., who recently tendered his resignation to accept a similar position with the Citi-

zens' National Bank of Raleigh, N. C., has been elevated, by action of the Board of Directors of the latter institution, to the Presidency of the Citizens' National, owing to the death on Jan. 30 of Joseph C. Brown. Mr. Ryland, who is about thirty-six years of age, will be one of the youngest bank Presidents in the United States. He was chosen by the late Mr. Brown as his possible successor, who said of him: "I heartily commend him as a gentleman of sterling worth and an experienced and capable banker." The Raleigh Savings Bank & Trust Co., which for some years past has been controlled by the Citizens' National Bank, is to be consolidated with the latter, and the working out of this merger will come under Mr. Ryland's supervision. His recent experience in connection with the merger of the State and City Bank & Trust Co. and the Planters National Bank last March will prove invaluable. Mr. Ryland began his banking career in 1907 with the National State Bank and, except for a brief period with the National City Bank of New York, has been continuously with that institution and its successors—the State and City & Trust Co. and the State-Planters Bank & Trust Co. He has risen steadily. In 1916 he was made an Assistant Cashier, and in May, 1919, at the age of twenty-six, was elected Vice-President.

Four promotions were made in the official body of the San Jacinto Trust Co. of Houston, Tex., at the annual meeting of the directors of that bank on Jan. 20, according to the Houston "Post" of the following day. They were: C. T. Thomason, advanced to an Assistant Vice-President; C. V. Mangum and R. Moise, named Assistant Cashiers, and C. M. Galey, appointed Assistant Auditor. The advancement of Messrs. Thomason, Mangum and Moise was made in recognition of their long and faithful service.

A dispatch from Monrovia, Cal., to the Los Angeles "Times" on Jan. 26, stated that announcement had been made in Monrovia on that day of the purchase of the First National Bank and the Granite Savings Bank, Monrovia institutions, by the Americommercial Corporation (Los Angeles) of the Bank of Italy interests. The dispatch, continuing, said:

A. I. Mellenthin, president of the First National, and Arthur Graf, president of the Granite Bank, announced that no changes in the personnel are contemplated. Application has been made to the State Banking Department, it was said, to convert the local institutions to branches of the Bank of America.

The Liberty Bank of America with resources of more than \$200,000,000—the latest Giannini branch banking organization in California—began business on Jan. 28. The new institution, with its 136 branches in northern and southern California, is formed by the consolidation of the Liberty Bank of San Francisco and the American Bank of Los Angeles, both owned by the Bank of Italy through the Americommercial Corporation. It has an authorized capital of \$50,000,000 of which \$15,000,000 is paid in, surplus of \$5,000,000 and a contingent and operating fund of \$2,500,000, or in other words a total of \$22,500,000 of invested capital. Some of the leading units which are incorporated into the Liberty Bank of America, according to the San Francisco "Chronicle" of Jan. 28, are: Liberty Bank of San Francisco with 32 branches, Commercial National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles with 23 branches, Bank of America of Los Angeles with 22 branches, and the newly acquired Southern Trust & Commerce Bank in San Diego with 8 branches. Individual units, it was stated, recently acquired bring the number of branches in the merger up to 136. All these banks, it is understood, became branches of the new organization on Jan. 28. The cities in which offices are maintained, as given in the paper mentioned, are as follows:

Alhambra, Angels Camp, Arcadia, Camarillo, Chula Vista, Concord, Corning, Glendale, Halfmoon Bay, La Mesa, Lancaster, Palmdale, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Culver City, Fullerton, Huntington Park, Anaheim, Pomona, Torrance, Santa Barbara, Placentia, Burbank, Santa Monica, Ocean Park, Los Gatos, Manteca, Mill Valley, Monrovia, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Ontario, Orange, Pittsburg, Redondo, Sacramento, Salinas, Soledad, San Bernardino, San Diego, Brawley, Coronado, El Centro, Escondido, National City, San Francisco, La Jolla, Anderson, Arcata, Benicia, Burlingame, Crescent City, Daly City, Dos Palos, Eureka, Fairfax, Firebaugh, Fort Bragg, Fortuna, Gustine, Healdsburg, Kelseyville, Lakeport, Lodi, Mendocino, Palo Alto, Redding, Roseville, San Bruno, Sonoma, St. Helena, Tipton, Tulare, Ukiah, Vallejo, Yreka, San Jose, San Rafael, Tiburon, Santa Cruz, Sausalito, Sawtelle, South San Francisco, Stockton, Watsonville, Willows, Winters.

Marshall Hale of San Francisco heads the new bank as Chairman of the Board of Directors, while Orra E. Monnette of Los Angeles is President. Other officers of the institution are: G. A. Davidson, C. C. Chapman and R. E.

Miller, Vice-Chairmen of the Board; L. M. MacDonald, Vice-President and Chairman of the Executive Committee; George A. Webster, Vice-President and Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee; Jay E. Randall, Vice-President and Trust Officer; W. A. Bonyne, Jr., W. J. Braunschweiger and H. R. Erkes, Vice-Presidents; Eustace Cullinan, Secretary and Treasurer; F. M. Buckley, Cashier; A. Fenton, Comptroller, Southern Division; W. L. Vincent, Comptroller, Northern Division. Mr. Monnette, the President, was quoted in the "Chronicle" as saying in regard to the merger:

Liberty Bank of America, the consolidated institution, commences business today as a State-wide bank. It is in the hands of men who have had long and successful experience with branch banking, and it will bring to the numerous communities in California in which it maintains offices those benefits which State-wide branch banking under the laws of California, with its diversity of interests, mobility of resources, and large loaning ability, brings to every community which it serves.

The policies which have made the Liberty Bank in the north and the Bank of America in the south successful, will be continued by the consolidated institution.

Sanction of the consolidation of the Liberty Bank and the American Bank was the first action of Will C. Wood, the new State Superintendent of Banks for California, the application for the merger having been pending for eleven months under the former administration. In its comments on the consolidation, the "Chronicle" said:

The tie-in of Liberty Bank, Bank of America and others of the grouping has long been foreseen in San Francisco and is regarded as one of the major steps in the Giannini program, a program which has been popularly regarded as intending the ultimate amalgamation of all the Bank of Italy branch banking interests in California into one, or at most two, major concentrations, with possible nationalization of the branch banking institutions.

In the latter respect, the favorable action of the House this week on the McFadden bill regulating branch banking by national banks, without the Hull amendments, is generally regarded as favorable to Bank of Italy plans for a great national bank with branches.

Whether it is the ultimate purpose of Giannini and his associates to attempt a merger of the Bank of Italy, already the sixth bank in point of size in the Nation, and the newly created Liberty Bank of America is not yet made plain, but definite declarations of President Bacigalupi at the time of the recent annual meeting of Bank of Italy that there was no intention of changing the name of that institution is regarded as an indication that the new bank will be operated as a parallel branch banking institution to its greater parent concern.

Announcement was made in Ventura, Cal. on Jan. 28, by officials of the Bank of Italy in that place (according to a dispatch from Ventura on that date to the Los Angeles "Times"), that the controlling interest, or a total of 746 shares, of the Ojai State Bank of Ojai, Cal., had been bought the previous day by the newly organized Liberty Bank of America. The Ojai State Bank, the dispatch stated, was organized in 1907. The dispatch further stated that the Farmers' Bank of Camarillo, Cal., which recently became a branch bank of the Bank of Italy, was also to be placed in the Liberty Bank of America chain.

Stockholders of the French-American Bank of San Francisco at their annual meeting on Jan. 24 elected N. R. Tucker of Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John Ginty, according to the San Francisco "Chronicle" of Jan. 25. At the subsequent directors' meeting, it was stated, the following changes were made in the personnel of the institution: R. Bocqueraz, brother of Leon Bocqueraz, the bank's President, and a director of the institution, was appointed a Vice-President; W. F. Duffy, heretofore a Vice-President and the Cashier, was relieved of the Cashiership and continued as a Vice-President; J. T. Irlarry, formerly an Assistant Cashier, was advanced to Cashier, and J. A. Vilquette, who has been editor of the California Bankers' Association Bulletin, was appointed Trust Officer.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Mission Bank of San Francisco has been called for Feb. 28 to consider a proposal to sell the assets of the institution to the Bank of California, N. A., of San Francisco, according to the San Francisco "Chronicle" of Jan. 26, which went on to say:

The Bank of California has controlled the Mission Bank for many years, but it has been operated as a separate State institution. As such, it has reached the point where it cannot serve the growing Mission district as efficiently as if it were a branch of the Bank of California, which would be then in a position to make its resources directly available to the Mission district.

The San Francisco "Chronicle" of Jan. 27 in reporting the purchase on the preceding day of two more California banks by the Bancipaly Corporation (the holding company of the Bank of Italy) stated that since Jan. 1 up to that date (Jan. 27) twenty-seven banks had been acquired located in the following places: Stockton, Angels Camp, three in San Diego, Morgan Hill, La Mesa, Ontario, Sausalito, San Rafael, San Anselmo, South San Francisco,

San Bernardino, Oceanside, Martinez, Santa Cruz, Half-moon Bay, Brawley, El Centro, La Jolla, Coronado, National City, Chula Vista, four in Long Beach. The two banks purchased on Jan. 26 were the People's State Bank at Chula Vista, with a capital of \$85,000 and total resources of \$800,000, and the Ontario National Bank at Ontario with combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$252,000, deposits of \$1,400,000 and resources of 1,750,000.

The 56th annual statement of the Dominion Bank (Canada), with head office in Toronto, covering the twelve month ended Dec. 31 1926, was submitted to the shareholders at their annual meeting in Toronto on Jan. 26. The report shows net profits for the period, after deducting charges of management and making full provision for bad and doubtful debts, of \$1,259,277, which, together with \$964,298—the balance to credit of profit and loss brought forward from the preceding year—made \$2,223,575 available for distribution. This amount was allocated as follows: \$780,000 to cover four quarterly dividends at the rate of 12% per annum (\$720,000), together with a bonus of 1% (\$60,000); \$45,000 contributed to officers' pension fund; \$166,020 to take care of Dominion and Provincial Government taxes, and \$200,000 written off bank premises account, leaving a balance of \$1,032,555 to be carried forward to the current year's profit and loss account. Total deposits are given in the statement as \$98,860,581, comparing with total deposits of \$96,227,162 a year ago, or an increase of \$2,633,418, while total assets are shown at \$127,780,858, of which \$60,014,344 are liquid assets. The bank's paid-in capital is \$6,000,000 and its reserve fund \$7,000,000. A. W. Austin is President of the Dominion Bank, and C. A. Bogert, Vice-President and General Manager.

**THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.**

The railroad stocks have again been the dominating feature in the speculation on the New York Stock Exchange during the past week, price movements in a majority of issues going to materially higher levels. Oil shares displayed considerable improvement, particularly Houston Oil which reached its highest peak in a number of years. Motor stocks gradually improved and railroad equipment shares reached their best levels toward the end of the week. Under the leadership of General Motors the market resumed its forward movement during the two-hour session on Saturday, many of the leading issues advancing from 1 to 3 points. Railroad stocks continued in the foreground, Chesapeake & Ohio moving up 4 points and substantial gains were made by New York Central, Wabash, Wheeling & Lake Erie and several of the more active stocks in this group, Atlantic Coast Line recording a 4-point rise on a comparatively small turnover. Oil stocks were unusually active, Mid-Continent being especially conspicuous with an advance of 1 3/8 points. Prices again moved toward higher levels on Monday and advances ranging from 1 to 7 points were recorded by a number of the more active stocks. Oil stocks were in special demand, Houston Oil making a gain of 7 points and Independent Oil & Gas recorded an advance of over 2 points. Railroad stocks were in strong demand, Rock Island making a new high record on an advance of more than a point to above 75 and New Haven shooting upward more than 3 points. Motor stocks continued to move forward, General Motors closing with a net gain of 2 1/4 points and Hudson holding to the high levels of the early trading and closing at 56 with a 2-point advance. Other strong stocks included such outstanding leaders as United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry up 3 points, Commercial Solvents B, American Smelting and Pullman. Wheeling & Lake Erie pref. and Pittsburgh & West Virginia were the outstanding strong stocks on Tuesday. Vigorous buying in other low-priced railroad stocks was also apparent, such issues as Western Maryland, New Haven and Rock Island recording substantial gains, though the latter lost all its gain. Oil shares continued to move forward, Houston Oil advancing sharply, followed by Atlantic Refining and Pan American with substantial advances.

The railroad stocks were again the dominating feature of the stock market on Wednesday, both high and low grade stocks soaring upward and carrying with them many of the more active shares in the general list. Baltimore & Ohio was one of the strong features of the day and moved vigorously forward to 111 1/8. Pere Marquette sold as high as 126 at one time and Wheeling & Lake Erie common closed with a net gain of nearly 4 points. One of the outstanding advances was the upward spurt of Canadian Pacific, which hung up a new high for recent years on an advance of 8 points

to above 177. Industrial issues moved into the foreground on Thursday and numerous stocks in this group exhibited considerable buoyancy, particularly during the latter part of the session. The strength in the railroad shares was one of the noteworthy features and new tops were scored by Wheeling & Lake Erie issues and Atchison. Canadian Pacific continued its remarkable rise to the highest level since 1916. Oil stocks continued to advance under the leadership of Houston Oil, which moved into new high ground and new tops were registered by Phillips Petroleum and Barnsdall A. Railway equipment shares were unusually strong, Baldwin Locomotive selling 8 points up and reaching a new top for 1927 and New York Air Brake also reached its highest prices. Prominent among the outstanding strong stocks were General Railway Signal, Woolworth, J. I. Case and United States Steel common, the latter selling as high as 158 1/2.

The sensational advance of Wheeling & Lake Erie, which shot forward 15 points to a new top at 89, was the outstanding feature of the broadening market on Friday. The remarkable uprush in this stock stimulated interest in low-priced rails and numerous substantial advances were scored in this group. Wabash bounded upward 7 3/8 points to 55 1/2, followed by such active issues as Texas & Pacific, Kansas City Southern, New Haven and Erie. In the final hour oil shares moved to the front and brisk advances occurred in Houston Oil, Barnsdall A, Atlantic Refining and Standard Oil of New Jersey. Woolworth was conspicuous in the mercantile stocks and General Railway Signal was the feature of the equipment shares. The final tone was strong.

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

Week Ended Feb. 4.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	703,770	\$5,127,000	\$3,495,500	\$334,000
Monday	1,356,700	9,200,000	6,211,000	463,500
Tuesday	1,496,220	10,029,500	6,581,000	402,900
Wednesday	1,858,890	12,457,500	4,550,000	597,600
Thursday	1,777,125	10,192,500	5,061,500	593,000
Friday	2,071,900	11,349,000	2,684,000	925,000
Total	9,264,605	\$58,355,500	\$28,583,000	\$3,316,000

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Feb. 4.		Jan. 1 to Feb. 4.	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
Stocks—No. of shares.	9,264,605	9,423,108	41,479,536	48,003,181
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$3,316,000	\$4,757,900	\$28,145,850	\$34,192,650
State and foreign bonds	28,583,000	12,658,000	131,352,200	66,199,250
Railroad & misc. bonds	58,355,500	55,593,000	277,716,700	261,837,000
Total bonds	\$90,254,500	\$73,008,900	\$437,214,750	\$362,228,900

**DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.**

Week Ended Feb. 4 1927.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	*14,389	\$12,000	6,320	\$2,000	a387	\$17,000
Monday	28,360	19,200	18,095	30,000	a1,232	25,200
Tuesday	*31,928	11,400	29,273	22,100	a2,221	75,000
Wednesday	*39,191	27,550	20,021	14,500	a2,416	35,000
Thursday	*41,363	18,500	20,059	18,000	a2,377	54,400
Friday	20,246	10,000	17,572	13,000	a883	7,000
Total	175,477	\$98,650	111,340	\$99,600	9,516	\$213,600
Prev. week revised	184,769	\$125,600	155,182	\$161,000	14,840	\$258,300

\* In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 50; Tuesday, 400; Wednesday, 179; Thursday, 150.  
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**THE CURB MARKET.**

The volume of business in the Curb Market this week showed a decided increase over that for the past few weekly sessions and prices also, in the main, were inclined to advance. Oil shares continue to absorb the attention. Buckeye Pipe Line advanced from 46 to 47 3/4 and closed to-day at 47 1/2. Declaration of an extra dividend of \$33 in addition to the regular \$2 on Cumberland Pipe Line stock caused an advance from 124 to 134 1/2, though it reacted later to 121, the final figure to-day being 122. Humble Oil & Refining sold up from 58 1/4 to 61 1/2 and at 61 1/4 finally. Indiana Pipe Line rose from 62 1/2 to 69 1/2 and ends the week at 67. New York Transit improved from 31 5/8 to 36. Northern Pipe Line gained three points to 75 1/2 and finished to-day at 74 1/2. Ohio Oil moved up from 60 to 62 1/2. Prairie Pipe Line gained six points to 140 and eased off finally to 137 3/4. Standard Oil (Indiana) advanced from 70 1/4 to 71 7/8 and closed to-day at 71 3/4. Standard Oil (Ohio) sold up from 341 to 352 and at 345 finally. Gulf Oil was up from 94 1/8 to 96 1/2, the final figure to-day being 96. Among industrials Estey-Welte class A dropped from 21 3/8 to 18 1/4 and recovered finally to 21 3/4. Standard Commercial Tobacco was conspicuous for an advanced from 22 to 25 1/8.

the final transactions to-day being at 25. Union & United Tobacco sold up from 85 7/8 to 90 and at 87 finally. Brill Corp. class A gained 2 points to 47, easing off finally to 46 1/2. Marmon Motor Car from 56 1/2 reached 60, but reacted to 58. Rand-Kardex Bureau sold up from 66 5/8 to 71 3/8 and ends the week at 70 3/4. U. S. Gypsum common rose from 98 to 106, but reacted to 103. Universal Leaf Tobacco sold up from 43 1/2 to 46 and at 45 1/2 finally. Warner Bros. Pictures improved from 30 to 33 3/8 and closed to-day at 32 3/4. Among the utilities American Gas & Electric common improved from 68 1/2 to 73 7/8 and finished to-day at 73. Associated Gas & Electric class A advanced from 37 to 40 3/4 and sold finally at 40 1/4. Commonwealth Power common moved up from 43 1/8 to 44 1/2.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 777.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Week Ended Feb. 4.	STOCKS (No. Shares).			BONDS (Par Value).	
	Ind & Misc	Oil	Mining	Domestic	For'n Govt.
Saturday	63,340	54,890	40,420	\$1,707,000	\$217,000
Monday	102,156	110,360	96,820	2,847,000	380,000
Tuesday	79,441	98,670	91,927	2,634,000	258,000
Wednesday	92,195	76,850	70,350	2,482,000	487,000
Thursday	110,731	111,365	71,012	2,872,000	301,000
Friday	97,616	131,945	67,450	2,825,000	170,000
Total	545,479	584,080	437,979	\$15,367,000	\$1,813,000

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Jan. 19 1927:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £150,256,855 on the 12th inst. as compared with £150,145,555 on the previous Wednesday.

The bar gold on offer this week in the open market amounted to about £960,000, of which the Bank of England, as will be seen below, secured £240,000. The remainder, with the exception of small purchases for India, was taken for the Continent.

The following movements of gold to and from the Bank of England have been announced since our last letter:

	Jan. 13.	Jan. 14.	Jan. 15.	Jan. 17.	Jan. 18.	Jan. 19.
Received	nil	nil	nil	nil	£240,000	nil
Withdrawn	£81,000	£58,000	£27,000	£35,000	15,000	£52,000

The receipt yesterday was in the form of bar gold from South Africa. The £247,000 sovereigns withdrawn were destined as follows: Spain £199,000, Holland £23,000, Arabia £25,000. During the week under review, £28,000 on balance has been withdrawn from the Bank, decreasing the net influx this year to £312,000. According to the daily announcements posted at the Bank, there has been a net efflux of £5,012,000 since the resumption of an effective gold standard.

United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during the week ending the 12 inst. were:

	Imports—	Exports—	
France	£20,361	Germany	£142,095
British South Africa	514,792	France	34,200
Other countries	8,520	Austria	20,800
		Egypt	13,600
		British India	17,500
		Straits Settlements	40,470
		Other countries	16,690
Total	£543,673	Total	£285,355

SILVER.

The market is still dominated by the situation in China. Banking facilities in Hankow continue paralysed, and control by the Chinese authorities of the public attitude toward foreigners is as yet ineffective in the areas of disturbance. Silver meanwhile is a speculative counter, and, through some reactions have taken place, the tendency has been for it to cling precariously to what are generally considered higher quotations than the statistical position warrants.

When, with a restoration of security, the great Eastern banks are enabled to release funds, and this country is in a position to negotiate in that friendly spirit toward the Chinese nation as a whole which has always animated the British people, silver prices will again find their natural level.

The substantial absorption of silver by India during the last year or so can well be understood in view of the remarkable statistics (as detailed in our annual letter for 1926) which indicate the great advance in the prosperity of that Empire. Whether such a demand for silver will be maintained when a gold bullion standard becomes effective, and hoarding in precious metal is discouraged and investment in interest bearing securities encouraged instead by the Government, has yet to be seen.

United Kingdom imports and exports of silver during the week ending the 12th inst. were:

	Imports—	Exports—	
United States of America	£60,086	Austria	£76,510
Mexico	83,286	British India	260,696
Other countries	2,060	Other countries	12,055
Total	£145,432	Total	£349,261

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

	(In lacs of rupees.)	Dec. 31.	Jan. 7.	Jan. 15.
Notes in circulation		18118	18112	18058
Silver coin and bullion in India		10352	10346	10292
Silver coin and bullion out of India		—	—	—
Gold coin and bullion in India		2232	2232	2232
Gold coin and bullion out of India		—	—	—
Securities (Indian Government)		4977	4977	4977
Securities (British Government)		557	557	557

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending the 15th inst.

The stock in Shanghai on the 15th inst. consisted of about 63,700,000 ounces in sycee, 71,400,000 dollars and 980 silver bars as compared with about 64,800,000 ounces in sycee, 70,800,000 dollars and 2,900 silver bars on the 10th inst.

Quotations—	—Bar Silver, Per Oz. Std.—	Bar Gold, Per Oz. Fine.	
	Cash.	2 Mos.	
Jan. 13.	25 3/4 d.	25 9-16 d.	84s. 11 1/2 d.
14.	25 3/4 d.	25 11-16 d.	84s. 11 1/2 d.
15.	25 3/4 d.	25 5-16 d.	84s. 11 1/2 d.
17.	25 3/4 d.	25 11-16 d.	84s. 11 1/2 d.
18.	25 15-16 d.	25 3/4 d.	84s. 10 d.
19.	25 3/4 d.	25 11-16 d.	84s. 10 1/2 d.
Average	25.802 d.	25.614 d.	84s. 11.1 d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are each 7-16d. above those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

Week Ending Feb. 4.	London, Sat., Jan. 29.	Mon., Jan. 31.	Tues., Feb. 1.	Wed., Feb. 2.	Thurs., Feb. 3.	Fri., Feb. 4.
Silver, per oz.	27 3-16	27 9-16	27 3/4	27 3/4	28	27 3/4
Gold, per fine ounce	84.11 1/4	84.10 1/2	84.10 1/4	84.11 1/4	84.11 1/4	84.11 1/4
Consols, 2 1/2 per cents.	—	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2
British 5 per cents.	—	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4
British 4 1/2 per cents.	—	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2
French Rentes (in Paris) fr.	—	54.50	54.50	53.40	53.75	53.50
French War Loan (in Paris) fr.	—	71.15	70.35	68.70	69.20	68.55

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:  
 Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):  
 Foreign..... 59 1/2    58 1/2    58 1/4    59 1/4    60    59 1/4  
 z Ex-coupon.

Course of Bank Clearings

Bank clearings the present week will show a satisfactory increase compared with a year ago. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ending to-day (Saturday, Feb. 5) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 6.5% larger than those for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$11,387,998,737, against \$10,689,118,925 for the same week in 1926. At this centre there is a gain for the five days of 9.8%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended February 5.	1927.	1926.	Per Cent.
New York	\$5,710,000,000	\$5,198,935,546	+9.8
Chicago	610,736,498	619,972,956	-1.5
Philadelphia	487,000,000	477,000,000	+2.0
Boston	515,000,000	402,000,000	+27.6
Kansas City	122,862,745	110,233,681	+11.4
St. Louis	123,200,000	137,900,000	-10.7
San Francisco	171,541,000	204,676,000	-16.2
Los Angeles	162,635,000	145,190,000	+12.0
Pittsburgh	223,827,161	154,041,868	+45.3
Detroit	131,937,656	134,946,198	-2.2
Baltimore	89,470,535	92,541,059	-3.3
Cleveland	101,440,566	94,965,181	+6.8
New Orleans	58,974,547	65,537,034	-10.0
Thirteen cities, 5 days	\$8,506,625,708	\$7,837,939,523	+8.5
Other cities, 5 days	953,373,240	1,123,603,670	-12.5
Total all cities, 5 days	\$9,459,998,948	\$8,961,543,193	+5.9
All cities, 1 day	1,897,999,789	1,727,575,732	+9.8
Total all cities for week	\$11,387,998,737	\$10,689,118,925	+6.5

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot

furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday), and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. Accordingly, in the above the last day of the week has in all cases had to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ended Jan. 29. For that week there is a decrease of 4.1%, the 1927 aggregate of clearings being \$9,383,126,094, and the 1926 aggregate \$9,782,355,255. Outside of New York City the decrease is 4.0%, the bank exchanges at this centre having shown a loss of 4.1%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve District (including this city) there is a decrease of 4.0% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 8.8%, but in the Boston Reserve District a gain of 1.7%. The Richmond Reserve District records a falling off of 1.4% and the Atlanta Reserve District of 22.9%, due mainly to the diminished totals at the Florida points, Miami showing a loss of 61.6% and Jacksonville of 43.0%, but the Cleveland Reserve District has a trifling increase, it being only 0.6%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals are smaller by 6.4%, in the St. Louis Reserve District by 3.8% and in the Minneapolis Reserve District by 6.4%. The Kansas City Reserve District shows a gain of 7.9% and the San Francisco Reserve District of 0.7%, but the Dallas Reserve District has suffered a loss of 6.4%.

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

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week Ended Jan. 29 1927, 1927, 1926, Inc. or Dec., 1925, 1924. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, San Francisco) and Total.

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of January in each of the last eight years is shown in the subjoined statement:

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES IN JANUARY.

Table with columns: 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921, 1920. Rows list cities like New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Cleveland, Minneapolis, New Orleans, Detroit, Louisville, Omaha, Providence, Milwaukee, Los Angeles, Buffalo, St. Paul, Denver, Indianapolis, Richmond, Memphis, Seattle, Salt Lake City, Hartford.

We also furnish to-day a summary by Federal Reserve districts of the clearings for the month of January. For that month there is a decrease for the whole country of 5.0%, the 1927 aggregate of the clearings being \$45,283,402,561 and the 1926 aggregate \$47,660,896,816. This is the fifth time since March 1924 that our monthly compilation of bank clearings has shown a decrease as compared with the corresponding month of the previous year.

Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for January in 1924 to 1927 are given below:

Table with columns: Description, 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include Stock, number of shares, Railroad and miscell. bonds, State, foreign, etc., bonds, U. S. Government bonds, Total bonds.

Table with columns: January 1927, January 1926, Inc. or Dec., January 1925, January 1924. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, San Francisco) and Total.

The volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange for the month of January in 1924 to 1927 is indicated in the following:

Table with columns: 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include No. Shares for each year.

We now add our detailed statement showing the figures for each city separately for January and for the week ending Jan. 29 for four years:

CLEARINGS FOR JANUARY FOR FOUR YEARS, AND FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 29.

Large table with columns: Clearings at—, Month of January (1927, 1926, Inc. or Dec., 1925, 1924), Week Ended January 29 (1927, 1926, Inc. or Dec., 1925, 1924). Rows include First Federal Reserve District (Maine-Bangor, Portland, Mass.-Boston, Fall River, Holyoke, Lowell, Lynn, New Bedford, Springfield, Worcester, Conn.-Hartford, New Haven, Waterbury, R. I.-Providence, N. H.-Manchester), Second Federal Reserve District (New York-Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, Elmira, Jamestown, New York, Niagara Falls, Rochester, Syracuse, Conn.-Stamford, N. J.-Montclair, Newark, Northern New Jersey, Oranges).





CLEARINGS—(Concluded).

Main table of clearing data for various districts and cities, including Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Federal Reserve Districts, with columns for 1927, 1926, and 1925 data, and percentage changes.

CANADIAN CLEARINGS FOR JANUARY FOR FOUR YEARS AND FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 27.

Table of Canadian clearing data for January, comparing 1927, 1926, and 1925 data for various Canadian cities and regions, with percentage changes.

a No longer report clearings. b Do not respond to requests for figures. c Week ended Jan. 26. d Week ended Jan. 27. e Week ended Jan. 28. \* Estimated.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Jan. 29 to Feb. 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Amer Vitr Prod, Am Wind Gl Mach, etc.

Rights—Columbia Gas & Electric... 2 1/2 3 435 2 1/2 Feb 3 1/4 Jan. Note.—Sold last week and not reported: 1,293 Columbia Gas & Electric rights at 2 3/4 @ 3.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

Table with columns: Applications to Organize Received, Capital. Includes entries like The Mt. Baker National Bank of Deming, Wash., and The First National Bank of Shelton, Wash.

Table with columns: Application to Convert Received. Includes entries like The County National Bank of Scranton, Pa., and The Union National Bank of New Kensington, Pa.

Table with columns: Changes of Title. Includes entries like The City National Bank of Evanston, Ill., to 'City National Bank and Trust Co. of Evanston.'

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia on Wednesday of this week:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Lists auction sales by Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York, and By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo.

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Lists various stocks like 4 National Shawmut Bank, 31 Old Colony Trust Co., etc.

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

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Lists various stocks like 20 First National Bank, 5 Merchants National Bank, etc.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Lists various stocks like 2 Belmont Trust Co., 100 Merlon Title & Trust, etc.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists dividends for Railroad (Steam), Public Utilities, and other companies.



Table with multiple columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive, Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Contains two main sections: Miscellaneous (Continued) and another Miscellaneous (Continued).

Weekly Returns of New York City Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies.

The following shows the condition of the New York City Clearing House members for the week ending Jan. 29. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of the grand totals, we also show the actual figures of condition at the end of the week.

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers (000) omitted.)

Main table showing weekly returns of New York City Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies. Columns include: Week Ending, New Capital, Profits, Loans, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositaries, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits, Bank Circulation. Sub-sections include Members of Fed. Res. Bank, State Banks, Trust Companies, and Gr'd aggr. comparisons.

Note.—U. S. deposits deducted from net demand deposits in the general totals above were as follows: Average total Jan. 29, \$29,168,000. Actual totals Jan. 29, \$29,168,000; Jan. 22, \$29,167,000; Jan. 15, \$29,168,000; Jan. 8, \$33,313,000; Dec. 31, \$39,680,000; Dec. 25, \$39,681,000. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, average for week Jan. 29, \$598,869,000; Jan. 22, \$614,045,000; Jan. 15, \$639,126,000; Jan. 8, \$673,392,000; Dec. 31, \$688,516,000; Dec. 25, \$651,340,000. Actual totals Jan. 29, \$614,355,000; Jan. 22, \$627,857,000; Jan. 15, \$655,189,000; Jan. 8, \$596,868,000; Dec. 31, \$721,662,000; Dec. 25, \$712,139,000.

\* Includes deposits in foreign branches not included in total footings as follows: National City Bank, \$227,792,000; Chase National Bank, \$12,046,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$28,680,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$81,405,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$3,201,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$91,761,000. Balances carried in banks in foreign countries as reserve for such deposits were: National City Bank, \$37,363,000; Chase National Bank, \$1,657,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$1,120,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$5,392,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$3,201,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$6,253,000.

c Deposits in foreign branches not included.

The reserve position of the different groups of institutions on the basis of both the averages for the week and the actual condition at the end of the week is shown in the following two tables:

STATEMENT OF RESERVE POSITION OF CLEARING HOUSE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Table showing Reserve Position of Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies. Columns include: Averages, Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositaries, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Rows include Members Federal Reserve Bank, State banks, Trust companies, and Total Jan. 29, 22, 15, 8.

\* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank. b This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank, includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Jan. 29, \$17,981,850; Jan. 22, \$17,739,540; Jan. 15, \$17,995,860; Jan. 8, \$18,074,250; Dec. 31, \$17,527,590; Dec. 25, \$17,546,970.

Table listing various companies with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes entries like Packard Motor Car, Peoples Drug Stores, Inc., Phillips-Jones Corp., etc.

\* From unofficial sources. \$ The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. \$ The New York Curb Market Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. a Transfer books not closed for this dividend. d Correction. e Payable in stock. f Payable in common stock. g Payable in scrip. h On account of accumulated dividends. m Payable in preferred stock. o Less \$2 per share to cover legal expenses of extending second mortgage and third and fourth installments of 1925 income tax. p Payable in class B stock. r Tampa Electric stock dividend is one one-hundredth of a share of common stock. s Payable either in cash or in stock at the rate of 4 6-100ths of a share of class A for each share of \$6 pref. and 5-100ths of a share of class A for each share of \$6 1/2 pref. t Erroneously reported in previous issues as \$1 10. u Payable to holders of coupon No. 13. v Cushman & Sons common stock dividend is payable in \$8 preferred on the valuation of \$100 for preferred stock.

**Actual Figures.**

	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositaries.	Total Reserve.	a Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve Bank	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks	10,234,000	6,458,000	16,692,000	16,467,300	224,700
Trust companies	2,580,000	6,370,000	8,950,000	8,753,850	196,150
<b>Total Jan. 29</b>	<b>12,814,000</b>	<b>565,889,000</b>	<b>578,703,000</b>	<b>594,650,250</b>	<b>-15,947,250</b>
Total Jan. 22	9,206,000	626,168,000	635,374,000	595,772,860	39,601,140
Total Jan. 15	9,591,000	617,726,000	627,317,000	615,106,980	12,210,020
Total Jan. 8	10,030,000	528,917,000	538,947,000	607,962,000	69,015,900

\* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.

a This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Jan. 29, \$18,429,690; Jan. 22, \$17,725,890; Jan. 15, \$17,968,260; Jan. 8, \$18,246,660; Dec. 31, \$17,456,640, Dec. 25, \$17,784,960.

**State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.**—The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House as follows:

**SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK; NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.**

*(Figures Furnished by State Banking Department.)*

	Jan. 29	Differences from Previous Week.
Loans and Investments	\$1,261,860,100	Dec. \$1,826,400
Gold	4,716,900	Dec. 140,100
Currency notes	24,395,800	Dec. 130,400
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York	102,217,000	Dec. 2,540,500
Total deposits	1,294,392,400	Dec. 25,922,100
Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositaries and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchange, and U. S. deposits	1,224,342,400	D3c. 19,509,900
Reserve on deposits	172,345,700	Dec. 3,523,700
Percentage of reserves, 20.4%.		

  

	RESERVE.	State Banks	Trust Companies
Cash in vault	\$39,396,000	17.47%	14.90%
Deposits in banks and trust cos.	11,410,600	5.06%	4.99%
Total	\$50,806,600	22.53%	19.89%

\* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Jan. 29 was \$102,217,000.

**Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.**—The averages of the New York City Clearing House banks and trust companies combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House are as follows:

**COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.**

Week Ended—	Loans and Investments.	Demand Deposits.	Total Cash in Vaults.	Reserve in Depositaries.
Oct. 2	6,683,067,800	5,662,751,200	84,153,500	733,798,400
Oct. 9	6,668,046,700	5,680,177,400	85,684,200	730,174,600
Oct. 16	6,617,799,100	5,628,365,000	89,206,200	719,799,100
Oct. 23	6,559,420,600	5,542,973,000	84,662,600	722,780,700
Oct. 30	6,553,253,200	5,539,644,900	86,186,300	717,062,800
Nov. 6	6,615,890,200	5,562,041,000	86,272,300	723,552,600
Nov. 13	6,553,162,600	5,511,751,000	87,381,300	721,151,800
Nov. 20	6,570,297,600	5,551,891,300	84,480,000	724,021,000
Nov. 27	6,599,992,200	5,556,678,300	864,684,000	728,368,600
Dec. 4	6,689,295,200	5,716,914,900	76,615,500	734,203,700
Dec. 11	6,667,713,300	5,586,288,800	88,536,500	726,827,700
Dec. 18	6,664,332,100	5,630,977,600	96,557,700	738,221,800
Dec. 25	6,713,433,300	5,636,517,700	105,590,700	734,688,400
Dec. 31	6,837,671,900	5,741,187,400	95,908,300	761,848,700
Jan. 8	6,954,175,000	5,898,416,700	91,552,900	786,239,700
Jan. 15	6,819,657,900	5,789,308,200	91,267,300	757,056,100
Jan. 22	6,755,555,500	5,801,084,500	81,093,000	746,207,200
Jan. 29	6,710,870,100	5,714,684,000	85,754,700	731,499,000

**New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.**—The following are the returns to the Clearing House by clearing non-member institutions and which are not included in the "Clearing House Returns" in the foregoing:

**RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.**

*(Stated in thousands of dollars, that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)*

CLEARING NON-MEMBERS	Capital.	Net Profits.	Loans, Dis-counts, Invest-ments, etc.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depos-itaries.	Net Demand Deposits.	Net Time Deposits.
Week Ending Jan. 29, 1927.							
Members of Fed'l Res'v Bank.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grace Nat Bank	1,000	1,950	14,273	55	1,189	7,694	3,820
State Banks.							
Not Members of the Federal Reserve Bank.							
Bank of Wash. Hts.	400	1,028	9,755	809	381	6,717	3,079
Trust Company.							
Not Member of the Federal Reserve Bank.							
Mech. Tr., Bayonne	500	660	9,337	355	196	3,912	5,853
Gr'd agr., Jan. 29	1,900	3,640	33,365	1,219	1,766	18,323	12,752
Comparison with prev. week							
			-34,269	-3,674	-1,748	-29,012	-5,564
Gr'd agr., Jan. 22	3,100	6,945	67,634	4,893	3,514	24,735	18,318
Gr'd agr., Jan. 15	3,100	6,945	68,347	4,922	3,475	24,809	18,173
Gr'd agr., Jan. 8	3,100	6,828	66,833	4,844	3,606	24,349	18,188
Gr'd agr., Dec. 31	3,100	6,828	66,692	4,823	3,414	24,767	18,000

a United States deposits deducted, \$22,000.  
 Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances, and other liabilities, \$2,573,000.  
 Excess reserve, \$222,950 decrease.

**Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.**—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

**BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.**

	Feb. 2 1927.	Changes from Previous Week.	Jan. 26 1927.	Jan. 19 1927.
Capital	\$ 69,650,000	Unchanged	\$ 69,650,000	\$ 69,650,000
Surplus and profits	92,428,000	Unchanged	92,428,000	92,428,000
Loans, disc'ts & invest.	1,017,241,000	Inc. 1,241,000	1,016,000,000	1,011,485,000
Individual deposits	693,738,000	Inc. 13,165,000	680,573,000	698,003,000
Due to banks	150,252,000	Inc. 7,626,000	142,626,000	148,530,000
Time deposits	233,086,000	Dec. 509,000	233,595,000	232,258,000
United States deposits	13,009,000	Inc. 7,000	13,000,000	13,006,000
Exchanges for Cig' H'se	45,740,000	Inc. 14,597,000	31,143,000	41,471,000
Due from other banks	82,374,000	Inc. 5,241,000	77,133,000	89,572,000
Res'v in legal deposites	81,561,000	Inc. 357,000	81,204,000	81,661,000
Cash in bank	10,496,000	Dec. 475,000	10,971,000	11,020,000
Res'v excess in F.R.BK	467,000	Dec. 245,000	712,000	362,000

**Philadelphia Banks.**—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Jan. 29, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is 10% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositaries" and "Cash in vaults."

Two Ciphers (00) omitted.	Week Ended Jan. 29 1927			Jan. 22 1927.	Jan. 15 1927
	Members of F.R. System	Trust Companies	1927 Total.		
Capital	\$50,225,0	\$5,000	\$55,225,0	\$55,225,0	\$55,225,0
Surplus and profits	152,972,0	17,812,0	170,784,0	170,784,0	170,784,0
Loans, disc'ts & investm'ts	941,896,0	47,108,0	989,004,0	998,352,0	1007,306,0
Exchanges for Clear.House	34,330,0	529,0	34,859,0	37,168,0	38,231,0
Due from banks	96,492,0	23,0	96,515,0	104,751,0	104,064,0
Bank deposits	134,786,0	898,0	135,684,0	139,498,0	141,972,0
Individual deposits	627,377,0	27,081,0	654,458,0	666,837,0	674,391,0
Time deposits	153,635,0	2,285,0	155,920,0	157,510,0	159,691,0
Total deposits	915,798,0	30,264,0	946,062,0	963,845,0	976,054,0
Res'v with legal deposites	70,191,0	3,735,0	73,926,0	74,581,0	74,870,0
Reserve with F. R. Bank	9,671,0	1,398,0	11,090,0	10,835,0	11,583,0
Cash in vault *	79,862,0	5,133,0	84,995,0	84,953,0	86,938,0
Total reserve & cash held	69,163,0	4,228,0	73,391,0	74,306,0	75,296,0
Reserve required	10,699,0	905,0	11,604,0	10,647,0	11,642,0
Excess res. & cash in vault					

\* Cash in vault not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve members.

**Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.**—The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business Feb. 2 1926 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Resources—	Feb. 2 1927.	Jan. 26 1927.	Feb. 3 1926.
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	394,075,000	427,658,000	389,648,000
Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury	12,666,000	9,283,000	6,974,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	406,741,000	436,941,000	396,622,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	152,167,000	111,637,000	188,261,000
Gold and gold certificates held by bank	500,023,000	524,205,000	379,591,000
Total gold reserves	1,058,931,000	1,072,783,000	964,474,000
Reserves other than gold	33,407,000	32,960,000	37,861,000
Total reserves	1,092,338,000	1,105,743,000	1,002,335,000
Non-reserve cash	23,149,000	25,268,000	28,896,000
Bills discounted—			
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	61,553,000	41,628,000	137,173,000
Other bills discounted	15,190,000	18,564,000	20,355,000
Total bills discounted	76,743,000	60,192,000	157,528,000
Bills bought in open market	92,706,000	59,852,000	36,852,000
U. S. Government securities—			
Treasury notes	2,556,000	1,892,000	1,934,000
Certificates of indebtedness	12,557,000	12,557,000	43,133,000
Total U. S. Government securities	39,405,000	39,669,000	11,182,000
Foreign loans on gold	54,118,000	54,118,000	56,249,000
Total bills and securities (See Note)	223,567,000	174,162,000	252,357,000
Due from foreign banks (See Note)	657,000	657,000	660,000
Uncollected items	160,576,000	159,121,000	146,284,000
Bank premises	16,276,000	16,276,000	16,666,000
All other resources	1,980,000	1,974,000	4,253,000
Total resources	1,518,543,000	1,483,201,000	1,447,451,000
Liabilities—			
Fed'l Reserve notes in actual circulation	406,771,000	395,571,000	366,127,000
Deposits—Member bank, reserve acc't.	845,227,000	830,699,000	838,748,000
Government	13,170,000	4,437,000	13,404,000
Foreign bank (See Note)	2,141,000	1,845,000	1,437,000
Other deposits	9,885,000	10,498,000	9,081,000
Total deposits	870,423,000	847,479,000	862,670,000
Deferred availability items	140,432,000	139,333,000	123,511,000
Capital paid in	37,059,000	36,966,000	33,898,000
Surplus	61,614,000	61,614,000	59,964,000
All other liabilities	2,244,000	2,238,000	2,081,000
Total liabilities	1,518,543,000	1,483,201,000	1,447,451,000
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and Fed'l Res'v note liabilities combined	85.5%	89.0%	81.6%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondence	9,728,000	26,322,000	22,883,000

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," previously made of Federal Intermediate credit bank debentures, was changed to "Other securities," and the caption "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities." The latter term 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 Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Feb. 3, 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 710 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 FEBRUARY 2 1927.

Main table showing combined resources and liabilities of the Federal Reserve Banks at the close of business February 2, 1927. Columns include dates from Feb. 2 1927 to Feb. 3 1926. Rows are categorized into RESOURCES and LIABILITIES, with sub-sections like Gold, Reserves, Bills, Securities, and Deposits.

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 FEB. 2 1927.

Table showing the weekly statement of resources and liabilities for each of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks at the close of business Feb. 2, 1927. Columns represent different banks (Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total). Rows are categorized into RESOURCES and LIABILITIES, with sub-sections like Gold, Reserves, Bills, Securities, and Deposits.





Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Feb. 4 1927.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 749.

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 & Miscell., 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 various bank names like Bank of America, Chase, etc.

\* Banks marked (\*) are State banks. † New stock. ‡ Ex-div. § Ex-stock div. ¶ Ex-rights.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.—Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan bonds and Treasury certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices. Table with columns for Bond Name, Jan. 29, Jan. 31, Feb. 1, Feb. 2, Feb. 3, Feb. 4. Includes entries for First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, etc.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Summary table of registered bond transactions: 24 2d 4 1/2s, 25 3d 4 1/2s, 16 4th 4 1/2s, 103 2 1/2s to 103 2 1/2s.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange ruled dull and nominal with a tendency to slightly lower levels on continued selling. The Continental exchanges were more or less neglected and trading was inactive and featureless.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 84 7-16 @ 4 84 1/2 for checks and 4 84 15-16 @ 4 85 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4 84 5-16 @ 4 84 1/2; sixty days, 4 80 5-16 @ 4 80 1/2; ninety days, 4 78 3-16 @ 4 78 1/2, and documents for payment (60 days), 4 80 9-16 @ 4 80 1/2. Cotton for payment, 4 84 5-16 @ 4 84 1/2, and grain for payment 4 84 5-16 @ 4 84 1/2.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 3.91 1/4 for short. German bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 39.96 1/2 @ 39.97 1/4 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 123.32; week's range, 123.14 high and 123.75 low.

Table showing exchange rates for Sterling, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par, St. Louis 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par; San Francisco, par; Montreal \$1.5625 per \$1,000 premium, Cincinnati, Par.

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

Table of Treasury Ctf. quotations with columns for Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, and various dates like Mar. 15 1927, June 15 1927, etc.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table listing New York City Realty and Surety Companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and company names like Alliance R'ty, Amer Surety, etc.

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

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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. 29 to Friday, Feb. 4); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Manufacturing, etc.); PER SHARE Range (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Atch Topeka & Santa Fe, Canadian Pacific, etc.

\* 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 days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and 'Sales for the week'. Rows list various stocks with their share prices and weekly sales volumes.

Main table titled 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'. Columns include 'PER SHARE' (Lowest, Highest) and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926' (Lowest, Highest). Rows list numerous industrial and miscellaneous stocks with their current prices and historical performance.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. # Ex-dividend.

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

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

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges for various stocks. Includes sub-headers for 'Sales for the Week' and 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'.

Table with columns for 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927' and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926'. Lists various stocks and their price ranges.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights.

New York Stock Record—Continued—Page 4

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

Table with columns for dates (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday), sales per share, and stock names under 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'. It lists various stocks and their prices over time.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. s 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. 29., Monday, Jan. 29., Tuesday, Feb. 1., Wednesday, Feb. 2., Thursday, Feb. 3., Friday, Feb. 4., Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927, PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926. Rows include various stock symbols and company names like \$ per share, 33 33 1/2, 33 1/2, 32 1/2, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. \* Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights. n Ex-dividend one share of Standard Oil of California new.

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

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

Table with columns for dates from Saturday, Jan. 20 to Friday, Feb. 4, and rows for various stock prices per share.

Sales for the Week

Table with columns for Shares and rows for various stock sales.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stocks such as Sears, Roebuck & Co., Shell Transport & Trading, and others.

PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927 On basis of 100-share lots

Table with columns for Lowest and Highest prices per share for various stocks.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926

Table with columns for Lowest and Highest prices per share for various stocks from the previous year.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ 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 containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various other details. Includes sections for U.S. Government, State and City Securities, and Foreign Government Securities.

† \$5=£.



Table with columns for Bond Type, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range (Low/High), Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1., and Bond Description. It is divided into two main sections: 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Feb. 4.' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Feb. 4.'.

Due Feb. Due May. Due Dec.

Table with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1., and Bid/Ask/High/Low/No. Includes sections for N.Y. Stock Exchange and various bond categories like Kansas City Term, Kentucky Central, and N.Y. Central & Hudson River.

Table of N. Y. Stock Exchange bonds, Week Ended Feb. 4. Columns include Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Friday, Feb. 4), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of N. Y. Stock Exchange bonds, Week Ended Feb. 4. Columns include Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Friday, Feb. 4), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1.

g Due May. e Due June. f Due August.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE BONDS Week Ended Feb. 4.					N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE BONDS Week Ended Feb. 4.								
Interest Period		Price Friday, Feb. 4.		Week's Range or Last Sale	Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1.	Interest Period		Price Friday, Feb. 4.		Week's Range or Last Sale	Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1.
Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High	Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High
M	N	118 3/8	118 3/8	119 1/8	7	119 3/8	F	A	82 1/8	83 1/8	83	83	1
O	A	54 1/4	55 1/2	54 7/8	11	53 5/8	F	A	82 1/8	83 1/8	83 1/2	3	83 3/8
M	N	102	103	102	102	102 1/4	F	A	102 1/8	102	103	1	101 1/2
A	O	75 3/8	75 3/4	76 1/4	98	74 3/4	J	D	113 1/4	113 1/2	113 1/4	2	112 1/4
A	O	102 1/2	102 3/4	102 3/4	180	102 3/4	J	D	102	102	102 1/4	20	100 7/8
M	N	104 3/4	104 7/8	104 7/8	14	104 1/2	M	S	100	100	100 3/4	61	99 1/2
M	N	101 1/4	101 1/2	101 1/2	379	97 3/4	M	S	100 3/4	100 3/4	101 1/2	22	100 1/2
M	N	97 1/8	97 1/8	97 1/8	82	97 1/8	M	S	100 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	25	100 1/2
F	A	97 3/4	98 1/4	97 3/4	10	97 3/4	F	A	98 1/4	98 1/4	98 1/4	6	98 1/4
F	A	96 1/4	96 1/4	96 1/4	124	93 1/2	F	A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	5	101 1/2
M	N	80 3/8	80 3/8	81 1/8	7	80 3/8	J	D	97 3/8	97 3/8	97 3/8	1	97 3/8
J	J	97	97	97	13	95 1/2	F	A	100	100	100 1/4	1	99 3/8
J	J	91	91 1/2	91 1/2	5	91 1/2	F	A	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	1	99 3/8
M	N	105 1/8	105 1/8	105 1/8	38	104 3/8	F	A	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	2	100 1/2
J	J	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	9	104 3/8	M	S	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	5	40 1/2
J	J	94 3/8	94 3/8	94 3/8	3	94 3/8	A	O	121 1/2	121 1/2	121 1/2	5	120 1/2
A	O	98 1/8	98 1/8	98 1/8	437	98 1/2	F	A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	22	102 3/4
J	J	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	35	100 1/4	F	A	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	243	101 1/2
J	D	81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	26	81 1/4	A	O	104 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4	386	101 1/2
F	A	105 3/4	105 3/4	105 3/4	89	105 3/4	A	O	118	118 1/2	119	3	117 3/4
F	A	77 3/8	77 3/8	77 3/8	7	75 7/8	A	O	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	1	98 1/2
J	D	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	7	101 1/2	F	A	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	1	98 1/2
M	N	102 3/4	102 3/4	102 3/4	49	102 1/2	F	A	97 3/8	97 3/8	97 3/8	37	97 3/8
A	O	100	100	100	10	100	M	N	100	100	100 1/8	1	99 3/8
M	N	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	10	101 1/2	J	D	95	95	95 1/8	18	94 1/2
F	A	95 3/8	95 3/8	95 3/8	76	95 3/8	A	O	94 3/4	94 3/4	94 3/4	41	94 3/4
M	S	103 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4	13	103 1/4	F	A	106 3/4	106 3/4	106 3/4	43	106 3/4
J	J	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	69	99 3/4	A	O	69 1/4	69 1/4	69 1/4	4	69 1/4
M	N	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	201	101 1/4	J	D	62 1/2	63	63	3	63
J	J	108 1/8	107 7/8	108 1/8	10	107 1/2	M	S	94 1/2	95	95	6	94 3/8
M	N	100	100	100 1/2	37	99 1/2	J	D	97 1/4	96 3/4	97 1/4	52	96 1/2
J	J	101 3/8	101 3/8	101 3/8	21	100 1/2	F	A	108 1/4	108 1/4	108 1/4	4	108 1/4
A	O	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	3	94 1/2	J	D	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	10	100 1/2
J	J	95 1/2	97	95 3/8	2	93 1/4	J	D	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	6	100 1/2
A	O	92 1/8	92 1/8	92 1/8	10	92 1/8	M	S	105	105	105 3/4	37	104 1/2
M	N	98 3/8	98 3/8	98 3/8	10	98 3/8	F	A	78	78	78	3	76 3/4
M	N	99	99	98 3/4	9	98 3/4	M	S	105	105	105 3/4	105	105 3/4
M	N	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	14	76 1/2	M	S	98 3/8	98 3/8	98 3/8	86	97 1/4
J	J	101 1/2	102	102	8	101 3/4	J	D	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4	49	98 3/4
M	S	103 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4	6	102 3/4	J	D	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4	46	98 3/4
A	O	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	8	102 1/4	M	N	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4	1	98 3/4
M	S	108	108 1/4	108 1/4	18	107 1/2	M	N	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	3	99 1/2
J	D	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	24	102 1/2	J	D	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	138	101 1/2
J	J	94 3/8	94 3/8	94 3/8	13	94 3/8	J	J	95 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4	6	95 3/4
M	N	94 3/8	94 3/8	94 3/8	284	94 3/8	A	O	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	18	99 3/4
M	N	89	89	89 3/8	17	88 3/8	J	D	89 1/4	89 1/4	89 1/4	60	89 1/4
M	N	50 1/8	53	49 1/2	1	48 1/2	J	D	81	81	81	1	81
J	J	96	96 1/2	96	2	96 1/8	J	D	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	31	96 1/2
J	J	105 1/2	105 1/2	106	33	105 1/2	M	N	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	1	101 1/2
J	J	105 1/4	105 1/4	105 1/4	15	104 3/4	J	D	101 3/4	101 3/4	101 3/4	1	101 3/4
M	S	107 1/2	107 1/2	108	89	108 1/8	J	D	61 1/4	61 1/4	61 1/4	44	61 1/4
J	J	94 3/4	95	94 1/2	10	95 1/8	J	D	100 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	7	101 1/2
M	S	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	120	97 1/2	M	N	101 3/4	101 3/4	101 3/4	251	102
J	D	96 7/8	96 7/8	96 7/8	12	96 1/2	J	D	101 3/4	101 3/4	101 3/4	1	101 3/4
J	D	96	97	95 1/2	379	95 1/2	J	D	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1	99 1/2
A	O	108	108	109 1/2	183	105 1/8	M	N	103 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4	6	103 1/4
A	O	110	110	110 1/2	1071	98 1/4	M	N	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	1	102 1/2
M	S	101	101	101	7	95 1/4	J	D	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	29	103 1/4
M	S	95 1/4	95 1/4	96	7	95 1/4	M	N	96 1/8	96 1/8	96 1/8	36	95 3/4
M	S	95 1/4	96 1/8	95 3/4	3	95 1/4	A	O	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	107	95 1/2
M	S	103 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4	3	103 1/4	A	O	96 1/4	96 1/4	96 1/4	10	95 3/4
J	D	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	9	97 1/2	J	D	98 1/4	98 1/4	98 1/4	10	98 1/4
J	D	90 1/8	91	90 1/8	27	89 1/2	J	D	98 1/4	98 1/4	98 1/4	96	98 1/4
M	S	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	8	96 1/2	J	D	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	26	101 1/2
M	N	115 7/8	115 7/8	115 7/8	10	115 1/2	A	O	115 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2	42	115 1/2
M	N	99	99	99 1/2	10	99 1/2	A	O	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	6	103 1/2
M	N	105	105 1/2	105 1/2	146	105 1/2	F	A	106 3/8	106 3/8	106 3/8	5	106 3/8
M	N	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	16	108 1/2	F	A	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	3	92 1/2
J	D	99 1/4	99	100 1/4	291	94 3/4	J	D	101	101	101 1/2	1	101 1/2
J	D	99	99 1/4	101 1/4	3	106 1/4	J	D	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	1	101 1/2
J	D	107	108	107	3	107 1/2	J	D	67	67 1/2	67 1/2	1	67 1/2
F	A	91	91	91	1	91 1/2	J	D	60	60	60 1/2	1	60 1/2
F	A	105 1/4	105 1/4	105 1/4	46	103 1/2	A	O	8	8	8	1	8
F	A	117 1/4	117 1/4	117 3/4	121	113 1/2	A	O	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	1	97 1/2
J	D	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	75	99 1/4	A	O	28 3/4	28 3/4	29 1/4	75	28 3/4
F	A	101 1/8	101 1/8	101 1/8	104	101 1/2	J	D	83 3/4	83 3/4	84 1/2	13	83 3/4
F	A	103 3/8	103 3/8	103 3/8	5	102 1/2	M	N	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	2	102 1/2
A	O	103 3/8	103 3/8	103 3/8	117	105 1/2	M	N	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	133	58 1/2
M	N	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	55	102 1/4	A	O	80	80 1/4	80 1/4	45	80 1/4
F	A	110 1/4	110 1/4	110 1/4	160	110 1/8	M	N	106 1/8	106 1/8	106 1/8	19	105 1/8
J	D	99 3/8	99 3/8	99 3/8	64	94 1/2	M	N	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	87	98 3/4
F	A	84 1/8	85	85	1	84 1/2	F	A	110 1/2	111	111 1/2	37	110 1/2
M	N	100	100	100 1/2	1	101 1/2	J	D	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	51	108 1/2
M	N	130 1/2	130 1/2	130 1/2	151	127 1/2	J	D	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	24	100 1/2
F	A	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4	93	98 1/2	A	O	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	93	92 1/2
M	N	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	151	103 1/2	M	S	106 3/4	106 3/4	106 3/4	151	104 1/2
M	N	87 1/4	87 1/4	87 1/4	4	86 1/2	M	S	105 1/4	105 1/4	105 1/4	74	105 1/4
M	N	93 1/4	93 1/4	93 1/4	1	93 1/4	F	A	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	42	95 1/2
F	A	96 1/4	96 1/4	96 1/4	133	95 1/2	A	O	102 3/4	102 3/4	102 3/4	42	100 1/4
M	N	89	89	89	10	89 1/2	A	O	102 3/4	102 3/4	102 3/4	1	102 3/4
F	A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	44	101 1/2	A	O	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	1	104 1/2
M	N	96 1/8	96 1/8	96 1/8	35	95 1/2	J	D	97 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	2	98 1/2
J	D	102 1/2	102 3/4	102 3/4	62	102 3/4	A	O	115 1/2</				

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Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked

Table of New York Stock Exchange bonds, including columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of Sundry Securities, including Standard Oil Stocks, Public Utilities, Other Oil Stocks, Railroad Equipments, Tobacco Stocks, and Water Bonds.

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

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 stock prices. Includes a 'Sales for the Week' column.

Main table of stock and bond listings. Columns include company names (e.g., Boston & Albany, Boston Elevated, Railroads), share counts, and price ranges (Lowest, Highest) for the current period and the previous year (1926).

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. a Assessment paid. b Ex-stock dividend. c New stock. s Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. z Ex-dividend and rights.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Jan. 29 to Feb. 4, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Jan. 29 to Feb. 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

\* No par value. z Ex-dividend.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Jan. 29 to Feb. 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

\* No par value. Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions Jan. 29 to Feb. 4, both incl., compiled from official lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1., Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1.

San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange Jan. 29 to Feb. 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1., Stocks—Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange Jan. 29 to Feb. 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1., Stocks—Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange Jan. 29 to Feb. 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1., Stocks—Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1.



Table of stock prices for various categories including Stocks (Concluded), Mining Stocks, Street Railway Bonds, and Miscellaneous Bonds. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

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New York Curb Market.—Official transactions in the New York Curb Market from Jan. 29 to Feb. 4, inclusive:

Table of New York Curb Market transactions. Columns include Week Ended Feb. 4, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1. Lists various stocks and their prices.

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Stocks (Continued) Par		Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices. Low. High.		Sales for Week. Shares	Range Since Jan. 1. Low. High.			Stocks (Concluded) Par		Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices. Low. High.		Sales for Week. Shares	Range Since Jan. 1. Low. High.				
Mohawk & Hud Pow com	* 25 3/4	23	23 1/2	25 3/4	8,200	20 3/4	Jan	25 3/4	Feb	Western Dairy Prod cl A.*	15 1/2	48 1/2	48 3/4	100	48	Feb	49 1/4	Jan	
First preferred	---	102	102	102	100	101 1/4	Jan	105	Jan	Class B vot tr ctf	---	15 1/2	16	400	15 1/2	Jan	16 3/4	Jan	
Mohawk Valley Co.	* 37 1/2	37	38	38	800	37	Feb	38 3/4	Jan	West Md Ry 1st pref	100	119	119	300	98	Jan	123	Jan	
Moore Drop Forg class A.*	---	51 1/2	54	54	300	51 1/2	Feb	60	Jan	Western Power, pref.	100	100	99 1/2	100	98	Jan	100	Jan	
Municipal Service	* 10	10	10	10	200	10	Jan	10	Jan	Westmoreland Coal.	50	54	54	100	54	Feb	55	Feb	
National Baking, com.	* 9 1/2	9 1/2	9 3/4	9 1/2	200	9	Jan	9 1/2	Jan	W & L E Ry pr lien stk.	100	165	163	165	20	Feb	171	Jan	
Nat Elec Power, class A.*	24 3/4	24 3/8	25 3/4	900	23 1/2	Jan	25 1/2	Jan	White Sewing Mach com.*	19 1/2	19 1/2	20 3/4	6,900	16 1/2	Jan	20 3/4	Jan		
National Leather.	10	3 1/2	3 3/8	100	2 1/2	Jan	4 1/4	Jan	Yellow Taxi of New York.*	---	32	33	70	32	Jan	34 1/4	Jan		
Nat Power & Light, pref.*	102 1/2	101	102 1/2	1,100	101	Jan	103	Jan	Rights—	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Nat Pub Serv com class A.*	20	19 1/2	20 1/2	1,300	18 1/2	Jan	21 1/2	Jan	Bancitely Corporation....	75c	75c	75c	500	55c	Jan	75c	Jan		
Common, class B.	---	14 1/2	15	300	14	Jan	16 3/4	Jan	Blackstone Val Gas & Elec.	---	9 1/2	9 3/4	200	9 1/2	Jan	9 3/4	Feb		
Warrants	---	2	2	100	2	Jan	3 1/2	Jan	Carib Syndicate	---	3c	4c	4,000	3c	Jan	4c	Feb		
Neisner Bros, Inc, com.	36 1/2	36 1/2	38 1/2	400	36 1/2	Feb	39 1/2	Jan	Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Neptune Meter class A.*	---	22 1/2	23	300	22 1/2	Feb	23 1/2	Jan	Anglo-Amer Oil (vot sb) .£1	20 3/4	20 3/4	20 3/4	1,300	19 3/4	Jan	21 1/2	Jan		
New Mex & Ariz Land.	10	12 1/2	11 1/2	1,200	11 1/2	Jan	12 1/2	Jan	Non-voting stock.	£1	19 3/4	19 3/4	20	600	19 3/4	Jan	20 1/2	Jan	
New Ort Grt Nor RR.	100	33	30	33	1,100	19 1/2	Jan	33	Feb	Non-voting stk ctf dep.	---	19 1/2	19 1/2	200	19 1/2	Feb	19 1/2	Feb	
New York Merchandise	---	27	27	100	27	Jan	28	Jan	Borne-Seymour Co.	100	65 1/2	65 3/4	150	63	Jan	65 1/2	Jan		
N Y Teleg 6 1/2 % pref.	100	113 1/2	115	800	113 1/2	Jan	115	Jan	Buckeye Pipe Line.	50	47 1/2	46	600	47 1/2	Jan	48 1/2	Jan		
Niles-Bement-Pond com.	---	18 1/2	18 1/2	150	18 1/2	Jan	19 1/2	Jan	Cheesebrough Mfg.	25	80 1/2	81	300	76 1/2	Jan	82	Jan		
North Amer Car Co, com.*	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	150	29	Jan	29 3/4	Jan	Continental Oil v t c.	10	21 1/2	20 1/2	18,600	20	Jan	22 1/2	Jan		
Northeast Power, com.*	17	16 3/4	17 1/2	5,400	16 1/2	Jan	17 1/2	Jan	Cumberland Pipe Line.	100	122	121	137	1,140	106	Jan	137	Jan	
Northern Ohio Power Co.*	11 1/2	10 3/4	11 1/2	6,700	9 3/4	Jan	12 1/2	Jan	Eureka Pipe Line.	100	50	49 1/2	51	600	47	Jan	51	Feb	
Nor Ont L & Pow, pref. 100	---	89 1/2	89 1/2	50	84	Jan	89 1/2	Feb	Galena-Signal Oil com.	100	12	13	400	10 1/2	Jan	13	Jan		
Nor States P Corp, com.	100	113 1/2	110	113 1/2	1,800	109 3/4	Jan	113 1/2	Feb	New preferred	---	49 1/2	49 3/4	20	45 1/2	Jan	50 1/2	Jan	
Preferred	---	101 3/4	101 3/4	50	100 1/2	Jan	101 1/2	Jan	Humble Oil & Refining	25	61 1/2	58 1/2	7 1/2	9,500	58 1/2	Jan	62 1/2	Jan	
Nor Texas Elec Co, com.	100	30	31	300	27	Jan	31	Jan	Illinois Pipe Line	100	128 1/2	128 1/2	129 3/4	750	123 3/4	Jan	129 3/4	Feb	
Ohio Pub Serv, 1st pf A. 100	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	10	105 1/2	Feb	105 1/2	Feb	Imperial Oil (Canada)	---	41 3/4	39 1/4	41 1/2	15,800	37 1/4	Jan	42 3/4	Jan	
Pacific Steel Boiler	---	12 1/2	12 1/2	300	12	Jan	12 1/2	Jan	Indiana Pipe Line	50	67	62 1/2	69 1/2	1,950	61	Jan	63 3/4	Feb	
Parke Davis & Co.	25	143	143	20	139 1/4	Jan	146	Jan	National Transit	12.50	13 3/4	13 1/2	13 3/4	700	13 1/4	Jan	14	Jan	
Penn-Ohio Ed 7 % pr pf. 100	86 preferred	99	99	99	10	97 3/4	Jan	99	Jan	Northern Transit	100	35	31 1/2	36	650	31 1/2	Jan	36	Feb
Warrants	---	81	81	81	60	80 1/2	Jan	82	Jan	Northern Pipe Line	100	74 1/2	73 1/2	75 1/2	1,800	70 1/2	Jan	75 1/2	Jan
Penn Ohio Secur Corp	---	10 1/2	9	400	9	Jan	10 1/2	Jan	Ohio Oil	25	62 1/2	60	62 1/2	1,800	59 1/2	Jan	62 1/2	Jan	
Pa G & E cl A part stk.	---	20 1/2	21 1/2	800	19	Jan	21 1/2	Feb	Penn-Mex Fuel	25	19	19	19	100	16 1/2	Jan	19	Jan	
Penna Pow & Lt pref.	---	108 1/2	109 1/2	100	106	Jan	109 1/2	Feb	Prairie Oil & Gas	25	54 1/2	52 1/2	54 1/2	21,000	52	Jan	55 1/2	Jan	
Penn Water & Power	100	179	178	179 1/2	220	175 3/4	Jan	181	Jan	Prairie Pipe Line	100	137 1/2	134	140	3,850	132	Jan	140	Feb
Peoples Drug Stores	---	29 1/2	29 1/2	400	29 1/2	Jan	31 1/2	Jan	Solar Refining	100	198	198	10	194	Jan	200	Jan		
Pelps-Dodge Corp.	100	125	125	100	125	Feb	131	Jan	South Penn Oil	25	39 1/2	38 3/4	39 1/2	800	38	Jan	41 1/2	Jan	
Phila Electric, com.	25	50 1/2	51 1/2	150	49 1/2	Jan	53	Jan	Southern Pipe Line	50	26	25 1/2	26 1/2	700	24	Jan	26 1/2	Feb	
Phillip-Morr Cons Inc com	25	18 3/4	18 3/4	19 1/2	1,100	17	Jan	20 1/2	Jan	So'west Pa Pipe Lines	100	58	55 1/2	58	600	55	Jan	58	Feb
Class A	---	20	20 1/2	300	19 1/2	Jan	22	Jan	Standard Oil (Indiana)	25	71 1/2	70 1/4	71 1/2	64,500	67 1/4	Jan	74 1/2	Jan	
Plek (Albert) Barth & Co	---	13 1/2	12 1/2	13 1/2	2,100	12 1/2	Jan	13 1/2	Feb	Standard Oil (Kansas)	25	20	19 1/2	20	1,800	19	Jan	20 1/2	Jan
Preferred class A	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Standard Oil (Ky)	25	120	118 1/2	120	700	118 1/2	Jan	122 1/2	Jan
Pitney-Bowes Postage	---	6 3/4	7	200	6	Jan	7	Feb	Standard Oil (Neb)	25	49 1/4	48 3/4	49 1/2	1,600	46 3/4	Jan	49 1/2	Feb	
Meter Co	---	167 1/2	173	800	167 1/2	Jan	178 1/2	Feb	Standard Oil (Tex) N J new par	---	40 3/4	37 1/2	40 3/4	10,200	37 1/2	Jan	40 3/4	Feb	
Pittsb & Lake Erie com	50	24 1/2	24 1/2	10	24 1/2	Feb	26 1/2	Jan	paid sub receipts	---	34 1/2	35 1/2	430	33 1/2	Jan	35 1/2	Jan		
Pittsb Plate Glass Co.	100	500	500	500	500	500	51	Jan	Standard Oil (O) com.	100	345	341	352	4,300	335	Jan	354	Jan	
Port Rico Am & Tob B com.	---	51 1/2	52 1/2	500	51	Jan	53 1/2	Jan	Preferred	---	119	122	110	118	118	Jan	122	Feb	
Pratt & Lambert	---	180	183	140	180	Jan	192 1/2	Jan	Swan & Finch Oil Corp	---	15	15 1/2	150	15	Jan	16	Feb		
Procter & Gamble com	20	31 1/2	32 1/2	600	30 3/4	Jan	33 1/2	Jan	Vacuum Oil	25	104	98 1/4	104	11,300	95 1/4	Jan	104	Feb	
Puget Sound P&L, com. 100	31 3/4	9 1/2	9 1/2	110	9 1/4	Jan	14 1/2	Jan	Other Oil Stocks.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Pyrene Mfg.	10	107 1/2	107 1/2	10	107 1/2	Jan	107 1/2	Feb	Amer Contr Oil Fields	5	1 1/4	1 1/4	33,200	1 1/4	Jan	2 1/4	Jan		
Quaker Oats pref.	100	70 3/4	66 3/4	71 3/4	16,100	57	Jan	71 1/2	Feb	Amer Maracabo Co.	---	5 3/4	4 3/4	5 3/4	31,000	4 3/4	Jan	7 1/2	Jan
Rand-Kardex Bureau	---	550	640	30	400	Jan	640	Feb	Arkansas Natural Gas	10	8 3/4	7 3/4	8 3/4	4,800	7 3/4	Jan	8 3/4	Feb	
Warrants	---	234	250	210	225	Jan	250	Feb	Atlanta Lobes, pref	---	3	3	3	100	3	Jan	4 1/4	Jan	
Realty Associates com.	250	7 1/2	8 1/2	500	7 1/2	Feb	11 1/2	Jan	Barnsall Corp stk purch	---	6 1/2	5 3/4	6 1/2	11,000	5 1/2	Jan	6 1/2	Feb	
Remington Arms	8 1/4	34 3/4	34 3/4	100	34	Jan	36	Jan	warrants.	---	18 3/4	17 3/4	18 3/4	3,200	17 3/4	Jan	20 1/2	Jan	
Rem Nolsel Typew com A.	100	105	105	105	75	9 3/4	Jan	105	Feb	Beacon Oil Co com.	---	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	700	20 1/2	Jan	23 1/2	Feb
Preferred	---	4,700	20	Jan	23	Jan	23	Jan	British Amer Oil new	---	26c	24c	26c	3,000	24c	Jan	26c	Jan	
Reo Motor Car	10	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,200	2 1/2	Feb	5 1/2	Jan	Cardinal Petroleum	10	23 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2	4,300	23 1/2	Jan	24 1/2	Jan	
Republic Mot Trk v t c.	10	4 1/2	4 1/2	200	4 1/2	Feb	5 1/2	Jan	Carib Syndicate	---	23 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	1,200	23 1/2	Jan	26 1/2	Jan	
Richmond Radiator com.	100	46	46	100	46	Feb	49	Jan	Certificates of deposit.	---	9	8 1/2	9	600	8 1/2	Jan	9 1/2	Jan	
Preferred	---	1	1 1/4	2,600	1	Jan	1 1/4	Jan	Consolidated Royalties	1	13 1/4	13 1/4	14 1/4	26,600	13	Jan	14 1/4	Jan	
Rickenbacker Motor	---	193	194	20	193	Feb	194	Feb	Crown Cent Petrol Corp.	---	2 1/2	2 1/2	3	3,500	2 1/2	Jan	3	Jan	
Rio Tinto Co Ltd ord	25	161	161	20	161	Feb	161	Feb	Darby Petroleum	---	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	2,400	8 1/2	Jan	10 1/2	Jan	
Royal Bak Powd com	100	100	100	150	100	Jan	101 1/2	Jan	Voting trust certificates.	---	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	700	8 1/2	Jan	10 1/2	Jan	
Safety Car Htz & Ltg.	100	127	125 1/2	127	30	125 1/2	Jan	127 3/4	Jan	Derby Oil & Refg com.	---	1 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	700	1 1/2	Feb	2 1/2	Jan
Safeway Stores com	234	222	222	236	415	232	Feb	238	Jan	Preferred	---	10	10 1/2	800	10	Jan	12	Jan	
St L R Mt & Pac com	100	21	21	10	21	Feb	21	Feb	Gibson Oil Corporation	1	3	2 3/4	3 1/2	11,400	2 1/2	Jan	3 1/2	Jan	
St Regis Paper Co	---	42	42	43	200	40 3/4	Jan	46	Jan	Gilliland Oil, com, v t c.	---	96	94 1/2	96 1/2	5,500	92 1/2	Jan	96 1/2	Jan
Seeman Brothers, com.	27 1/4	27 1/4	27 3/4	500	27	Jan	28	Jan	Gulf Oil Corp of Penna.	25	33	32 1/2	33	11,800	31 1/2	Jan	33 3/4	Jan	
Serval Corp (Del) com.	9 1/4	8 1/2	9 1/2	7,400	7 3/4	Jan	9 1/2	Jan	International Petroleum	---	1 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	1,900	1 1/2	Jan	2 1/2	Jan	
Sharon Steel Hoop.	50	22 1/2	22 1/2	166	22 1/2	Feb	22 1/2	Feb	Kirby Petroleum	---	10 1/4	8 1/2	10 1/4	29,800	8 1/2	Jan	10 1/4	Feb	
Sierra Pacific Elec com.	100	17	17	100	14 1/2	Jan	18 1/2	Jan	Leonard Oil Develop't	25	27	26	27 1/2	16,500	24	Jan	27 1/2	Feb	
Silica Gel Corp, com, v t c.	10	9 1/2	9 1/2	1,600	5	Jan	9 1/2	Jan	Lion Oil Refining	---	2	2 1/4	2 1/2	500	37	Jan	43 1/2	Jan	
Snia Viscosa ord (200 lire)	9 1/2	8 1/4	9 1/4	3,000	2 1/4														

Table with columns: Mining (Concluded) Par, Bonds (Concluded), and various stock listings including company names, share counts, and prices.

\* No par value. † Correction. ‡ Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. § Sold under the rule. ¶ Sold for cash.

# Investment and Railroad Intelligence.

**Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.**—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the fourth week of January. The table covers 3 roads and shows 5.59% increase over the same week last year.

Fourth week of January.	1927.	1926.	Increase.	Decrease.
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh.	\$ 564,009	\$ 500,418	\$ 63,591	-----
Canadian Pacific.	4,300,000	4,091,000	209,000	-----
Minneapolis & St. Louis.	300,846	300,227	619	-----
Total (3 roads).	5,164,855	4,891,645	273,210	-----
Net increase (5.59%).			273,210	-----

In the table which follows we also complete our summary of the earnings for the third week of January:

Third week of January.	1927.	1926.	Increase.	Decrease.
Previously reported (9 roads).	\$ 13,931,403	\$ 14,038,331	-----	\$ 106,928
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic.	84,249	96,515	-----	12,266
Georgia & Florida.	34,300	37,200	-----	2,900
Mineral Range.	6,715	7,903	-----	1,188
Nevada-California-Oregon.	14,070	15,322	-----	1,252
Rotal (13 roads).	14,070,737	14,195,271	-----	124,534
Net decrease (0.87%).			-----	124,534

In the following we show the weekly earnings for a number of weeks past:

Week.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Increase or Decrease.	%
1st week Oct. (14 roads) ----	\$ 22,080,405	\$ 22,265,044	-\$ 184,639	0.82
2d week Oct. (14 roads) ----	21,459,391	21,265,115	+194,276	0.91
3d week Oct. (14 roads) ----	22,217,535	21,114,400	+1,103,135	5.22
4th week Oct. (14 roads) ----	30,638,424	29,041,065	+1,597,359	5.50
1st week Nov. (14 roads) ----	21,446,173	19,753,529	+1,692,644	8.57
2d week Nov. (14 roads) ----	21,112,807	20,154,637	+958,170	4.79
3d week Nov. (14 roads) ----	23,484,291	23,144,554	+339,737	1.46
4th week Nov. (14 roads) ----	26,404,625	24,637,411	+1,767,214	7.17
1st week Dec. (14 roads) ----	18,005,738	19,492,721	-\$ 1,486,983	-7.63
2d week Dec. (14 roads) ----	17,928,230	19,351,698	-\$ 1,423,467	-7.35
3d week Dec. (13 roads) ----	16,002,555	17,628,110	-\$ 1,625,555	-9.22
4th week Dec. (11 roads) ----	13,420,049	14,314,930	-\$ 894,881	-6.25
1st week Jan. (11 roads) ----	13,011,798	12,886,216	+125,582	0.98
2d week Jan. (13 roads) ----	14,583,490	13,746,043	+837,447	6.03
3d week Jan. (13 roads) ----	14,070,737	14,195,271	-\$ 124,534	-0.87
4th week Jan. (3 roads) ----	5,164,855	4,891,645	+273,210	5.59

We also give the following comparisons of the monthly totals of railroad earnings, both gross and net (the net before the deduction of taxes), both being very comprehensive. They include all the Class A roads in the country, with a total mileage each month as stated in the footnote to the table.

Month	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	1925.	1924.	Increase or Decrease.	1925.	1924.	Increase or Decrease.
Nov.	\$ 531,742,071	\$ 504,781,775	+26,960,296	\$ 148,157,616	\$ 131,381,847	+16,775,769
Dec.	523,041,764	504,450,580	+18,591,184	134,445,634	124,090,958	+10,354,676

Note.—Percentage of increase or decrease in net for above months has been 1925—Nov., 12.77% inc.; Dec., 3.69% inc. 1926—Jan., 0.93% inc.; Feb., 0.04% dec.; March, 22.50% inc.; April, 11.43% inc.; May, 13.89% inc.; June, 14.18% inc.; July, 15.35% inc.; Aug., 7.86% inc.; Sept., 8.48% inc.; Oct., 7.35% inc. In November the length of road covered was 236,726 miles in 1925, against 235,917 miles in 1924; in December, 236,959 miles, against 236,057 miles; in January 1926, 236,944 miles, against 236,599 miles in 1925; in February, 236,839 miles, against 236,529 miles; in March, 236,774 miles, against 236,500 miles; in April, 236,518 miles, against 236,526 miles; in May, 236,833 miles, against 236,858 miles; in June, 236,510 miles, against 236,243 miles; in July, 236,885 miles, against 235,348 miles; in August, 236,759 miles, against 236,092 miles; in September, 236,779 miles, against 235,977 miles; in October, 236,654 miles, against 236,898 miles.

**Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.**—The table following shows the gross and net earnings for STEAM railroads reported this week:

	Gross from Railway— 1926.	1925.	Net from Railway— 1926.	1925.	Net after Taxes— 1926.	1925.
American Ry Express—	December 12,841,932	13,075,884	278,233	360,360	100,350	177,902
From Jan 1 2,840,778	12,407,758	12,470,086	2,710,952	2,856,629	916,178	1,060,768
Ach Topeka & Santa Fe—	December 17,797,735	16,473,163	5,941,640	5,224,432	4,394,187	3,914,142
From Jan 1 2,093,377	5,463,957	5,533,960	61,641,590	55,761,174	45,677,958	
Gulf Colo & Santa Fe—	December 3,628,541	2,793,080	952,423	1,057,763	821,520	930,190
From Jan 1 3,346,758	29,252,164	9,277,721	7,756,286	8,244,686	6,042,755	
Panhandle & Santa Fe—	December 1,765,004	1,117,158	291,215	504,803	266,275	428,944
From Jan 1 1,16,235,221	11,251,307	6,019,326	4,002,924	5,240,609	3,443,451	
Atlanta Birm & Atl—	December 456,955	534,007	27,051	-123,376	5,680	-148,530
From Jan 1 5,726,345	5,448,188	520,438	420,022	345,015	251,206	
Atlanta & West Point—	December 256,260	272,465	56,396	64,983	50,513	48,025
From Jan 1 3,176,195	3,184,981	734,888	791,916	547,468	600,662	
Atlantic Coast Line—	December 8,307,322	9,267,124	2,356,411	2,892,546	1,745,486	2,286,420
From Jan 1 97,086,517	93,997,698	26,384,746	29,031,577	19,637,116	21,411,542	
Baltimore & Ohio—	December 21,407,328	20,496,257	4,745,729	5,268,880	3,440,049	4,373,872
From Jan 1 252,361,830	237,546,940	66,055,556	58,447,343	53,978,393	48,329,024	
B & O Chic Terminal—	December 304,379	280,474	64,411	103,682	17,882	-19,399
From Jan 1 3,821,558	3,609,954	835,812	676,142	210,308	94,164	
Bangor & Aroostook—	December 609,923	548,403	126,990	103,539	98,003	57,271
From Jan 1 6,927,602	6,862,487	2,098,194	1,948,621	1,545,502	1,376,181	
Bellefonte Central—	December 6,024	7,949	-2,089	-497	-2,204	-697
From Jan 1 78,340	102,382	-8,795	-3,177	-10,175	777	

	Gross from Railway— 1926.	1925.	Net from Railway— 1926.	1925.	Net after Taxes— 1926.	1925.
Belt Ry of Chicago—	December 641,132	598,625	167,461	164,904	119,049	120,152
From Jan 1 7,654,329	7,054,575	2,477,122	2,357,560	1,895,904	1,822,994	
Bingham & Garfield—	December 44,716	47,553	11,852	14,439	-7,566	4,477
From Jan 1 563,563	604,219	153,429	152,897	51,054	22,677	
Boston & Maine—	December 6,629,718	6,966,044	1,166,526	1,688,083	879,630	1,409,072
From Jan 1 81,625,376	81,628,763	19,269,920	18,641,300	16,177,840	15,434,777	
Canadian Pac Lines in Me—	December 312,370	319,686	86,087	80,823	72,175	75,198
From Jan 1 2,471,864	2,320,034	206,284	-56,494	46,872	-177,119	
Canadian Pacific—	December 17,791,981	19,818,545	-----	-----	1,616,183	4,826,792
From Jan 1 190,255,592	183,356,006	-----	-----	44,945,127	40,164,776	
Central New England—	December 740,064	541,623	174,896	37,224	131,217	31,322
From Jan 1 7,407,229	7,407,229	2,375,672	1,816,698	2,047,533	1,537,115	
Central RR of N J—	December 4,979,352	3,726,093	-744,026	165,701	-1,043,198	-277,422
From Jan 1 60,171,118	55,092,100	14,177,497	13,703,955	9,318,825	9,134,202	
Central Vermont—	December 757,399	620,575	176,972	157,365	163,575	132,971
From Jan 1 9,089,724	8,463,639	1,662,974	1,105,721	1,439,154	867,056	
Charles & West Carolina—	December 311,305	360,850	76,793	101,311	40,969	71,452
From Jan 1 3,862,900	4,118,309	958,503	1,159,093	685,551	900,793	
Ches & Ohio Lines—	December 11,813,400	10,750,090	4,344,575	3,527,752	3,241,098	2,256,993
From Jan 1 133,974,030	123,600,170	43,003,242	34,157,391	34,747,619	27,688,277	
Chicago & Alton—	December 2,732,359	2,712,004	835,354	688,464	788,973	566,422
From Jan 1 31,474,823	31,077,984	7,265,519	7,650,112	6,022,651	6,359,094	
Chic Burl & Quincy—	December 13,154,849	13,731,179	2,839,015	3,636,165	2,219,854	2,610,157
From Jan 1 161,317,442	159,155,178	44,854,634	42,483,309	33,315,489	31,457,885	
Chic & East Illinois—	December 2,488,774	2,638,344	544,633	546,772	356,554	410,459
From Jan 1 28,251,750	26,574,508	5,645,800	4,490,898	3,993,866	3,084,266	
Chic Great Western—	December 2,016,795	2,068,589	448,615	501,657	323,551	393,427
From Jan 1 25,359,001	24,502,760	5,331,505	4,690,042	4,196,202	3,685,931	
Chic Ind & Louisville—	December 1,552,846	1,545,876	434,147	399,714	338,856	318,510
From Jan 1 18,598,066	17,686,040	5,270,945	4,816,846	4,212,721	3,920,363	
Chic & North Western—	December 11,774,656	12,234,342	1,003,434	2,676,966	321,014	1,466,554
From Jan 1 154,335,724	148,538,269	33,747,341	32,912,214	24,424,447	22,861,117	
Chic River & Indiana—	December 580,576	572,300	173,449	210,268	173,464	168,897
From Jan 1 6,931,271	6,839,269	2,410,274	2,121,141	1,906,508	1,625,636	
Chic R I & Pac—	December 11,017,098	10,665,892	2,845,204	2,948,454	2,273,952	2,224,134
From Jan 1 130,768,558	124,398,673	32,641,717	28,616,976	25,399,763	21,331,684	
Chicago R I & Gulf—	December 656,096	608,251	246,404	215,196	179,520	195,411
From Jan 1 7,142,857	6,284,573	2,457,442	1,756,784	2,140,097	1,468,262	
Cin Indiana & Western—	December 435,714	398,014	-423,368	82,608	-441,879	60,700
From Jan 1 4,940,769	4,787,435	-63,334	834,146	-283,179	605,797	
Clinchfield—	December 682,062	746,511	241,921	31,130	81,848	-58,871
From Jan 1 8,282,199	8,759,853	3,166,604	3,032,805	2,196,355	2,272,456	
Colorado & Southern—	December 1,301,666	1,119,535	325,417	280,710	267,146	194,290
From Jan 1 13,152,809	12,365,588	2,889,914	2,649,713	2,130,886	1,855,598	
Ft Worth & Denver City—	December 1,328,809	1,217,026	572,763	552,221	491,098	426,112
From Jan 1 13,298,548	11,604,381	5,463,235	4,349,350	4,594,010	3,621,238	
Trinity & Brazos Valley—	December 320,183	297,593	82,504	62,274	179,566	54,557
From Jan 1 2,816,502	2,652,732	233,981	33,929	146,173	-60,691	
Wichita Valley—	December 222,608	230,744	137,788	140,523	130,973	113,710
From Jan 1 1,721,449	1,784,185	846,337	904,643	735,036	781,995	
Columbus & Greens—	December 165,083	183,133	48,237	54,495	13,839	35,286
From Jan 1 1,922,285	1,733,480	393,353	271,120	342,911	232,089	
Denver & Rio Grande Western—	December 2,728,243	2,920,655	624,050	973,652	373,904	635,347
From Jan 1 34,030,309	33,629,464	9,415,995	8,835,215	6,981,823	6,511,738	
Detroit & Mackinac—	December 1,025,761	111,260	-3,170	19,626	-13,734	8,487
From Jan 1 1,665,960	1,697,184	177,619	189,312	63,910	66,890	
Detroit Terminal—	December 116,317	181,401	-18,404	7,888	-35,518	1,468
From Jan 1 2,486,459	2,522,006	579,724	774,288	392,624	526,631	
Detroit Toledo & Ironton—	December 769,827	1,233,627	71,463	446,434	17,662	386,235
From Jan 1 12,891,530						

	Gross from Railway		Net from Railway		Net after Taxes	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Hoeking Valley</b>						
December	1,332,183	1,618,826	158,472	471,063	69,216	336,184
From Jan 1.	19,550,258	19,659,712	5,724,147	5,350,315	4,391,815	4,128,776
<b>Illinois Central System</b>						
December	15,601,447	16,834,274	3,477,365	4,197,197	2,727,926	2,903,641
From Jan 1.	189,593,464	186,315,296	43,687,584	44,883,839	30,858,964	31,435,237
<b>Illinois Central Co.</b>						
December	12,989,792	13,671,409	2,749,627	3,213,861	2,092,619	2,292,008
From Jan 1.	158,328,258	153,503,185	36,649,481	35,998,927	26,301,489	24,657,009
<b>Yazoo &amp; Miss Valley</b>						
December	2,624,454	2,440,625	738,037	818,432	654,387	506,081
From Jan 1.	28,198,521	24,666,440	6,857,059	7,188,171	4,824,958	5,361,794
<b>International Great Northern</b>						
December	1,824,974	1,586,424	366,766	354,611	337,818	238,659
From Jan 1.	19,245,044	17,083,748	4,171,202	3,565,998	3,622,125	3,048,172
<b>Kansas City Mex &amp; Orient</b>						
December	281,511	127,392	-2,804	-113,217	-6,858	-117,370
From Jan 1.	2,422,970	2,411,096	-54,046	132,100	-116,452	55,011
<b>K C Mex &amp; O of T</b>						
December	475,655	240,273	137,906	-26,381	130,906	-34,295
From Jan 1.	4,317,801	3,189,212	817,547	562,928	731,001	477,597
<b>Kansas City Southern</b>						
December	1,469,688	1,544,704	423,542	439,784	341,575	345,068
From Jan 1.	18,902,335	18,231,458	5,999,469	5,286,555	4,759,753	4,122,618
<b>Texarkana &amp; Ft Smith</b>						
December	277,074	240,831	110,032	120,350	93,322	98,862
From Jan 1.	3,019,611	2,933,697	1,373,819	1,292,797	1,169,834	1,096,452
<b>Lake Superior &amp; Ishpeming</b>						
December	71,472	57,639	-39,947	-41,274	-45,366	-63,109
From Jan 1.	2,451,312	2,252,532	1,014,259	876,932	750,582	646,509
<b>Lake Terminal</b>						
December	91,732	87,049	-4,318	7,305	-8,954	2,469
From Jan 1.	1,181,021	1,182,481	114,334	88,682	39,441	6,348
<b>Lehigh &amp; Hudson River</b>						
December	365,231	206,573	81,965	8,822	67,578	-2,049
From Jan 1.	3,567,884	3,053,596	1,224,772	816,499	1,020,985	660,977
<b>Los Angeles &amp; Salt Lake</b>						
December	2,048,287	2,149,452	358,079	347,821	221,845	220,164
From Jan 1.	24,561,748	24,544,104	5,349,623	4,960,420	3,747,631	3,361,810
<b>Louisiana &amp; Arkansas</b>						
December	363,136	359,308	112,001	139,188	80,669	117,530
From Jan 1.	4,295,438	4,090,952	1,471,996	1,368,649	1,059,094	1,005,516
<b>Louisiana Ry &amp; Nav Co.</b>						
December	333,856	356,522	60,318	89,643	37,226	56,270
From Jan 1.	3,830,970	3,859,607	688,182	673,894	421,085	418,586
<b>Louisville &amp; Nashville</b>						
December	12,096,165	12,577,904	2,107,235	3,099,396	1,556,359	2,323,453
From Jan 1.	147,136,531	142,244,307	34,674,140	33,842,051	26,722,760	26,760,119
<b>Louis Henderson &amp; St</b>						
December	326,328	354,683	57,950	25,162	40,460	13,738
From Jan 1.	3,756,644	3,838,398	902,490	1,120,681	675,504	884,526
<b>Maine Central</b>						
December	1,674,933	1,607,264	402,592	362,563	282,493	282,961
From Jan 1.	20,423,812	20,070,587	4,580,542	4,402,795	3,349,048	3,216,138
<b>Midland Valley</b>						
December	344,693	344,647	122,310	109,394	86,069	103,879
From Jan 1.	4,314,245	4,382,168	1,762,513	1,604,207	1,511,759	1,407,046
<b>Minneapolis &amp; St Louis</b>						
December	1,178,881	1,314,932	74,985	253,282	12,038	192,882
From Jan 1.	14,733,725	15,074,273	1,428,335	1,854,105	674,891	1,090,215
<b>Mississippi Central</b>						
December	144,992	148,985	33,525	64,343	27,739	61,135
From Jan 1.	1,688,878	1,655,520	478,002	537,187	356,287	402,943
<b>Mo-Kansas-Texas</b>						
December	2,954,302	3,042,867	964,964	936,571	718,309	779,049
From Jan 1.	35,532,896	35,325,003	11,884,275	12,463,354	9,115,362	10,314,629
<b>Mo-Kan-Texas of Texas</b>						
December	2,098,147	2,170,394	721,546	712,164	683,710	630,011
From Jan 1.	22,567,869	22,167,911	6,237,420	5,411,432	5,609,809	4,667,143
<b>Total system</b>						
December	5,052,449	5,213,261	1,686,510	1,648,735	1,402,019	1,409,060
From Jan 1.	58,100,765	57,492,914	18,121,695	17,874,786	14,725,171	14,981,772
<b>Missouri &amp; North Arkansas</b>						
December	143,343	127,830	-8,895	-28,151	-11,301	-30,523
From Jan 1.	1,759,085	1,548,341	13,825	113,091	-14,610	86,743
<b>Missouri Pacific</b>						
December	10,821,699	11,268,732	2,385,161	2,440,920	1,897,015	1,944,978
From Jan 1.	133,990,294	130,831,661	31,138,350	28,555,162	25,448,846	23,253,239
<b>Montour</b>						
December	135,729	48,949	22,482	-18,686	16,109	-19,829
From Jan 1.	1,154,179	896,034	-14,319	-87,380	-64,691	-132,089
<b>Nash Chatt &amp; St Louis</b>						
December	1,897,729	2,038,312	336,917	508,614	260,109	468,835
From Jan 1.	24,023,878	24,000,050	5,031,018	4,814,954	3,952,348	4,050,842
<b>Nevada Northern</b>						
December	85,003	73,129	41,509	20,879	34,952	11,640
From Jan 1.	970,401	1,028,415	494,640	435,730	366,967	308,991
<b>Newburgh &amp; South Shore</b>						
December	166,239	201,155	15,534	18,691	-42,251	-41,894
From Jan 1.	2,013,708	2,086,098	447,178	450,506	236,127	243,712
<b>New Orleans Texas &amp; Mexico</b>						
December	301,531	262,085	74,061	-4,264	52,429	-42,640
From Jan 1.	3,522,872	3,442,446	772,671	864,940	462,770	614,966
<b>Beaumont So Lake &amp; W</b>						
December	251,100	220,385	61,484	74,228	56,800	65,709
From Jan 1.	2,868,311	2,803,705	791,767	948,690	710,021	849,305
<b>St L Browns &amp; Mex</b>						
December	803,404	569,407	96,175	106,367	68,412	63,606
From Jan 1.	7,786,533	8,169,098	3,303,831	2,989,437	2,939,548	2,588,944
<b>New York Central</b>						
December	33,584,793	33,117,276	7,297,917	6,613,728	5,207,323	4,325,490
From Jan 1.	399,497,436	385,994,503	100,570,902	95,553,545	73,530,513	69,992,348
<b>Indiana Harbor Belt</b>						
December	939,651	875,111	253,971	192,448	217,417	164,028
From Jan 1.	11,363,945	11,210,774	3,166,056	3,605,837	2,660,222	3,109,181
<b>Michigan Central</b>						
December	6,991,892	7,749,384	1,921,535	2,465,067	1,586,083	1,927,384
From Jan 1.	95,524,343	91,864,377	30,566,979	29,971,338	24,562,647	24,080,561
<b>C C &amp; St Louis</b>						
December	7,756,111	8,141,975	2,062,473	2,448,302	1,759,331	1,915,790
From Jan 1.	94,539,987	92,061,070	24,481,322	25,059,588	19,066,716	19,488,481
<b>Cincinnati Northern</b>						
December	371,641	446,510	124,883	193,567	92,416	162,251
From Jan 1.	4,808,434	4,766,220	1,693,751	1,732,152	1,363,541	1,420,923
<b>Pittsburgh &amp; Lake Erie</b>						
December	2,999,517	2,803,975	465,570	845,159	354,807	630,264
From Jan 1.	34,205,977	32,026,689	6,659,938	6,571,306	4,503,996	4,309,744
<b>New York Connecting</b>						
December	201,510	253,371	96,877	158,338	60,418	124,634
From Jan 1.	2,995,118	2,782,340	1,749,888	1,761,894	1,291,429	1,303,590
<b>Norfolk Southern</b>						
December	809,327	796,062	210,880	259,791	145,516	213,161
From Jan 1.	10,066,486	9,131,878	2,928,787	2,445,790	2,252,191	1,900,088
<b>Northern Pacific</b>						
December	7,190,085	8,162,012	2,070,525	2,833,944	1,547,653	1,911,076
From Jan 1.	97,351,042	97,864,555	29,090,098	27,892,078	19,918,279	18,519,808
<b>Northwestern Pacific</b>						
December	445,164	487,715	16,075	61,501	-24,919	20,220
From Jan 1.	7,009,347	7,045,831	1,873,368	1,842,317	1,381,717	1,318,524
<b>Pennsylvania System</b>						
<b>Balt Ches &amp; Atlantic</b>						
December	99,951	90,098	-31,189	-36,001	-31,189	-36,001
From Jan 1.	1,427,348	1,486,831	-101,244	-53,087	-152,168	-85,340
<b>Long Island</b>						
December	3,025,394	2,658,204	544,071	278,568	449,682	184,304
From Jan 1.	39,648,538	36,869,292	10,640,945	9,897,260	8,481,271	7,686,930
<b>Monongahela</b>						
December	627,523	604,775	282,009	279,337	248,768	256,735
From Jan 1.	6,732,173	5,948,448	3,188,533	2,820,671	2,845,435	2,544,622
<b>Peoria &amp; Pekin Union</b>						
December	165,903	164,679	32,192	53,078	77	23,078
From Jan 1.	1,773,839	1,869,476	450,595	457,833	214,480	217,833
<b>Pere Marquette</b>						
December	3,295,933	3,769,291	719,591	1,118,131	561,989	930,613
From Jan 1.	14,579,700	14,210,690	3,913,639	4,118,473	3,140,298	3,140,298
<b>Pittsburgh &amp; Shawmut</b>						
December	149,394	142,037	41,794	38,153	29,215	38,001
From Jan 1.	1,672,914	1,324,498	393,130	271,037	378,028	249,776
<b>Pitts Shawmut &amp; Northern</b>						
December	162,202	175,394	-9,255	-46,512	-10,231	-52,541
From Jan 1.	1,939,831	1,901,898	325,900	273,931	291,776	238,181
<b>Pittsburgh &amp; West Va</b>						
December	464,847	419,852	191,540	127,224	134,735	3,999
From Jan 1.	5,156,486	4,856,382	2,253,635	1,889,114	1,547,564	1,263,469
<b>Pullman Co.</b>						
December	6,437,119	6,679,982	530,481	896,020	*245,259	*633,380
From Jan 1.	81,834,317	80,198,067	13,630,070	16,685,473	*9,584,836	*12,546,004
<b>Quincy Omaha &amp; K C</b>						
December	74,722	84,432	-7,907	-9,715	-11,918	-15,334
From Jan 1.	940,438	1,010,855	-20,095	-82,635	-76,651	-139,251
<b>Richmond Fred'g &amp; Pot</b>						
December	1,077,377	1,175,960	328,964	529,658	257,218	442,714
From Jan 1.	12,801,738	1				

		Total Net Income.	Fixed Charges.	Balance.
		\$	\$	\$
Georgia & Florida	Dec '26	*16,699	13,724	2,975
	'25	*28,362	13,021	15,371
	From Jan 1 to Dec 31 '26	*240,526	160,202	80,324
	'25	*274,236	158,873	115,363
St. Louis Southwestern (Incl St. Louis western of Texas)	Dec '26	*668,039	233,934	434,105
	'25	*677,438	236,155	441,283
	12 months ended Dec 31 '26	*5,206,137	2,800,597	2,405,540
	'25	*5,191,418	2,812,126	2,379,292

\* Includes other income

		Gross Earnings.	Net Earnings.	Interest & Taxes.	Balance, Surplus.
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Bellefonte Central RR Co	Dec '26	6,024	-2,089	115	-2,204
	'25	7,949	-497	200	-697
	12 months ended Dec 31 '26	78,340	-8,795	1,380	-10,175
	'25	102,382	3,177	2,400	777

— Deficit.

**Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.**—The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with charges and surplus reported this week:

Companies.		Gross Earnings.		Net Earnings.	
		Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Alabama Power Co.	Dec '26	1,201,560	1,125,080	*556,766	*516,501
	12 mos end Dec 31 '26	13,168,892	11,724,117	*6,223,324	*5,372,180
eBarcelona Trac. Lt & Power Co Ltd.	Dec '26	8,610,990	8,085,874	5,906,112	5,336,454
	12 mos end Dec 31 '26	90,564,467	86,915,704	58,968,514	56,939,991
Brazilian Trac. Lt & Pow Co Ltd.	Dec '26	2,953,964	3,111,251	1,456,192	1,714,418
	12 mos end Dec 31 '26	38,602,891	31,243,760	21,700,728	17,489,406
Peoples L & P Corp.	Dec '26	148,675	137,262	*0.661	*67.299
	12 mos end Dec 31 '26	1,676,670	1,555,578	*747,076	*721,353

\* After taxes. e Given in pesetas.

Companies.		Gross Earnings.	Net after Taxes.	Fixed Charges.	Balance, Surplus.
Boston Elev Ry	Dec '26	*3,391,597	899,304	664,424	234,880
	'25	*3,232,405	953,889	664,541	289,348
Cities Service Co	Dec '26	2,731,655	2,641,622	211,329	2,430,293
	'25	1,758,800	1,693,048	197,647	1,495,401
	12 mos end Dec 31 '26	25,438,363	24,462,662	2,658,390	21,304,272
	'25	19,764,976	18,989,071	2,252,142	16,736,930
Eastern Mass St Ry	Dec '16	927,815	*242,685	104,182	138,503
	'25	850,449	228,589	107,872	120,717
	12 mos end Dec 31 '26	9,533,688	*3,174,643	1,245,865	1,928,778
	'25	9,403,889	*3,207,401	1,291,820	1,915,581
Federal Lt & Trac	Nov '26	599,397	286,941	70,732	216,209
	'25	543,187	233,473	64,457	169,016
	12 mos end Nov 30 '26	6,547,495	2,559,095	826,444	1,732,651
	'25	5,877,884	2,198,293	740,771	1,457,522
Jamaica Pub Serv Co Ltd	Dec '26	56,871	24,434	6,167	18,267
	'25	53,966	23,722	6,310	17,413
	12 mos end Dec 31 '26	650,149	254,967	74,610	180,197
	'25	619,080	227,836	79,594	148,242
Washington Water Power Co	Dec '26	561,216	327,773	45,953	281,820
	'25	565,567	360,243	43,444	316,789
	12 mos end Dec 31 '26	6,050,685	3,525,617	554,154	2,971,463
	'25	5,807,432	3,444,153	685,579	2,758,574

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Financial Reports.**—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, public utility and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the last Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of Jan. 29. The next will appear in that of Feb. 26.

**Southern Railway Company.**

(Preliminary Statement, Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.				
	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross oper. revenues	155,467,976	149,313,892	142,486,514	150,467,985
Total oper. expenses	107,866,589	103,811,952	102,674,674	112,414,259
Net rev. from oper'n.	47,601,387	45,501,940	39,811,840	38,053,727
Taxes and uncollectible railway revenue	10,394,891	9,490,244	7,752,105	7,041,796
Equip. & joint facil. rents	1,677,713	925,674	1,617,016	2,883,794
Railway oper. income	35,528,783	35,086,022	30,442,720	28,128,137
Other income	5,856,954	5,273,998	4,842,661	3,584,167
Total gross income	41,385,737	40,360,020	35,285,381	31,712,304
Interest and rentals	17,789,015	17,780,847	17,516,241	16,575,305
Dividends on pref. stock	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Balance	20,596,722	19,579,172	14,769,140	12,136,998
Earn. per share on com.	\$17.16	\$16.31	\$12.30	\$10.11

Walter S. Case, President of Case, Pomeroy & Co., Inc., New York, in an analysis of the Southern Ry. for 1926 says that the year 1926 set a new mark in railroad achievement. More tons of freight were handled with greater dispatch than ever before. Quick delivery of goods brought reduced inventories and credit ease. Capacity production and smooth flowing distribution were concurrent with dependable transportation. He further says:

Activity in the South.—Large agricultural output and continued manufacturing and trade activity prevailed in Southern Ry. territory during 1926. There was a marked tendency towards diversification of important crops as shown by the following table:

Estimated Crop Production (Ten States Served by Southern Ry.).			
	1924.	1925.	1926.
Cotton lint (bales)	5,743,000	8,131,000	8,588,000
Corn (bushels)	367,170,000	395,499,000	472,832,000
Wheat (bushels)	20,176,000	22,933,000	32,210,000
Oats (bushels)	33,048,000	37,936,000	52,522,000
Sweet potatoes (bushels)	37,800,000	42,213,000	56,810,000
Watermelons (cars)	34,498	33,060	41,971
Hay (tons)	6,908,000	4,914,000	7,109,000
Tobacco (pounds)	1,009,614,000	1,117,543,000	1,110,368,000
Cowpeas (bushels)	3,598,000	2,439,000	5,453,000
Peaches (bushels)	19,129,000	14,305,000	18,753,000

**United States Department of Agriculture Crops and Markets, December 1926.**

While the cotton crop broke all previous records and brought lower prices, increased production of food crops, fruits and garden vegetables helped out the farmers' income. Plentiful supplies of low-priced cotton have stimulated textile activity. Southern mills have extended their operations and in 1926 consumed close to 70% of the cotton used in manufacturing in the United States. Coal shipments—for both domestic consumption and export—were unusually heavy. Iron and steel, cement, lumber, furniture, tobacco and many other varied manufactures combined to swell the total of the South's productivity.

**Gross Operating Revenues.**—The high tide of traffic rolled up greater revenues. Freight revenues for 1926 totaled \$112,773,000, an increase of \$5,996,000, or 5.6% over the year 1925. Passenger revenue showed a slight decrease of \$567,000 from 1925. It will be remembered that the latter months of 1925 witnessed the peak of the Florida boom and very heavy travel into that State. The loss in passenger revenue in 1926 is not surprising and is small in comparison with the gain in freight revenue. Total operating revenues for the year reached a new high mark of \$155,468,000, an increase of \$6,154,000, or 4.12% over 1925.

**Physical Improvements.**—Southern's consistent policy of reinvestment of earnings in the railroad property was maintained throughout the year. Stronger bridges, heavier ballast and rails and longer passing tracks were installed on lines of heavy traffic. New automatic color light signals are now in operation on the entire line between Washington and Atlanta. Cincinnati and New Orleans, and Knoxville and Asheville, and installation will shortly be completed on the Chattanooga-Atlanta-Macon line over which passes traffic between Florida and the Middle West. Train operation by telephone is replacing the former telegraphic system. New and more extensive freight yards and terminals have aided in the general speeding up of traffic. The latest type of automatic train control has been installed along 300 miles of main line from Spencer, N. C., to Atlanta, and on 333 miles of the Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific between Cincinnati and Chattanooga. During 1926, Southern Railway System purchased 113 new locomotives and about 3,350 new freight cars.

**Equipment Rents.**—The Florida boom, which continued into the early months of 1926, caused serious traffic congestion and delays in freight car movement. Moreover, Southern's heavy tonnage throughout the year brought about a persistent demand for freight cars and an increase in rentals paid to other companies for the use of equipment. Equipment rents amounted to \$809,000, as against \$151,000 in 1925. During the second half of the year this situation showed rapid improvement, as every effort was made to return cars promptly to their owners and new equipment was put into service.

**Stability of Operating Costs.**—The ratio of total operating expenses to gross operating revenues was 69.4% in 1926 and 69.5% in 1925. Maintenance of roadway, structures and equipment took 30.8% of gross operating revenues in 1926, as compared with 30.9% in 1925. The transportation ratio—representing the costs of actual train movement—was 33.4% as compared with 33.4% in 1925. Close control of operating costs has been accomplished and a satisfactory proportion of gross revenues has been retained as operating income.

**Taxes.**—Railroad managements have no control over taxes levied by Federal and State authorities. Railway taxes have shown a continuous upward trend since the war and reached a total of about 400 million dollars in 1926. Southern paid out \$10,351,000 in taxes for the year, an increase of \$910,000, or 9.6% over 1925.

**Per Share Earnings.**—After all deductions, fixed charges and preferred dividends, the surplus available for common stock amounted to \$20,632,000, or \$17.16 per share, as against \$19,579,000, or \$16.31 per share, in 1925, and \$14,769,000, or \$12.30 per share, in 1924. Southern's equity in the undistributed earnings of its subsidiaries amounted to \$3.46 per share, as against \$5.01 in 1925 and \$3.70 in 1924. Some falling off in passenger business and increased expenses for maintenance and improvements resulted in a decrease in the net income of the principal subsidiary companies. As stated above, a larger proportion of these earnings of subsidiaries was paid out directly as dividends in 1926 instead of being retained as undistributed equities.

**New Financing.**—Southern has built up a sustained earning power and strong credit position which is reflected in a market price for its common stock of well over par. Southern is now in a position to secure new capital through the sale of additional common stock, thus strengthening its financial structure. In 1926 the issuance of 30 million of common stock was authorized and 10 million was offered to stockholders at par. The value of the rights to subscription to the new issue was equivalent to an extra return of approximately 1% in addition to the regular dividends. The management has stated its intention to produce the balance of the 30 million authorized as new capital is needed for productive improvements.

**Southern Railway Co. Earnings for December and Twelve Months (000 omitted).**

	December			Twelve Months		
	1926.	% of 1925.	% of Gross.	1926.	% of 1925.	% of Gross.
Freight revenue	9,138	9.420		112,773	106,777	
Passenger revenue	2,684	3,030		30,385	30,952	
Total rev. incl. others	12,198	13,588		155,468	149,314	
Maint. of way & struct.	1,267	9.81	9.98	21,055	13.54	20,438
Maintenance of equipment	2,230	17.26	15.65	26,774	17.22	25,702
Traffic	264	2.04	3.08	3,094	1.99	2,908
Transportation	4,781	37.05	44.87	51,860	33.36	49,849
Miscellaneous operations	110	0.85	1.11	1,240	0.80	1,172
General	382	2.96	3.61	4,050	2.61	3,871
Transportation for inv. Cr.	6	0.05	0.28	201	0.13	128
Total operating exp.	9,033	69.92	8.726	64.22	107,867	69.38
Net from railroad	3,884	30.08	4,862	35.78	47,601	30.62
Taxes and uncollectible	1,100	8.52	892	6.56	10,395	6.69
Net after taxes	2,784	21.56	3,970	29.22	37,206	23.93
Eq. and joint facil. rents	122		166		1,678	
Net after rents	2,662		3,804		35,529	
Estimated other income	482		440		5,790	
Estimated total income	3,144		4,244		41,319	
Est. fixed charges & ded.	1,474		1,482		17,687	
Est. available for pref.	1,670		2,762		23,632	
Preferred dividend	250		250		3,000	
Est. available for com.	1,420		2,512		20,632	
Est. per share of common	\$1.18		\$2.09		\$17.19	
Est. equity in undistrib. earnings of subsidiaries	.37		.63		3.46	
Total	\$1.55		\$2.72		\$20.65	

—V. 124, p. 641.

**Pennsylvania Water & Power Co.**

(17th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)

The remarks of President C. E. F. Clarke, together with profit and loss account and balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1926, will be found in the advertising pages of this issue.

**COMPARATIVE INCOME, PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.**

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross inc. (all sources)	\$3,103,674	\$2,960,436	\$2,686,466	\$2,124,428
Exp., maint., taxes, &c.	956,721	883,323	774,359	694,404
Net earnings	\$2,146,953	\$2,077,113	\$1,912,107	\$1,530,024
Interest on bonds	745,100	738,000	648,133	648,150
Dividends	(8)859,696	(8)859,696	(8)820,620	(7)639,260
Balance, surplus	\$542,157	\$479,417	\$443,354	\$342,624
Total (incl. prev. surp.)	564,931	483,624	444,213	344,274
Deduct—Contingent fund	200,000	140,000	130,000	93,000
Depreciation fund	230,053	220,850	210,010	175,410
Sinking fund	100,000	100,000	100,000	75,000
Surplus Dec. 31	\$34,878	\$22,774	\$4,207	\$864
Earn. per sh. on cap. stk.	\$13.05	\$12.46	\$11.76	\$10.05

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Assets— 1926. 1925. Liabilities— 1926. 1925. Property accounts 22,955,693 22,536,060 Plant additions in progress 102,687 164,160

Total 30,796,562 29,759,315 a First mortgage 5% bonds are after deducting \$898,000 bonds redeemed by trustees or canceled for sinking fund investment.—V. 124, p. 236.

General Public Service Corporation.

(First Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)

The first annual report, signed by C. W. Kellogg, President, covering the full year 1926, which includes a brief history of the company since its organization Dec. 17 1925, together with an income account and balance sheet, is given under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages.—V. 123, p. 1875.

Texas Gulf Sulphur Company.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)

H. F. J. Knobloch, Secretary, Feb. 1, says in substance: During the year 1926 this company paid four distributions to its stockholders, which distributions came from free surplus and reserve for depletion in the following proportions:

Table with columns: Date, Amt. per Share, From Free, From Reserve, From Depletion Reserve. Rows for Mar. 15, June 15, Sept. 15, Dec. 15 1926.

These proportions are based on the present Federal income tax laws and if changes in these laws affect these proportions you will be informed thereof. We are advised that the distributions from depletion reserve are, under the Federal revenue laws, to be treated as capital distributions.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns: Year (1926, 1925, 1924, 1923). Rows: Gross income, Cost of sales, Balance, surplus, Dividends paid, Rate.

Total surplus, including deprec'n reserve \$9,004,089 \$7,240,276 \$7,107,284 \$7,055,767 Earn. per sh. on cap. stk. \$53.69 \$8.96 \$7.58 \$7.46

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Assets— 1926. 1925. Liabilities— 1926. 1925. Lands & develop't. plants, bldgs., mach. & equip. 9,117,247 8,947,839

Total (each side) 23,874,555 20,332,538 x On Sept. 22 1926 the company's capital stock was changed from 635,000 shares, par \$10 each, to 2,640,000 shares of no par value, four shares of no par value being exchanged for each share of \$10 par value.—V. 123, p. 3052.

Purity Bakeries Corporation and Subsidiaries.

(2d Annual Report—Year Ended Jan. 1 1927.)

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT.

Table with columns: Years Ended, Jan. 1 '27, Jan. 2 '26. Rows: Sales, Cost of sales, Depreciation, Operating profit, Miscellaneous income, Total income, Int. on funded debt, Provision for Federal income tax, Net income for year, Divs. paid by subs., Net income accruing to parent company, Divs. on pref. stock, Loss on sale of property, Net surplus for year, Earnings per share.

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET.

Assets— Jan. 1 '27, Jan. 2 '26. Liabilities— Jan. 1 '27, Jan. 2 '26. Property, plant & equipment \$9,831,995 \$8,689,966

Total 21,198,238 20,018,720 x After reserve for depreciation of \$2,707,745. y Includes scrip of \$326. z Represented by 210,326 shares of no par value.—V. 124, p. 517.

Continental Baking Corp. & Subsidiaries.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 25 1926.)

RESULTS FOR YEARS ENDED.

Table with columns: Dec. 25 '26, Dec. 26 '25. Rows: Gross earnings, Interest paid, Depreciation, Estimated Federal taxes, Net profit from operations, Divs. paid & accr., Dividends on 8% preferred stock, Dividends on class A stock, Balance, surplus, Previous surplus (adj.), Earned surplus Dec. 25, Capital surplus, Total surplus.

x In the statement for 1925 submitted to the New York Stock Exchange the company shows a net income (as above) of \$8,948,056; less portion of net earnings applicable to dividends on pref. stock not owned in sub. cos., \$153,652; balance, \$8,794,404. The consolidated earned surplus from date of incorporation (Nov. 6 1924) to Dec. 26 1925 was reported as follows: Equity of corporation in earnings of subsidiary owned and controlled companies from date of acquisition in these companies (a) companies acquired in 1924, \$7,025,291; (b) companies acquired in 1925, \$1,041,541; total, \$8,066,831; add earnings of Continental Baking Corp. not including dividends received from subs., \$1,865,895; total, \$9,932,727. Deduct: Dividends paid (1) on pref. stock, \$4,200,865; (2) on common stock \$2,621,164; consolidated earned surplus at Dec. 26 1925, \$3,110,697.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET.

Table with columns: Dec. 25 '26, Dec. 26 '25. Rows: Assets— Land, bldgs., mach., &c., Pats., g'd-will, &c., Cash, Mktable securs., Notes receivable, Acct's rec.—trade, Acct's rec.—special, Inventories, Sundry invest'ns, Inv. in co.'s pref. stock, Deferred charges. Liabilities— Notes payable, Accounts payable, Acct. int., taxes, &c., Divs. pay. & accr., Est. liab'l. for Fed. taxes, Empl. guar. depos., Reserves, Fund. debt of subs, Min. int. appl. to stk. of subs. owned, Capital stock, Capital surplus, Earned surplus.

Tot. (each side) 74,517,031 73,436,760 x After deducting \$13,373,190 reserve for depreciation, y 8% cum-pref. stock, \$100 par value: Authorized, 2,000,000 shares; outstanding, 518,828 shares. Class A common stock, no par value: Authorized, 2,000,000 shares; outstanding, 291,808 shares. Class B common stock, no par value: Authorized, 2,000,000 shares; outstanding, 2,000,000 shares. z Notes payable incurred for part purchase of special collateral notes receivable, a Dividends payable and accrued on pref. stock of subsidiary companies not owned and on pref. and class A common stock of the corporation.—V. 124, p. 116.

Hudson Motor Car Co., Detroit, Mich.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)

R. B. Jackson, Pres. & Gen. Mgr., says in brief:

This past year reflects the cost of making alterations and additions to provide increased plant capacity and flexibility of operations meeting current demands. Along with these preparations, we have also strictly improved designs of both Essex and Hudson cars. Our statement further emphasizes that throughout this preparatory work, financial strength and liquid condition of company has been maintained. Our outlook for present year is excellent. The cars conform to the highest type in design. Our distributing forces in United States and foreign countries are enthusiastic as to the models and our plans for promoting sales. Business of first quarter 1927 started with the strongest demand we have had for years. Already we have increased our February and March production schedules to meet retail sales requirements.

PRODUCTION AND SALES OF CARS FOR YEARS ENDED NOV. 30.

Table with columns: Year (1926, 1925, 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921, 1920). Rows: Hudson, Essex.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDED.

Table with columns: 13 Mos. End., Dec. 31 '26, 1925, November 30, 1924, 1923. Rows: Gross profits from sales of autos and parts, Int. earned & other inc., Total, Selling, adv., admin., & general expenses, Depreciation, Provision for Fed'l taxes, Net Income, Previous surplus, Cash dividends paid, Stock div. during year, Contingent reserve, Surplus transferred to capital account, Adj. Fed. taxes prior yrs., Profit and loss surplus, Earns. per sh. on cap.stk.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET.

Table with columns: Dec. 31 '26, Nov. 30 '25. Rows: Assets— Real estate, plant and equipment, Cash, Sight drafts, Acct's receivable, Inventories, Investments, U. S. securities, Deferred charges. Liabilities— Capital stock, Acct's payable, Taxes, payrolls, &c., accrued, Reserve for Federal taxes payable, Dividend payable, Res've for conting., Surplus.

Total 50,711,671 58,007,582 x Real estate, plant and equipment, \$38,795,327 (including equity in land purchased, subject to \$197,700 balance of purchase price not due); less reserves for depreciation, \$10,471,299. y Capital stock, 1,596,860 shares, without par value.—V. 124, p. 242.

Continental Motors Corporation.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Oct. 31 1926.)

Pres. R. W. Judson in his report to the stockholders, Jan. 3, says in substance:

Another year has been added to the history and progress of the company, and like its predecessors, it was a period of real accomplishments. The curve of gross sales continues its upward course, maintaining substantially the trade position of the company. The volume was practically 14% greater than in the previous year.

During the past year, increasing confidence in the company has been shown in tangible and concrete ways. The number of stockholders increased in the last two years from 5,969 to 11,105. Some of the largest automobile manufacturers in the industry have entered into new contracts with the company, effective in the new fiscal year, and extending over a period of years, and calling for production on a large scale. This further evidences the fact that the strongest producers are recognizing this company as a specialist in the field of high class motor production, and as a reservoir from which large numbers of engines can be drawn to fill almost any requirement. Production for these customers entails large expenditures and some readjustments, but the accounts are valuable and stable assets.

While it is true that earnings were less than in 1925, this was due to the large expense incident to the preparations for the production of new models required by the new contracts and to the development of the Continental Single Sleeve Engine.

The development of this engine is all but finished. The near future should see it complete in engineering refinement and ready for production. The tests have proved even more gratifying than anticipated and have justified the wisdom of the management in acquiring the world patent rights. It is confidently believed that the increasing trade demand for an improved and distinctive engine will be met by this new engine.

Although this engine has been tested extensively abroad for a number of years, numerous experiments and some adjustments were found necessary to fit it to American production methods and practices. In this as in other development work, the company has pursued its established policy of sparing neither expense nor effort to improve the engine by actual tests, so that it would be all that the most exacting critic would demand.

The past year showed a substantial and encouraging increase in the demand for our engines for use in industry. This is very gratifying in that it diversifies and stabilizes production. To-day our products, in addition to their use in automobiles, are used in boats, tractors, trucks and busses; in ore-crushers, hoists, elevators and air compressors; for electric generators, milkers, pumps, threshing machines, churns, vacuum cleaners, dredges, shovels, cranes, concrete mixers, railroad locomotives and cars. Such diversification spells stabilization as against seasonal demands and against depression in any given industry and furnishes one of the most substantial permanent and satisfactory assets a manufacturer of gasoline engines can have.

The acquisition of valuable new customers and the retention of old, the increased facilities for manufacture, the development of the new engine and its apparently assured success, and the increasing demand for our product for use in industrial units—all these things—justify the belief that the new year's business will be both large and profitable.

**INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31.**

	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.
Profits for year	\$3,917,572	\$4,766,071	\$4,654,374	\$3,886,196
Interest	542,772	566,206	610,370	497,547
Premium on notes red'd.			30,000	
Depreciation	1,028,473	1,007,242	1,143,981	1,208,195
Federal tax reserve	320,000	381,000	367,500	243,000
Net earnings	\$2,026,327	\$2,811,624	\$2,502,523	\$1,937,453
Previous surplus	\$10,348,796	\$8,945,848	\$7,617,248	\$6,106,926
Adj. Fed. tax (prior yrs.)	Cr. 39,967		Dr. 117,415	Dr. 266,000
Property adjustment				Cr. 11,988
Total surplus	\$12,415,090	\$11,757,472	\$10,002,356	\$7,790,367
Prem. on pref. stk. red'd.				138,587
Preferred dividends (7%)				24,533
Common dividends—(80c)	1,408,676	(80c) 1,408,676	(60c) 1,056,507	
Profit & loss, surplus	\$11,006,414	\$10,348,796	\$8,945,848	\$7,617,248
Earnings per share	\$1.15	\$1.60	\$1.42	\$1.08

**BALANCE SHEET OCTOBER 31.**

	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
<b>Assets—</b>				
Property account	16,075,377	15,725,327		
Patents, goodwill, trade name, &c.	5,908,317	5,908,317		
Investments	624,227	424,454		
U. S. cdfs. of Indebt	500,000	500,000		
Cash	5,846,730	6,555,485		
Notes receivable	41,040	55,871		
Accts. receivable	1,038,828	2,355,512		
Accrued int. rec'd.	11,322	4,026		
Inventories	5,532,003	5,596,948		
Prep. int., tax, &c.	73,056	79,474		
Unam. disc. & exp.	707,268	789,467		
Unabsorbed prep'n cost	664,144	146,846		
Total	37,022,309	37,741,727		
<b>Liabilities—</b>				
Common stock	17,308,450	17,308,450		
6 1/2% bonds	8,733,400	7,207,200		
Purch. money obligations		17,500		22,500
Accrued payable	1,066,271	1,824,219		
Accrued payrolls, &c.		418,764		643,388
Federal tax reserve	331,510	387,174		
Surplus	11,006,414	10,348,796		
Total	37,022,309	37,741,727		

a After deducting \$7,254,411 for depreciation and accruing renewals.  
 b After deducting reserve for bad and doubtful balances, \$56,022. c Valued at cost or market, whichever is lower. d Represented by 1,760, 845 shares of no par value.—V. 123, p. 3189; V. 124, p. 240.

**Dodge Brothers, Inc.**

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)

President E. G. Wilmer, Jan. 27, reports in substance:

**Results.**—Sales of cars and parts by Dodge Brothers, Inc. in 1926 reached a total of \$252,997,484. Profits for the year (after depreciation but before interest and provision for Federal income taxes) were \$27,793,673 compared with \$28,698,846 in 1925, which latter figure included profit of \$654,811 on real estate sold during 1925.

The remainder of earnings after all charges and after provision for dividends on the preference stock was \$15,729,419 equal to \$6.46 per share on the 2,435,000 shares of common stock outstanding.

**Current Assets, &c.**—Cash in banks and marketable securities at the end of 1926 totaled \$30,539,450, total current assets were \$49,570,173, current liabilities (including the accrued dividend on preference stock) were \$12,757,230 with a resulting ratio of current assets to current liabilities of 3.89 to one.

**Surplus Account.**—During 1926 the company's earned surplus increased from \$9,841,969 at the beginning of the year to \$25,571,388 at the end of the year. This earned surplus, together with previously reported surpluses arising on acquisition of assets May 1 1925 and from conversion of debentures, provide a total surplus of \$47,229,607.

**Price Reductions.**—The company entered 1926 with drastic price reductions on its entire line of products. Newly created plant facilities were put into operation during the first half of the year and plant production was built up to the highest point in the company's history. Standards of quality were rigidly maintained with the result that margins of profit per vehicle were lower than in 1925 and the public was served with an outstanding dollar value on products manufactured and sold throughout the year. It is therefore gratifying that 1926 earnings are substantially commensurate with those of 1925 which was the outstandingly best year experienced by the company. Not only have earnings been approximately maintained at the company's high record, but a new mark has been achieved in volume of product and volume of sales. This increase was far in excess of the average increase enjoyed by the automobile industry in 1926 over 1925.

**Output, &c.**—The total number of Dodge Brothers passenger and commercial vehicles and Graham Brothers trucks sold in 1926 was 331,764 compared with 259,967 in 1925, or an increase of 27.6%.

On May 1 1926 Dodge Brothers, Inc., acquired the outstanding 49% of the capital stock of Graham Brothers and therefore since that date Graham Brothers has been a wholly owned subsidiary, and Dodge Brothers, Inc. has enjoyed 100% of the profit of that business. The popular demand for Graham Brothers trucks has continued to grow as indicated by the total number sold during the last three years, to wit: 10,791 trucks in 1924, 24,056 trucks in 1925, 37,463 trucks in 1926.

The manufacture of Dodge Brothers three quarter ton commercial vehicle has recently been transferred to Graham Brothers so that in the interest of more intensive concentration Graham Brothers will devote its facilities exclusively to the manufacture of trucks and commercial vehicles, while Dodge Brothers, Inc. will apply itself exclusively to the production of passenger cars.

**New Passenger Car.**—Public announcement was recently made of the early advent of a new and supplementary line of Dodge Brothers passenger cars. This new line will enter a substantially higher price field than is occupied by the line of cars now being manufactured. In respect to design,

appointment, and performance, the new cars will be outstanding in the price class they will occupy.

Simultaneously, it was announced that the present line of cars will continue to be produced and sold without interruption. It will continue to be the company's aim to constantly improve the present product and to adopt every practical measure that will enhance its attractiveness, its performance, and its value. The company looks forward to a ready acceptance of the new line of cars, as well as to continued large volume demand for the standard line upon which its business has been so successfully built and expanded.

The income account was published in V. 124, p. 654.

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.**

	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
<b>Assets—</b>				
Plant, building, equip., &c.	56,199,683	50,957,755		
Cash	21,514,102	16,347,127		
U. S. securities	4,383,891	3,795,615		
Other mark. sec.	4,641,458	7,033,300		
Accts. receivable	4,717,324	6,719,403		
Inventories	14,313,398	17,197,169		
Inv. in co.'s sec.	4,018,203	4,018,203		
Sec. notes rec., due 1930	1,150,000	1,150,000		
Land cont. rec.	758,662	939,990		
Invest. in wholly owned subs.				
Incl. acer. surp.	17,309,129	7,421,101		
Miscel. invest.	179,000	49,620		
Good-will	1	1		
Deferred charges	195,393	102,561		
Total (ca. side)	129,380,244	115,731,844		
<b>Liabilities—</b>				
Accts. pay. & sundry acer.	7,786,102	13,728,720		
Dealers deposits	715,910	597,171		
Acct. int. & debts.	652,805	650,459		
Acct. div. on pref. stock	1,221,354	1,221,354		
Federal taxes	2,381,059	2,077,747		
Contingent res.				3,931,022
Suspense for year 1925	1,385,982	1,388,645		
Deferred profit	258,421	81,035		
5% serial notes, 6% gold deb. due 1940	8,250,000			
58,405,500 preference stock			58,405,500	59,485,000
a 850,000 com. stk. class A			850,000	850,000
b 193,502 com. stk. class B			193,456	193,456
c 50,000			50,000	50,000
<b>Surplus—</b>				
Arising on acquisition of assets at nominal amt. of	6,676,722	6,676,722		
Arising on conversion of				
deb.	14,981,498	14,958,544		
Earned	25,571,389	9,841,969		
Total	149,817,443	129,380,244		

a 850,000 shares of no par value, cum. pref. \$7 per share per annum, entitled on liquidation to \$105 per share and accrued div. b Issued: 1,500,000 shares (no par value) upon acquisition of assets, and 435,023 34-42 shares subsequently upon conversion of 6% gold debentures. c 500,000 shares, no par value, issued upon acquisition of assets.—V. 124, p. 654.

**Atlas Powder Co., Wilmington, Del.**

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net sales	\$20,454,323	\$20,588,981	\$19,462,295	\$19,616,170
Net income	2,381,296	2,130,535	1,609,949	2,296,271
Preferred divs. (6%)	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000
Common dividends—(\$5)	1,307,160	(\$4) 1,045,722	(\$4) 1,045,644	x1,045,347
Balance, surplus	\$534,136	\$544,813	\$24,305	\$710,924
Total surplus	\$5,796,294	\$5,262,159	\$4,717,346	\$4,693,041
Earns. per sh. on com.	\$7.04	\$6.08	\$4.09	\$6.72
x Incl. divs. of 6% on \$100 par value stock for 6 mos. ended June 30 1923 and \$2 per share for 6 mos. ended Dec. 31 1923 on no par value stock.				

**BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (INCL. SUBSIDIARY COS.).**

	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
<b>Assets—</b>				
Plant, property & equipment	12,802,027	12,309,755		
Good-will, patents, &c.	3,178,909	3,178,868		
Secur. of affil. cos.	3,042,891	3,254,669		
Cash	1,971,086	1,821,890		
Notes & accts. rec.	3,668,433	3,489,128		
Finished product	1,564,521	1,319,210		
Materials & supp.	3,024,552	2,302,934		
Securities invest'm't	437,408	412,013		
Deferred items	189,858	153,817		
Total	29,765,685	28,302,285		
<b>Liabilities—</b>				
Preferred stock	9,000,000	9,000,000		
Common stock-b.	8,714,625	8,714,625		
Pur. money notes	250,000	300,000		
Accts. pay., incl. divs. on pt. stk.				
com. stk. & Fed. tax	1,710,999	924,018		
Res. for deprec.				
uncoll. accts. & contingencies	4,293,767	4,101,483		
Surplus	5,796,294	5,262,159		
Total	29,765,685	28,302,285		

a Security investments incl. acquired securities of Atlas Powder Co. b Common stock represented by 261,438 3/4 shares of no par value.—V. 123, p. 2393.

**E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.**

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)

President Lamot du Pont reports in substance:

**Volume of Business 14% Larger.**—The participation by the company in the general industrial activity experienced throughout the country during the year, together with the offering by the company of new products and a broadening use of its older lines, resulted in a volume of business 14% larger than the year 1925. This increase in volume of business, accompanied by greater efficiency in production and distribution, have resulted in increased earnings.

**Sales of commercial explosives** showed approximately a 9% increase over 1925. The continued growth in the use of commercial explosives, particularly in the Southeastern States, has made it necessary to construct a new high explosives plant near Birmingham, Ala. It is expected that this plant will be in operation about the middle of 1927.

The sales of Duco increased substantially over last year. This increase was due, in part, to the very successful year enjoyed by the automobile business and, in part, to the constantly broadening acceptance of this finish in substitution for paints and varnishes in other lines, such as furniture, railroad equipment, &c. During the year company introduced a new line of Duco finishes for application by brushing, and the reception which it was accorded by the trade has been very gratifying. Company joined in the formation of *Nobel Chemical Finishes, Ltd.*, which company was licensed to manufacture and sell the company's entire line of pyroxylin finishes in the British Empire, exclusive of Canada and Newfoundland. Your company has a 49% interest in this company.

Increase in consumption of coated textiles, such as Fabrikoid and rubber-coated goods, resulted in an increase in sales of these products. During the year your company joined in the formation of *Societe Francaise Fabrikoid*, organized for the manufacture and sale of Fabrikoid in France, Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco. Your company shares in the profits of this company to the extent of 22.9%.

Continued progress is being made in the production and sales of dyestuffs. Development of important new colors and shades has added materially to your company's scope in this industry. The manufacture of tetra ethyl lead was resumed during the year to supply the requirements of the *Ethyl Gasoline Corp.* This product is sold by the *Ethyl Gasoline Corp.* to various oil companies, which by mixing it with gasoline produce an improved anti-knock fuel known as "Ethyl Gasoline."

Sales of rayon by the *Du Pont Rayon Co.* materially exceeded those for the previous year. Price reductions during the year, combined with heavier importations, disturbed the market somewhat, but the broadening use of rayon in the manufacture of textile products materially influenced sales. Additional capacity, construction of which was begun during 1925 at both the Buffalo and Nashville plants of the *Du Pont Rayon Co.*, was completed and put in operation during the year.

Sales of Cellophane were much larger than those of the previous year. This product, a transparent sheet material manufactured by the *Du Pont Cellophane Co.*, is being used in increasing quantities for wrapping and other purposes.

Sales of motion picture film manufactured by the *Du Pont Pathe Film Mfg. Corp.* increased at a satisfactory rate over the previous year. The number of motion picture companies using this company's product is constantly increasing.

The *Du Pont Viscoloid Co.*, manufacturing and selling pyroxylin plastics, sheets, rods and tubes and articles manufactured therefrom, has enjoyed a successful year. Constant and intense efforts are being continued to broaden the use of this company's products, and results so far obtained are very satisfactory.



The Eastern Alcohol Corp., owned jointly by your company and the Kentucky Alcohol Corp., during the year completed the construction of its plant at Deepwater Point, N. J., for the manufacture of industrial alcohol from molasses.

The Canadian Explosives, Ltd., and its allied companies, which, in addition to explosives, manufacture and sell Duco, paints and varnishes, Fabrikoid, Pyralin, etc., throughout Canada and Newfoundland, had a prosperous year.

Compania Mexicana de Explosivos, owning and operating a high explosives plant in Mexico, and Compania Sud Americana de Explosivos, owning and operating a high explosives plant in Chile, both made progress during the year.

The construction of a plant by Lazote, Inc., near Charleston, W. Va., for the production of ammonia from nitrogen of the air under the Claude patents, was completed and began operation in April.

Since the Claude process produces directly pure anhydrous ammonia preeminently suited to the requirements of the refrigerating trade, it was considered inevitable and desirable that Lazote, Inc., should participate promptly in that field.

As the result of this policy, there have been developed recently by your company such products as "Oval Powder," an improved sporting powder; Duco, a new finish for automobiles, furniture, etc.; "Brush Duco," a fast-drying enamel for general household application; new types of Fabrikoid; nitroglycerine dynamite which will not freeze; better types of chemicals used in vulcanizing rubber; chemical disinfectants for cereals and root crops which substantially increase their yield and quality, and many other processes and products.

The benefits resulting from the development of new products and the improvement of existing ones accrue not only to the stockholders of your company, but also to the consuming public as the result of increased efficiency in production and improvement in the quality of the products supplied to many industries.

Research.—Company, being a chemical manufacturing company, has for years followed the policy of maintaining large chemical research organizations, this policy being essential to the maintenance of your company's important position in its field and its growth with the development of the art. Processes and products may become obsolete almost over night.

As the result of this policy, there have been developed recently by your company such products as "Oval Powder," an improved sporting powder; Duco, a new finish for automobiles, furniture, etc.; "Brush Duco," a fast-drying enamel for general household application; new types of Fabrikoid; nitroglycerine dynamite which will not freeze; better types of chemicals used in vulcanizing rubber; chemical disinfectants for cereals and root crops which substantially increase their yield and quality, and many other processes and products.

The benefits resulting from the development of new products and the improvement of existing ones accrue not only to the stockholders of your company, but also to the consuming public as the result of increased efficiency in production and improvement in the quality of the products supplied to many industries.

Settlement of Federal Taxes.—As already alluded to in the semi-annual report of June 30 1926, the Bureau of Internal Revenue during the year completed its review and made a final determination of all Federal taxes properly due from E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. and its subsidiaries for the entire period of the war and up to and including 1925.

The review and final determination developed that a net overpayment had been made by your company of \$5,100,000, which was approximately 10% of some \$50,000,000 of taxes paid during the period.

Settlement was made by the Government refunding to your company the amount of the net overpayment with interest. After providing for the substantial expense incident to the review, adjustment with controlled companies included in the consolidated tax returns, provision for \$239,000 additional income taxes due the State of Wisconsin for the years 1916 to 1924 inclusive, and after applying approximately \$550,000 to reserve for future contingencies, the balance of \$2,681,294 was credited to surplus.

Settlement of War Contracts.—During the war the Du Pont Engineering Co., a subsidiary, entered into contracts with the U. S. Government for the construction and operation of explosives plants involving expenditures of some \$133,000,000. It is gratifying to report that, during the early part of 1926, satisfactory settlements, which are considered as final, were effected with respect to these contracts.

Capital Structure.—The stockholders on Sept. 13 1926 approved a change in the authorized common stock of the company from 1,500,000 shares of the par value of \$100 per share to 5,000,000 shares without par value, and an exchange of the 1,330,829 shares of old common stock outstanding for new common stock without par value on the basis of two shares of new common stock for each share of old common stock.

Investment in General Motors Corp.—During the year 1926 your company received \$23,621,946 in dividends paid by General Motors Corp. on its common stock. This amount includes \$6,654,145 received on Jan. 7 1926 as an extra dividend on 125 per share in General Motors Corp. on its common stock from 1925 earnings.

In Sept. 1926 General Motors Corp. paid a dividend of 50% on its common stock which was paid in common stock of the company. At the present time your company's direct holdings of 27,494 shares of General Motors Corp. common stock, together with its 70% interest in the 2,812,500 shares held by the General Motors Securities Co., aggregate 1,996,244 shares (constituting 22.94% of the entire common stock of General Motors Corp.).

In July 1926 Managers Securities Co. completed the redemption for cash of the entire amount of \$15,520,000 par value of its 7% cumulative convertible pref. stock which was owned by your company at end of 1925.

Depreciation.—Company's policy with respect to depreciation is believed to be a conservative one. The rates employed for the different industries and subdivisions of property are reviewed regularly with the view of making revisions when warranted. Such rates vary from 3% per annum in some of the older well-established lines to as high as 20% as applied to special equipment in some of the newer industries.

The main purpose for which your company's depreciation reserves are created is to provide for obsolescence of permanent assets, which in the chemical industry is an important factor, as more fully described herein under "research." Maintenance, repairs and replacements are charged to operations as they occur.

Number of Stockholders.—The number of stockholders, by classes, as of Dec. 31, follows:

Table with 5 columns: Class, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926. Rows include Debenture, Common, and Dividends.

Dividends.—During the year regular dividends at the rate of 6% per annum have been paid on the debenture stock. Dividends on the common stock have been paid as follows: On Jan. 8 1926, an extra of 5% on March 15, 2 1/2% on June 15, 2 1/2% on July 3, an extra of 4% on Sept. 15, 3 1/2% on Dec. 15, \$1.75 per share on the no par value stock, equal to 3 1/2% on the par value stock outstanding before the change in capitalization.

An extra dividend of \$5 per share has been declared, payable Jan. 5 1927, to stockholders of record Dec. 1 1926.

A comparative income account was published in V. 124, p. 638.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Large table with 5 columns (1926, 1925, 1924, 1923) and multiple rows for Assets, Liabilities, and Total. Includes sub-sections like (a) Subsidiary Cos. and (b) Am. Lt. & Tr. Co.

x As follows: (a) General Motors Corp. common stock, equivalent to 1,996,244 shares carried at \$48.88 per share, 1,068,750 shares of which is represented by E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.'s 70% interest in General Motors Securities Co., \$93,590,269; (b) miscell. securities, \$15,581,573.

American Light & Traction Co. & Subsidiaries.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)

COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns (1926, 1925, 1924, 1923) and multiple rows for Operating revenue, Operating expense, Taxes, Res. for retirements, Net oper. income, Non-operating income, Gross corporate inc., Interest deductions, Amort. of bond discount, Miscell. deductions, Net income, Surplus & reserve adj., Preferred dividends, Amt. appl. to min. int., Bal. applicable to Am. Lt. & Tr. Co., Earnings on stocks of sub. companies owned, Miscellaneous earnings, Gross earnings, Expenses and taxes, Int. & disc. on 6% notes, Balance, surplus, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Preferred dividends, Common cash divs., Stock divs. on com. stk., Surplus and reserve, Com. shs. outstanding, Earned per sh. on com., x After deducting \$24,441 adjustment in reserve account.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 5 columns (1926, 1925, 1926, 1925) and multiple rows for Assets and Liabilities. Includes sub-sections like (a) Subsidiary Cos. and (b) Am. Lt. & Tr. Co.

**New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.**

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)

**OPERATING STATISTICS, CALENDAR YEARS.**

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
No. of owned stations	1,129,798	1,085,649	1,069,359	1,003,399
Miscellaneous stations	92,341	88,746	87,396	84,663
<b>Total stations</b>	<b>1,222,139</b>	<b>1,174,395</b>	<b>1,156,755</b>	<b>1,088,062</b>
No. of miles of wire	3,877,266	3,652,759	3,104,519	2,753,106
No. of central offices	481	479	475	474
No. of employees	21,588	23,968	24,590	24,476

**INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.**

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Operating revenues	\$62,638,104	\$54,405,849	\$47,565,247	\$44,208,570
Operating expenses	44,057,646	42,555,083	37,799,683	36,042,959
<b>Net operating revenue</b>	<b>\$18,580,458</b>	<b>\$11,850,766</b>	<b>\$9,765,564</b>	<b>\$8,165,611</b>
Taxes	4,732,675	2,920,334	2,569,982	2,502,191
Uncollectibles	627,523	408,979	346,216	220,334
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>\$13,220,260</b>	<b>\$8,521,454</b>	<b>\$6,849,365</b>	<b>\$5,443,086</b>
Non-operating revenue	682,974	658,571	853,031	819,265
<b>Gross income</b>	<b>\$13,903,233</b>	<b>\$9,180,025</b>	<b>\$7,702,396</b>	<b>\$6,262,351</b>
Interest	4,043,168	4,755,988	3,508,373	2,647,295
Rent & miscell. deb.	552,602	542,216	461,721	420,853
Dividends (8%)	8,838,903	(6)4,981,524	(8)6,311,048	(8)5,418,096
Debt disc. & exp.	133,163			
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$335,398</b>	<b>def\$1,099,704</b>	<b>def\$2,578,745</b>	<b>def\$2,123,893</b>
Previous corp. surplus	981,944	2,081,647	4,659,904	6,780,716
Miscellaneous additions			488	3,080
<b>Total corporate surp.</b>	<b>\$1,317,342</b>	<b>\$981,944</b>	<b>\$2,081,647</b>	<b>\$4,659,904</b>
<b>Earn. per share on stock</b>	<b>\$8.29</b>	<b>\$3.52</b>	<b>\$4.50</b>	<b>\$4.81</b>

**BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.**

	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
<b>Assets</b>			<b>Liabilities</b>	
Telephone plant	\$29,440,241	\$214,468,376	Capital stock	\$110,646,300
General equip't	4,542,685	3,982,926	Cap. stk. install.	133,350
Invest's secur's	1,662,766	1,662,408	4% deb. notes	1,000,000
Advances to sys-			5% deb. notes	10,000,000
tem corp'ns.	610,238	570,306	*1st mtge. 5% bds	35,000,000
Misc. investm'ts	52,975	52,550	*1st mtge 4 1/2 %	35,000,000
Cash & deposits	1,270,650	2,411,523	bonds	40,000,000
Marketable secs.	17,435	15,158	Note secured	820,000
Accts. & bills rec.	7,832,616	7,688,296	Adv. fr. sys. corp.	24,850,000
Materials & sup-			Bills payable	622,576
plies	1,142,939	1,613,159	Accounts pay'le	2,559,777
Deferred items	7,566,179	3,610,426	Acct. lab. not due	2,594,434
			Liab. empl. ben. fd	2,000,000
			Deferred credits	35,726
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$254,138,726</b>	<b>\$236,074,628</b>	Deprec. reserve	47,559,193
			Corp. sur. unappr	1,300,721
				981,944
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$254,138,726</b>

\*All issues are equally secured by mortgage.—V. 124, p. 373.

**Manati Sugar Company.**

(Annual Report—Fiscal Year Ended Oct. 31 1926.)

Vice-Pres. Manuel Rionda, New York, Dec. 28, wrote in substance:

**Production.**—Grinding operations started Nov. 25 1925, and were brought to an end May 5 1926, in conformity with the Cuban Government's decree of May 3 1926, limiting the last Cuban crop.

The grinding and production per month were as follows:

	Cane		Sugar	
	Arrobas	Tons	Bags	Tons
Nov. (from the 25)	2,487,656	27,764	14,200	2,068
December	12,011,200	134,054	96,990	14,124
January	15,748,126	175,760	139,060	20,250
February	14,010,600	156,368	130,140	18,951
March	16,249,828	181,360	159,676	23,252
April	11,310,036	126,228	115,419	16,808
May (up to the 5)	1,393,264	15,550	15,265	2,223
<b>Total</b>	<b>73,210,710</b>	<b>817,084</b>	<b>670,750</b>	<b>97,676</b>

The above figures show the capacity of the factory with good weather, full supply of cane and without any crop restriction. Had there not been any limitation of the crop by the Cuban governmental decree, the company's total production would have exceeded 700,000 bags or 100,000 tons; but then, the Cuban crop being so much larger, prices would have been much lower. Therefore, the action of President Machado was a wise and opportune one for the Cuban sugar industry.

It is customary in estimating the value of a sugar company to consider its mill capacity as shown by the number of bags it produces and its earning power, but to take no account of its lands or its shipping and railroad facilities. In these latter respects the company is in a particularly strong position, being as well placed as any plantation in the island and better than most, in that it possesses its own port on deep water and owns 208,233 acres of land. Of the 208,233 acres of land owned, there are planted in cane only 30,907 acres, leaving 177,326 acres that are yet in virgin soil, the greater portion of which is suitable for cane. Company has preferred to utilize leased and controlled lands leaving its own lands in virgin condition for future development. This large area of virgin lands owned should insure company against any lack of cane for many years to come.

**Results.**—After deducting interest on 1st mtge. 20-year 7 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds, current accounts, &c. and provision for depreciation aggregating \$1,466,621, there remains a loss for the year which has been charged to surplus account of \$143,594.

Had the sugar been sold at only 3/4 c. per pound higher there would not have been any loss. This shows the great importance to producers of an increase in price so slight as not to be felt by the consumer.

All the sugars were sold by the end of the fiscal year and have been taken into the accounts at contract prices.

**Average Price.**—The average price obtained by company was 2.33c. f. o. b., equivalent to about 2.493c. c. f. This average price is considered satisfactory in view of the fact that quotations up to the close of the fiscal year of the company fluctuated between 2 1/2 c. c. f., the highest, in Oct., and 2 3/16 c. c. f., the lowest, in March.

**Cash Position.**—A comparison on the basis of last year's balance sheet follows:

	1926.	1925.
Current assets, advances to Colonos and growing cane	\$6,404,108	\$6,717,016
Current liabilities	3,754,548	3,501,595
<b>Net excess of assets</b>	<b>\$2,649,560</b>	<b>\$3,215,421</b>

The current position at Oct. 31 1926 is after providing \$368,500 for the sinking fund, \$92,903 in payment of purchase money mortgages on Cuban lands and \$276,638 in capital additions.

**PROPERTY & PLANT ACCOUNT.**

Property & plant account as at Oct. 31 1925	\$19,406,564
Increases during the past fiscal year: (a) Miscellaneous improvements, \$176,759; (b) Additions to working capital assets, \$35,375	212,135
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,618,699</b>
Less—Loss and adjustment in valuation of working capital assets, \$16,031; Depreciation of working capital of working capital assets written off, \$24,221; Reserve for depreciation, \$4,284,206, total	4,324,457
<b>Net book value—Manati Sugar Co.</b>	<b>\$15,294,241</b>
Property & plant account—Tunas RR	\$2,851,347
Landholding & Townsite Co., property & plant account	11,124
<b>Consolidated net book value of the property &amp; plant</b>	<b>\$18,156,711</b>

**Dividends.**—Regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% were paid on the preferred stock from Jan. 1 1915, to April 1 1926, inclusive. Owing to the abnormally low price of sugar that had ruled during the past crop season and the company's desire to conserve its cash resources, the board of directors at the regular meeting held on June 4 1926 voted not to declare the quarterly dividend otherwise payable on July 1 1926 on the company's \$3,500,000 7% cumulative preferred stock, and no dividends have since been paid.

**Review of the Sugar Situation.**

Notwithstanding the world's sugar crop for 1925-26 being only 752,894 tons over that of the previous year, prices declined to 2 3/16 c. c. f. in March, and would probably have gone even lower if it had not been for President Machado's decree of May 3 1926 limiting the crop—then ending—to 4,884,000 tons. It was this restriction that prevented prices from going closer to 2c. The law of May 3 1926 empowered the Cuban President to curtail, if he considered it advisable, the crops of 1926-27 and 1927-28, and also contained other measures to prevent a too large production in the future, such as prohibiting the clearing of more wood-lands for planting cane. All these checks on over-production imparted confidence to the whole sugar world, with the consequence that prices advanced, and now are at 3 5/16 c. c. f.—this being an increase of over 1c. per pound from the lowest touched in 1926 and .80c. higher than the average price obtained by your company this year.

That difference of .80c. per pound equals \$2.60 per bag in value, of which approximately 60% would go to increase the company's operating profit, the remaining 40% being the Colonos' share.

It is claimed by some authorities, not directly interested in the production of raw sugar from the ground, that the law of supply and demand should not have been interfered with by Cuban legislative action.

The law of supply and demand would naturally in the ordinary course of events have asserted itself long ago through the elimination of high cost producers in all parts of the world, if it had not been for the enormous protection of high tariffs in many producing countries which keep high cost producers in business. It was those high tariffs that first checked the natural course of the law of supply and demand. Those high protective tariffs having stopped the law of supply and demand from acting in its usual way in regulating prices, the only remedy left for Cuba was to restrict her crop by decree, or else to go through the ruinous process of eliminating high cost producers through bankruptcy.

In other words, the Cuban Government had to introduce measures to save its only industry—and the only way was to limit its production. The results have already shown the wisdom of the measure.

It is now a question of the increase of consumption necessary to absorb the potential Cuban production, or of how long sugar consumers of those high tariff-walled countries will continue willing to pay extremely high prices for a commodity of such vast importance in the household as sugar.

In the meantime Cuba will aim at not producing over 1,000,000 tons in excess of what her legitimate market in the United States will take. With only 1,000,000 tons to look for outside markets, prices for Cuban sugar will not likely decline again to such low levels as to cause heavy losses to Cuban plantations which, though the lowest cost producers of sugar in the world, have been losing money in the last two years.

**STATISTICS FOR YEARS ENDING OCTOBER 31.**

	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.
Output of raw sugar (tons 2,240 lbs.)	97,676	89,706	78,447	77,365
Receipts per pound	2.424 cts.	2.827 cts.	4.658 cts.	4.474 cts.
Cost of prod. (per lb.)	2.000 cts.	2.351 cts.	3.165 cts.	2.920 cts.
Operating profit	\$928,495	\$955,915	\$2,624,295	\$2,692,707

**INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31.**

	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.
Production (bags)	670,750	617,830	540,526	534,628
Sales—Centrifugal sugar f. o. b. basis	\$5,126,142	\$5,249,038	\$7,865,320	\$7,642,023
Molasses	153,792	395,453	285,534	82,393
Miscellaneous income	24,190	35,605	34,304	28,167
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$5,304,124</b>	<b>\$5,680,095</b>	<b>\$8,185,158</b>	<b>\$7,752,583</b>
Oper. exp., f. o. b. basis	4,375,629	4,724,180	5,560,863	5,059,879
<b>Profit from operations</b>	<b>\$928,495</b>	<b>\$955,915</b>	<b>\$2,624,295</b>	<b>\$2,692,707</b>
Account prev. fiscal yrs.	21,221	522	24,920	31,874
Sec. taken in liquidation of claim pertaining to previous years business	155,642			
Tunas RR. profit	191,164	152,844	118,153	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$1,296,522</b>	<b>\$1,109,288</b>	<b>\$2,767,368</b>	<b>\$2,724,581</b>
<b>Deductions</b>				
Int. other inc. & charges (net)	\$565,919	\$422,879	\$439,669	\$279,468
Inc. domes. & for'n taxes		15,000	135,000	100,000
Disco. & exp. on bonds	55,093	55,903	50,341	31,723
Adjust. of Colonos' accts				256,247
Adjust. of mat'ls supp. Prop'n capital stock Cuba Sugar Fin. & Export Corp. not recoverable	10,326	25,147		38,929
Equity in sugar sold, not recoverable				10,339
Readj. of working capital assets				116,995
Customs duties uncollec.				1,301
Accts. rec., uncollectible	8,705	3,044		491
Tax. pd. appl. to prev. yrs.			142,623	
Depreciation reserve	471,000	454,000	692,000	660,000
Other reserves	502,210	297,687	239,175	
Preferred divs., cash	122,500	245,000	245,000	245,000
Common divs., cash		500,000	500,000	
<b>Surplus for year</b>	<b>def\$439,231</b>	<b>def\$909,372</b>	<b>\$323,559</b>	<b>\$915,087</b>
Earns. per sh. on com.	Nil	Nil	\$8.24	\$9.15

**BALANCE SHEET OCTOBER 31.**

	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
<b>Assets</b>			<b>Liabilities</b>	
Property & plant	\$22,745,844	\$22,469,206	7% pref. stock	\$3,500,000
Capital stock Cane Harvester Corp.	15,000	15,000	Common stock	10,000,000
Atlante Sugar Ref. mtge. bonds	155,920		First mtge. bonds	6,879,500
Bals. pending on sugar contracts	477,875	229,625	Purchase money mtges. on Cuban lands	375,806
Notes receivable	137,000	200,000	Adv. against sugar	442,000
Materials & supp.	781,913	873,998	Notes payable	2,800,000
Adv. to Colonos	3,908,798	3,770,802	Drafts outstanding	83,340
Accts. receivable	93,117	160,870	Accts. payable and accrued charges	362,327
Cuba Sugar F' & E. Corp. cap. stock	1,320	1,320	Unpresented coup. on 1st m. bonds	23,850
Sugar on hand	541,124	810,000	Com. div. scrip	55
Cash	391,707	597,845	Accrued interest on mortgage bonds	42,975
Depos. for bond int	23,850	22,612	Reserve for taxes	
Growing cane	48,725	51,263	Depreciation res'v	4,589,133
1st m. bonds pur.	3,533	113,827	Colonos' accts. rec.	412,585
Sinking fund	320	60	Surplus	404,709
Special deposits	630	3,673		843,940
Deferred charges	589,606	596,043		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,916,281</b>	<b>\$29,916,505</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,916,281</b>

—V. 124, p. 120.

**F. W. Woolworth Co. (5 and 10 Cent Stores), New York.**

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)

**GROSS SALES AND PROFITS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.**

Year.	No. of Stores.	Sales.	Profits.	Year.	No. of Stores.	Sales.	Profits.
1926	1,480	\$253,645,124	\$28,204,927	1918	1,039	\$107,179,411	\$7,088,716
1925	1,423	239,032,946	24,601,764	1917	1,000	98,102,858	9,252,349
1924	1,356	215,501,187	20,669,397	1916	920	87,089,270	8,713,445
1923	1,260	193,447,010	20,698,180	1915	805	75,995,774	7,548,210
1922	1,176	167,319,265	18,324,399	1914	737	69,619,669	6,429,896
1921	1,137	147,654,647	13,792,960	1913	684	66,228,072	6,461,118

Our usual income account table was given in V. 124, p. 524.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Assets table with columns for 1926 and 1925, including Real estate, buildings, Good-will, Secured, owned, Cash, etc.

Total 122,630,199 96,729,535 x Subject to 50% stock dividend (\$32,500,000) payable Feb. 1 1927.

Nash Motors Company. (Annual Report—Year Ended Nov. 30 1926.)

President Chas. W. Nash, Jan. 10, reports in substance: The subsidiary company, the Ajax Motors Co., has had its name changed to the Nash Motors Co., Racine Division, and the car is no longer known as the Ajax but as the Nash Light Six.

The number of cars and trucks produced and sold for the year was 137,376. During the year the company has maintained its policy of building into its product more engineering and mechanical refinements in order at all times to keep pace with and, if possible, to be in advance of others in the industry.

Our dealer organization throughout the United States has been increased considerably during the past year. We believe that our dealers have conducted their operations on a more profitable basis during the past year than any time before, and now are in position to do a larger volume of business than in the past.

There has been remarkable development in our foreign business, and the growth for the year indicates an increase of 53%. Our product occupies a position of high standing in all foreign countries.

On account of the large increase in the volume of business done during the year, it has been necessary to carry an inventory somewhat larger than in previous years.

During the past year there has been added to real estate, buildings, machinery and equipment, \$1,922,553.

The balance sheet shows accounts payable of \$2,512,515, which represents current bills of company, after eliminating inter-company accounts. This item constitutes the only indebtedness of the company, except reserve for taxes.

During the year 1926 the company readjusted its capitalization by redeeming its outstanding preferred stock, involving a cash outlay of \$8,580,992. It also increased its authorized common stock to 2,730,000 shares and issued 2,457,000 shares as a stock dividend on the outstanding 273,000 shares of common stock, or at the rate of 9 shares of new common stock to each share of old common stock.

The new common stock was of no par value and of the same class as the old common and was capitalized at \$12,285,000 or a nominal value of \$5 per share. In addition to the stock dividend, the company paid out in cash dividends to its stockholders \$11,060,908, and closes the year with a cash balance of \$36,692,848 in cash on hand, in banks and in Government securities and short time loans. It will thus be seen that the company is in its usual strong position to meet future requirements of the business whatever they may be.

INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDED NOV. 30.

Income account table with columns for 1925-26, 1924-25, 1923-24, 1922-23, including Net income, Prov. for Federal taxes, Net inc. after exp., etc.

Balance, surplus \$12,285,398 \$10,836,907 \$5,447,279 \$6,434,182

Total surplus \$36,961,350 \$25,077,872 \$14,240,965 \$26,265,686

Profit & loss surplus \$24,676,350 \$25,077,872 \$14,240,965 \$8,793,686

Earnings per sh. on com. \$8 50 \$55 68 \$29 95 \$29 20

BALANCE SHEET NOV. 30 (Incl. Ajax Motors Co.). Assets table with columns for 1926 and 1925, including Real estate, equipment, Investments, Govt. securities, etc.

Total 56,408,981 51,358,118 x Real estate, plant and equipment, \$14,910,366, less depreciation reserve of \$6,285,728.

Endicott-Johnson Corporation. (Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)

President Geo. F. Johnson wrote in substance: The financial statement for 1926 shows the company to be in the strongest position it has ever been. The profits are satisfactory under the conditions

which have prevailed in the shoe industry. During the year shipments increased inventories, and bank loans were reduced below any previous figure, resulting in a greatly improved working capital position.

In addition to making all the rubber soles and heels (cost value \$3,500,000) used in our factories we are now making a line of rubber footwear to be sold to the trade. The orders already received on this line are entirely satisfactory.

Rapid changes in style shoes and hand-to-mouth buying are increasing necessitating several of our large plants, originally organized for mass production, being divided into smaller units, resulting in quicker turnover and better service.

Our usual comparative income account was published in V. 124, p. 654.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Assets table with columns for 1926 and 1925, including Land, buildings, machinery, Good-will, Inventories, etc.

Total 53,812,755 59,399,903 x Land, buildings, machinery and equipment, less depreciation, y Prof stock authorized and issued, \$15,000,000, less retired and canceled and purchased for cancellation, \$3,155,100.—V. 124, p. 654.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

STEAM RAILROADS.

Car Surplus.—Class I railroads on Jan. 15 had 319,481 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association has announced.

On Feb. 2 additional reports stated that Class I roads on Jan. 23 had 275,544 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, a decrease of 43,937 cars compared with Jan. 15, at which time there were 319,481.

Repair of Locomotives.—Class I railroads on Jan. 15 had 9,371 locomotives in need of repairs or 15.1% of the number on line, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association.

Freight Car Repair.—Fewer freight cars were in need of repair on Jan. 15 than ever before on record, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Centenary Dinner.—The first formal function in connection with the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the charter by which the company came into being, will take place in Baltimore Feb. 28 when a dinner will be held at the Lyric Theatre.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—Preliminary Earnings.—Calendar Years— 1926. 1925. 1924. 1923.

Operating income \$23,200,201 \$22,566,163 \$23,674,506 \$26,011,818

Total income \$19,656,082 \$18,169,952 \$20,748,048 \$21,878,708

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Initial Common Dividend.—The directors on Feb. 2 declared a quarterly dividend of 1/4% on the outstanding \$74,482,523 common stock, par \$100, payable March 31 to holders of record March 11.

The action of the directors in declaring a quarterly dividend of \$1 25 per share on the common stock, at the annual rate of \$5 per share, should be as gratifying to the stockholders as it is to all of the directors.

The balance of income for 1926, after the payment of full dividends on both classes of the preferred stocks, is estimated at approximately \$7,948,000, or about \$10 62 per share on the common stock.

The property is in excellent physical condition. Since the successful reorganization in 1917, when it was returned to the stockholders without any foreclosure, more than \$44,000,000 has gone into improvements, and

\$32,000,000 into new equipment; the cumulative effect of which has contributed largely to the present gratifying showing. The maintenance is fully up to the standard of roads similarly situated, and the road is in shape to handle a large increase in its traffic, without greatly increased expenses.

From the standpoint of Federal valuation, the situation of the Rock Island is good. The final valuation has not been issued, but the tentative figures put by the Commission as of 1915, plus the expenditures made on the property since that date, produce a valuation, even at the low prices then prevailing for labor and material, of about \$160 per share for the common stock. At current prices, these figures would be much greater. The capitalization of the Rock Island is comparatively low, the bonded debt being less than \$36,000 per mile and the capital stock about \$17,000. The total is less than \$53,000 per mile of road owned.

Great credit is due to the operating organization for the present excellent situation.

At the time of the receivership many interests were urging the necessity of a foreclosure of the refunding mortgage, but it seemed to the reorganization committee that the refunding bonds, bearing only 4% interest, should not be disturbed, as in any readjustment of that security the interest charge ahead of the stockholders would have been substantially greater. The committee felt that by giving a good preferred stock to the share holders for their assessment, they would receive a security which ultimately would be worth the amount of the assessment; and that by foregoing dividends on the common stock for a period of years and putting the money into improvements the property would ultimately be in shape to be a regular and steady dividend payer.

The present board of directors believes that the carrying out of that policy since the reorganization is responsible for the company's present condition.—V. 124, p. 502.

#### Chicago St. Paul Minneap. & Omaha Ry.—Expenditures.

President Fred W. Sargent announces a program for the expenditure of \$4,250,000 by the company on tracks and structures in 1927. The program covers improvements and renewals, and includes relaying 184 miles of rail, \$2,300,000; ballast for 138 miles, \$250,000; bridges, \$350,000; ties, \$750,000; shops and station improvements, \$250,000; other improvements, \$350,000. Eight new Mikado-type locomotives recently were purchased for freight service and put into operation at a cost of \$650,000.—V. 123, p. 3178.

#### Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR.—To Increase Stock—Acquisition.

The stockholders will vote Feb. 23 on increasing the authorized capital stock from 1,745,540 shares to 1,748,150 shares, par \$50, the additional 2,610 shares to be exchanged share for share for the capital stock of the Lackawanna & Montrose RR., of which the D. L. & W. already owns all but two shares.

The board of managers of the D. L. & W. RR. approved the consolidation last December and the directors of the Montrose road ratified it subsequently. The stockholders of the latter will meet to vote on the question Feb. 8.

#### Conference Called on Valuation.—The "Wall Street Daily" says:

The hearing on the protest of the D. L. & W. RR. against the tentative valuation of its property made by the I.-S. C. Commission (V. 123, p. 2515) was assigned for Jan. 31 before Examiners Marchand and Faris, but the road elected to have its case considered in conference with representatives of the Commission's Bureau of Valuation, in accordance with the conference plan which has been applied in the cases of several of the larger roads. The conference will be held at a future date. The conference plan makes it possible for stipulations to be made as to many details involved in the engineering, land and accounting reports, which are the basis of the valuation work, in less time than the same matter could be presented at a hearing by testimony. If necessary a brief hearing is held at the conclusion of the conference before the case is submitted to the Commission on argument.

The Commission had previously denied a motion made by the railroad for a revision of the tentative report, and at the hearing Examiner Marchand denied a motion that the tentative report be withdrawn.—V. 124, p. 106.

#### Erie RR.—Final Settlement with Government.

An award of \$349,447 was made to the company Jan. 31 by the I.-S. C. Commission in final settlement of all accounts arising from the wartime control of the road by the Government. With the amount just certified and advances made previously, the company will receive a total compensation of \$17,630,946.—V. 124, p. 106.

#### Great Northern Ry.—Official Statement on Unification Plan.

A joint statement signed by the officers of the Great Northern Ry. and the Northern Pacific Ry. has been sent to the stockholders of both companies advising them of the progress made in the plan to unify the systems. The statement follows:

In 1901 Great Northern Ry. and the Northern Pacific Ry. acquired in equal amounts over 97% of the stock of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR., and in 1908-09 the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific caused to be constructed and acquired the Spokane Portland & Seattle Ry. System, and each company now owns one-half of the stock and one-half of the bonds of that system.

The community of interest thus existing between the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific has suggested at all times the importance of unifying and harmonizing their operations more effectively, and the best method of accomplishing this result has been studied for several years by the officers and directors of the two companies.

As a result, a plan for unification is in preparation and will be sent to you in the near future. It is now contemplated that the plan will provide subject to the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission for the acquisition of control and operation by a new railway company through stock ownership and lease of the properties of the Spokane Portland & Seattle Ry. and the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Ry. companies.

As now contemplated the plan will be based upon the general principle that the stock of the new railway company will be exchangeable, share for share, for stock of Great Northern and Northern Pacific companies, a share of stock of each of the last named companies being regarded as equal in value to a share of stock of the other. It is not contemplated that the status of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR. will be affected, but the stock of that company now owned one-half by Great Northern and one-half by Northern Pacific will all be within the control of the new railway co.

It is believed the effectuation of the proposed plan will eliminate waste and duplication of facilities, minimize the requirements for new capital expenditures, effect important operating economies and promote the public service and the interests of the country served by the lines affected.

As a result we believe your own interests will be better protected than under the present conditions of operation, and we therefore hope when you receive the plan that you will carefully consider its terms, and we recommend that in agreement therewith you will promptly deposit your stock certificates and proxies for your stock in the manner therein indicated, so that you may aid in carrying the plan into effect.—V. 124, p. 500, 502.

#### Gulf Mobile & Northern RR.—Preliminary Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross	\$6,369,585	\$6,321,033	\$6,088,030	\$5,944,548
Expenses	4,340,930	4,338,042	4,366,287	4,459,952
Taxes, &c.	518,928	489,043	346,696	328,799
Operating income	\$1,509,727	\$1,493,948	\$1,375,047	\$1,157,797
Equipment, rents, &c.	96,843	103,978	163,071	202,490
Net operating income	\$1,412,884	\$1,389,970	\$1,211,976	\$955,307
Other income	169,728	148,066	88,633	144,290
Total income	\$1,582,612	\$1,538,036	\$1,300,609	\$1,099,597
Interest, &c., charges	263,185	239,987	178,387	159,101
Dividends	990,539	998,788	598,932	228,136
Surplus	\$28,888	\$299,261	\$523,291	\$712,261
Earn. per share on com.	\$5.77	\$5.57	\$3.98	\$2.33

—V. 124, p. 639.

#### Georgia & Florida RR.—Trustee.—

The Central Union Trust Co. has been appointed trustee for \$1,500,000 income non-mortgage 6% debentures, due Dec. 1, 1951.—V. 124, p. 639.

#### Joplin Union Depot Co.—Final Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$560,000 on the owned and used property of the company, as of June 30, 1914.—V. 107, p. 802.

#### Kane & Elk RR.—Final Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$100,000 on the property of the company, as of June 30, 1918.—V. 123, p. 708.

#### Marianna & Blountstown RR.—Final Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$148,495 on the owned and used property of the company, as of June 30, 1917.—V. 119, p. 2875.

#### Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.—Stock Worthless.

F. J. Lisman (of F. J. Lisman & Co.) is quoted as follows: "Minneapolis & St. Louis stock is worthless, and is bound to be wiped out in any reorganization plan decided upon." He explained that, because of the road's poor earnings, it has been impossible, so far, to determine upon a reorganization plan, and no such plan is likely to be formulated in the near future. It is unlikely that a banking firm would undertake to write a reorganization which would provide for the stock.—V. 124, p. 502.

#### Missouri Pacific RR.—\$95,000,000 Bonds Sold.—Kuhn, Loeb & Co., on Tuesday last offered at 100 and int. \$95,000,000 1st & ref. mtge. 5% gold bonds, series "F," due March 1, 1977.

The issue was over-subscribed the day of offering. Missouri Pacific RR. 1st & ref. mtge. 6% gold bonds, series D, due Feb. 1, 1949, which are to be called for redemption on Aug. 1, 1927 at 107½ and interest and Missouri Pacific RR. 1st & ref. mtge. 6% gold bonds, series "E," due May 1, 1955, which have been called for redemption on May 1, 1927 at 107½ and int. and Missouri Pacific RR. 3-year 5% secured gold notes, due July 1, 1927, will be accepted in payment for the new bonds on a 4% interest basis computed on the redemption price, provided notice of the amount of such bonds or notes to be tendered in payment is given not less than five days to the date fixed for delivery of and payment for the new bonds.

Coupon bonds in denoms. of \$1,000 and \$500 registerable as to principal, exchangeable for fully registered bonds and reexchangeable under conditions provided in the mortgage. Int. payable M. & S. The bonds of this series will be redeemable at the option of the company, as a whole or in part, upon 90 days' previous notice, on any int. date on and after March 1, 1932, and on or before March 1, 1972 at 105%, and int. and thereafter at their principal amount and int., plus a premium of ½% for each 6 months between the redemption date and the date of maturity.

Issuance.—Subject to the approval of the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

Listing.—Application will be made in due course to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of William H. Williams, Chairman of the Board, Dated Jan. 31.

Purpose.—The purpose of this issue is to provide the company with the necessary funds (1) for the redemption of its outstanding \$49,101,500 1st & ref. mtge. 6% bonds, for the redemption of \$8,229,760 of its 6% notes issued to the U. S. Government and for the payment of its \$12,000,000 5% secured notes maturing on July 1, 1927, a total of \$69,331,260 principal amount of obligations to be refunded; and (2) to reimburse the treasury of the company for capital expenditures heretofore made, to provide for the company's improvement program for 1927, including the purchase of equipment, and for other corporate purposes.

Of said 1st & ref. mtge. 6% bonds, \$25,000,000 series "E" will be called for redemption on May 1, 1927, and \$24,101,500 series "D" on Aug. 1, 1927. By the refunding of its outstanding 6% bonds and notes by the issuance of 5% bonds, the company will materially reduce its annual interest charges.

Security.—The 1st & ref. mtge. bonds are secured by a first lien on 3,383 miles of railroad of the company together with valuable terminal properties, depots and bridges, and, subject to \$125,175,500 principal amount of prior liens on various parts of the system, for the retirement of which 1st & ref. mtge. bonds are reserved, on the remaining 3,351 miles of the directly owned lines of the company and the appurtenances thereof, a total of 6,734 miles of railroad. They are in addition secured, subject to certain of said prior liens and in respect to part of the equipment subject also to outstanding equipment trust certificates, by lien on all equipment owned by the company, which, on Dec. 31, 1926 (including new equipment costing approximately \$9,200,000 to be acquired out of the proceeds of these bonds) had a depreciated book value of \$77,221,148 over outstanding equipment trust certificates, and on \$23,703,000 par value of preferred stock of Texas & Pacific Ry., on which dividends at the rate of 5% per annum are being paid.

After giving effect to this financing, there will be outstanding in the hands of the public, \$112,840,500 principal amount of 1st & ref. mtge. 5% bonds, being at the rate of \$33,355 per mile on the 3,383 miles of railroad on which the bonds are a first lien. The aggregate of the prior liens and the 1st & ref. mtge. bonds outstanding will be \$238,016,000 principal amount, or at the rate of \$35,345 per mile on the 6,734 miles of railroad subject to the mortgage, without making any allowance for the other valuable property on which they are a lien. The prior liens may not be increased; they may be acquired or deposited under the 1st & ref. mtge. without impairment of lien, but until so deposited they may not be renewed or extended.

Following the 1st & ref. mtge. bonds the company has outstanding \$51,350,000 gen. mtge. 4% bonds, due March 1, 1975, \$71,800,100 preferred stock and \$82,839,500 common stock, having a total present market value of approximately \$140,000,000.

System.—In addition to its directly owned lines the company owns 87¼% of the stock of New Orleans, Texas & Mexico Ry., which is pledged to secure \$13,156,000 5¼% secured serial gold bonds, and over 60% of the stock of the Texas & Pacific Railway. New Orleans, Texas & Mexico Ry. in turn owns all the stock of International-Great Northern RR. Including these companies and their subsidiaries, the system operated by the company aggregates 12,357 miles and extends from St. Louis on the East to Kansas City, Omaha and Pueblo on the West and to Memphis, New Orleans, Fort Worth, Dallas, Houston, Galveston, San Antonio, El Paso, the Rio Grande Valley and the Mexican border on the South and West. Company also owns an undivided one-half interest in the common stock of the Denver & Rio Grande Western RR.

Earnings.—The gross income of the company for the year ended Dec. 31, 1926, applicable to the payment of interest on funded debt and other fixed charges, before Federal income taxes, amounted to \$24,930,072, while such charges, after giving effect to the present financing, amount to \$15,181,261.

Mortgage.—The authorized total amount of the 1st & ref. mtge. bonds is limited to an amount which, together with all prior debts, after deducting bonds reserved to retire prior debts, shall never at any time exceed three times the then outstanding capital stock of the company, with the additional proviso that, when the aggregate amount of the bonds issued and the bonds reserved for refunding purposes shall equal the sum of \$450,000,000 no additional bonds shall be issued without the consent of a majority in amount of the stockholders and then only to the extent of 80% of the cost of work done or property acquired.

By the terms of the 1st & ref. mtge. bonds issuable thereunder shall be issuable in series, shall bear interest at such rates (not exceeding 6% per annum) and mature at such time (but not earlier than June 2, 1948), as the board of directors shall, from time to time, determine. Under the terms of the mortgage, bonds are reserved to retire prior lien bonds and further bonds may be issued from time to time for additions, betterments, improvements, construction or purchase of additional railroads, terminals, equipment and for other corporate purposes under the restrictions and limitations provided in the mortgage.

#### To Redeem 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6% Gold Bonds.

William H. Williams, Chairman of the board of directors, announces that the company will redeem and pay off as an entirety on May 1, 1927 at 107½ and int. the 1st & ref. mtge. 6% gold bonds, series "E." Payment will be made at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City. Interest on the bonds will cease after May 1.—V. 124, p. 640.

New York Chicago & St. Louis RR.—New Director.— F. Edson White, President of Armour & Co., has been elected a director.—V. 124, p. 108.

Norfolk & Western Ry.—Preliminary Report.— Year Ended Dec. 31—1926, 1925, a1924, b1923. Railway operating rev., Maint. of way & struct, Maint. of equipment, Transportation, All operating expense, Net revenue, Total income, Interest fund debt, Balance, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Surplus, Amount common stock, Earn. on com. stock.

a Total income includes \$3,126,635 interline receipts adjustment due to change in basis of accounting. b These figures do not include \$2,881,111 received in settlement with U. S. Railroad Administration.—V. 124, p. 640.

Northern Pacific Ry.—Official Statement on Unification Plan.—See Great Northern Ry. above.—V. 124, p. 640, 502.

Pennsylvania RR.—Number of Stockholders Increase.— The number of stockholders on Jan. 1 1927 amounted to 141,202, an increase of 823 over Dec. 1, and also compares with 141,725 on Jan. 1 1926, a decrease of 523. Average holding on Jan. 1 1927 was 70.70 shares, compared with 71.13 on Dec. 1 and with 70.46 on Jan. 1 1926. Foreign holdings on Jan. 1 1927 amounted to 3,711, a decrease of 0.01% as compared with Jan. 1 1926.—V. 124, p. 640.

Pittsburgh Ft. Wayne & Chicago Ry.—Registrar.— The American Exchange Irving Trust Co. has been appointed registrar of the common and preferred capital stock.—V. 118, p. 795.

Tennessee RR.—Final Valuation.— The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$1,006,865 on the owned and used property of the company as of June 30 1918.—V. 122, p. 3602.

Texas City Terminal Ry.—Tentative Valuation.— The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$2,103,940 on the total used property of the company as of June 30 1917.—V. 123, p. 1501.

Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.—Rise in Stock Watched by Stöck Exchange—Loree Denies Interest—B. & O. and Pitts. & West. Va. Said to be Buyers.—

The New York Stock Exchange, through Secretary E. V. D. Cox, Jan. 29 called upon all members to report their position in the stock of the company during the last week and "until further notice." This demand came as a sequel to the sensational developments of Jan. 28, when the stock, in which there was a large short interest, rose by spectacular jumps under the impetus of a covering movement. While the Exchange acted officially after the rumor had died down, the notice sent to members served to revive discussion of a possible corner.

The letter of the Stock Exchange to members calling for a statement of their position in the stock dated Jan. 28, and signed by Mr. Cox, follows: "I am directed by the Committee on Business Conduct to ask you to furnish by 11 a. m., Monday, Jan. 31 1927, the aggregate long and the aggregate short positions of yourselves and customers in the Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry. Co. common stock at the close of business on Jan. 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 1927. "At the same hour each morning thereafter, until further notice, the committee desires like information from you with respect to your position at the close of business on the previous day. "Please send this information in a sealed envelope addressed to the Committee on Business Conduct, Room 601, Stock Exchange Bldg." "The Committee on Business Conduct on Feb. 3 sent a letter to member firms asking that they report at 11 a. m. each morning until further notice their aggregate long and short position at the close of business on the previous day in Wheeling & Lake Erie Co. preferred stock, the reports to commence with the one to be submitted Feb. 4. This is in addition to the recent request for such information on the common stock.

Wheeling & Lake Erie common within the past two weeks has reached a high of 89, against a low of 27 1/2 Jan. 3. The preferred has sold up to 84, against a low of 47 1/2 Jan. 7.

The assumption in the financial district that Leonor F. Loree, Pres. of the Delaware & Hudson RR., has been a buyer of Wheeling & Lake Erie shares was upset Feb. 1, when it was announced that Mr. Loree had informed the I.-S. C. Commerce Commission that he had not attempted to acquire control of the Wheeling & Lake Erie by purchase of its stock. "I notified the Commission," Mr. Loree said, "that I have bought no Wheeling & Lake Erie stock and that I have no commitments. I further told the Commissioners that I would keep them advised from time to time as to developments. Beyond that there is nothing to say."

The New York "Times" Feb. 3 had the following: "Interest was aroused in the financial district yesterday by a report that the Baltimore & Ohio RR. had contracted to purchase all or part of the Rockefeller holdings in the Western Maryland and the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroads. The purchase agreement had been made, it was reported, in the interest of another road, and over this point railroad men speculated widely.

George M. Schriver, Vice-President of the Baltimore & Ohio, was in New York yesterday, but would make no statement as to the acquisition of the Rockefeller holdings. At 26 Broadway it was said for John D. Rockefeller that he 'would say nothing.' In spite of this reticence, however, credence was given to the rumor by interests in touch with the Western Maryland and the Wheeling & Lake Erie.

"One point in the situation which was emphasized was that an agreement as to traffic and trackage just made by the Baltimore & Ohio, the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie and the Wheeling & Lake Erie establishes through freight rates over the latter two roads to points on the Baltimore & Ohio. This arrangement will be especially favorable to earnings of the two smaller roads and will greatly expedite shipments from Ohio, the Northwest and the Pittsburgh section.

"The Western Maryland, which was the central point of interest in Feb. 2 reports, has been known for years as a 'Rockefeller road.' The understanding is that the Rockefeller interests own practically all the outstanding \$17,742,050 of 7% 1st pref. stock, on which there is at present an accumulation of about 70%. In addition to this stock, the Western Maryland has outstanding \$9,980,000 of 4% non-cumulative pref. and \$49,239,900 of common stock."

"The 'Wall Street Journal' Feb. 4 says: "Controlling interests in Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry. have purchased between 50,000 and 60,000 shares of Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry. common stock. This stock was bought in January. It is believed in some well-informed quarters that besides the above mentioned block of stock the same interests have made additional purchases.

"It is noted that Pitts. & W. Va. interests have the same bankers as the Van Swerings. But it is not believed that the Pitts. & W. Va. purchases of Wheeling are for the account of the Van Swerings.

"Those in control of Pitts. & W. Va. naturally are concerned about the disposition of Wheeling, as the two make a short route from Pittsburgh to Toledo. If control of Wheeling should go into unfriendly hands, it might cause some diversion of traffic from Pitts. & W. Va. Moreover, those in control of Pitts. & W. Va. have substantial coal holdings in Pittsburgh district. Shipments of such coal over the Wheeling-Pitts. & W. Va. route affect earnings of the Wheeling. If Pitts. & W. Va. interests has substantial holding in Wheeling they might be able to divert more coal over this route. At any rate the Pitts. & W. Va. interests probably feel they should have some holdings in Wheeling to protect their rights."

To Consider Regulations for Conversion of Pref. Stocks.—The New York Stock Exchange made the following announcement Feb. 4:

The Stock Exchange is informed that directors of Wheeling & Lake Erie meet Monday to consider prescribing regulations for conversion of prior lien and preferred stock into common. It is believed that if such regulations are prescribed it will be necessary to obtain formal approval of the I.-S. C. Commission and Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to issue additional common. This should not take a great while. The Stock Exchange will be prepared to list the additional common stock immediately upon notification that these steps have been taken.

Definitive Bonds Ready.— Otis & Co. announce that temporary ref. mtge., series B, 5s, due Sept. 1966, may be exchanged for definitive bonds at the Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, N. Y. City. For offering see V. 123, p. 3035.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Alabama Power Co.—Earnings.— Month of December—1926, 1925, 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31 1926, 1925. Total gross earnings, Oper. exp. and taxes, Net earnings.—V. 123, p. 2258.

All America Cables, Inc.—Trebles Southern System.— The corporation on Jan. 31 completed the triplication of its cable system from New York to Buenos Aires. The work was begun more than a year ago with the laying of 1,500 miles of cable between New York and Fisherman's Point, Cuba. This was followed by the laying of 800 miles of cable between Panama and Santa Elena. A month ago the laying of an 800-mile cable between Fisherman's Point and Panama was begun and finished in a week. One thousand miles of cable were then laid from Valparaiso to Iquique, Peru. On Jan. 31 an 850-mile length, between Iquique and Callao, Peru, was completed.

Since Jan. 1 it is reported that the company has laid almost 2,700 miles of cable, thus adding 32,800 miles to its system.—V. 123, p. 3179.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Earnings.— Year Ended Dec. 31—1926, 1925. Gross earnings, Operating expenses, maintenance & taxes, Gross income, Interest & amortization of discount of subsidiaries, Preferred dividends of subsidiaries, Minority interests.

Balance, Interest & amortization of discount of American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc., Reserved for renewals & replacements, Net income, Common shares outstanding (no par), Earnings per share on common stock, Net power output of the electric subsidiaries of the company for the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1926 was 1,514,609,984 kw.h., comparing with 1,316,521,920 kw.h. for the corresponding period of 1925, a gain of 15%.—V. 124, p. 641.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—To Retire Debenture Clts.— The company has elected to exercise the right to redeem and pay off on March 1 1927 all of its 6 1/2% conv. debenture certificates, Manila Electric series A, at 105 and int. Payment will be made at the office of the company, 61 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 124, p. 504, 370.

Boston Elevated Ry.—Tenders.— Treasurer Henry L. Wilson, 31 St. James Ave., Boston, Mass., will until Feb. 9 receive bids for the sale to the company of 2d pref. stock to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$75,117.—V. 124, p. 504.

Brooklyn Edison Co.—Opens New Station.— The company, which on Jan. 1 made its fourth voluntary reduction in rates for electric service in two years, formally opened its great new generating station at Hudson Ave. and the East River, Brooklyn on Feb. 2. This station, which has been more than four years under construction, ground having been broken for the foundation in 1922, is one of the most efficient and completely equipped electric generating stations in the country. It has a greater horse-power capacity per acre than any other electric station in existence.

The Hudson Ave. plant covers an area of 5 acres, of which 4 1/4 acres are occupied by buildings. When all the eight generators have been installed its capacity will be upwards of 1,000,000 h.p. The present capacity is more than 300,000 h.p.

One of the impressive features of the station is the 107,000 h.p. No. 4 generating unit, the largest electric generating unit now in operation anywhere.—V. 124, p. 109.

Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp.—Price of Bonds.— Bonds of the corporation on sale by the War Finance Corp. will be increased in price by one-half point beginning Feb. 15, it was announced Feb. 3. The War Finance Corp. placed \$18,189,200 of the transit companies series A 6% bonds due 1968 on sale at 99 1/2 on Jan. 18. On Feb. 3 the Finance Corp. directed the Federal Reserve Bank in New York that after Feb. 15 the price of the bonds would be par and accrued interest, less a commission of 1/4 of 1% of par value to be allowed banks and other recognized dealers.

The Federal Reserve Bank sold \$7,937,200 of the bonds at 99 1/2 and accrued int. and the balance unsold totals \$10,262,000.—V. 124, p. 504.

Central Maine Power Co.—Earnings.— (Inter-Company Charges Eliminated.) 12 Months Ended Dec 31—1926, 1925. Gross income, Depreciation accrual and actual maint. expenditures, Steam expense, Income taxes, Other taxes, Other operating expenses, Int. & guaranteed divs. on stock of sub. cos.

Balance, —V. 123, p. 2259.

Charlestown (Mass.) Gas & Electric Co.—Regular Dividend Increased to \$6 per Annum.— A quarterly dividend of \$1.50 a share was paid Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20. In the two previous quarters disbursements of \$1.25 regular and 25c. a share extra were made.—V. 123, p. 2259.

Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee RR.—New Director.— John R. Thompson Jr., President of John R. Thompson Co., has been elected a director, succeeding his father, John R. Thompson Sr.—V. 123, p. 1761.

Chicago Rys.—Foreclosure Proceedings.— Federal Judge Wilkerson Feb. 2 ordered foreclosure of the first mortgage securing the \$55,000,000 bonds. Company already is in the hands of the receivers, and the anticipated foreclosure had been discounted for months since the formation of protective committees for the security holders. The foreclosure petition was presented by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, depository for more than 50% of the first mortgage bonds.

F. J. Lisman & Co. in a notice to holders of Chicago Rys. and Chicago City Ry. bonds urge the holders not to deposit their bonds with any protective committee at this time.—V. 124, p. 642.

**Chicago Surface Lines.—Lines Granted Day-to-Day Franchise.—**

A 6 months' extension of the franchise under which the four surface companies of Chicago operate was unanimously voted by the Chicago City Council Jan. 26. The companies, under the provision of the ordinance, must continue to pay the city 55% of the net earnings. Another clause provides for continuing the issuance of free interchangeable transfers on single fares. The extended franchise is known as a day-to-day grant, as it permits the withdrawal of either the city or the surface companies on a 30-day notice in writing.—V. 124, p. 642.

**Cincinnati Street Ry.—New Directors—Earnings.—**

George D. Crabbs, James P. Orr, Maurice Pollock and George H. Warrington have been elected directors, succeeding John B. Hollister, C. V. Link, I. B. Stewart Jr. and A. Benham.

	Passengers Carried.			
	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Total rev. passengers	93,597,745	90,629,875	100,839,343	108,625,599
Transfer passengers	30,249,522	30,832,130	32,706,502	34,066,858
Free passengers	1,465,801	1,309,845	1,319,318	1,292,290
Total all passengers	125,313,068	122,771,850	134,865,163	143,984,747
Result of Operations for years 1925 and 1926.				
	Year 1926.	Jan. 1-Oct. 31 1925.	Nov. 1-Dec. 31 1925.	Year 1925.
Railway operating revs.	\$8,102,517	\$7,558,322	\$1,242,269	\$8,800,592
Railway operating exps.	5,846,222	4,469,590	847,858	5,317,448
Net operating revs.	\$2,256,295	\$3,088,732	\$394,411	\$3,483,144
Taxes assigned to ry. oper.	708,831	625,291	123,369	748,660
Rentals	25,150	1,030,233	16,676	1,046,908
Interest & sinking fund on bonds & notes	332,885	585,305	58,941	644,246
Surplus	\$1,189,428	\$847,904	\$195,425	\$1,043,329
Deficiencies from 1924 allowed to be earned and paid		521,906		521,906
Allowance for return on capital	1,175,364	347,043	188,652	535,695
Franchise tax		296,989		296,989
Surplus	\$14,064	def\$318,035	\$6,774	def\$311,261

—V. 123, p. 1761.

**Community Power & Light Co. (Ill.).—Bonds Offered.—**

A group managed by Spencer Trask & Co., New York; William L. Ross & Co., Inc., Chicago, and Whitaker & Co., St. Louis, are offering at 95½ and int., to yield about 5.30%, \$11,000,000 1st mtge. collateral gold bonds, 30-year 5% series of 1957.

The bankers may, if they deem it expedient, deliver bonds of a new company organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, or of any other State, such company to acquire all of the assets of the Community Power & Light Co., the capitalization, name and other features of such company to be as stated below.

Dated March 1 1927; due March 1 1957. Int. payable M. & S. at Boatmen's National Bank, St. Louis, Mo., trustee, or at agency of the bank in New York or Chicago. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Red., all or part at any time on 60 days' notice at 105 and int. to and incl. Feb. 28 1954, and thereafter prior to maturity at 101 and int. Company agrees to pay int. without deduction for any Federal income tax not exceeding 2% which the company or trustee may be required or permitted to pay at the source, and to reimburse the holders of these bonds, if requested within 60 days after payment, for the Penna. and Conn. 4-mills taxes and for the Mass. income tax on the int. not exceeding 6% of such int. per annum.

**Sinking and Improvement Fund.**—A sinking and improvement fund equal annually to not less than 1% of the greatest principal amount of bonds of this series at any time outstanding will either retire bonds or be invested in permanent additions, extensions and improvements.

**Maintenance, Renewal and Depreciation Reserve.**—Company will covenant in the trust indenture to cause each subsidiary company to create a maintenance, renewal and depreciation reserve (and will covenant to create and maintain a similar reserve with respect to any properties directly owned by it) and to credit yearly to such reserves at least 12¼% of the gross operating revenues of each property, whether owned by a subsidiary or by the company itself. All expenditures for maintenance and renewals will be charged to such accounts and any portion of such accounts not exhausted by such charges will be credited to depreciation reserve.

**Data from Letter of Pres. D. A. Belden, St. Louis, Feb. 1.**

**Company.**—Owns the entire outstanding common stock, except directors' qualifying shares, and all the outstanding bonds of the following subsidiary companies: Missouri Utilities Co., Arkansas Utilities Co., Community Power & Light Co. of Texas, Kansas Utilities Co., and Texas Utilities Co.; and also the capital stock of the New Mexico Utilities Co., an affiliated company. Through these operating companies, located in Missouri, Arkansas, Texas and New Mexico, the company serves 138 communities having a population of approximately 290,000. Electric light and power is furnished to 130 communities centered around and including Cape Girardeau, Poplar Bluff, Charleston, Eldon and California in Missouri; Helena and Paragould in Arkansas; Fort Scott in Kansas; Mexia, Marlin, Plainview and Lubbock in Texas; and Clovis in New Mexico. Gas service is furnished to 50,000 population, including three of the communities above mentioned and Columbia, Mo., while ice service is furnished to over 140,000 population. Water service is also furnished in four communities and steam heat in one.

The power, gas, ice and water plants are well located to serve their respective territories. The power plants have a total installed generating capacity of 27,000 k.w.

**Capitalization Upon Completion of the Present Financing and Reorganization**

1st mtge. coll. gold bonds, 5% series, 1957	\$11,000,000
1st pref. stock (cum.) without par value (auth. 150,000 shs.)	a45,000 shs.
Part. pref. stock (\$8 cum.) without par value (auth. 20,000 shs.)	12,576 shs.
Common stock without par value (auth., 300,000 shs.)	200,000 shs.
Kansas Utilities Co. and Missouri Utilities Co. 7% cum. pref. stock	b502,400

a \$7 dividend series. b Outstanding Dec. 31, 1926.

**Purposes.**—The proceeds from the sale of these \$11,000,000 bonds will be used to retire the existing funded indebtedness of the company and for other corporate purposes.

**Additional Bonds.**—Indenture will provide for the issuance of additional bonds in one or more series, with interest rates, maturity dates, redemption and sinking and improvement fund provisions and other terms and conditions to be determined as new series are created. All bonds issued under this trust indenture will be of equal lien, irrespective of series. Additional bonds may be issued only for the acquisition of new subsidiary corporations or of additional properties by the company or its subsidiaries or additions, extensions and improvements to the property of the company or its subsidiaries under the carefully guarded restrictions of the trust indenture, which will provide, among other things, that the company shall limit the issuance of its additional bonds to an amount not exceeding 80% of the cost or fair value, whichever is less, of property additions and will require that the consolidated net earnings available for interest shall be not less than twice the interest charges on bonds issued and to be issued.

**Security.**—Bonds will be secured by deposit and pledge with the trustee of first mortgage bonds of subsidiary corporations in an aggregate principal amount equal to at least 100% of the total amount of 1st mtge. collateral gold bonds outstanding, and under the terms of the trust indenture this ratio must always be maintained and the total annual interest receivable

by the company from subsidiary company bonds so pledged shall never be less than the total annual interest requirements of all 1st mtge. collateral gold bonds outstanding. These bonds will be further secured by deposit and pledge with the trustee of the entire outstanding voting stocks, except directors' qualifying shares, of such subsidiary companies.

**Earnings.**—The consolidated earnings of the company and its subsidiary companies (including subsidiary company earnings accruing to prior owners based upon statements made by the company, but omitting gross revenues for 1926 of \$126,688 and net income of \$41,425 of New Mexico Utilities Co., an affiliated company), for the two years ended Dec. 31 1926 were as follows:

	1925.	1926.
Consolidated gross revenues	\$3,510,987	\$3,957,631
Oper. exp., &c. (incl. maint. & local taxes)	2,135,539	2,467,335

Net avail. for funded debt int., Fed. inc. taxes, divs., depreciation and amortization \$1,375,447 490,296  
Ann. int. requirements of present issue of \$11,000,000 1<sup>st</sup> mtge. collateral gold bonds 550,000

Consolidated net income as shown above for the year ended Dec. 31, 1926, was equal to over 2 7-10ths times the annual interest requirements of the present issue of \$11,000,000 1st mtge. collateral gold bonds, 30-year series of 1957.

More than 75% of the net earnings are derived from the sale of electric light and power, with ice, gas, water and miscellaneous earnings providing the balance.

**May Reincorporate in Delaware—New Financing will Retire Funded Debt.—**

The stockholders will vote Feb. 8 on approving the recommendation of the directors that all the assets of the present company, which is incorporated under the laws of Illinois, be transferred to a new Community Power & Light Co. to be incorporated under laws of Delaware. Upon approval of the plan the stock of the Illinois company will be exchanged for stock of the Delaware company on a share-for-share basis. Under the new company, however, the preferred stock will lose its voting privilege.

The outstanding \$500,000 Series A and \$2,700,000 Series C 1st mtge. coll. trust bonds bearing 7½% and 6½% interest respectively have been called for redemption April 1 next at Liberty Central Trust Co. of St. Louis. The company has perfected plans to retire all of its present outstanding bonds and the refunding operation will be accomplished through a new issue of 5% bonds maturing in 30 years, which are being offered by a group managed by Spencer Trask & Co. of New York, William L. Ross & Co., Inc., of Chicago, and Whitaker & Co. of St. Louis.—V. 124, p. 643, 505.

**Connecticut Light & Power Co.—Offer Made for Stock of Middletown Gas Light Co.—**

An offer for the purchase of the entire \$213,000 capital stock (par \$25) of the Middletown Gas Light Co. has been made by parties associated with the Connecticut Light & Power Co., which company in the event of the acceptance of said offer proposes to take over the management and operation of the Middletown company. This offer has been made contingent upon the acceptance by the owners of 67% of the capital stock of the latter company, but the purchaser has the option in the event that 67% of the stock is not deposited to take up and purchase such stock as is deposited at the rate of \$75 per share.

The directors of the Middletown company, in a letter to the stockholders of that company, said in part: "The directors, after a full consideration of this offer, believe that the acceptance of the offer, by the stockholders depositing all their stock as hereinafter set forth, is advantageous to the stockholders of the company, and recommend to the stockholders the acceptance of said offer by depositing their stock promptly with the depository, so that the sale may be consummated and payment for the same made as promptly as possible."

"Deposits of certificates representing the Middletown Gas Light Co. stock should be made with the Central National Bank of Middletown, Conn., on or before March 26.

"Just as soon as 67% of the stock of this company has been deposited, payment in cash will be made to each depositor and stockholders are urged therefore to deposit their stock promptly in order that payment may be made for same without delay."—V. 123, p. 1873.

**Consol. Gas, Elec. Lt. & Pr. Co. of Balt.—Earnings.—**

Years Ended Dec. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross operating revenue	\$24,710,603	\$22,746,142	\$21,459,698	\$21,760,955
Operating expenses	16,579,837	14,611,054	14,548,003	12,588,592
Operating revenue	\$8,130,766	\$8,135,088	\$6,911,695	\$9,172,363
Other income	378,614	346,066	252,230	460,744
Total revenue	\$8,509,380	\$8,481,154	\$7,163,925	\$9,633,107
Fixed charges	2,929,771	3,036,391	3,074,365	4,727,095
Dividends	2,955,904	2,348,899	2,085,324	1,558,168
Surplus	\$2,623,705	\$3,095,863	\$2,004,236	\$3,047,844

—V. 124, p. 643.

**Duquesne Light Co. of Pittsburgh.—Output.—**

H. M. Bylesby & Co. announces that the output of electrical energy by the Duquesne Light Co. of Pittsburgh for Jan. 1927 amounted to 121,844,150 k.w.h. This compares with 120,287,600 k.w.h. for the corresponding month of last year.—V. 124, p. 234.

**Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry.—Earnings.—**

Period—	Month of December 1926.	12 Mos. End. Dec. 31—	1926.	1925.
*Railway operating rev.	\$927,815	\$850,449	\$9,533,688	\$9,403,859
*Railway operating exp.	667,026	605,164	6,248,254	6,082,453
Net from operations	\$260,789	\$245,285	\$3,285,434	\$3,321,437
Net after taxes	\$219,950	\$206,190	\$2,920,296	\$2,973,110
Gross corporate income	\$242,685	\$228,589	\$3,174,643	\$3,207,401
Int. on fund. dt., rents, &c.	104,182	107,872	1,245,865	1,291,820
Depr., equaliz. & retire.	35,955	8,005	1,193,940	1,177,258
Net corporate balance to profit & loss	\$102,549	\$112,712	\$734,838	\$738,322

\*Revenue from power sales is included in gross operating revenue, while in statements prior to April 1 1926 such revenue has applied to reduction of railway operating expenses.—V. 123, p. 2897.

**Florida Public Service Co.—Earnings.—**

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.
Operating revenue	\$1,673,250	\$1,059,357
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	1,036,053	778,249
Operating income	\$637,197	\$281,108
Other income	176,084	43,496
Total income	\$813,279	\$324,604
Interest on funded debt and other deductions	457,746	243,637
Provision for dividend on preferred stock	93,578	47,108
Balance of net income	\$261,955	\$33,859

—V. 124, p. 371.

**Federal Light & Traction Co.—Div. of 20 Cents in Cash and 15 Cents in Common Stock Declared on Common Stock.—**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 35c. per share on the common stock, payable 20c. in cash and 15c. per share (1%) in common stock on April 1 to holders of record March 15. (Similar amounts were paid on the common stock in the previous seven quarters.) No certificate of common stock will be issued for less than one share. For fractional shares scrip will be issued and will be exchangeable for stock at the office of the New York Trust Co., 100 Broadway, New York, N. Y., in amounts aggregating \$15 or multiples thereof. No dividends will be paid to the holders of scrip but all dividends on the stock represented by scrip will be payable to the first registered holder of the stock.—V. 123, p. 3318.

Greenfield (Mass.) Elec. Lt. & Pow. Co.—Ann'l Report. Calendar Years— 1926. 1925. 1924. 1923.

Hartford Electric Light Co.—Annual Report.— Calendar Years— 1926. 1925. 1924.

Havana Electric Ry.—Initial Preferred Dividend.— The directors have declared an initial semi-annual dividend of 3% on the 8% cum. pref. stock, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 25.

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.—Annual Report.— Calendar Years— 1926. 1925. 1924. 1923.

Illinois Power & Light Corp.—Bonds Sold.— Marshall Field, Glore, Ward & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Harris, Forbes & Co., Spencer Trask & Co. and Blyth, Witter Co. have sold at 96 1/2 and int., yielding about 5 3/4% \$9,500,000 30-year 5 1/2% sinking fund debenture gold bonds (closed).

Market St. Railway.—Preliminary Earnings.— 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31: 1926. 1925. 1924. 1923.

New York Water Service Corp.—To Retire Bonds.— This corporation has offered to purchase at 105 and int. to date of surrender upon delivery on or before March 1 of any or all of the outstanding 1st & gen. mtge. 6% bonds of the Flatbush Water Works Co., due May 1 1931.

North Continent Utilities Corp.—Bonds Offered.—Coffin, Forman & Co., Inc., New York, and George M. Forman & Co., Chicago, are offering at 100 and int. \$2,000,000 6 1/2% convertible sinking fund gold debenture bonds.

Dated Jan. 1, 1927, due Jan. 1, 1942. Interest payable J. & J. at Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, trustee, and at the National City Bank, New York, without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%.

Data From Letter of Wm. A. Baehr, President of the Company. Company.—Organized in 1922. Through a subsidiary, the Chicago Suburban Gas & Electric Co. controls the North Shore Gas Co. which furnishes gas to the suburbs lying along or contiguous to the shore of Lake Michigan north of Chicago.

Consolidated Earnings of System (Less Inter-Company Items). 12 Months Ended Dec. 31— 1924. 1925. 1926.

Redemption of 30-Year 7% Debenture Gold Bonds.— All of the outstanding 30-year 7% sinking fund debenture gold bonds, date April 2 1923, have been called for payment April 1 next at 105 and

int. at the Central Trust Co., 125 West Monroe St., Chicago, Ill., or at the Chase National Bank, 57 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 124, p. 644.

Lexington Utilities Co.—Bonds Offered.—Bonbright & Co., Inc., Harris, Forbes & Co. and W. C. Langley & Co., are offering at 96 1/2 and int., to yield about 5 1/4% \$3,750,000 1st & refunding mtge. gold bonds 5% series due 1952.

Date Feb. 1 1927 due Feb. 1 1952. Interest payable F. & A. at Bankers Trust Co., New York, trustee, without deduction for the Federal income tax up to but not exceeding 2%.

Data from Letter of V.-Pres. F. W. Bacon, Lexington, Ky., Jan. 29. Company.—Incorp. in 1909 in Kentucky. Supplies, without competition, electric light and power in Lexington, Ky., and controls through subsidiary companies, the ice and cold storage business in Lexington, Georgetown and Nicholasville and the urban and interurban railways and buses operating in this territory.

Capitalization to be Outstanding (after this Financing). 1st and ref. mtge. gold bonds, 5% series of 1952 (this issue)..... \$3,750,000

a These are the 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, due 1949, of Lexington Ry. (a closed issue). This company formerly owned, and its bonds cover, certain electric and gas properties now owned by Lexington Utilities Co. and certain railway properties now owned by that company's subsidiary, Kentucky Traction & Terminal Co. Originally there were \$1,500,000 Lexington Ry. bonds issued.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire \$3,037,950 1st lien & ref. 6% gold bonds, to reimburse company for additions to the property and for other corporate purposes.

Security.—Secured by direct first mortgage on a substantial portion of the property of the company, including a modern steam electric generating station of 10,500 k.w. capacity and by direct mortgage on the balance of the physical property subject to the divisional lien of the \$1,036,000 Lexington Ry. 5s of 1949.

Consolidated Earnings 12 Months Ended Dec. 31. [Lexington Utilities Co. and Lexington Ice Co.]

Gross earnings from all sources..... \$1,187,936 \$1,326,013 \$1,462,927

To Call 6% Bonds.— The company will call as of April 1 1927 its three issues of 6% bonds outstanding. These include \$316,800 6% series "A" bonds, due 1929,

Market St. Railway.—Preliminary Earnings.— 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31: 1926. 1925. 1924. 1923.

Ry. oper. revenues..... \$9,891,668 \$9,902,768 \$9,852,360 \$9,809,393

New York Water Service Corp.—To Retire Bonds.— This corporation has offered to purchase at 105 and int. to date of surrender upon delivery on or before March 1 of any or all of the outstanding 1st & gen. mtge. 6% bonds of the Flatbush Water Works Co., due May 1 1931.

North Continent Utilities Corp.—Bonds Offered.—Coffin, Forman & Co., Inc., New York, and George M. Forman & Co., Chicago, are offering at 100 and int. \$2,000,000 6 1/2% convertible sinking fund gold debenture bonds.

Dated Jan. 1, 1927, due Jan. 1, 1942. Interest payable J. & J. at Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, trustee, and at the National City Bank, New York, without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%.

Data From Letter of Wm. A. Baehr, President of the Company. Company.—Organized in 1922. Through a subsidiary, the Chicago Suburban Gas & Electric Co. controls the North Shore Gas Co. which furnishes gas to the suburbs lying along or contiguous to the shore of Lake Michigan north of Chicago.

Consolidated Earnings of System (Less Inter-Company Items). 12 Months Ended Dec. 31— 1924. 1925. 1926.

West, including such well known suburbs as Winnetka, Hubbard Woods, Glencoe, Ravinia, Highland Park, Highwood, Fort Sheridan, Lake Bluff, Great Lakes Naval Station, North Chicago, Waukegan, Winthrop Harbor, Diamond Lake, Grays Lake, Deerfield, Libertyville, Mundelein and Prairie View. The present population served by the North Shore Gas Co. is approximately 100,000. There are approximately 20,000 meters (connected on 385 miles of service mains).

The North Continent Utilities Corp. also controls the Elk River Power & Light Co., furnishing electric service to Elk River, Princeton, Zimmerman and Dayton, Minn.; Great Northern Utilities Co., furnishing natural gas and electric service to Shelby, Mont.; Great Northern Gas Co., Ltd., furnishing gas service to Sault Ste. Marie, Canada; Great Falls Gas Co., furnishing gas to Great Falls, Mont. The total population served by companies controlled by the North Continent Utilities Corp. with gas and electricity is in excess of 150,000.

Company has also acquired all of the outstanding securities (both bonds and stock) of the Denver Ice & Cold Storage Co., together with its wholly owned subsidiary, the Western Railway Icing Co., which companies do a domestic and railroad icing business in Denver, Colo., and also maintain railroad icing plants at Grand Junction, Alamosa, Minturn, Pando, Delta and Crystal Lake, Colo., where an extensive railroad icing business is done under long term contracts with the Pacific Fruit Express Co. (jointly owned by the Union Pacific R.R. and Southern Pacific R.R.) and American Refrigerator Transit Co. (jointly owned by the Missouri Pacific R.R. and Wabash R.R. Co.).

The North Continent Utilities Corp. is also acquiring \$1,250,000 par value of 7% cumulative preferred stock of a corporation being organized to build a by-products coke and gas plant at Waukegan, whose entire output of gas will be sold to the North Shore Gas Co. under a long term contract, thus enabling that company to meet the constantly increasing demands upon it from its customers.

**Capitalization After Giving Effect to the Present Financing.**  
 6 1/2% convertible sinking fund gold debenture bonds.....\$2,000,000  
 7% cumulative preferred stock (\$10,000,000 authorized)\*-- 1,165,210  
 Common stock (no par value)..... 200,000 shs.  
 \* Sufficient of the 7% cumulative preferred stock is reserved to provide for the conversion of these bonds.

**Earnings Year Ending Oct. 31 1926.**  
 Net income from companies owned 100% before charging interest, amortization & Fed. taxes, incl. managerial charges & int. received from affiliated companies.....\$275,113  
 Income accruing on stock investments in affiliated companies..... 50,397

Net income available for bond int., amort. & Fed. taxes.....\$325,510  
 Annual interest charge on \$2,000,000 6 1/2% bonds..... 130,000

The average annual net income for the two year period ending Oct. 31 1926 was \$279,642, or more than two times the total annual interest charge on this issue of bonds. For the year ended Oct. 31 1926 the net income as shown above was more than 2 1/2 times such interest charge, without allowance for future income accruing to the company from the ownership of \$1,250,000 7% cumulative preferred stock of the by-products coke and gas plant above mentioned, the acquisition of which is financed out of the proceeds of these bonds.

**Security of Investment.**—A conservative estimate of the present replacement value less accrued depreciation of the physical property of the companies controlled by the corporation after deducting all outstanding subsidiary corporation bonds and minority interests not owned by the corporation, indicates a total net physical valuation of not less than \$6,000,000.

**Sinking Fund.**—The indenture provides for a sinking fund, the first payment to be made on or before Sept. 1 1928, calculated to retire 40% of the present issue of bonds by maturity. The sinking fund payments shall be as follows: \$50,000 Sept. 1 1928 and 1929, and \$65,000 Sept. 1 each year thereafter.

**Purpose.**—The purpose of this issue of bonds is to assist the company in financing the construction of the new by-products coke and gas plant at Waukegan above mentioned and the acquisition of all of the outstanding securities (both bonds and stock) of the Denver Ice & Cold Storage Co.

**Management.**—The management of the corporation and its subsidiary properties is in the hands of the William A. Baehr Organization.

**Consolidated Balance Sheet as of Oct. 31 1926 (After Present Financing).**

[Consolidating 100% owned properties and showing investment in affiliated properties at cost.]

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Fixed capital.....	\$2,843,854	7% preferred stock.....	\$1,165,210
Inv. in affil. cos. at cost.....	2,128,949	Common stock (no par).....	1,000,000
Current assets.....	228,141	Underlying cos.' stock in hands of public.....	12,230
Sinking fund and special deposits.....	3,279	Funded debt.....	2,157,300
Deferred debits.....	148,245	Current & accrued liabils.....	157,100
		Advs. from affiliated cos.....	30,005
		Reserves.....	164,230
		Accrued dividends.....	8,048
		Surplus.....	658,343
Total (each side).....	\$5,352,467		

Northern Ohio Power & Light Co.—Earnings.—			
12 Mos. End. Dec. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings.....	\$12,040,841	\$11,499,698	\$10,080,997
Oper. exp., incl. taxes & maintenance.....	8,983,333	8,440,402	7,890,415
Fixed charges.....	1,660,299	1,557,842	1,441,967
Dividend preferred stock.....	473,825	437,334	431,751
Balance.....	\$923,383	\$1,064,120	\$316,864
			\$616,635

**Oklahoma Natural Gas Corp.—Bonds Sold.**—White, Weld & Co. and Blyth, Witter & Co. announce the sale of \$3,795,000 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds, series A, dated July 1 1926 and due July 1 1946 at 100 and int. This offering does not represent any new financing by the corporation. (See description in V. 123, p. 1383.)

The corporation acquired in the latter part of 1926 substantially all the assets of Oklahoma Natural Gas Co., Kingwood Pipeline Co., Southern Gas Co. and substantially all the stock of Okmulgee Gas Co., and constitutes one of the largest natural gas systems in the United States, serving either directly or indirectly approximately 86,330 customers in 44 communities. The population of the counties in which the lines of the corporation are located is over 1,200,000, and of the territory served over 400,000, including the cities of Tulsa, Sapulpa and Okmulgee served at retail and Okmulgee City, Muskogee and Guthrie at wholesale.

**Earnings.**—Consolidated net earnings for the years ended Dec. 31 of the properties now owned, available for interest, reserves for renewals, replacements and depletion, and Federal taxes, have been as follows:

1926.*	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
\$3,267,700	\$2,915,981	\$2,766,145	\$1,979,670	\$2,044,195

\*12 months ended Nov. 30 1926.  
 Net earnings as above for the 12 months ended Nov. 30 1926 are equivalent to over 3.6 times, and for the 4 years and 11 months ended Nov. 30 1926 average more than 2.8 times the annual interest charges on the \$15,000,000 1st mtge. bonds outstanding.—V. 123, p. 2140, 1635.

**Pennsylvania Gas & Electric Corp.—Extra Dividend.**—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 3 3/4c. per share and the regular quarterly of 37 1/2c. on the class A common stock, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 21.—V. 123, p. 3184.

**People's Light & Power Corp.—Sub. Co. Acquisition.**—The acquisition of the Bangor (Pa.) Gas Co. (which was controlled by S. B. Thompson of Bangor, Pa.) by the W. B. Foshy Co. of Minneapolis was announced on Jan. 31. The gas company distributes water gas to 8,500 persons in Bangor and Roseto, Pa. It will be operated, together with other Pennsylvania utilities to be acquired by the Foshy interests, by the Peoples Utilities Pennsylvania Corp.—V. 124, p. 648.

**Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—Equip. Trusts Sold.**—Dillon, Read & Co. have sold at prices to yield from 4.75% to 5.30%, according to maturity, \$1,900,000 equip. trust 5% certificates, series "K." Issued under the Philadelphia plan.

Dated Dec. 1 1926. Maturing in equal annual installments Dec. 1 1927 to Dec. 1 1936 incl. Denom. \$1,000. Dividend payable J. & D. without

deduction for Federal normal income tax up to 2% per annum. Certificates and dividends payable at the office of trustee. Free of Pennsylvania 4-mills tax. Penna. Co. for Ins. on Lives & Granting Annuities, Philadelphia, trustee.

Philadelphia Rural Transit Co. is to be the lessee under the equipment lease and all its covenants in this lease are to be guaranteed unconditionally by Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.

The Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co., incorp. in 1902 in Penna., together with its leased properties and wholly owned subsidiaries, including Philadelphia Rural Transit Co., constitutes the Philadelphia Rapid Transit System. The system co-ordinates every phase of Philadelphia's public passenger transportation and now operates about 660 miles of surface track, 39 miles of elevated and subway track, and 362 motor buses over a system of routes in Philadelphia which at the present time totals over 200 miles, and also connects Philadelphia by interurban routes with New York, Atlantic City, Baltimore, Washington and intermediate points. Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. also owns and operates Yellow Cab Co., the largest cab company in Philadelphia, operating over 1,100 taxicabs. This co-ordination of transportation tends to protect this company's system against the inroads of competitive operation and consequent division of earnings to which street railway companies elsewhere are now being subjected.

**Security.**—These \$1,900,000 certificates are to be issued by the trustee and the proceeds applied by it in part payment for the following new equipment: 100 single-deck gas-electric motor buses; 50 double-deck gas-electric motor buses; 51 gas-electric parlor car motor buses; 17 gas-electric motor service units to be constructed and delivered to trustee at a total cost of not less than \$2,720,000. The par value of the certificates will represent less than 70% of the cash cost of the equipment.

These motor buses and service units will be leased to Philadelphia Rural Transit Co. under an equipment lease drawn up under the Philadelphia Plan, under which lease the company will covenant to keep the original number of units intact, to maintain them in good operating order, and to pay rentals equal to the par value of maturing certificates, all dividends and other charges of the trust.

Consolidated Earnings of System, Years Ended Dec. 31.				
	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Operating revenue—				
Surface, sub. & elev.....	\$50,300,000	\$49,571,885	\$45,730,443	\$44,945,558
Motor buses & taxicabs.....	7,700,000	1,031,701	249,998	60,725
Consolidated.....	58,000,000	50,603,586	45,980,441	45,006,283
xAvail. for int. & equip. rentals.....	4,400,000	4,172,886	4,154,617	4,161,637
Int. charges & equip. trust rentals.....	1,380,000	1,399,370	1,371,252	1,161,637
a One month estimated. x After other rentals, depreciation and taxes.				

**Pittsfield (Mass.) Electric Co.—Control Held by Directors.**—The directors on Jan. 27 announced that they have in their possession agreements in writing by which they control more than 60% of the total capital stock of the company, and that they have requested Kidder, Peabody & Co. to act as depository of the stock. The latter have agreed to act in that capacity. Details of the deposit agreement will be announced in the near future by Kidder, Peabody & Co., and all stockholders will be invited to deposit their stock with the bankers. See also V. 124, p. 648.

**Public Service Electric & Gas Co.—Increase in Capital Stock Is Voted—Part of Merging Plan.**—The stockholders on Jan. 31 approved an amendment to the company's charter increasing its authorized capital stock by \$30,000,000. The action was taken as part of the plan for the merging of underlying companies now held under lease, the stocks of which may be exchanged for either the Electric & Gas Co.'s 6% preferred, common stock of Public Service Corp. of New Jersey, or cash.

Under the amended charter no change was made in the number of authorized shares of the common stock or the 7% or 6 1/2% preferred stock issues of the Electric & Gas Co., but the number of 6% preferred shares was raised from 700,000 to 1,000,000, all to be as of the 1925 issue. It is the latter class of preferred stock that is being offered for shares of underlying companies to be merged.

In connection with the progress of the merger there was presented at the meeting a statement dictated by President McCarter in which he said:

The plan to merge the gas and electric companies now controlled under lease by Public Service Electric & Gas Co. has met very favorable response from holders of the underlying securities and stocks of all the companies are being turned in to the depositories, J. P. Morgan & Co., Drexel & Co. and their agent, Fidelity Union Trust Co., in substantial amounts daily, fully up to the company's expectation.

Inasmuch as the plan is designed to do away with the unwieldy leasehold structures, it has met with very general commendation from the public at large, bankers and the public authorities. The plan has received the approval of the New Jersey P. U. Commission and it is believed that its attractive features will appeal to all of the security holders affected. The company desires to state definitely that no modification of the plan is contemplated or will be made as it considers the basis of the various options is fair and reasonable in all respects. (See also V. 124, p. 374.)

**Erects Two New Switching Stations at Cost of \$4,000,000.**—

Two large new switching stations, one erected at Trenton, and the other at Athena, N. J., have been practically completed by the Public Service Electric & Gas Co., operating subsidiary of Public Service Corp. of New Jersey. These two stations, which cost \$4,000,000, constitute one of the larger items in the 1926 program of extensions and betterments of the electric department of the subsidiary company.

These stations embody the most recent advances in substation design and were built by Public Service Production Co., another of the subsidiary organizations of the parent company. The Trenton switching station, which will supply various substations in and near Trenton, will have a capacity of 60,000 kv-a. The ultimate capacity is expected to be double this. The initial installed capacity of the Athena station will be 90,000 kv-a, with an ultimate capacity of 180,000 kv-a.—V. 124, p. 374, 237.

**Puget Sound Power & Light Co.—To Increase Pref. Stk.**—

The stockholders will vote March 7 on increasing the authorized preferred stock, no par value, from 200,000 shares to 300,000 shares. This will increase the total authorized capital stock to 100,000 shares of prior preference stock (par \$100), 300,000 shares of preferred stock without par value, and 202,829 shares of common stock, no par value.

A circular to the stockholders says: "The company has continued the policy adopted in 1920 of selling its securities to employees, consumers and to the local public. Since this policy was inaugurated, approximately 2,400 shares of prior preference stock, some 87,000 shares of preferred stock, and \$4,350,000 of notes now outstanding, have been so sold. The directors believe this policy should be continued.

"All of the company's authorized stock is now outstanding with the exception of a minor amount of \$6 dividend preferred stock, the sale of substantially all of which has been contracted for with purchasers located in the territory served by the company. In order to have additional stock available for sale, the directors recommend that the authorized preferred stock, now consisting of 200,000 shares without par value, be increased to 300,000 shares and that directors be given authority to sell such stock, which will be disposed of from time to time as the proceeds can be used advantageously to finance in part the cost of plant additions required to keep pace with the growth of the territory served.—V. 123, p. 2901.

**Rhode Island Public Service Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.**—Bodell & Co., F. L. Carlisle & Co., Inc., Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., Baker, Young & Co., Bond & Goodwin, Inc., and Hornblower & Weeks are offering at \$30 per share and div., to yield about 6.66% 500,000 shares cumulative pref. stock (without par value).

Exempt from present Rhode Island taxes. This stock is cumulative as to dividends of \$2 per share per annum, payable Q-F., and is preferred as to assets in the event of liquidation or dissolution, whether voluntary or involuntary, up to \$33 per share and divs. before any distribution is made to any junior stock. Red. on any div. date all or part, upon 40 days' no-



... at \$33 per share and divs. Transfer agents, Industrial Trust Co., Providence, and the First National Bank, Boston. Registrars, Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., Providence, and the State Street Trust Co., Boston.

**Data from Letter of Pres. L. C. Gerry, Providence, R. I., Jan. 31, 1926.**  
**Company.**—Incorp. in Rhode Island in July 1926. Owns all of the outstanding capital stock of the Narragansett Co. and will own over 95% of the outstanding capital stock of United Electric Rys. The Narragansett Co., incorp. in Rhode Island in Jan. 1927, has acquired over 96% of the outstanding capital stock of Narragansett Electric Lighting Co. The latter owns all of the outstanding capital stock of the Bristol County Gas & Electric Co. and South County Public Service Co., which owns all of the outstanding capital stock of the Mystic Power Co.

Narragansett Electric Lighting Co. furnishes electricity for light and power, without competition, in the cities of Providence and Cranston, and certain towns in the State of Rhode Island. Through its subsidiary, the South County Public Service Co., it furnishes electricity in the towns of North Kingstown, South Kingstown, Narragansett, Exeter, Richmond, Charlestown, Hopkinton and Westerly, R. I., and in the State of Connecticut, through another subsidiary, the Mystic Power Co., it furnishes electricity in the towns of Stonington and part of Broton. Large amounts of power are interchanged between the Narragansett Electric Lighting Co. and the New England Power System.

Narragansett Electric Lighting Co. and its subsidiary companies serve electricity over an area of approximately 775 square miles to a population estimated at 470,000. The total number of electric customers served is 110,445. Narragansett Electric Lighting Co. through its subsidiaries serves gas in the towns of Bristol and Warren, R. I. (gas being purchased from the Providence Gas Co.), in the town of Westerly, R. I., and in Pawcatuck, in the town of Stonington, Conn. The total population served with gas is 34,000. The total number of gas customers is 6,156.

United Electric Railways was created by a special Act of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, approved in April 1919. Its charter, as amended at the 1920 session, authorized the company to acquire the lines and property of the street and interurban railways operating in most of the principal cities and towns in Rhode Island, including Providence, East Providence, North Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls, Cranston and Woonsocket. The company commenced to operate these properties on July 9, 1921. The General Assembly at its 1920 session passed Acts exempting the United Electric Railways from all State taxes except (a) the State tax of 1% of the gross earnings and (b) taxes imposed by cities and towns upon its land, buildings or other tangible property. The Acts freed it from other franchise taxes formerly imposed upon the predecessor companies, and made all town and city ordinances affecting the company's operation subject to review by the Public Utilities Commission.

**Combined Capitalization and Funded Debt (upon Completion of Present Financing).**

Rhode Island Public Service Co.—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Preferred stock (no par).....	1,000,000 shs.	500,000 shs.
Class A stock (no par).....	1,322,007 shs.	82,507 shs.
Class B stock (no par).....	1,000,000 shs.	1,000,000 shs.

**Subsidiary Companies—**

Narragansett Co. coll. tr. gold bds., ser. A, 5%, due Jan. 1 1957.....	\$27,500,000
Narragansett Elec. Ltg. Co. div. 1st mtge. 5s.....	3,660,500
United Elec. Rys. prior lien Ser. "A" 6%, due Jan. 1 1946.....	1,000,000
do do Prior lien Ser. "B" 4%, due Jan. 1 1946.....	1,960,300
do do Gen. & ref. Ser. "A" 5%, due Jan. 1 1951.....	8,324,100
do do Gen. & ref. Ser. "B" 4%, due Jan. 1 1951.....	2,429,600

a This is the maximum number of shares necessary to provide for the exchange privileges given to United Electric Rys. gen. & ref. mtge. bondholders together with the shares provided for the exchange of United Electric Rys. stock.

b Assuming all United Electric Rys. stock is exchanged. This may be increased by exchange of gen. & ref. mtge. bonds of the Railways company.

c In addition to this amount of \$107,500 are held by the trustee uncanceled in a sinking fund and \$2,000 are in the treasury of Narragansett Electric Lighting Co.

**Consolidated Earnings for the 12 Months' Period Ended Nov. 30 1926.**  
 Gross earnings, incl. other income (50% power and light).....\$16,745,734  
 Operating expenses, maintenance and all taxes.....\$12,053,606

Net earnings (63% power and light).....	\$4,692,128
Annual interest on outstanding funded debt.....	2,044,826
Balance.....	\$2,647,302
\$2 dividend on 500,000 shs. of pref. stock (this issue).....	1,000,000

Balance for depreciation, dividends, &c.....\$1,647,302  
 \* Maintenance equals 17% of gross earnings shown above.

It is anticipated that all or substantially all of the capital stock of Narragansett Electric Lighting Co. and United Electric Railways will be acquired and all calculations herein contained have been based on the assumption that acquisition of the entire capital stock will be effected. For the acquisition of the outstanding common stock of the United Electric Railways not acquired. The Rhode Island Public Service Co. will have authorized an equal number of shares of Class A stock. For the acquisition of the outstanding capital stock of the Narragansett Electric Lighting Co. not acquired, the Narragansett Co. has deposited with the trustee of its collateral trust bonds cash equal to \$87 for each share of such stock not owned by it. In the event that less than the entire capital stocks of the said companies are acquired, the proportionate assets and earnings of the consolidated companies applicable to the holdings of the Rhode Island Public Service Co. will be reduced accordingly.—V. 124, p. 649.

**Rochester Gas & Electric Corp.—Earnings.**  
 —3 *Mos. End. Dec. 31* —12 *Mos. End. Dec. 31* —

Period—	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Gross sales.....	\$3,216,954	\$2,916,005	\$11,658,748	\$10,455,908
After oper., tax, & res'v'e.....	1,250,671	1,084,240	4,006,763	3,406,630
Surplus after all charges, incl. pref. dividends.....	655,062	564,313	1,728,456	1,459,150

—V. 123, p. 1998.

**San Joaquin Light & Power Corp.—Bonds Called.**  
 All of the outstanding uniting & ref. mtge. 30-year 7% gold bonds, Series "A," of 1951, have been called for payment Mar. 1 at 107½ and int. at the Equitable Trust Co., trustee, 37 Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 124, p. 374.

**Shelburne Falls & Colrain Street Ry.—Default.**  
 This company, operating an electric railway line between Buckland, Shelburne and Colrain, Mass., about 7 miles, has been in default for some time on the interest payments on the \$95,700 1st & ref. 5s, due 1930. Federal Trust Co., Boston, is trustee of the issue.—V. 107, p. 1482.

**Southern Cities Utilities Co.—Stockholders Oppose Plan to Create \$3,000,000 Prior Preference Stock.**

Certain stockholders have united in opposition to a plan recently proposed calling for the creation of \$3,000,000 (par \$100) prior preference stock having priority to the present pref. stock, and 25,000 shares of junior preference stock of \$1 par value to take precedence over the present class A and class B common stock. Stockholders have objected to the plan on the ground that the junior preference stock carried the same voting power as the present class A and class B common shares, and that the management had given no reason for its necessity or no statement as to how it was to be used.

On Jan. 21 last a stockholders' list was submitted for use at a meeting to be held on Jan. 27, allowing only six days for canvassing opposition to the action, but despite that fact, out of about 48,977 common shares outstanding 9,000 shares voted in opposition compared with 26,000 shares in favor, and out of 22,000 pref. shares 5,400 shares were voted in opposition against 14,000 shares in favor.

After the amendment had been passed, stockholders adopted resolutions that the 25,000 shares of \$1 par value voting stock should not be issued within three years without specific authority from the shareholders, and resolutions requesting the directors to take steps to amend the charter by eliminating the 25,000 of \$1 shares entirely.

Stockholders have combined and maintained that the purpose of the issuance of the 25,000 shares was to perpetuate control in the present management when the existing voting trust expires next year.

The stockholders have requested for information with reference to stock voted to officers, alleged to be \$1,000,000 par value, the situation with reference to dividends and as to the disappearance of the Public Light & Power Co. stock from the company's balance sheet. This was met by a

statement that any information with reference to the company's affairs requested in good faith would be furnished.

Royal E. T. Riggs of Seibert & Riggs, counsel for some of the objecting stockholders, said in this connection: "The response from the stockholders within the six days limited time at the disposal of the committee in opposition to the adoption of the two classes of stock and the ratification of the acts of the directors was amazing. Their opposition to these \$1 voting shares has been successful. The committee will now continue its inquiry into the purposes of the prior preference shares and into the affairs of the company."—V. 123, p. 3322.

**Southern New England Telephone Co.—Report.**

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Telep. oper. revs.....	\$12,349,498	\$11,101,679	\$9,993,443	\$9,183,323
Telep. oper. expenses.....	8,706,529	7,796,507	7,046,619	6,579,964
Net oper. revenues.....	\$3,642,968	\$3,305,172	\$2,946,824	\$2,603,359
Uncoll. oper. revenues.....	38,629	32,687	31,400	18,439
Taxes.....	855,500	744,797	687,931	620,241
Oper. income.....	\$2,748,839	\$2,527,687	\$2,227,497	\$1,964,679
Other income.....	36,208	53,467	46,907	27,990
Total income.....	\$2,785,047	\$2,581,154	\$2,274,400	\$1,992,670
Rents.....	116,152	96,543	119,168	99,470
Interest.....	260,383	257,773	161,171	186,177
Other deductions.....	17,786	17,225	13,744	17,063
Dividends (8%).....	2,000,000	1,800,000	1,678,000	1,440,000
Approp. empl. fund.....	50,000	100,000	100,000	100,000

Balance, surplus.....	\$340,726	\$309,613	\$202,317	\$149,960
Shares outstg. (par \$100).....	280,000	240,000	210,000	180,000
Earnings per share.....	\$8.53	\$9.20	\$9.43	\$9.38

—V. 124, p. 237.

**Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.—Earnings.**

12 Mos. End. Dec. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross revenues.....	\$58,863,170	\$49,854,941	\$44,618,858
Operating income.....	\$15,616,209	\$12,797,026	\$10,311,027

—V. 124, p. 508.

**Standard Power & Light Corp.—Debentures Offered.**

Offering was made yesterday by H. M. Bylesby & Co., Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., New York, and the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, of an issue of \$24,000,000 6% gold debentures at 99½ and int., to yield 6.03%. The issue was over-subscribed.

Dated Feb. 1 1927, due Feb. 1 1957. Interest payable at the offices of H. M. Bylesby & Co. in New York and Chicago and at the office of Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co. in New York on F. & A., without deduction for any normal Federal income tax, not in excess of 2%. Corporation will agree to refund Penn. personal property taxes not in excess of 4 mills per dollar per annum, Conn. personal property taxes not in excess of 4 mills per dollar per annum, Maryland securities tax not in excess of 4½ mills per dollar per annum and Mass. income tax not in excess of 6% per annum, to holders resident in those States. Principal will be payable at principal office of Guaranty Trust Co., New York, trustee. Denom. \$1,000. \$500 and \$100 c. Red. all or part at any time before maturity upon 60 days' notice at 105 on or before Feb. 1 1937, thereafter the premium decreasing 1% for each 5 years or fraction thereof to Feb. 1 1952, thereafter at 101 to Feb. 1 1956, thereafter at 100, plus int. in each case.

**Data from Letter of John J. O'Brien, President of the Corporation.**

**Company.**—Organized in 1925 for the acquisition of public utility securities and for the operation, engineering and management of public utility properties. Owns directly over 94% of the common stock of Philadelphia Co. and through subsidiaries owns a group of natural gas producing and distributing properties in Ohio and a substantial stock interest in Mark Street Railway of San Francisco.

Philadelphia Co., organized in 1884, controls, through entire common stock ownership, the Duquesne Light Co., which does substantially all the electric power and light business in Pittsburgh and in the greater part of Allegheny and Beaver counties, Pa., a territory of approximately 1,000 square miles, and owns or controls through subsidiaries an extensive gas producing, transporting and distributing system in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, supplying a large part of the gas consumed in the city of Pittsburgh. Philadelphia Co. also owns securities of the Pittsburgh Railways, representing the equity in the electric railway system of subsidiaries engaged in supplementing its gas transportation and other businesses. Philadelphia Co. System has installed steam electrical generating capacity of 427,594 h.p., 19,567 miles of transmission and distribution pole and underground lines, and connected load of 559,404 kw.; the present annual electric output being 1,307,084,730 kw.h. and the present annual send-out of gas 34,641,832,000 cu. ft. Customers served are 262,535 electric and 169,623 gas. Street railway operations extend over 616 miles of track and have an average of 1,136 cars and 30 motor coaches in daily operation.

Philadelphia Co. has paid dividends on its common stock in every year but one since 1885, at rates averaging over 6% per annum; dividends are now being paid at the rate of 8% per annum. The Philadelphia Co. System for 12 months ended Nov. 30 1926 had gross earnings of \$64,546,389 and net earnings of \$26,605,877.

The group of natural gas producing and distributing properties in Ohio serving 511 customers with present annual send-out of 2,157,795,000 cu. ft. and for the 12 months ended Nov. 30 1926 had gross earnings of \$569,519 and net earnings of \$264,032. For the same 12 months the earnings of Market Street Ry. Co. were \$9,882,942 gross and \$1,789,656 net; 274 miles of street railway being operated with an average of 754 cars in daily operation.

The subsidiary and affiliated companies comprising the Standard Power & Light Corp. System for the 12 months ended Nov. 30 1926 had gross earnings of \$74,998,850 and net earnings of \$28,659,565.

**Capitalization Outstanding (Giving Effect to Present Financing).**

6% gold debentures, due Feb. 1 1957 (this issue)..... \$24,000,000  
 Pref. stock (without par) div. rate 7% per sh. per annum..... 220,000 shs.  
 Participating preferred stock (without par value)..... 2,948,709 shs.  
 Common stock (without par value)..... 440,000 shs.

\* Additional debentures of this or other series may be issued under the earnings or other restrictions to be provided in the trust agreement.

Standard Power & Light Corp. also has outstanding a \$2,700,000 note to a subsidiary company, which has no funded debt and in which Standard Power & Light Corp., through another subsidiary company, has a stock interest of over 99½%. The subsidiary and affiliated companies have outstanding with the public \$135,856,280 bonds, \$63,805,810 preferred stocks and \$25,208,900 common stocks.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds from the sale of \$10,000,000 of these 6% gold debentures, together with treasury cash, will be used to retire \$10,000,000 2-year 5% 1st lien gold notes of Pittsburgh Utilities Corp., due April 15 1928, heretofore assumed by Standard Power & Light Corp. The remaining \$14,000,000 debentures will be issued to refund \$14,000,000 debentures of this corporation now outstanding, thus effecting a consolidation of the corporation's funded debt.

**Consolidated Earnings Statement 12 Months Ended Nov. 30 1926.**

[Standard Power & Light Corp. and subsidiary and affiliated companies Gross earnings from all sources: Phila. Co. System, \$64,546,389; Market St. Ry., \$9,882,942; Ohio Natural Gas Producing & Distributing System, \$569,519.....	\$74,998,850
Operating expenses, maintenance & taxes (incl. Federal taxes).....	46,339,285
Net earnings.....	\$28,659,565
Int. & div. charges on securities of sub. & affiliated cos. now in hands of public, minority interests' proportion of undistributed earnings, rentals & sundry expenses.....	13,482,111
Depreciation, depletion, amortization & reserves.....	8,482,807
Balance of earnings applicable to securities of sub. cos. now owned by Standard Power & Light Corp.....	6,694,647
Other income of Standard Power & Light Corp., less expenses.....	63,049

Gross income applicable to Standard Power & Light Corp.—\$6,757,696  
 Consolidated earnings for 12 months ended Nov. 30 1926 were \$6,757,696, or over 4.69 times the annual interest requirement of \$1,440,000 on the entire funded debt of the corporation presently to be outstanding.

**Earnings of Standard Power & Light Corp. Cal. year 1926.**  
 [Not including its proportion of undistributed earnings of subsidiary and affiliated companies.]  
 Gross income credits..... \$3,969,845  
 General expenses and taxes..... 36,960

Net income credits..... \$3,932,885  
 Actual earnings of Standard Power & Light Corp. for the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1926, were \$3,932,885 or over 2.73 times the \$1,440,000 annual interest requirement on the entire funded debt of the corporation presently to be outstanding. Included in the above actual earnings of the corporation for the year 1926 were dividends on its holdings of Philadelphia Co. common stock, at the regular annual rate, for the portion of the year such stock was owned, and approximately \$1,420,000 dividends from prior years' surplus of companies now dissolved. Excluding this \$1,420,000 item, the regular dividend actually declared for the full year 1926 on the securities now owned by the corporation, plus other income, were \$3,649,691.—V. 123, p. 2653.

**Springfield (Mass.) Gas Light Co.—Stock Approved.**  
 The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities has authorized the company to issue at \$45 a share 25,917 shares of new capital stock, par \$25. The proceeds are to be applied solely to the payment and cancellation of any equal amount of obligations outstanding.

In its petition the company sought to issue 31,100 shares of additional capital stock (par \$25) at \$37 50 per share. The Department says: "The Department deems that the price fixed by the directors is so low as to be inconsistent with the public interest, and fixes the price at which the shares of stock may be issued at \$45 per share. On this basis the number of shares would be reduced to 25,917 in order to approximate the total amount asked for by the company."—V. 123, p. 2521.

**United Gas Improvement Co.—Sales in Philadelphia.**

The sales of gas in Philadelphia by this company through its subsidiary, the Equitable Illuminating Gas Light Co., in 3 months ended Dec. 31 1926 compare as shown below (cu. ft.):

3 Mos. End.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Mar. 31.....	5,685,075.680	4,857,555.380	4,767,933.160
June 30.....	4,791,755.550	4,086,352.160	4,306,186.550
Sept. 30.....	3,626,505.880	3,356,396.252	3,380,849.280
Dec. 31.....	4,644,658.287	4,521,011.750	4,441,847.900

Total year... 18,747,995.390 16,821,315.542 16,896,821.890 17,256,395.440  
 The amount due the city on sales for the quarter ended Dec. 31 1926 was \$1,103,192.—V. 124, p. 237.

**United Rys. & Electric Co. of Baltimore.—Earnings.**

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Operating revenues.....	\$16,715,709	\$16,621,220	\$16,453,254	\$16,461,799
Exps., taxes, deprec., &c.....	12,471,017	12,409,197	12,293,999	12,422,738
Net operating income.....	\$4,244,692	\$4,212,023	\$4,159,255	\$4,039,061
Other income.....	125,144	120,814	143,976	160,029
Total income.....	\$4,369,836	\$4,332,837	\$4,303,231	\$4,199,090
Interest, rents, &c.....	3,384,887	3,352,228	3,335,263	3,222,824
Dividends.....	(\$2)818,448	(\$2)818,448	(\$2)818,448	(\$2)818,448
Balance, surplus.....	\$166,501	\$162,161	\$149,520	\$157,818
Shares common stock outstanding (par \$50).....	409,224	409,224	409,224	409,224
Earned per share.....	\$2 40	\$2 39	\$2 36	\$2 39

\* Preliminary figures.—V. 124, p. 237.

**Washington Ry. & Electric Co.—Earnings.**

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Revenue pass. carried.....	76,797,163	77,505,636	77,786,675	81,518,607
Gross earnings from oper.....	\$5,012,620	\$4,775,285	\$4,759,244	\$4,957,215
Miscellaneous income.....	1,149,113	1,025,501	858,802	707,758
Gross income.....	\$6,161,733	\$5,800,785	\$5,618,046	\$5,664,972
Op. exps., depr., tax., &c.....	\$4,140,223	\$3,915,959	\$3,820,622	\$4,089,016
Int. on fund. & unfd. dt.....	688,152	730,600	790,676	755,878
Prof. divs. (5%).....	425,000	425,000	425,000	425,000
Common dividends.....	(5%)325,000	(5)325,000	(5)325,000	(3)243,750
Balance.....	\$583,359	\$404,226	\$256,749	\$151,328
Miscellaneous credits.....	\$189,842	\$240,614	\$1,287	\$136,578
Spec. div. rec. from Potomac El. Pow. Co.....	2,880,000			
Total.....	\$3,524,841		\$258,036	\$287,906
Payment of special div.....	(20%)1,300,000			
Bal. to credit of P.&L.....	\$773,200	\$2,224,840	\$258,030	\$287,906
Earned per sh. on com.....	\$13 98	\$11 22	\$8 95	\$6 08

\* Including regular divs. from Potomac Electric Power Co. Aside from divs. from the Potomac Electric Power Co., included above, no income was received by the Washington Ry. & Electric Co. on its investment in stocks of subsidiary companies.—V. 123, p. 3040.

**Worcester (Mass.) Suburban Electric Co.—Voting Trust Created.**

C. D. Parker & Co., Inc., Boston, in a letter to the stockholders of the above company, state that they have been approached by other electric light company interests with a view to buying control of the Worcester company, but at a price which C. D. Parker & Co. consider too low. Accordingly a voting trust has been created for the purpose of realizing not less than \$150 per share in the event of the sale of the Worcester company. The letter states that "the price paid for control is usually substantially higher than the current market price on the theory that present owners cannot be induced to surrender prospective enhancement without a present consideration. In case of the Worcester company we believe such enhancement in value is assured."—V. 119, p. 2289.

**INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS**

**Refined Sugar Prices.**—On Jan. 29 Arbuckle reduced prices to 6.15c. @ 6.25c. per lb. On Feb. 1 the following companies reduced prices 15 points each to 6.25c. per lb.: American, McCahan, National and Warner. Arbuckle quoted 6.15c. firm.

**Chelti, Peabody & Co. Employees Strike Again; 20% Wage Cut.**—About 400 shirt ironers at Troy, N. Y., form organization after striking and threaten to call out 5,000 in "sympathy" strike.—New York "Times" Feb. 3, p. 13.

**Bricklayers and Plasterers Held Equally Guilty in Building Union Disturbance by Arbitration Tribunal Headed by Ethel Root.**—Long struggle between unions which began in Florida "boom" period ended. Legal opinion prepared by Mr. Root.—New York "Times" Feb. 2, p. 27.

**Additional Openings by American Woolen Co. Show 8% Price Reduction in Overcoatings—Other Price Comparisons Difficult Because of Changes in Lines.**—New York "Times" Feb. 3, p. 35.

**United Mine Workers Authorize Representatives to Obtain Agreement from Bituminous Coal Operators as of April 7 with No Wage Reduction.**—New contract to begin with wage of \$7.50 per day as provided in Jacksonville agreement which expires April 7, and to continue for two years.—New York "Times" Feb. 3, p. 9.

**Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Jan. 29.**—(a) Organization of American Rice Export Corp. to operate in Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas.—p. 579. (b) Fall opening by American Woolen Co. of Men's Wear—Staple worsteds up 2 1/2 to 10 cents per yard over spring levels.—p. 580. (c) Award in favor of Zimmermann & Forsyah handed down by Mixed Claims Commission at Washington.—p. 589. (d) Proposed extension of field of New York Stock Exchange with view to making it a world market.—p. 591. (e) McCown & Co., Philadelphia, assigns.—p. 592. (f) Break in stock of Estey-Welte Corp. on New York Curb Market—Marked advance in common stock of Wheeling & Lake Erie on Stock Exchange.—p. 593.

**Allan-Diffenbaugh Wrench & Tool Co., Baraboo, Wis.**  
 The assets of this company have been ordered sold by the Circuit Court of Sauk County, Wis. The plant has been operating under the direction of a receiver. A joint meeting of stockholders and creditors has been called for Feb. 14 to appoint a protective committee.

**Allerton Corp., New York City.—Guaranty.**  
 See Allerton New York Corp. below.—V. 120, p. 831.

**Allerton New York Corp., N. Y. City.—Bonds Offered.**  
 G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc., Blyth, Witter & Co. and Graham, Parsons & Co. are offering at 98 1/2 and int., to yield about 5.65%, \$4,250,000 1st mtge. 5 1/2% s. f. gold loan.

Dated Jan. 1 1927; due Jan. 1 1947. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at the New York Trust Co., trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Red., all or part, on any int. date upon 30 days' notice to and incl. Jan. 1 1931 at 103 and int.; thereafter to and incl. Jan. 1 1939 at 102 and int.; thereafter to and incl. July 1 1946 at 101 and int.; thereafter at 100 and int. Int. payable without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%: Refund of the Minn., Penn., Conn., Kan. and Calif. tax not in excess of 4 mills; Maryland 4 1/2 mills tax, Kentucky and Dist. of Col. 5 mills tax, Mich. 5 mills exemption tax, Virginia 5 1/2 mills tax and Mass. income tax not to exceed 6%.

**Guaranty.**—Guaranteed, principal and interest, by the Allerton Corp. by endorsement on each certificate.

**Data from Letter of James S. Cushman, President of Corporation.**

**Company.**—The corporation, all the common stock of which is to be owned by the Allerton Corp., will own the Allerton 38th Street (Fraternity Clubs) Bldg., the Allerton 39th Street Bldg. and the Allerton 57th Street Bldg., all located in N. Y. City, within a short distance of the Grand Central Terminal. Allerton accommodations represent a practical solution of the problem of providing suitable living quarters for single men and women in large cities at reasonable cost. During the last 3 years the New York buildings have averaged 99 1/2% complete occupancy. The permanent character of Allerton tenancy is indicated by the fact that during 1926 guests in the New York properties is approximately 75,000. The unprecedented demand for these accommodations has resulted in the consistent growth of the Allerton Corp. From the initial building on 22d St., completed in 1911, the business has expanded until the Allerton Corp. owns, through subsidiaries, five large buildings in N. Y. City, and also owns a substantial interest in the Allerton Co. of Chicago and the Allerton-Cleveland Co., which own and operate Allerton residences in Chicago and Cleveland respectively.

**Security.**—This loan will be secured by a closed 1st mtge. on the land and buildings (above) owned in fee. The 38th St. Bldg. has a frontage of 98.9 feet on Madison Ave. and a frontage of 125 feet on 38th St.; the 39th St. Bldg. has a frontage of 70.1 feet on 39th St. and a depth of 98.9 feet; the 57th St. Bldg. occupies an irregular plot with a frontage of 75.5 feet on Lexington Ave. and a frontage of 70 feet on 57th St. The total ground area of these three properties is approximately 27,800 square feet. The land and buildings securing this loan, exclusive of furniture and fixtures, have been appraised by Charles F. Noyes & Co., Inc., as having a total valuation in excess of \$7,135,000. Based upon this appraisal this loan is less than a 60% mortgage.

**Earnings.**—The earnings of the properties for the years ended Nov. 30 are reported as follows:

	1925.	1926.
Gross revenues.....	\$1,046,333	\$1,132,808
Oper. exp., maint. & taxes, other than Federal taxes.....	526,024	557,135
Balance.....	\$520,309	\$575,673

Maximum annual interest charges on this loan..... \$233,498  
**Legal for Trust Funds.**—Based on the above appraisal, this issue will represent less than a 60% loan and these certificates will be legal for the investment of trust funds under the laws of the State of New York.

**Sinking Fund.**—The agreement securing this loan will provide for a sinking fund, payable monthly to the trustee beginning May 1 1927 and continuing until the maturity of this issue. The operation of this monthly sinking fund through purchase in the open market or retirement by call, should reduce this loan to less than \$2,450,000 at maturity, which is an amount less than the present appraised value of the land alone.

**Aluminum Co. of America.—\$60,000,000 Bonds to be Offered Next Week.**

An issue of \$60,000,000 of 5% notes of the largest piece of industrial financing so far this year and one of the largest in years, will reach the market early next week through an offering by a group of bankers in Pittsburgh and New York. As in the case of a great proportion of recent financing, one of the results will be a substantial saving through the retirement of securities bearing a higher rate of interest.

The company on April 1 will retire its 12-year 7% bonds, of which about \$15,000,000 are outstanding. The remainder of the proceeds will be devoted to a comprehensive expansion program. The group to bring out the issue, it is understood, is headed by the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, the Bankers Trust Co. Guaranty Co. and the National City Co., New York.

Bankers Trust Co., New York, has been appointed co-agent with the Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh, for payment of Aluminum Co. of America 5-year 5% sinking fund gold note coupons.—V. 123, p. 1508.

**Amalgamated Laundries, Inc.—Executive Committee.**

The corporation announces the election of the following executive committee: Ernest G. Peterson of Throckmorton & Co., Chairman; Adolph Reinitz, Sec.; Samuel A. Bachman, Charles Chess, Benjamin Menedich and Morris Robinson, President.—V. 123, p. 2781.

**American Agricultural Chemical Co.—Transfer Agent.**

The National Bank of Commerce in New York has been appointed transfer agent of the preferred and common stock of the above company, effective Feb. 1 1927.—V. 123, p. 1999.

**American Chiclo Co.—Annual Report.**

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
*Gross profit.....	\$3,377,562	\$3,414,283	\$2,864,054	\$2,291,443
Selling & adm. exps.....	1,955,654	2,005,786	1,656,858	1,513,427
Net earnings.....	\$1,421,909	\$1,408,496	\$1,207,196	\$778,016
Other income (net).....	153,362	155,566	156,168	182,530
Gross income.....	\$1,575,271	\$1,564,062	\$1,363,364	\$960,546
Interest, discount, &c.....	92,620	186,210	280,282	460,747
Income taxes.....	150,203	127,554		
Balance, surplus.....	\$1,332,448	\$1,250,298	\$1,083,082	\$499,799
Previous deficit.....	sur.2,158,126	2,377,344	3,546,144	4,153,296
Adj. through recapitiz.....	Cr3,445,274			
Total surplus.....	\$3,490,574	\$2,318,228	\$2,463,062	\$3,653,497
Divs. prior preferred.....	250,429	149,391		
Preferred dividends.....	43,340			
Common dividends.....	419,839			
Adjust. & ext. losses.....	Cr89,366	Dr10,711 (net)	Cr85718	Cr107,353

Surplus..... \$2,866,332 \$2,158,126df \$2,377,344df \$3,546,144  
 Shs. com. outst. (no par)..... 186,595 186,595 155,024 155,025  
 Earned per share..... \$5.75 \$5.31 \$5.82 \$2.06  
 \*Gross profit from sales after deducting cost of material, labor and manufacturing expenses including depreciation.—V. 123, p. 2143.

**American Express Co.—Earnings.**

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross income.....	\$7,670,167	\$6,715,222	\$7,120,071	\$7,052,297
Oper. exp. (less taxes).....	4,896,379	4,575,647	5,333,337	5,756,817
Taxes, &c.....	745,311	218,044	55,910	117,574
Dividends.....	(6)1,080,000	(6)1,080,000	(6)1,080,000	(6)1,170,000
Reserves.....	579,732	605,116	419,351	
Surplus for year.....	\$368,745	\$236,415	\$231,473	\$7,906
Shs. stkt. outstg. (no par).....	180,000	180,000	180,000	180,000
Earned per share.....	\$11.27	\$10.68	\$9.61	\$6.54

—V. 122, p. 886.

**American Republics Corp.—Injunction Denied.**

Chancellor Wolcott Jan. 29 at Wilmington, Del., dissolved a restraining order issued in the injunction proceedings of Thomas P. Lee and others against the corporation, stating that the evidence produced at the hearing did not establish sufficiently that Pres. J. S. Cullinan intended issuing any of the corporation's unissued common stock in an effort to control the annual stockholders' meeting Feb. 24. The court refused to grant a preliminary injunction at this stage of the case.

Holder of the Galena Signal Oil Co. pref. stocks, old and new, who have turned in their shares for exchange into American Republics Corp.

common have received notice from American Republics Corp. that it expects to be able to deliver them common shares in that company in time to act as stockholders at the American Republics Corp. annual meeting scheduled for Feb. 24.

Under the exchange plan the holders of the \$2,000,000 old and \$4,000,000 new 8% preferred of Galena Signal Oil Corp. were offered 3 shares of American Republics Corp. common for 2 shares of Galena preferred.

Court Vacates Writ Restraining Exchange of Stock with Galena-Signal Oil.

The temporary injunction obtained by a group of stockholders restraining the corporation from carrying out a resolution permitting the exchange of its preferred shares for preferred stock of the Galena-Signal Oil Co. on the basis of a valuation of \$51.37 a share for the latter stock was vacated Feb. 3 by Supreme Court Justice Lydon at New York, who ruled that the corporation would suffer no harm from the exchange.

Consolidated Income Statement Year and Quarters Ended Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1926, 1925, 1924) and rows for Sales, Cost of sales, Gross profit from operations, General admin. & miscell. expen., Other charges (net), Reserve for Federal taxes, Preferred dividends, Net income, Common stock outstanding, Earnings per share, Quarter Ended Dec. 31, Net profit, and Net income after deduc. reserve for Fed. taxes.

American Writing Paper Co. (Del.)—Organized.

A charter was filed Jan. 26 last at Dover, Del., incorporating the above company with an authorized capital of 90,000 shares pref. stock (par \$100) and 155,000 shares common stock (of no par value). The company will succeed the old American Writing Paper Co., per reorganization plan in V. 123, p. 327.

The board of directors of the new company consists of George W. Davison (Pres. of the Central Union Trust Co.), New York; George C. Lee (of Lee, Higginson & Co.), Boston; Murray H. Coggeshall (of Coggeshall & Hicks), New York; Otto Marks, New York; Henry K. Hyde (Pres. Ware (Mass.) Trust Co.), A. H. Larkin, Frank S. Shaw, New York, and Sidney L. Willson, who will be Chairman. The executive committee consists of Messrs. Davison, Lee, Marks, Coggeshall and Willson.

It is expected that the receivership of the old company will be completely vacated by March 1. The reorganized company will be ready to function as soon as properties in Windsor Locks, Conn., and Holyoke, Mass., bought in December, are transferred to the new company.—V. 124, p. 115.

Armour & Co. (Ill.)—Decision Vacated in Anti-Trust Case

The opinion of the Court of Appeals, District of Columbia, that appeals from the Supreme Court, District of Columbia, in cases arising under the anti-trust Acts, must be taken directly to the Supreme Court of the United States was vacated Jan. 31 by the Court of Appeals as was the decree, the mandate was revoked, and the Court ordered the case placed at the head of the February calendar for re-argument on the questions of jurisdiction to hear and the jurisdiction to transfer the same to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, taking the position that appeal rightfully should have been made to the U. S. Supreme Court, early in January dismissed the petition of Armour & Co. and Swift & Co., who are seeking to nullify the consent decree taken in 1920 in connection with litigation under the anti-trust laws.

This appeal was from a decree of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia in a suit in equity brought by the United States, as complainant, against Swift & Co., Armour & Co., Morris & Co., Wilson & Co., Inc., and the Cudahy Packing Co., the five leading packing corporations of the United States, together with a large number of individuals alleged to be connected either directly or indirectly with these various corporations, to restrain and enjoin the various defendants from alleged violations of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act of July 2 1890 and the Clayton Anti-Trust Act of Oct. 15 1914.

Nelson Morris has been elected an additional director.—V. 124, p. 367.

Associated Oil Co. of Calif.—Extra Dividend of 40 Cents.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 40 cents per share on the capital stock, par \$25, payable April 25 to the holders of record Mar. 5, and the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share, payable Mar. 25 to holders of record Mar. 5. An extra dividend of 40 cents per share was paid on July 24, Oct. 25 and Jan. 25 last.—V. 124, p. 238.

Baldwin Co., Cincinnati.—Report.

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1926, 1925, 1924) and rows for Total sales, Earnings, Preferred dividend, Common dividend, and Added to reserves.

Surplus \$365,007 \$524,619 \$298,466 \$470,653 Profit & loss surplus \$3,944,347 \$3,670,415 \$3,233,295 \$2,915,511 After deducting taxes and interest. x Includes dividends paid on 7% preferred, 6% preferred and 8% preferred stock. The outstanding 7% and 8% debenture preferred stocks, amounting to \$2,220,300, were retired late in 1924 and there has been issued in connection with this refund \$2,000,000 6% cum. preferred stock. y After deducting a 4% stock dividend on common stock in each year.—V. 122, p. 1030.

Bemis Redwood Co., Bradford, Pa.—Bonds Offered.

Lacey Securities Corp., Chicago, is offering at prices to yield from 5.80% to 6%, according to maturity, \$450,000 1st (closed) mtge. 6% gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 3 1927; due serially 1929-1937. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, or Michigan Trust Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., without deduction for normal Federal income taxes up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Red., all or part, on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at 100 and int. plus a premium of 1/4% for each year by which maturity is anticipated but not to exceed a total of 2%. Michigan Trust Co., Grand Rapids, and Frederic T. Boles, trustees.

Data from Letter of H. C. Bemis, President of the Company.

Company.—Owns one of the finest stands of redwood timber in Humboldt County, Calif. Property carries over 300,000 100 feet of timber, of which over 90% is redwood. The average stand is in excess of 120,000 feet to the acre. It also owns a small acreage of redwood timber in Mendocino County, Calif.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a closed 1st mtge. on the company's timberlands in Humboldt County, Calif., which are owned in fee and have been appraised by James D. Lacey & Co. at \$1,140,468, or over 2 1/2 times the amount of this issue.

Guaranty.—Bonds will be guaranteed as to payment of both principal and interest by endorsement of H. C. Bemis, who schedules a net worth outside his interest in this company of over \$900,000. Mr. Bemis's personal income for each of the last four years has been in excess of \$125,000, or more than 4 1/2 times maximum interest charges on this issue.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide for the release of \$3 per 1,000 feet of Governmental subdivisions upon payment to the trustee of \$3 per 1,000 feet, according to the estimate of James D. Lacey & Co. Funds so received by the trustee are to be used for the retirement of principal only of bonds outstanding.

Belding-Corticelli, Ltd.—Annual Report.

Table with columns for Years Ended (1925-26, 1924-25, 1923-24, 1922-23) and rows for Profits, Sinking fund provision, Depreciation reserve, Interest on debentures, Disc. on debts written off, Res. for empl. insurance, Preferred divs. (7%), and Common divs. (4%).

Table with columns for Balance Sheet (1926, 1925) and rows for Balance, surplus; Profit and loss surplus; Earnings per share on com.

\*After deducting all manufacturing, selling and administration expenses and after provision for income tax, but before providing for depreciation and sinking fund requirements and before charging bond interest. y After deducting \$200,022 for good-will account written off and crediting \$78,643 replacement.

Table with columns for Assets (1926, 1925) and Liabilities (1926, 1925) and rows for Property account, Goodwill & trade marks, Investments, Sinking fund, Cash, Call loans and accrued interest, Accts. & bills rec., Inventories, Bonds acquired for sinking fund, Deferred charges, 7% pref. stock, Common stock, 1st mtge. 25-yr. 5s, Accounts and bills payable, &c., Accrued charges, wages, &c., Pref. divs. payable, Common divs. pay., Deprec. & s. f. res., Accident and employ't ins. res., Profit & loss, sur.

Total \$3,490,030 \$3,424,329 Total \$3,490,030 \$3,424,329 —V. 122, p. 1030.

Bethlehem Steel Corp.—Stock Offered Employees.—President E. G. Grace, Feb. 1, made the following announcement:

Employees of the corporation will be given an opportunity to purchase shares of its preferred stock again this year. The price will be \$107.

This is the fourth year in which Bethlehem employees have been given an opportunity to acquire the 7% preferred stock of the corporation upon a deferred payment basis. In the past three years 35,000 Bethlehem employee stockholders have saved \$8,000,000 under Bethlehem saving and stock ownership plans. The extent to which the employees have participated in these three offerings is illustrated by the following table:

Table with columns for Year, Offering Price, Employees Applying, and Shares Applied for. Rows for 1924, 1925, and 1926.

The Bethlehem plan provides that an employee may apply for one share of stock for each \$400 of annual earnings. The stock may be paid for in cash or in installments to be deducted from earnings at the minimum rate of \$4 per share monthly. In addition to receiving credit for the regular dividends on the stock, the company as an incentive to the purchasers to hold the stock and remain employees, pays special benefit payments which amount to a total of \$15 per share over a period of five years. Up to this time special benefit payments of \$283,847 and \$1,089,043 in dividends have been paid or credited to employees on stock purchased under the 1924, 1925 and 1926 offerings.—V. 124, p. 637; V. 123, p. 3041.

Bock Bearing Co., Toledo, O.—Sale.

The plant of the company, a subsidiary of the Timken Roller Bearing Co., was sold at public auction on Jan. 25 for \$190,000 to Edwin R. Mack, Philadelphia banker, representing the Monarch Machine Co. of that city. Business of the Bock plant was taken to Canton by Timken Roller Bearing Co., which acquired the company along with patent rights in a \$1,500,000 transaction last August. The plant has 130,000 square feet of floor space and employed 1,000 men when it was closed by the Timken company. The equipment and a few supplies estimated to be worth about \$100,000 are being sold at auction.—V. 123, p. 1117.

Brill Corp.—Initial Dividend on Class "A" Stock.

The directors have declared an initial dividend of \$1 a share on the class "A" stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 15, and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the pref. stock, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15.—V. 123, p. 2265.

Broadway Department Stores, Inc., of Los Angeles, Calif.—Sales—Earnings.

This company reports sales for the year ended Dec. 31 1926 of \$18,499,654, compared with \$16,985,598 for the previous year, and net profits, before Federal taxes, of \$1,290,620 for the year ended Dec. 31 1926, compared with \$1,137,127 for the previous year. In Nov. and Dec. of 1926 the net earnings were taken after deducting interest for these months on the \$3,000,000 15-year 6% debentures sold last November by Dillon, Read & Co.—V. 123, p. 2781.

(Edward G.) Budd Mfg. Co.—Omits Common Dividend.

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share usually due at this time on the common stock. Pres. Edward G. Budd says in part: "The management feels that they should not pay a quarterly dividend on the common stock at this time, because the company has made no net earnings in 1926 available for common dividend. The management hopes that before the end of the year the earnings will justify payment of the regular annual dividend for the year 1927."—V. 123, p. 1880.

Burroughs Adding Machine Co.—Stock Div. Ruling.

The Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange rules that the stock of the company shall not be quoted ex-the 33-1/3% stock dividend on Feb. 15 and not until March 2. See V. 124, p. 652, 240.

Butler Bros., Chicago.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1926 and 1925, and rows for Assets (Cash, Inventory, Accts. receivable, Real est., pl't. &c., Temp. invests., Prepaid int. & insur., Other def. charges, Employees' stk. fd, Pension fund, Supplies) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Reserve for taxes, Accts. payable, Bills payable, Serial gold notes, Loan on St. Louis plant, Dallas mortgages, Surplus).

Total (ea. side) \$37,721,773 \$7,387,479 a Authorized capital stock \$30,000,000. b Current invoices in course of payment not yet due for discount. The income account was published in V. 124, p. 652.

Byers Machine Co. of Md., Ravenna, O.—Bonds Offered.

The Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland and Livingstone & Co., Detroit, are offering at 100 and int. \$600,000 10-year 6 1/2% sinking fund debentures.

Dated Jan. 15 1927; due Jan. 15 1937. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland, trustee, without deduction for Federal income tax up to 2%. Company will on request remit the Mich. 5-mill tax, the Penn. 4-mill tax, the Kentucky 5-mill tax and the Maryland 4 1/2-mill tax. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c.p. Red., all or part, at any time on 30 days' prior notice at 102 and int.

Data from Letter of L. S. Shaffer, President and General Manager.

Company.—A Maryland corporation. Is the successor to the John F. Byers Machine Co., founded in 1878 at Ravenna, O., and originally incorp. in 1891 with \$40,000 capital. Company has been very successful in its line, and its present size has been attained solely through reinvestment of earnings and without any public financing. Company manufactures the famous "Bear Cat" line of catwalk, gas-line-driven derrick cranes and shovels, which are sold to a large list of customers over the United States.

Canada and abroad. Company maintains sales and service representatives throughout this country.

**Security.**—Direct obligation and constitute the only funded indebtedness of the company. Indenture provides, among other things, that the company shall not place any mortgages (except purchase money mortgages) on the company's property without first securing the consent of 75% of the total amount of debentures outstanding. It also provides that the company shall maintain at all times net current assets equal to not less than 150% of the total amount of debentures outstanding and in no event less than \$500,000. The balance sheet as of Oct. 31 1926, adjusted to give effect to this debenture issue, shows net current assets of \$1,049,201, which is at the rate of \$1,749 per \$1,000 debenture and net tangible assets of \$1,530,550, equivalent to \$2,551 per \$1,000 debenture.

**Net After All Charges (Incl. Deprec.)**, Except Int. & Taxes, Years End. Oct. 31.

Calendar Years—	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.
\$31,767	\$139,453	\$196,549	\$368,791	\$439,141	
<b>Sinking Fund.</b> —Indenture provides for sinking fund payments to the trustee, commencing immediately, amounting to not less than \$72,000 per annum. This sinking fund will retire, at the lowest calculation, all but \$150,000 of these debentures prior to maturity either by purchase in the open market at a price not to exceed 102 and int., or by call by lot at the redemption price.					
<b>Capitalization.</b> —					
10-year 6 1/4% sinking fund debentures		Authorized \$600,000	Outstanding \$600,000		
Common stock, no par value		2,000 shs.	2,000 shs.		

**Butte Copper & Zinc Co.—Annual Report.**

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	
Proceeds of ore	\$265,923	\$444,398	\$145,951	\$93,664	
Other income	25,591	26,134	32,436	22,354	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$291,514</b>	<b>\$470,532</b>	<b>\$178,387</b>	<b>\$116,018</b>	
Expenses & taxes, &c.	96,990	91,583	45,275	40,697	
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$194,524</b>	<b>\$378,950</b>	<b>\$133,112</b>	<b>\$75,321</b>	
Earn. per share on cap. stock	\$0.32	\$0.63	\$0.22	\$0.13	
* After deducting \$10,000 written off for depreciation of plant and equipment.					

**Balance Sheet December 31**

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	
Mines & mln. claims	\$3,288,496	\$3,288,496	Capital stock	\$3,000,000
Plant & equipment	100,000	100,000	Accts. payable and reserve for taxes	50,608
Investment	127,760	214,162	Res. for deprec.	100,000
Accts. receivable	2,677	40,306	Surplus	\$390,256
Cash	21,941	41,001		495,732
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,540,864</b>	<b>\$3,683,965</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,540,864</b>

\* After paying dividend No. 5 declared Nov. 12 1926, amounting to \$300,000.—V. 123, p. 2524.

**By-Products Coke Corp.—Annual Report.**

Years Ended Dec. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	
Profit from operations	\$2,971,966	\$2,110,600	\$1,772,280	\$1,309,175	
Earns. from investment	244,253	149,512	83,377	218,637	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$3,216,219</b>	<b>\$2,260,111</b>	<b>\$2,665,657</b>	<b>\$1,527,813</b>	
Interest	380,988	466,402	441,302	396,680	
Depreciation	747,874	593,522	317,578	562,188	
Reserve for taxes	210,000	125,000			
Investm'ts written down	600,457				
Premium on bonds				9,571	
<b>Net profits</b>	<b>\$1,276,901</b>	<b>\$1,075,187</b>	<b>\$1,498,222</b>	<b>\$559,373</b>	
Preferred dividends	136,998	136,998	136,998	136,998	
Common dividends	379,840				
<b>Balance, surplus</b>	<b>\$760,063</b>	<b>\$938,189</b>	<b>\$635,220</b>	<b>\$422,375</b>	
Total surplus	\$2,246,890	\$1,383,989	\$445,800	\$1,054,859	
Prop. pur. for stk. to comply with tax law				Cr1,098,772	
Profit on sale of Ill. coal mines				558,460	
Miscell. surplus adj.		Cr2,769			
Res. for loss on sale of investments		Cr300,686		Dr1,131,070	
Reserve for conting.		200,617		500,000	
<b>Profit and loss surplus</b>	<b>\$2,246,890</b>	<b>\$1,486,828</b>	<b>\$445,800</b>	<b>\$1,081,021</b>	
Earn. per share on com. stock	\$6.00	\$9.88	Nil	\$4.45	
* Common stock changed from shares of \$100 par to shares of no par value during 1926, two no par shares being exchanged for each \$100 par share.—V. 123, p. 2001.					

**California Glass Co.—Acquisition.**—This company has acquired the J. A. Fraters Co., San Francisco, Calif., effective as of Jan. 1 1927.—V. 118, p. 1669.

**Calumet & Hecla Consolidated Copper Co.—Option.**—See Keweenaw Copper Co. below.—V. 124, p. 116.

**Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd.—Initial Pref. Div.**—The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% on the new 6% cum. & partic. pref. stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 15. This stock (of which there is \$15,000,000 outstanding) was issued in exchange for the old \$12,500,000 7% preference stock (incl. 35% accrued divs.) on the basis of 1 1-5 shares of 6% pref. stock for each share of 7% pref. stock (incl. accrued divs.). (See V. 122, p. 3088, 2952).—V. 123, p. 2524.

**Canfield Oil Co., Cleveland, O.—\$2 Extra Dividend.**—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 2% on the common stock, payable Feb. 10 to holders of record Feb. 5, also the regular dividends for the year of 6% on the common stock and 7% on the preferred stock, both payable in quarterly installments on the last day of March, June, September and December to stockholders of record on the 20th of those months.—V. 120, p. 1589.

**Columbia Mills, New York.—Stock Increased.**—The company has filed a certificate at Albany, N. Y., increasing its authorized capital stock from \$4,500,000 to \$6,000,000.—V. 118, p. 669.

**Congress Cigar Co., Inc.—Dividend Increases.**—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the outstanding capital stock, no par value, payable March 30 to holders of record March 15. Quarterly dividends of 75c. per share had been paid since July 1 1926. E. F. Rosenthal, T. Breen and Luis Toro have been elected directors, the latter being made Chairman of the Board. They represent the Porto Rican American Tobacco Co. ownership of a majority of the stock. Walter E. Sachs of Goldman, Sachs & Co. has resigned as a director.—V. 124, p. 240.

**Coca Cola Co.—Extra Dividend of 75 Cents—To Increase Common Stock.**—The directors on Jan. 31 declared an extra dividend of 75c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 75 per share on the outstanding 500,000 shares of common stock, no par value, payable April 1 to holders of record March 15.

	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924-1926.	*1927.
Regular quarterly dividends	\$2	\$1	\$3	\$6 1/2	\$7 per an.	\$3 1/2
Extra dividends				50c.		75c.
* Includes dividends payable April 1.						

The stockholders will vote Feb. 28 on increasing the authorized common stock from 500,000 to 1,000,000 shares,

no par value, two shares of new stock to be issued in exchange for each share held. It is the intention of the board to place the new stock on a \$5 annual dividend basis.

**Earnings for Year and Last Quarter 1926.**

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	
Net sales	\$30,107,272	\$28,553,425	\$25,444,197	\$24,320,064	
*Cost of operations	18,428,804	18,633,260	18,982,139	19,097,380	
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>\$11,678,468</b>	<b>\$9,920,165</b>	<b>\$6,462,058</b>	<b>\$5,222,684</b>	
Other income			44,935		
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$11,678,468</b>	<b>\$9,920,165</b>	<b>\$6,506,993</b>	<b>\$5,222,684</b>	
Other deductions	3,274,815	660,585		45,576	
Federal taxes		1,360,000	806,000	648,000	
Preferred dividends	156,036	662,961	700,000	700,000	
Common dividends (?)	3,500,600	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,625,000	
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$4,747,617</b>	<b>\$3,736,619</b>	<b>\$1,500,993</b>	<b>\$204,108</b>	
Earn., surplus Dec. 31	15,782,920	10,916,860	7,174,843	5,730,714	
Shs. com. outst. (no par)	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	
Earns. per share on com.	\$16.49	\$14.47	\$10.00	\$7.66	
* Includes cost of goods sold, incl. freight on sales, discount and allowances, selling branch, administrative and general expenses. x Preferred stock redeemed during 1926.					
3 Mos. End. Dec. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	
Gross receipts	\$5,894,902	\$4,873,300	\$5,256,982	\$4,459,091	
Mfg. and general exp.	3,585,138	2,676,852	4,427,178	3,781,062	
Int. and discount, &c.	484,116	799,512		49,275	
<b>Net operating income</b>	<b>\$1,825,648</b>	<b>\$1,396,936</b>	<b>\$829,804</b>	<b>\$628,754</b>	
Other income			125,232		
<b>x Net income</b>	<b>\$1,825,648</b>	<b>\$1,396,936</b>	<b>\$955,036</b>	<b>\$628,754</b>	
x Before Federal taxes.—V. 123, p. 2660.					

**Connecticut Mills Co.—Defers Preferred Dividend.**—The directors have decided to defer payment of the quarterly dividend of \$1 75 due at this time on the 7% cum. 1st pref. stock. Dividends on this stock were paid regularly to Feb. 1 1921. The payments due in May, August and Nov. 1921 were deferred and distributions were resumed on Feb. 1 1923. On Feb. 6 1924 a dividend of 8 1/4% on account of unpaid accumulations was paid and on Nov. 1 1924 3 1/4%, the balance of arrears, was distributed.

Obadiah Butler, President, and Charles Walcott, Chairman of the board, jointly issued the following statement: "The losses sustained by this company in connection with other textile mills during the past year have, largely owing to the unusual decline in the price of cotton, made it advisable to omit the payment of the dividend due Feb. 1 on the 1st pref. stock. The directors arrived at this decision with regret but feel that it is for the interest of all stockholders that the assets of the corporation should be conserved.

"Definite progress has been made toward the establishment of a unit in the South. The town of Albany, Ala., has been selected as the site of the plant and satisfactory arrangements have been made for construction of a mill there for our use on our plans and specifications. This mill is now under construction and should be completed and in operation before the end of this year.

"We believe that with the Southern unit in full operation the corporation will earn the dividend on its 1st pref. stock. It is our intention to resume dividends as soon as the financial condition and earnings of the corporation warrant."—V. 123, p. 2395.

**Consolidation Coal Co.—New Director.**—Arthur Woods, former Police Commissioner of New York City, has been elected a director, succeeding A. W. Calloway.—V. 123, p. 2907.

**Continental Baking Corp.—New Director.**—William Hamlin Childs has been elected a director.—V. 124, p. 116.

**Coty, Inc.—Annual Report.**

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	
Gross profit	\$5,699,286	\$5,017,174	\$3,954,711	\$2,528,812	
Gen. adm. sell. exps., &c.	2,268,366	2,112,866	1,564,928	1,278,966	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$3,430,920</b>	<b>\$2,904,308</b>	<b>\$2,389,783</b>	<b>\$1,249,846</b>	
Other income	55,557	27,373	21,347	14,890	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$3,486,477</b>	<b>\$2,931,681</b>	<b>\$2,411,130</b>	<b>\$1,264,736</b>	
Depreciation	77,992	67,310	71,862	39,362	
Federal taxes	465,000	360,000	293,396	154,913	
Dividends	1,546,500	1,175,340	721,700		
Rate per share	\$5	\$3.80	\$7		
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$1,396,985</b>	<b>\$1,329,031</b>	<b>\$1,324,172</b>	<b>\$1,070,460</b>	
Shares capital stock outstanding (no par)	309,300	309,300	103,100	103,000	
Earned per share	\$9.52	\$8.09	\$19.84	\$10.38	
* Par value, \$100.—V. 124, p. 378.					

**Creamery Package Mfg. Co.—Annual Report.**—The company reports for the year ended Nov. 30 1926 a net income of \$468,001, equal to \$2 91 a share, on the common stock.

**Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1926.**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Fixed assets x	\$3,020,846	Preferred stock 6% cum. 1927	\$275,000
Patents y	744,731	Common stock	27,933,405
Cash	327,029	Accounts payable	89,928
Bills & accts. receivable	1,491,134	Bills payable	200,000
Inventories	2,976,344	Accrued ins. & payroll	28,512
Investments	50,008	Sundry tax reserves	123,450
Prepaid ins. & taxes	40,203		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,650,295</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,650,295</b>
x After reserve of \$937,509 for depreciation and including patterns and drawings of \$139,357. y Less reserve of \$123,458 to provide for expiration.. z Represented by 155,000 shares of no par value.—V. 121, p. 1465.			

**Cumberland Pipe Line Co.—Annual Report.**—Pres. Forrest M. Towl, Jan. 27, reports in substance: The United States income taxes, up to and including the year 1924, have been settled, and in the opinion of the officers of the company, it is no longer necessary to maintain as large an investment in quick assets as show in our annual report.

These assets are: \$200,000 U. S. Treasury notes, \$2,050,000 4 1/4% Liberty bonds and \$450,000 U. S. Land Bank Farm Loan 4 1/4% coupon bonds which stand on our books at the total cost of \$2,711,689. The taxes in the State of Kentucky have not been paid for the years 1924, 1925 and 1926, but the company has accrued what they believe will be a sufficient amount to meet these taxes when finally adjusted. The operating income of the company for the year 1926 was about \$8 per share; the other income from bonds, &c., was about \$4 per share. The oil run for the past three years is as follows: 1924, 4,207,879.71 bbls.; 1925, 3,565,661.74 bbls.; 1926, 3,307,120.40 bbls. and unless new pools are discovered or the company secures a larger per cent of the business in the territory in which we are now operating, we must expect a still further decrease in our oil run and in our income.

I recommend to the directors, at the next dividend period, that they pay \$2 per share, which is at about the rate of the past year's operating income; and that they pay an extra dividend of \$33 per share. The payment of such dividend will of course reduce the future income from our other investments.

**Results for Calendar Years.**

	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net operating income	\$239,799	\$236,590	Net
Interest & rents	120,275	130,961	Available
Profit & loss suspense account credit	32,888		
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$392,962</b>	<b>\$367,551</b>	<b>\$439,446</b>
Miscellaneous rents paid	1,998		
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$390,964</b>	<b>\$367,551</b>	<b>\$439,446</b>
Dividends (12%)	360,000	360,000	360,000
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$30,964</b>	<b>\$7,551</b>	<b>\$79,446</b>
Earn. per share on cap. stock	\$13 03	\$12 25	\$14 65

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1926. 1925. Liabilities— 1926. 1925. Plant \$4,661,416 \$4,659,709 Capital stock \$3,000,000 \$3,000,000

Total (each side) \$7,851,955 \$7,798,226 —V. 124, p. 653.

Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Corp.—Dividend, &c.— The directors have declared a regular semi-annual dividend of \$3 50 per share on the parti. pref. stock, payable March 15 to holders of record March 1.

(J. Frank) Darling Co. (Del.)—Acquisition.— The company has purchased the site and unfinished building of the defunct Wilmington Sugar Refining Co. Compare V. 124, p. 653.

Davega, Inc., New York.—January Sales.— Month of January— 1927. 1926. Sales (approximate) \$260,000 \$220,000

Detroit & Cleveland Nav. Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets— 1926. 1925. Liabilities— 1926. 1925. Vessel property 10,675,194 10,669,998 Capital stock 6,038,000 6,038,000

Total 15,340,781 14,793,487 —V. 122, p. 756

Dictaphone Corporation, New York.—Extra Dividend.— The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. a share on the common stock and the regular quarterly dividends of 25c. a share on the common and of \$2 a share on the preferred stock.

Dodge Brothers, Inc.—Exports in 1926.—

The company last year exported nearly one-eighth of its entire output of passenger cars and trucks. Total exports amounted to 39,016 motor vehicles, a gain of 14.9% over the 1925 total of 33,945.

(Otto) Eisenlohr & Bros., Inc.—New President.— John J. Rogers, heretofore Vice-President of the company has been elected President, succeeding S. T. Gilbert.

Eleventh Street Annex Post Office (Chicago Postal Building Corp.)—Bonds Offered.—

P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., are offering at 100 and int. \$625,000 1st mtge. 5 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds (closed mortgage). Dated Feb. 1 1927; due Feb. 1 1937.

Estey-Welte Corp.—Break in Stock Causes Assignment of McCown & Co. of Philadelphia.— See under "Current Events and Discussions" in issue of Jan. 29, p. 593—V. 124, p. 514.

Eureka Pipe Line Co.—Report for Calendar Years.—

Profits for year 1926. 1925. 1924. 1923. Dividends paid x (4%) 200,000 (4) 200,000 (7) 350,000 (11) 550,001

Fairhaven Mills, New Bedford.—To Liquidate.—

A loss for the year of \$184,552 was shown by the company in its balance sheet read at the annual meeting on Feb. 2. The book value of the plant was reduced \$132,873, while the loss in net quick amounted to \$15,708.

Fanstel Products Co., Inc., North Chicago, Ill.—Capital Increased—300% Stock Dividend.—

The stockholders on Jan. 28 voted to change the authorized capitalization from 4,000 shares of preferred stock (par \$100) and 40,000 shares of common stock (no par value) to 160,000 shares of one class of stock of no par value.

value. The additional 120,000 shares of no par stock are to be distributed to common stock as a 300% stock dividend. The company has retired all of its preferred stock.

The stockholders also approved a proposal to increase the amount of the capital with which the company will carry on business from \$600,000 to \$800,000 and a proposal to change the location of the principal business office of the company from Millbrook, N. Y., to New York City.

First Federal Foreign Investment Trust.—Initial Div.—

The directors have declared an initial semi-annual dividend of \$3 50 per share on the capital stock, payable \$1 75 per share Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 10, and \$1 75 per share, payable May 15 to holders of record May 5.

The First Federal Foreign Investment Trust was organized in March 1926 under authority conferred by Section 25-A of the Federal Reserve Act.

Ford Motor Co.—Billion for Ford Intrigues Nation—

General Public Interest in Prentiss Disclosure of Attempt to Buy Plant for That Amount.—We take the following from the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 4:

Public reaction to the disclosure of the \$1,000,000,000 bid for the Ford Motor Co. made three times by John W. Prentiss, of Hornblower & Weeks, and refused as many times by the Fords, undoubtedly takes the form of a question: "How could he get a billion to pay Ford?"

The bid was made on the earning power and record of the Ford business and the money would be provided through public sale of securities to investors throughout the country. While unquestionably the biggest bid ever made for any property in the world, investment banking circles did not doubt at all that floating of Ford's investment would prove a successful undertaking.

Fox New Academy of Music (William Fox Realty Co.), New York.—

Stock. Net Profit. Dividends. Surplus. Net Tangible Assets. 1919 a 2,000,000 76,775,367 24,175,386 227,542,709 229,542,709

Some of the figures indicate a high rate of turnover in the management of the Ford business. It is doubtful that even a big chain store organization could show a turnover to equal that of Ford, whose 1914 sales of about \$120,000,000 were more than 18 times the inventory.

Fox New Academy of Music (William Fox Realty Co.), New York.—

Bankers Bond & Mortgage Co. and Biddle & Henry, Philadelphia, are offering at prices to yield from 6% to 6 1/2%, according to maturity; \$1,100,000 1st mtge. leasehold 6 1/2% serial gold bonds.

Sub-Lease, Guarantee and Insurance.—William Fox Realty Co., a subsidiary of Fox Theatres Corp., will sub-lease the entire property to Fox Theatres Corp. for a period extending beyond the latest maturity of the bonds

at an annual net rental more than sufficient to cover annual charges for principal and interest on this issue. Bankers Bond & Mortgage Co., Philadelphia, with capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$2,403,202 as of June 30 1926 will guarantee by endorsement interest on these bonds and payment of the principal within 12 months after maturity.

**Fox Theatres Corp.**—Was organized Nov. 5 1925 to acquire the theatrical enterprises of William Fox and associates. Fox Theatres Corp. has neither funded debt nor preferred stock outstanding. At present prices for the class A stock listed on the New York Curb Market, the outstanding 900,000 shares of class A and B stocks have an indicated market value of about \$19,000,000.

**Franklin Mining Co.—Assessment of 50c. Levied.**—An assessment of 50 cents share has been levied on capital stock, payable Feb. 21, by stockholders of record Feb. 19. This will make \$21 70 a share paid in on the outstanding 166,519 shares, par \$25. An assessment of like amount was levied on the stock on Jan. 11 1926 and on Jan. 26 1925, one of \$1 per share in June 1923 and one of \$2 per share in Aug. 1920. —V. 122, p. 98, 2804.

**Gabriel Snubber Mfg. Co., Cleveland.—Annual Report.**  
Calendar Years— 1926. 1925.  
Net profits from operations after all charges, including depreciation and taxes. \$1,033,631 \$842,886  
Dividends paid 925,000 500,000

Balance \$108,631 \$342,886  
Earned per share on capital stock \$5 17 \$4 21  
\* Results for eight months ended Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Land & bldgs., &c.	\$364,803	Capital stock	\$1,000,000
Inventories	347,043	Accounts payable	77,092
Accounts receivable	298,835	Assembling mach. department	7,860
Notes receivable	6,000	Demonstrator dep.	18,102
Interest receivable	7,467	Accruals	176,133
Liberty Loan bonds	1,028,237	Initial surplus	529,783
Cash	22,671	Surplus from oper.	451,517
Patents	161,096		
Goodwill	1		
Deferred charges	24,389		
		Total (each side)	\$2,260,540
			\$2,181,759

\* Represented by 198,000 shares of class A, no par value, and 2,000 shares of class B, no par value.—V. 123, p. 2661.

**General Baking Corp.—Reduction of Class A Stock by 3,000,000 Shares Approved—Retirement of Other Classes.**—

The stockholders have approved a reduction in the authorized Class A stock from 5,000,000 shares to 2,000,000 shares, and ratified a plan to retire certain classes of stock already purchased, including 1,000,000 shares of Class B stock. After giving effect to the plan, the capital stock will consist of approximately 1,000,000 shares of Class A stock and less than 3,000,000 shares of Class B stock.

The action of the stockholders is in conformity with the consent decree entered in the Federal Court at Baltimore on April 3 1926, enjoining the General Baking Corp. from exercising direct or indirect control of all or any part of the capital stock of Ward Baking Corp. and others (V. 123, p. 2049, 2199). It also is in pursuance of the settlement of all litigation growing out of the combination of baking companies, which the Department of Justice held was in violation of the Sherman and Clayton anti-trust laws.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Dec. 25 '26, Dec. 26 '25.		Dec. 25 '26, Dec. 26 '25	
Assets—	Liabilities—	Assets—	Liabilities—
Property & plant	\$21,453,192	Accounts payable	\$202,942
Cash	2,785,978	Dividends payable	1,423,730
U.S. Liberty bonds	2,012,825	Est. Federal tax	
Accts. rec. (less res.)	809,727	current year	950,911
Subscriptions rec.	206,800	Federal tax payable	
Inventories	2,672,658	prior years	591,903
Investments	206,467	Sundry accruals	51,969
Deferred charges	623,074	Funded debt	146,437
Trade marks, copy- rights, g'd-w. &c.	1	Res. for contng.	256,213
		Gen. Bkg. \$8 pf. stk.	9,077,500
		Min. int. com. stk.	14,815
		Capital stock	\$215,317,236
		Earned surplus	1,530,267
			885,815
Total	\$30,563,922	Total	\$30,563,922
	38,985,957		38,985,957

\* After deducting reserve for depreciation of \$6,009,491. y Represented by 90,775 shares of no par value, having a value at liquidation of \$100 per share. z Class A stock (no par value) authorized 5,000,000 shares; issued, 1,110,980 shares; less held in treasury, 117,900 shares; balance, 992,980 shares, having a value at liquidation of \$100 per share. Class B stock (no par value, authorized and issued, 5,000,000 shares; less held in treasury, 2,024,314 shares; balance, 2,975,686 shares. These are represented by capital surplus of \$24,723,172, less cost of class A stock held in treasury, \$8,405,936; balance, \$16,317,236. The income account was published in V. 124, p. 514.

**General Cigar Co., Inc.—Annual Report.**

Calendar Years—		1926.		1925.		1924.		1923.	
Gross earnings		\$8,857,738	\$9,008,235	\$9,211,413	\$9,889,129				
Selling, gen., admin., &c. exp., incl. Fed. taxes		5,938,561	6,034,009	6,344,436	6,642,254				
Net income		\$2,919,177	\$2,974,226	\$2,866,977	\$3,246,875				
Other income		131,126	181,267	421,323	69,278				

Total income	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Int. on notes and loans	\$3,050,303	\$3,155,493	\$3,288,299	\$3,316,152
Preferred divs. (7%)	487,490	498,002	524,429	377,867
Deb. pref. divs. (7%)	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
Common dividends	158,066	160,447	223,123	279,611
	x1,449,699	(8)1,448,320	(8)1,448,320	(6)1,086,240
Surplus	\$605,048	\$698,724	\$742,427	\$1,222,434
Previous surplus	5,022,675	5,530,539	5,426,123	4,430,413
Premium on redemption of deb. pref. stock		Dr. 5,587	Dr. 113,011	Dr. 11,723
Total surplus	\$5,628,723	\$6,223,676	\$6,055,539	\$5,641,124
Approp. for red. of deb. preferred stock		1,200,000	525,000	215,000
Profit & loss, surplus	\$5,628,723	\$5,023,676	\$5,530,539	\$5,426,124
Earned per sh. on com. y	\$5.66	\$11.85	\$12.10	\$12.75
z Being 2% on old stock (\$100 par) paid in February, and \$3 paid on 362,576 shares of no par value. y Common stock was changed on Feb. 3 1926 from 250,000 shares, par \$100, to 500,000 shares of no par value, two no par shares being exchanged for each share of old common stock of \$100 par.				

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Land, buildings, machinery, &c.	\$2,924,733	7% cum. pref. stk.	5,000,000
Good-will, &c.	1,500,000	Debt pref.	2,255,200
Cost of licenses for machinery	2,023,562	Common stock	x362,576
Inv. in other cos.	15,005	Bank notes pay'le	250,000
Mtgs. receivable	130,000	Loans payable	500,000
Co.'s com. stock purch. or subsc. for by employees	412,048	6% gold notes	6,300,000
6% serial notes (at cost)	21,411	Special capital res.	1,000,000
Raw mat'ls, sup. plies, &c.	17,149,886	Accounts payable, pay-rolls, &c.	1,395,668
Call notes & ins. rec'le.	32,720	Debt pref. d. dividend payable	39,466
Notes & ins. rec'le.	3,807,055	Fed. tax prov.	450,000
Accts' receivable	1,756,180	Insurance reserve	500,000
Cash	490,257	Surplus approp'd for red. of deb. preferred stock	2,315,000
Deferred charges	471,287	Unapprop. surplus	5,628,723
		Capital surplus	2,766,225
Total	\$28,762,857	Total	\$28,762,857
	42,493,237		42,493,237

\* Represented by 362,576 shares of no par value as against 181,040 shares of \$100 par value in 1925.—V. 123, p. 2398.

**General Fireproofing Co.—Annual Report.**

Calendar Years—	1926.		1925.	
Profits after pref. divs. but before Fed. tax (est. at \$128,000 in 1926)	\$888,689	\$863,103		
Earned per share on common before Federal taxes	\$10.87	\$10.56		
Dividends 1926 company paid dividends of \$3 per share on the common stock, amounting to \$326,473.				

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	
Land, buildings, equipment, &c.	\$2,962,892	\$1,520,769	Common stock	x\$1,636,500
Cash	184,275	164,369	Preferred stock	\$39,200
Call loan receiv'le.	200,000	Notes & accts' pay.	906,425	
Govt. securities	755,383	1,639,006	Dividend reserves.	114,861
Truscon Steel Co. pref. stocks	124,167	Div. charges and accrued accounts	125,072	
Notes & accts' rec.	1,373,963	1,095,973	Res. for Fed. taxes	150,000
Inventories	1,576,524	1,186,312	Reserves	26,758
Investments	24,497	27,641	Surplus	3,401,927
Other assets	10,548	290,893		
Pats. & tr. marks.	8,566	8,886		
Prepaid exp., &c.	29,928	22,656		
			Total (each side)	\$7,050,743
				\$6,156,507

\* Represented by 81,740 shares of no par value. V. 123 p. 332.

**General Motors Acceptance Corp.—Debentures Sold.**—J. P. Morgan & Co., First National Bank, The National City Co. and the Bankers Trust Co. have sold at 100 and int. \$50,000,000 10-year sinking fund 6% gold debentures.

Date Feb. 1 1927; due Feb. 1 1937. Int. payable F. & A. Principal and int. payable at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., N. Y. City. Denom. \$1,000.00. Red., all or part, on 60 days' notice, on Aug. 1 1928 or Feb. 1 1929 at 104%, and on any int. date thereafter at 104% less 1/2% for each year or fraction thereof elapsed since Feb. 1 1929. Bankers Trust Co., New York, trustee.

**Sinking Fund.**—The corporation will covenant to create a sinking fund for the purpose of retiring the following principal amounts of the debentures during the years ending on the following dates, respectively, at not exceeding the redemption prices stated: \$1,000,000 Aug. 1 1928, at 104%; \$2,000,000 Aug. 1 1929, at 103 1/2%; \$3,000,000 Aug. 1 1930, at 103%; \$4,000,000 Aug. 1 1931, at 102 1/2%; \$5,000,000 Aug. 1 1932, at 102%; \$5,000,000 Aug. 1 1933, at 101 1/2%; \$5,000,000 Aug. 1 1934, at 101%; \$5,000,000 Aug. 1 1935, at 100 1/2%; \$10,000,000 Aug. 1 1936, at 100%; \$10,000,000 (retirement during 6 months period, incl. retirement of \$4,000,000 debentures at maturity) Feb. 1 1937, at 100%.

Sinking fund moneys will be used for the purchase of debentures at not exceeding the current redemption price, or, if not so obtainable, at the redemption, on Aug. 1 of each year commencing Aug. 1 1928, at the current redemption price, of debentures called by lot.

Data from Letter of C. C. Cooper, Dated Jan. 23.

**Ownership and Organization.**—The entire capital stock of General Motors Acceptance Corp. with the exception of directors' qualifying shares, is owned by General Motors Corp. General Motors Acceptance Corp. was organized in Jan. 1919 under the investment company provisions of the New York State Banking Law, and is subject to examination by the State Superintendent of Banks.

The corporation began operations with a cash capital of \$2,000,000 and a surplus of \$500,000. Additional cash capital has been provided by General Motors Corp. in accordance with the growth of the business and in proportion to the outstanding amount of the corporation's obligations, until to-day the corporation employs approximately \$36,428,000 of capital funds, represented by capital stock of \$25,000,000 and surplus and undivided profits of \$11,428,000, as shown by the statement of condition as of Dec. 31 1926.

**Business.**—The business of the corporation consists of the purchase and financing of receivables created in the distribution and sale of the products of General Motors Corp. These products consist of the nationally known automobiles, Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Oakland, Oldsmobile and Pontiac, and equipment such as Delco farm lighting and power machines and Frigidaire electric refrigerators. The services rendered by the corporation are reserved exclusively for properly qualified General Motors Corp. distributors and dealers. The business of the corporation is conducted through its head office in New York City and an extensive branch organization located in 47 cities in the United States, Canada and abroad. Purchases of these obligations are made through these branches after the credit standing of the promissors has been established.

All insurable risks affecting the property are provided for by appropriate reserves on or by insurance coverage. Except in a limited number of foreign transactions a lien or control is retained against the goods involved until the relative obligations are paid in full. The corporation requires as a fundamental policy that the dealer making the retail sale endorse the purchaser's obligation accepting responsibility for the transaction in the event it becomes necessary to take back and resell the product. The value of the dealers' responsibility for the receivables purchased by the Acceptance Corporation is due, in large part, to the care exercised by the General Motors Corp. in the selection of its dealers. The determination of dealers' credit lines is based upon frequent and periodical examinations of each dealer's financial position for the purpose of determining the dealer's qualifications for credit from the standpoint of: (a) character and reputation; (b) financial responsibility; (c) capacity for management; (d) opportunity for success.

**Volume of Business and Credit Losses.**—The following table shows the volume of receivables purchased and the net credit losses experienced since the organization of the corporation in 1919:

Year.	Volume.	Number of Items.	Net Credit Losses.	Ratio of Net Credit Losses to Volume.
1919	\$20,880,988	19,088	\$57,301	.2744 (of 1%)
1920	104,102,634	82,962	569,795	.5473
1921	77,457,029	78,800	302,276	.3902
1922	135,256,702	164,473	89,514	.0662
1923	218,616,114	249,354	75,103	.0343
1924	253,649,315	275,555	183,094	.0722
1925	281,426,773	392,286	151,184	.0537
1926	631,543,573	958,045	233,630	.0369
Total	\$1,722,933,128	2,220,563	\$1,661,897	.0965 (of 1%)

The receivables held on Dec. 31 1926 amounted to \$232,125,080, consisting of over 671,000 items with average outstanding balances of less than \$346. The average maturity of all receivables held is about 4.3 months, and experience indicates that liquidation of receivables held, plus cash balances on hand, would normally be sufficient to pay off the entire outstanding indebtedness of the corporation in less than seven months. With a total volume of business done since 1919 of \$1,722,933,128, credit losses amounted to \$1,661,897, or less than 1-10 of 1% of the business done. Total credit loss reserves set up from organization to date amounted to \$3,699,346 as compared with net losses during the same period of \$1,661,897. The present credit loss reserves totaling \$2,037,449 are sufficient to absorb credit loss at a rate over 7 times as great as the average rate experienced from organization to date.

The statement of condition as of Dec. 31 1926 shows an additional reserve fund of \$8,225,940, designated as "unearned income." This represents the major portion of current income which is set aside and accumulated as received, and which is available to cover expenses involved in carrying and liquidating receivables held at any time.

**Obligations and Assets.**—The purpose of this issue is to fund at a fixed rate of interest a portion of the corporation's normal borrowings, and to provide for the further growth of its business. The outstanding obligations of the corporation, as of Dec. 31 1926, after giving effect to the issue of these debentures, consist of the following:

5% serial gold notes, due March 1 1927 to 1936	\$50,000,000
6% 10-year debentures, due Feb. 1 1937 (this issue)	50,000,000
Bank loans and short term notes	115,546,000
Total	\$215,546,000

In comparison with total obligations of \$215,546,000, the corporation has earning assets, as of Dec. 31 1926, amounting to \$270,055,148, of which \$37,930,068 is in the form of cash, and the balance in the form of notes and bills receivable with an average maturity of about 4.3 months.

**Earnings.**—The interest and discount charges on the borrowings of the Acceptance Corporation are the largest single factor in the cost of its operations, and the rates for its services are regulated so as amply to meet these charges. Its policies in this respect are radically different from those

of an industrial or commercial enterprise and are comparable with those pursued by commercial banks in fixing rates on money loaned.

Table with columns: Year, Total Gross Income, Operating Exp., Misc. Charges, Interest and Discount, Net Profit Available for Dividends. Rows for years 1922-1926.

The corporation has consistently maintained the policy of charging for its services rates which yield a reasonable but not excessive banking profit on the capital employed. Such profit, after providing for the corporation's expenses and interest on its indebtedness, has been sufficient to permit dividends since the end of 1922 at an average rate exceeding 12% on the capital stock as outstanding from time to time, and, in addition, to build up undivided profits of \$5,178,200 since organization in 1919.—V. 123, p. 2783.

General Motors Corp.—1926 Earnings.—

The preliminary estimate of earnings, according to the remarks accompanying the report of E. L. du Pont de Nemours & Co., indicates that earnings on the common stock in 1926, plus accrued earnings in General Motors Acceptance Corp. and Yellow Truck & Coach Manufacturing Co., were approximately \$21 50 a share.

May Place Common Stock on an \$8 Annual Div. Basis.—

An increase in the dividend rate on the common stock, which has been predicted in Wall Street, will be ordered at a meeting of the directors on Feb. 10, according to a Dow, Jones & Co. dispatch from Boston published Feb. 2 after the close of the market.

"It can be stated on high authority," said the Dow-Jones dispatch, "that General Motors directors intend to establish common stock on an \$8 dividend basis at the meeting scheduled for Feb. 10. The present dividend rate is \$7 a share. The basis for the contemplated liberality is understood to be the splendid run of business and profits thus far this year and the assurance of considerably higher earnings power in the first quarter than was the case a year ago, and results from that period were highly satisfactory, totaling \$7 50 a share on the common as it existed prior to the absorption of Fisher Body and the 50% stock dividend of last September."

The dividend rate was increased from \$6 to \$7 a share on March 12 1926. The company also paid an extra cash dividend of \$5 a share on the common on Jan. 7 1926, another \$4 a share on July 2 1926, and one of \$4 a share on Jan. 4 1927. A common stock dividend of 50% was disbursed on Sept. 11 1926.—V. 124, p. 514.

General Railway Signal Co.—Dividend.—

Geo. D. Morgan, Vice-Pres. & Treas., in connection with the dividend of \$1 25 per share declared Jan. 27 on the no par value common stock, says: "In accordance with the notice to shareholders dated Dec. 1 1925, no dividends will be paid upon the common shares of \$100 par value, which shall not have been converted into the no par value common shares, but dividends will be credited pro rata to holders of such \$100 par value common shares as shall not have been so converted before the close of business March 10 1927, and payment deferred until such conversion shall have been made." See also V. 124, p. 655.

Results for Calendar Years.

Table with columns: 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows for Gross operating income, Selling, adm. & gen. exps., Int., amortiz., misc. chgs., &c. (net.), Federal & State taxes (est.), Net income, Surplus as at Dec. 31, Res. for conting., restored to surplus, Capital paid in representing net amt. rec. for com. stk. in excess of par., Total surplus, Adjs. applicable to prior periods, Losses on liquidation & oper. of subs., Res. for contingencies, Reserve for obsolescence, Disct. & exp. applic. to bds., Int. on pref. stock paid Fed. Sig. Co., Dividends on preferred stock, Dividends on common stock, Total surplus, Dec. 31., Earn. per share on common.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns: 1926, 1925. Rows for Assets—Plant, fixtures, &c., Pats., good-will, &c., Good-will of Australian company, Call loans, Cash, Acc'ts & notes rec., Mortgage rec., Life insurance, Securities owned, Invested in and due from subsidiaries, Inventories, Other curr. assets, Bond disc't & tax being amortized, Prepaid items. Liabilities—Preferred stock, Common stock, Minority stockholders' equity in stock of subsidiaries, Notes & acc'ts pay., Federal tax (est.), Accrued dividends, Accrued int., taxes, &c., Reserve, Surplus. Total (each side).

Globe & Rutgers Fire Ins. Co., N. Y.—Larger Dividend. The company on Jan. 31 paid to common stockholders of record Jan. 15 a quarterly dividend of 10%. This compares with an extra dividend of 1% and a regular quarterly dividend of 8% paid in October last.—V. 115, p. 2484.

Globe-Wernicke Co.—Stock Reacquired.—

With the announcement Jan. 26 that H. C. Yeiser, Pres. of the company, and H. C. Yeiser, Jr., V.-Pres., have acquired the entire holdings of the Rand Kardex Bureau, Inc. in the Globe-Wernicke Co., this is written to the deal by which the Rand concern acquired control of the Cincinnati company. More than 9,000 shares involving almost \$1,000,000, which had been deposited under the agreement of merger between the two companies, have been taken over by Mr. Yeiser and his son. This restores control of the company to where it was before the negotiations between the two companies were undertaken.

The deal for the merger was completed about a year ago, but, several months later, action was started in the U. S. District Court at New York to prevent the maintenance of the contract. After some time the case was settled by agreement between all parties and the Court entered a decree in December declaring the contract by which the Rand Kardex Bureau, Inc., controlled the Globe-Wernicke stock illegal. See V. 123, p. 3043.

(H. W.) Gossard Co., Chicago.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Table with columns: 1926, 1925. Rows for Assets—Plant & equipment, Cash, Acc'ts rec. (less res.), Deposits, lease, Inventories, Other curr. assets, Deferred charges, Other assets. Liabilities—Preferred stock, Common stock, Notes payable, Acc'ts payable, Acer'd liabilities, Divs. payable, &c., Reserves, Surplus. Total.

\* Represented by 100,000 shares of no par value in 1926 and 75,000 shares in 1925. The income account was published in V. 124, p. 655.

(F. & W.) Grand 5-10-25-Cent Stores, Inc.—Earnings.

Table with columns: Calendar Years—1926, 1925, 1924. Rows for Net after charges & taxes, Earnings per share on common, Sales for 1926 totaled \$10,500,806, compared with \$8,519,192 in 1925, a gain of 23.2%. Sales for 1927 are estimated at \$13,000,000. The expansion program for 1927 calls for the opening of 12 new stores. During 1926 4 new stores were opened compared with 9 in 1925. The chain now consists of 41 locations.—V. 124, p. 379.

Great Lakes Terminal Warehouse Co.—Agent.—

The National Bank of Commerce in New York has been appointed coupon paying agent for the \$1,750,000 15-year 1st mtge. 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds, and the \$750,000 5-year 7% gen. mtge. conv. gold debentures. (See V. 123, p. 850.)—V. 123, p. 2785.

Greenfield Tap & Die Corp.—Capital Readjusted.—

The common stockholders on Jan. 27 voted (1) to reduce the authorized 6% preferred stock from \$1,500,000, par \$100, to \$350,000, par \$100, such reduction to be effected by the cancellation of \$1,465,000 of authorized 6% preferred stock heretofore surrendered to the corporation in exchange for 8% preferred stock; (2) to reduce the authorized 8% preferred stock from \$4,572,500, par \$100, to \$2,968,800, par \$100, such reduction to be effected by the cancellation of \$1,782,200 of such stock heretofore purchased and retired under the sinking fund provisions, and by the cancellation of \$1,425,500 of such stock heretofore authorized but never issued; (3) to change the 200,000 authorized shares of common stock, par \$25 each, into 200,000 shares of common stock without par value, one share of new common stock to be issued in exchange for each share of issued common stock of \$25 par value. Present outstanding capitalization is \$35,000 6% pref. stock, \$2,933,800 8% pref. stock and 129,953 shares of common stock. The 6% pref. stockholders have the right to exchange their stock for the 8% pref. stock if they so desire.

Pres. Frederick H. Payne, in a recent letter to the common stockholders, said in substance:

"The change of the common stock to no par value does not reduce in any way its intrinsic worth. In part as a result of the war, and in part due to recent marked improvement in the art of manufacture, there are goods in our inventory which are slow moving and which should be carried at reduced values. Also, certain items of equipment which, not being sufficiently productive to meet present-day requirements, should be reduced in book value, and some intangible assets, including patents, trade-marks and good-will, the book value of which we should adjust to a more conservative basis.

"The sales for 1926, estimating December, show a satisfactory increase over those for 1925, and the net profits before depreciation will, we believe, exceed \$700,000, as against \$550,245 for 1925 and \$317,940 for 1924. After depreciation and dividends on the preferred stock, this will leave for 1926 over \$2 30 a share earned on the common stock. Bank borrowings as of Dec. 31 1926 will have been reduced \$150,000 during the year."—V. 124, p. 380.

Hare & Chase, Inc., Philadelphia.—New Control.—

Control of this corporation, dealers in automobile commercial paper, on Jan. 27 passed to a group of New York financial interests, according to a statement issued at the company's executive offices, which says: "Information given out at the close of the meeting of the directors was to the effect that the control of the corporation has become vested in a group of New York financial interests, carrying considerable support in banking and insurance circles.

"Hare & Chase, Inc., is reported to have recently suffered some losses and to have been handicapped by the curtailment of its resources, due to its holding certain assets which cannot be immediately liquidated; but that the new interests which have assumed control have ample means and resources at their command, and, to at once strengthen the corporation, have made substantial amounts of cash immediately available through the action taken by the directors this morning.

"Representatives of the new interests have stated that they intend to acquaint the stockholder and public in greater detail at a meeting of the stockholders to be called in the very near future. In the meantime the business will be continued as usual.

"The new interests have been represented in the negotiations by the law firms of Williams & Sinkler, of Philadelphia, and Cabell, Ignatius & Lown, of New York."

"Interests affiliated with the Royal Indemnity Co. are reported to be associated with the New York financial group, to which control of Hare & Chase, Inc., has passed."—V. 123, p. 987.

Hercules Powder Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Calendar Years—1926, 1925, 1924, 1923. Rows for Gross receipts, Net from all sources, Preferred dividend, Common dividends. (12%)

Balance \$957,132 \$834,831 \$289,669 \$653,619 Previous surplus 9,729,490 8,894,659 8,604,991 7,951,372

Profit & loss surplus \$10,686,622 \$9,729,490 \$8,894,659 \$8,604,991 Shares of common outstanding (par \$100) 147,000 143,000 143,000 143,000 Earn. per share on com. \$18.18 \$15.84 \$10.03 \$12.57

\* After deducting all expenses incident to manufacture and sale, ordinary and extraordinary repairs, maintenance of plants, accidents, depreciation, taxes, &c.; also interest on Actna bonds.—V. 123, p. 3043.

Howe Scale Co.—Acquires Control of Weighograph Co.—

The company has acquired the controlling interest in the Weighograph Co. of St. Louis, and proposed to remove the main plant of the Howe company from Rutland (Vt.) to St. Louis (Mo.). The Weighograph Co., which makes one of the fastest and most accurate weighing scales on the market, was organized about eight years ago, and is capitalized at \$177,800.—V. 112, p. 1287.

(The) J. L. Hudson Co.—Notes Sold.—Goldman, Sachs & Co. and E. Naumburg & Co. have sold at prices ranging from 99.86 and int. to 100.42 and int. to yield from 4.85% to 5.02%, according to maturity, \$10,000,000 5% serial notes.

Dated Feb. 1 1927; due semi-annually (F. & A.), Feb. 1 1930 to Feb. 1 1936. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the office of Goldman, Sachs & Co., New York, N. Y., without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2% per annum. Red. as a whole but not in part at any time on 60 days' notice at the principal amount and int., plus a premium of 1/4% for each year or fraction or a year prior to maturity. Chemical National Bank, New York, trustee.

Data from Letter of Richard H. Webber, President of the Company.

History and Business.—The business, founded in Detroit in 1881 by J. L. Hudson, was at first exclusively a men's store. It occupied the ground floor and basement of the old Detroit Opera House, on the Campus Martius. A successful business was carried on for 6 years at this location. In 1887 Mr. Hudson moved into enlarged quarters on Woodward Ave., occupying the 6-story building still standing near the Majestic Building. After 4 more years of profitable operation, Mr. Hudson decided to enter the department store field. A new 8-story building with more than 21,000 sq. ft. of ground area was opened as a department store at the corner of Gratiot Avenue and Farmer Street, in Sept. 1891. In 1895 the business was incorp. in Mich. for \$500,000 under the name of the J. L. Hudson Co. The increase in capital, surplus and undivided profits from that time to the present has come entirely from earnings.

During the last 15 years long-term leases have been secured on Woodward Ave., giving company a frontage of 220 ft. on that street. On this plot modern 12-story buildings have been erected and connected with the present Farmer Street building, which was rebuilt in 1924 and 1925. The new Farmer Street building has 16 stories and 3 basements. At the time of its completion in the fall of 1925, alterations and improvements had also been made on the Woodward Ave. store and both buildings were equipped with the most modern department store devices and fixtures. Total store area at the present time is approximately 885,000 square feet.

Sales and Profits.—Volume of sales has more than kept pace with the growth of Detroit. The year ending Jan. 31 1927 was the most profitable in the history of the company, with sales of more than \$64,500,000, the largest volume it has ever experienced, and more than 5 times the sales for

the year ending Jan. 31 1917. The net profits of the company during each of the 4 years ending Jan. 31 1926, as certified by Ernst & Ernst, after all charges except Federal income taxes, have been never less than 5 times the interest requirements on this issue of notes. For the year ending Jan. 31 1927 the net profits after all charges except Federal income taxes (one month estimated) amounted to more than seven times the interest requirement on this issue.

**Purpose of Issue.**—The entire proceeds of this issue of notes are to be used in part to acquire the business of the old established firm of Newcomb, Endicott & Co., in part to erect a new building on a portion of its property, and in part to meet other demands in connection with the expansion of our business.

Newcomb, Endicott & Co., which did a gross business in 1926 of over \$10,000,000, occupies the premises adjacent to the Hudson Company stores. The total ground area of the Newcomb, Endicott & Co. stores is over 36,000 square feet, with a frontage of 180 feet on Woodward Avenue, 220 feet on Grand River Avenue and 156 feet on Farmer Street.

**Balance Sheet Jan. 31 1926.**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash on hand & on deposit.....	\$547,542	Notes payable.....	\$2,571,230
U. S. Govt. bonds.....	499,994	Accounts payable.....	222,436
Notes & acc'ts receivable.....	5,129,534	Accrued payrolls ins. & taxes.....	48,663
Merchandise inventories.....	4,254,318	Res. for Federal taxes.....	617,946
Securities owned.....	341,525	Capital stock.....	12,000,000
Permanent assets.....	10,865,149	Surplus Jan. 31 1926.....	6,359,341
Deferred assets.....	181,556		
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$21,819,617</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$21,819,617</b>

a Land and buildings, \$7,975,557; less mortgage, first payment due Feb. 21 1927, \$2,775,000. Leases and mortgages on leased land, \$3,195,600; less payment obligations, \$381,500. Furniture and fixtures, \$1,280,037; delivery equipment, \$176,840; other outside real estate, \$1,393,553.

**Hupp Motor Car Corp.—Production.**

Month of January—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Number of cars produced.....	2,749	4,334	2,599	3,152

V. 124, p. 242.

**Idaho Copper Corp.—Rehearing Denied.**

Judge F. S. Dietrich has denied the motion of the company for a new trial of its libel suit against Stewart Campbell, Inspector of Mines of Idaho, for \$500,000 damages, which was decided in favor of the defendant.—V. 123, p. 2526.

**Ideal Cement Co., Denver.—To Reduce Pref. Stock.**

President Charles Boettcher has notified the stockholders that the company intends retiring \$2,000,000 of the outstanding preferred stock, and has invited stockholders to tender shares on or before Feb. 25 for redemption at a price less than \$110 a share. If less than 20,000 shares are offered, the difference between the amount offered and 20,000 shares will be called by lot by April 1.—V. 123, p. 3192.

**Illinois Brick Co.—Report.**

Years Ended Dec. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net income.....	\$1,465,832	\$1,655,570	Not Reported	
Exps., deprec. and taxes.....	626,180	619,278		
Net earnings.....	\$839,652	\$1,036,292	\$948,463	\$1,022,257
Dividends.....	526,400	451,200	780,200	329,000
Surplus.....	313,252	585,092	168,263	\$693,257
Previous surplus.....	1,568,838	1,162,145	992,541	306,755
Total surplus.....	\$1,882,090	\$1,747,237	\$1,160,804	\$1,000,012
Adjustment.....	17,198	178,399	1,341	7,471
Profit and loss surplus.....	\$1,899,288	\$1,568,838	\$1,162,145	\$992,541
Earn. per sh. on cap. stk.....	\$4.46	\$5.51	\$20.18	\$21.75
x The stock was changed from shares of \$100 par value to shares of \$25 par value in Jan. 1925.				

**Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.**

Assets—		Liabilities—		
Plant and equip.....	\$2,446,856	\$2,394,154	Capital stock.....	\$4,700,000
Real estate.....	1,541,231	1,523,662	Acc'ts payable.....	111,678
Cash.....	45,018	53,415	Accr wages, tax, &c.....	244,449
Notes & acc'ts rec.....	815,887	715,826	Federal tax.....	135,133
Inventories.....	753,330	632,814	Doubtful accounts.....	64,575
Liberty bonds.....	2,490,688	2,289,411	Fire & tornado ins.....	480,000
Other investments.....	67,814	17,492	Dividends payable.....	526,400
Prepaid insurance.....	700	1,310	Surplus.....	1,899,288
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$8,161,524</b>	<b>\$7,628,084</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$8,161,524</b>

x After reserve for depreciation.—V. 123, p. 2270.

**Imperial Tobacco Co. of Grt. Brit. & Ireland, Ltd.**

The company has granted preference shareholders an extra dividend of 1/4d. as compensation for last year's income tax increase.—V. 124, p. 514.

**Independent Oil & Gas Co.—Earnings.**

Period—	—Quars. End. Dec. 31—	—12 Mos. End. Dec. 31—
	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings.....	\$3,563,545	\$1,507,030
Exp., taxes, dry holes, &c.....	1,584,770	769,330
Operating profit.....	\$1,978,775	\$737,700
Interest and discount.....	92,930	304,255
Min. int. Seminole Oil Co.....	6,886	6,686
Fed. tax (estimated).....	22,713	14,524
Res., deprec. & depletion.....	588,581	366,899
Net income.....	\$1,267,665	\$350,742
Earns. per sh. on cap. stk.....	\$2.53	\$6.03

**Intercontinent Petroleum Corp.—New Name.**

See Mexican Panuco Oil Co. below.

**International Products Co.—Sale.**

Robert E. L. Lewis, special master will sell at public auction at the old General Post Office Building, N. Y. City on Feb. 23 the entire properties of the company. The upset price has been fixed at \$1,100,000.—V. 121, p. 2759.

**International Securities Trust of America.—Larger Common Dividend.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 45 cents per share on the class "A" common shares, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. This represents an advance of 3 cents over the quarterly dividend of 42 cents per share paid on the common shares Dec. 1 1926, and is equivalent to \$1.35 on every share of common stock outstanding before July 24 1926, when the shareholders authorized a stock distribution of 200% (compare V. 123, p. 851).

The regular quarterly dividends of \$1.75 per share on the 7% preferred, \$1.62 1/2 on the 6 1/4% preferred and \$1.50 on the 6% pref. stock have also been declared, all payable-Mar. 1 to holders of record Feb. 15.—V. 123, p. 2527.

**Island Creek Coal Co.—Stock Dividend, &c.**

The stockholders on Jan. 31 increased the authorized common stock from 150,000 to 650,000 shares, par \$1, four additional shares to be issued for each common share now outstanding as a stock dividend. See also V. 124, p. 515.

**Keweenaw Copper Co.—Grants Option.**

The stockholders recently voted to grant options for 6 months on a certain portion of the company's property and rights of way and tracks to the Calumet & Hecla Consolidated Copper Co.—V. 123, p. 2663.

**Knox Hat Mfg. Co.—Acquires Interest in Long's Hat Stores.—Holding Company to Be Formed.**

The company has acquired partial control of the Long's hat stores and through a contract the Long stores will function in the fall as agents for the Knox company. New Long stores will be opened under the present man-

agement, it is stated. There are now 47 stores in the Long group, 37 of which are in New York and the others in Philadelphia, Atlantic City, Newark, Jersey City, Hoboken and Elizabeth, N. J. According to Phillip Lustig, Treasurer of the Long firm, the company's hat stores have a net worth of more than \$1,000,000.

It is expected that a corporation will be established as a holding company and that stock will be issued though perhaps not for some time.—V. 124, p. 381.

**(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Fixed assets.....	\$48,228,014	7% cum. pref. stk. 2,000,000	2,000,000
Leaseholds.....	744,145	Common stock.....	36,786,197
Inventories.....	15,285,234	Mtges. & contracts	payable.....
Acc'ts, rec., accrued		int., &c.....	9,876,869
int., &c.....	291,899	Account payable.....	6,077,515
Marketable secur.....	1,850,622	Notes payable.....	600,000
Cash.....	5,456,507	Accrued interest.....	339,947
Deferred charges.....	3,442,592	Surplus.....	19,618,486
	3,410,836		11,668,175
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>75,299,014</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>75,299,014</b>

x Including provision for Federal income tax and contingency reserve.  
 y Land, buildings, equipment, &c., at cost less depreciation and including appreciation amounting to \$3,922,539 arising from appraisals of properties of subsidiary company, \$25,351,148; furniture and fixtures and permanent improvements on fixed properties at cost less depreciation, \$22,896,867 total \$48,228,014.

The income amount was given in V. 124, p. 657.

**(S. H.) Kress & Co.—Annual Report.**

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Stores operated.....	169	166	161	152
Sales.....	\$51,869,460	\$45,963,182	\$40,259,232	\$34,005,464
Net profit after Fed. tax.....	4,672,952	4,158,521	3,143,934	3,472,902
Divs. on 7% pref. (7%).....	204,455	208,105	209,349	220,105
Divs. on com. stk. (4%).....	480,000	480,000	480,000	480,000

Balance, surplus..... \$3,988,493  
 Profit & loss sur..... \$8,839,557  
 Earned per sh. on com. stk..... \$32.92  
 x After deduction of \$11,999,999 for writing off good will to \$1.

**Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Land, bldgs, &c.....	10,780,400	7,950,615	Cum. 7% pref. stk. x2,890,000
Good-will, &c.....		12,000,000	Common stock.....
Inventories.....	9,211,530	7,559,635	Fed. tax res'v'e.....
Sundry debtors.....	377,311	179,882	Acct. payable.....
Foreign exchange			Mtge. payable.....
contracts.....		153,736	Div. pay. Jan. 2.....
U. S. Govt. sec.....	133,550	1,602,350	Res. for conting.....
Cash paid for pref			Surplus.....
stock dividend.....		51,684	
Cash.....	7,526,624	5,900,311	
Deferred charges.....	316,900	232,949	
<b>Total (each side).....</b>	<b>28,398,000</b>	<b>28,398,000</b>	

x Preferred stock was called for redemption on Jan. 3 1927 at \$125 per share.—V. 124, p. 381.

**(Fried.) Krupp, Ltd., Germany.—To Retire Notes.**

Goldman, Sachs & Co. fiscal agents for the 7% 5-year merchandise secured gold dollar notes of Fried. Krupp, A. G., announce that the company has determined to redeem this issue of notes as of June 15 1927. Formal notice of redemption will be made later in accordance with the agreement under which the notes were issued. This issue of notes was sold in Jan. 1925 (V. 120, p. 92) as the first German external industrial issue since the war. The retirement is being accomplished through the sale in European markets of 60,000,000 gold marks of 6% Krupp bonds. Of this issue, 45,000,000 marks was sold in Germany and 15,000,000 marks in Holland. The bonds were priced at 93 1/2. The loan will be retired annually, beginning in 1932, the final maturity being in 1937.

The 7% notes being retired amounted to \$10,000,000, but the amount now outstanding is believed to be less than \$8,000,000. The sinking fund retired \$750,000 in Dec. 1925, and \$750,000 last Dec., and further amounts have been amortized. The proceeds of the new mark issue are the equivalent of approximately \$18,000,000, so that the company will have new money in addition to retiring the dollar notes.—V. 121, p. 3012.

**Lake Charles (La.) Office Building Co., Inc.—Bonds Offered.**

Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc., and Canal Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans, are offering \$225,000 1st mtge. 6 1/2% gold bonds at 100 and int.

Dated Dec. 1 1926; due serially Dec. 1928-1938. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 each. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable at Canal Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans, trustee. Callable, all or part by lot, in reverse order of issuance, after sixty days notice, on any interest date, at 103 and interest to and including Dec. 1 1930, and at 102 and interest thereafter. Federal normal income tax not exceeding 2% paid by borrower.

Security.—Secured by a closed first mortgage on a plot of ground, owned in fee, in the business section of Lake Charles, fronting 50 ft. on Ryan St., near Pujo St., with a depth of 158 ft., and on the modern, fireproof office building being erected thereon. This building will be of reinforced concrete construction, six stories in height with basement, will contain 646,000 cu. ft. with 26,540 sq. ft. of rentable area subdivided into 105 offices and 6 ground floor stores, and served by two high speed elevators. It is expected to be ready for occupancy by July 1 1927. Total value of security, \$400,925; making this loan outstanding at 56% of said value.

Income.—Five-year leases are already signed for 74 of the 105 offices in the building. On the basis of these leases the annual income from the stores and offices is estimated as follows: Income from stores, \$11,400; income from offices (allowing 10% for vacancies), \$40,635; annual gross income \$52,035; less operation and maintenance expenses, taxes and insurance, \$18,830; net income applicable for interest and principal, \$33,205, or over 2 1/2 times the greatest annual interest requirement on this issue.

**Lincoln Hall (Turner Bros. Building Corp.), 364-386 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. City.—Bonds Offered.**

American Bond & Mortgage Co., Inc., recently offered at par and int. \$310,000 6% 1st mtge. serial gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 15 1927; maturities 2 to 10 years. Callable at 101 1/2 and int. Interest payable J. & J. Individual trustee, Charles C. Moore; corporate trustee, Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., New York. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, \$100. Commencing Aug. 5 1927 on the int. and Aug. 5 1928 on the principal, Turner Bros. Building Corp. agrees to pay monthly to American Bond & Mortgage Co., Inc., for account of bondholders, one-sixth of the interest and principal payments payable at the end of each 6 months, except that the monthly payments to be made on Aug. 5 1936 and on the 5th day of each month thereafter shall be in the same amount as the respective monthly payments for the 6 months' period preceding Aug. 5 1936. Normal Federal income tax up to 2% on the annual interest paid when claimed. Penn., Conn. and Vermont 4-mills tax, Mich. and Dist. of Columbia 5-mills tax, Mass., New Hampshire income tax up to 6% of the interest refundable.

Guaranty.—The prompt payment of principal and interest is guaranteed by endorsement on each bond by the Turner Building Co., Inc., which also guarantees completion of the building.

Security.—Secured by a direct closed first mortgage on the land owned in fee located at 364-386 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn, New York, and the 6-story and basement housekeeping apartment building nearing completion. The land fronts 200 ft. on Lincoln Place by 62 ft. 9 in. in depth, for a total land area of approximately 12,550 sq. ft. Lincoln Hall is a 6-story housekeeping apartment building of brick, stone and steel construction, containing 54 apartments of 2, 3 and 4 rooms each.

Estimated Earnings.—Net annual income, after liberal allowance for operating expenses, taxes and 10% allowance for vacancies, are estimated at about \$37,760. This amount is over twice the heaviest annual interest charge on this bond issue and considerably in excess of the amount necessary to meet all annual interest and principal payments.

**Lindsay Light Co., Chicago.—Earnings.**

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.
Net profit.....	\$40,897	loss\$18,424



Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, comparing 1926 and 1925 figures. Assets include Real est. & bldg., Mach'y & fixturs., Good-will, etc. Liabilities include 7% pref. stock, Common stock, etc.

Total \$1,194,713 1926, \$1,265,342 1925

See also V. 124, p. 657.

Liquid Carbonic Corp.—Sales.—

The net sales for the quarter ended Dec. 31 1926, the first fiscal quarter, were \$1,507,173, as compared with \$1,548,523 for the quarter ended Dec. 31 1925.—V. 124, p. 243.

Lord & Taylor (N. Y. City).—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, comparing 1926 and 1925 figures. Assets include Fixtures & equip't., Good-will, Cash, etc. Liabilities include 1st pref. stock, 2d pref. stock, etc.

Total \$11,644,927 1926, \$11,496,391 1925

a Fixtures and equipment, \$2,594,475, less reserve, \$1,475,026. b Accounts receivable, \$2,993,793, less reserve for doubtful accounts, \$80,425. c Inventories of merchandise after deducting \$179,571 in 1926 and \$169,514 in 1925 for unearned discounts. d First preferred stock, \$2,500,000, less in treasury, \$115,000; common stock, \$3,000,000, less treasury stock, \$2,000.

During 1926 dividends were disbursed by the company as follows: Regular dividends on first pref. stock (6%), \$143,100; on second pref. stock (8%), \$151,608; and on common stock (15%), \$449,700.—V. 123, p. 3193.

(W. J.) McCahen Sugar Refining & Molasses Co.—Div.

A dispatch from Philadelphia states that a dividend of \$7 per share was paid to common stockholders on Feb. 1 out of profits for 1926. An initial distribution of like amount was made on March 1 last.—V. 122, p. 1620.

McClellan Stores Co.—January Sales.—

Table showing January sales for 1926 and 1925, with an increase of \$147,100 in 1926.

McKesson & Robbins, Inc.—Initial Dividends.—

The directors have declared an initial regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% and an extra quarterly dividend of 3/4 of 1% on preferred stock for quarter ending Feb. 10, and an initial quarterly dividend of 25c. per share on the common stock of no par value, all payable Feb. 10 to holders of record Jan. 31. See also V. 123, p. 2663.

(Chas. R.) McCormick Lumber Co. (Del.).—Bonds Offered.—A group consisting of Harris, Forbes & Co., Lacey Securities Corp., Lumbermen's Trust Co. and the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. is offering a new issue of \$3,500,000 1st mtge. sinking fund 6% gold bonds, series A, at 100 and interest.

Dated Nov. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 1941. Int. payable M. & N. in Chicago, San Francisco, Portland (Ore.) and Seattle. Denom. of \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Red. at any time at par and int. plus the following premium: 3% if such redemption is effected on or before Nov. 1 1931; 2% thereafter and including Nov. 1 1936; and thereafter prior to Nov. 1 1941 at 1%. Company agrees to pay interest without deduction for any normal Federal income tax to an amount not exceeding 2%. Mortgage contains provisions permitting its modification (except in certain important particulars) with the assent of the trustees and the holders of 80% in aggregate principal amount of bonds outstanding thereunder. Lumbermen's Trust Co., Portland, trustee; Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, co-trustee; Bank of California, N. A., San Francisco, co-trustee.

Data from Letter of Chas. R. McCormick, President of the Company.

Company.—Has acquired the timber and mill properties of the Puget Mill Co. and Rainier Investment Co. from the Pope and Talbot interests of San Francisco, timber operators for 73 years, and also the properties of the old Chas. R. McCormick & Co. and its subsidiaries, an organization which has been operating for the past 23 years. The consolidated company's business comprises a complete industrial unit, including the ownership of approximately 2,850,000,000 feet of merchantable timber located in the Puget Sound territory and Cowlitz County, Wash., and Columbia County, Oregon, logging railroads and equipment, saw mills, creosoting plant, yards, terminals and steamship lines, together with extensive wholesale and retail marketing facilities.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a first mortgage on all of the company's timber and other physical properties and by a first preferred ship mortgage on all of the company's ships and vessels, subject only to prior liens on three vessels, amounting in the aggregate to \$146,130. The mortgaged properties have been appraised in excess of \$22,800,000. The timber and timberlands alone have been appraised at approximately \$14,000,000, or over 4 times the amount of the present issue of bonds.

Earnings.—The net earnings of the company and its predecessors, after charges for depreciation, but before interest and Federal taxes, for the 7-year period ended Dec. 31 1925, averaged approximately \$523,000 per year. Owing to conditions of the industry in the Pacific Northwest and as the Chas. R. McCormick Lumber Co. and its predecessors had practically no timber supply of its own and was therefore required to buy its logs from others, the business was operated at a loss after depreciation during the last two years of that period. Beginning Jan. 1 1926 the company started operations on the Pope and Talbot timber which had been acquired late in 1925, but owing to the rehabilitation of mills and logging facilities operations during the year were substantially curtailed. However, net earnings and conversion for 1926 (last three months estimated) available for debt retirement and interest charges, after depreciation but before Federal taxes, were approximately \$460,000. All improvements are now practically completed and with its large timber holdings and its new and rehabilitated mills and logging facilities it is believed that the business will be greatly enlarged and that on present lumber prices and on costs which can be accurately estimated the net earnings and conversion of the company available for debt retirement and interest charges, after depreciation but before Federal taxes, will average \$1,850,000 per year, based on the annual single-shift operating capacity of the mills. Such net earnings and conversion, after sinking fund payments on these first mortgage bonds, should average \$1,400,000, or over 6 1/2 times interest requirements. On the basis of average lumber prices during the last eight years, the estimated annual net earnings and conversion of the company would average very much more than this.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide for bi-monthly sinking fund payments on the present issue of bonds of \$1 50 per 1,000 feet of timber logged the preceding 60 days, funds so received to be used for the purchase or redemption of bonds outstanding. With an annual cut of 300,000,000 feet, these bonds would be retired through sinking fund payments in less than 10 years. If additional bonds are issued as authorized by the terms of the mortgage, sinking fund payments will be increased proportionately.

Capitalization upon Completion of Present Financing.

Table showing capitalization details: Common stock (no par value) 99,719 shares; Preferred stock (no par value) 25,000 shares; First mortgage sinking fund 6s (this issue) \$3,500,000; 2d mortgage 4 1/2% notes 13,615,542.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire \$1,000,000 3-year serial gold notes and indebtedness created for a portion of the new improvements to the company's properties, for additional improvements to be made in the immediate future and for other corporate purposes.

Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1926 (upon Completion of Present Financing).

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Total fixed assets, Cash, Accounts receiv., less reserves, etc. Liabilities include 1st mtge. sinking fund 6s, 2d mtge. 4 1/2% notes, etc.

Total \$29,368,391

a Timber, \$13,196,593; real estate and leaseholds, \$1,129,180; manufacturing plants and equipment, less depreciation, \$6,461,870; vessel properties, less depreciation, \$2,074,130. b Represented by preferred stock, 25,000 shares (no par value), \$7 per annum cumulative; common stock, 99,719 shares, no par value.—V. 123, p. 851.

Magnolia Petroleum Co.—To Pay Bonds.—

The \$1,500,000 4 1/2% debentures due Feb. 15 will be paid on or after that date.—V. 123, p. 2271.

May Department Stores Co.—Regular Dividends.—

The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$1 a share on the new \$25 par value common stock and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the preferred stock. This compares with a quarterly dividend of \$2 a share paid Dec. 1 last on the old common stock of \$50 par value, which was recently exchanged for new stock in the ratio of one old for two new.

The common dividend is payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15, and the preferred dividend on April 1 to holders of record March 15. (See also V. 123, p. 2400.)—V. 123, p. 3330.

To Retire Pref. Stock.—

The company will retire on April 1 all outstanding pref. stock at 125 and divs. There is at present outstanding \$4,691,400.—V. 122, p. 3330.

Mexican Panuco Oil Co.—Changes Name to Intercontinental Petroleum Corporation.—

The stockholders on Jan. 25 voted to change the name of the company to Intercontinental Petroleum Corp. No increase was made in the capitalization of the company.

The following directors were re-elected: Howard Willets, Seth Low, William B. Lewis, Paul Hudson, R. C. Megargel, C. M. Barnett, A. S. Pratt, Frank Charcot Jr., and J. Macy Willets. The following new directors were elected: Addison H. May, of New York City (formerly Vice-Pres. of Southern Pacific Ry. in Mexico); Frederick B. Stimson, New York City, and S. S. Stratton (V.-Pres. of Agricultural Bond & Credit Corp. of Chicago, Ill.)—V. 124, p. 381.

Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago.—Sales.—

Table showing monthly sales for January 1926 and 1925, with an increase of \$117,054 in 1926.

National Mortgage Co. of California.—Earnings.—

Table showing calendar year earnings for 1926 and 1925, including gross income and operating expenses.

Table showing net income and surplus after dividends and reserves for 1926 and 1925.

National Oil Co.—Bondholders' Suit.—

The New York "Times" says: Supreme Court Justice Mullan, who heard one of the series of suits against the investment house of A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., by purchasers of bonds of the National Oil Co., handed down a decision yesterday (Jan. 13) directing judgment for Mrs. Elizabeth H. Stanton of Pelham Manor, who asked for the return of money paid for two \$1,000 bonds on the ground of false representations as to their value. She is also suing in a separate action for the money paid for twelve bonds as executrix under the will of her brother George H. Belcher. Other actions by buyers of 600 bonds are pending. A statement last night in behalf of the Leach company pointed out that in similar actions in the courts at Johnstown and Syracuse decisions had been given for the defendants; in one case by a jury and in another through dismissal of the action by the trial judge.

Max D. Steuer and Harold H. Corbin have been appearing for the defendants. An appeal will be taken at once, it was said.

In outlining his reasons for giving judgment for the plaintiff, Justice Mullan said: "That the defendant is a wrongdoer it has admitted in open court. After a considerable body of testimony had been taken the defendant formally admitted through its counsel that defendant, in selling the bonds in question, had been guilty of intentional fraud by making representations as to the properties which it knew to be false. That amazing confession quite evidently was made in order to stop the flood of proof that was being poured into the record to show the defendant's rascality."—V. 123, p. 852.

National Life Building (Twenty-nine South La Salle Bldg. Corp.), Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—

Mosser, Williams & Co., Chicago are offering at 100 and int. \$1,500,000 1st (closed) mtge. leasehold 6% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1927; due Jan. 1 1947. Int. payable J. & J. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*. Callable all or part on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 102 and int. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Principal and interest payable at Chicago Title & Trust Co., Chicago, trustee.

Building.—The building is located at the southeast corner of La Salle St. and Arcade Place in the heart of the financial district of Chicago. The building is a 13 story structure of modern type, steel frame, fireproof construction containing a net rentable area of approximately 160,640 sq. ft. It is over 99% rented.

Security.—Bonds will be the direct obligation of the Twenty-Nine South La Salle Building Corp., and will be secured by a closed first mortgage on the building and the leasehold estate in the land upon which it stands. The leasehold estate represents an asset of continually increasing value. The lease, covering an area of 17,133 1-3 sq. ft. calls for an annual rental of \$150,000, without revaluation, for the full 99 year term.

Appraisals of the fair market value of leasehold estates and the building indicate a fair market valuation of \$3,840,561, or over 256% of the principal amount of this issue of bonds. On the basis of these lower appraisals, this loan is 39% of the value of the mortgaged property.

Earnings.—Net earnings after all charges except interest, depreciation and Federal taxes for the year ending Dec. 31 1927, based upon leases now in force and under negotiation are estimated by the management at \$257,437 or 2.86 times the interest charges and about 2 times principal and interest sinking fund requirements.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide for a sinking fund of \$130,000 per annum, payable in semi-annual installments, beginning June 16 1927, to be used first for the payment of semi-annual interest and then for the retirement of bonds by purchase or redemption by lot. If bonds are available for the sinking fund at par, the entire issue should be retired before maturity.

Listings.—Application will be made to list these bonds on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

Neisner Bros., Inc.—January Sales.—

Table showing monthly sales for January 1927 and 1926, with an increase of \$137,439 in 1927.

New York Athletic Club, N. Y. City.—Bonds Ready.—

S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., announce that permanent 1st & gen. mtge. fee 6% sinking fund gold bonds are now ready for exchange for outstanding temporary bonds. See V. 123, p. 2005.

New York Trap Rock Corp.—Debentures Sold.—William R. Compton Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons and McBee, Jones & Co. have sold \$1,250,000 10-year 7% sinking fund gold debentures at 100 and interest.

Dated Dec. 1 1926; due Dec. 1 1936. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at National Park Bank of New York, trustee. Red. on any int. date, all or part, on 20 days' notice at 105 and int. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income taxes up to 2%.

Data From Letter of Wilson P. Foss, Chairman of the Board.

Corporation.—Organized in New York in 1918. Through predecessor companies has been in the business of producing crushed stone for over 30 years. Corporation is acquiring the physical properties of the Tomkins Cove Stone Co. and will own 5 large-scale operating quarries located on the Hudson River, equipped with dock facilities for utilizing water transportation.

Earnings.—The consolidated net income of the corporation and the properties and business being acquired available for interest but before depreciation, depletion and Federal income taxes, has averaged \$1,625,624 annually for the 3 years ending Dec. 31 1926 (with 2 months of 1926 estimated), which is in excess of 3.4 times the combined interest charges on the first mortgage bonds and this issue of debentures.

Purpose of Financing.—The proceeds from this issue of debentures and from \$6,500,000 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds (V. 123, p. 3331) will be used to purchase the physical assets of the Tomkins Cove Stone Co. and the crushed stone business of the Calvin Tomkins Co. (selling company for Tomkins Cove Stone Co.), to retire the present funded indebtedness of the corporation, and for general corporate purposes.

Sinking Fund.—The indenture will provide for a sinking fund of \$125,000 a year, payable semi-annually beginning June 1 1927. This sinking fund shall be available for the purchase of debentures in the open market at prices below the call price or for the call of debentures by lot.

Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., Ltd.—Interest.—

A recent dispatch from Montreal says: The obscurity surrounding the company has been partially dispersed first of all by the payment of the arrears of debenture interest up to July 1 last, and secondly by the recent decision of the courts which kept the property out of the hands of a receiver.

The Besco holds all the common stock and \$192,000 of the preferred; the remainder of the preferred is in the hands of the public. The interest payments on both the bonds and the debentures fall due semi-annually on Jan. 1 and on July 1. Last July the company failed to meet the interest charges on both of its senior issues.

At the present time, therefore, the company is still in arrears with both its bonds and debenture issues, for the Jan. 1 payments have not been paid over to the Eastern Trust Co., the trustee for both issues of securities. But neither the bondholders nor the debenture holders can take action to acquire the property until the default has exceeded the allotted periods of grace.

The bondholders will not be in a position to start foreclosure proceedings until April 1 next, and the debenture holders until July 1 next. If the business of the company be maintained at prevailing levels, it seems reasonable to presume that both the interest payments will again be met as, or before, the elapse of the three and six months periods of grace.—V. 124, p. 516.

Nunnally Co., Atlanta, Ga.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1926, 1925, 1924, 1923), Net sales, Expenses, deprec., &c., Operating profit, Other income (net), Total income, Reserve for Fed. taxes., Profit-sharing distrib., Net profit, Dividends, Surplus, Profit and loss surplus, Earn. per share cap. stk.

Ohio Seamless Tube Co. (Ohio).—Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 50c. a share on the common stock, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 1.—V. 104, p. 1149.

Pacific Coast Co.—Retires \$1,000,000 Bonds.—

The company, it is reported, has retired \$1,000,000 of its 5% bonds, due June 1 1946, out of funds available for that purpose. This leaves outstanding \$4,000,000 of these bonds.—V. 123, p. 2530.

Page & Shaw, Inc.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Table with 4 columns: Assets (Land & bldgs., Mach. & equip., Good-will, trade-marks, &c., Cash, Accts. & notes rec., Inventories, Securities, Treasury stock, Prepaid expenses), Liabilities (Capital stock, Mortgage, Accounts payable, Notes payable, Open choc acct., Surplus), Tot. (each side).

Parke, Davis & Co.—Split Up of Shares.—

The stockholders on Feb. 1 voted to change the capital stock from 1,000,000 shares, par \$25, to 5,000,000 shares of no par value, five new shares to be issued in exchange for each share outstanding.—V. 124, p. 517.

Pacific Mills, Lawrence Mass.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Income Account for Calendar Years (1926, 1925, 1924, 1923), Net sales, Cost of goods sold, Net operating profit, Plant depreciation, Interest, Inventory mark down, y Divs. paid during yr., Balance, deficit, Sales (Cal. Yrs.), Cottons (yds.), Worsted (yds.), Yarns (lbs.), Earn. per sh. on cap. stk.

Balance Sheet, December 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1926, 1925, 1926, 1925. Assets (Plant, Cash, Accts receivable, U. S. cts. of indet, Inventories, Unearned insurance premium, Sundry securities), Liabilities (Capital stock, 5% gold notes, Notes payable, Acerr. int. on notes, Sundry accts pay., Res. for deprec., Res. doubt. accts., Surplus), Total.

Total. 78,230,203 78,087,846 Total. 78,230,203 78,087,846 x Inventories were taken at cost or market, whichever is lower, except such part as was against firm orders. y Plant taken at book value.

As of Dec. 31 1926 the company had contracted to purchase cotton, wool, cotton cloth and supplies for the total amount of \$4,223,332 which, as of that date, was \$100,905 below the market.—V. 123, p. 3154.

(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—January Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: Month of January (1927, 1926, 1924, 1924), Sales (\$6,236,200, \$4,967,051, \$3,928,847, \$3,467,676).

Pennsylvania-Dixie Cement Corp.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: Years End. Dec. 31 (1923, 1924, 1925, 1926), Net sales, Mfg. cost of sales (excl. of deprec. & depl.) and all other expenses of oper., less misc. inc., Prov. for deprec. & depl., Profits from oper., Profits from operations for the year 1926 applicable to: Oper. of predecessor companies from Jan. 1 to Sept. 23 1926, Oper. of present companies from Sept. 23 to Dec. 31 1926, Total as above, Profit from operations (of Penna.—Dixie Cement Corp. & subs.) for period from Sept. 23 1926 to Dec. 31 1926 as shown above, Int. charges, \$212,038; prov. for Fed. inc. taxes, \$142,250, Divs. paid on pref. stock (to Dec. 15 1926), \$227,500; on common stock, \$320,000, Balance, revenue surplus at Dec. 31 1926, Surplus at organization, Surplus at Dec. 31 1926, Earnings per share on 400,000 (no par) shares common stock, \* Exclusive of special compensation paid by predecessor companies but now discontinued.—V. 123, p. 3047.

Pershing Square Bldg., Los Angeles.—Bonds Ready.— S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., announce that permanent 1st mtge. leasehold 6 1/2 % serial coupon gold bonds, dated Aug. 1 1926, are now ready for exchange for outstanding temporary bonds. See V. 123, p. 2273.

Philadelphia & Camden Ferry Co.—To Reduce Par Value of Shares by Repayment on Account of Capital.—

The stockholders will vote Feb. 18 on reducing the par value of the authorized \$2,000,000 capital stock (\$1,968,750 outstanding) from \$50 to \$40 per share, the decrease of 20% to be paid by the distribution of part of the company's cash assets and securities. See also V. 124, p. 121.

Plymouth Building (261 Main St. Corp.), Worcester, Mass.—Bonds Offered.—

The Colonial Bond & Mortgage Co., Inc., New York, is offering \$800,000 1st mtge. 6 1/2 % serial bonds at par and int. Date Aug. 2 1926; maturing Aug. 1928-1936. Mass. income tax up to 6%, Conn., Penn. and Vermont 4 mills tax and New Hampshire income tax not exceeding 3%, refunded on appropriate request.

Property.—The Plymouth Building is the property of 261 Main Street Corp. This corporation owns approximately 18,000 sq. ft. of land located on the southeast corner of Main and Central Sts., Worcester, Mass. On this property, a 5-story fireproof commercial building and theatre is being erected. The first floor will contain 4 stores. The other 4 floors will have sufficient space for 40 offices of varying sizes and will be served by high speed elevators. The basement will have a barber shop, cafe and 10 bowling alleys and there will be sufficient space for 10 billiard and pool tables. At the rear of the Commercial Building, there will be constructed a theatre which will seat over 2,700 people.

The theatre will be managed and operated by the Marcus Loew interests and will be known as Loew's Plymouth Theatre. Income.—The net income, before interest and amortization charges are deducted, is conservatively estimated at over \$160,000 per annum, as compared with maximum annual interest charges on these bonds of \$52,000. Based on this estimate, the net earnings will be over 3 times the greatest annual interest requirements.

Postum Cereal Co., Inc.—To Increase Capital Stock and Change Name of Company.—

The stockholders will vote March 9 (a) on increasing the authorized common stock of no par value from 1,475,000 shares (all outstanding) to 2,000,000 shares, and (b) on changing the name of the company to Postum Co., Inc. It is not contemplated to issue any of the additional stock at this time.—V. 123, p. 2148.

Pratt & Lambert, Inc., Buffalo, N. Y.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: Six Months Ended—Year Ended Dec. 31 (Period: June 30'26, Dec. 31'26, 1926, 1925), Operating profit, Int., divs. from invest., & other misc. income, Total income, Interest paid, Depreciation, Federal taxes—est., Add. to reserves (other than depreciation), Net profit, Previous surplus, Total, Additional Federal income tax, &c., Divs. paid and accr., Profit & loss, surplus, Earned per share on cap. stock.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1926, 1925, 1926, 1925. Assets (Plant, equip., &c., Cash & cts. of dep., U. S. Liberty bds., Notes & accept. rec., Acct's rec. (less res.), Inventories, Misc. accts, invest., &c., Deferred charges), Liabilities (Capital stock, Accounts payable, Div. payable Jan., Acerr. U. S. & Can. taxes (est.), Res. for gen. contingencies, Surplus), Total.

Total. \$6,872,953 \$6,366,851 Total. \$6,872,953 \$6,366,851 x Consisting of 202,500 shares of no par value.—V. 123, p. 2531.

**Pressed Steel Car Co.—Annual Report.—**

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Oper. profit after taxes..	loss\$275,626	\$1,006,345	\$1,785,629	\$2,191,061
Other income.....	121,180	x526,290	x299,481	x608,913
Total income.....	loss\$154,446	\$1,532,635	\$2,085,110	\$2,799,973
Maintenance.....	266,357	293,586	505,755	430,640
Depreciation, &c.....	200,000	300,000	400,000	662,472
Divs. pref. stock.....	y113,335	(7)875,000	(7)875,000	(7)875,000
Divs. common stock.....	-----	-----	(2)250,000	(1)125,000

Balance, surplus.....def\$734,138 \$64,049 \$54,355 \$706,861  
 Previous surplus..... 14,286,478 14,222,429 14,168,073 13,461,212

Total surplus.....z\$16,334,548 \$14,286,478 \$14,222,428 \$14,168,073  
 Earn. per share on com. Nil \$0 52 \$2 43 \$6 48  
 x After deducting interest charges. y In addition \$875,000 was charged against reserve set up in 1925 for payment of preferred dividends in 1926.  
 z The profit and loss account follows: Deficit for year 1926, \$734,138; previous surplus, \$14,286,478; surplus and undivided profits of Western Steel Car & Foundry Co. at April 1 1926, \$1,278,917 (see merger plan in V. 122, p. 623); net surplus from revaluation of assets, \$4,003,291; total, \$18,834,548; preferred stock issuable upon exchange of old common stock, \$2,500,000; surplus and undivided profits, Dec. 31 1926, \$16,334,548.—V. 123, p. 854.

**Prudential Building-Loan Association, Los Angeles.—Certificates Offered.—**

An issue of \$500,000 5-year 6% coupon investment certificates is being offered by the above Association at 100 and int.  
 Dated Jan. 1 1927; due Jan. 1 1932. Int. payable Q.-J. at the office of the Prudential Building-Loan Association, 523 1/2 South Spring St., Los Angeles, Calif.  
**Security.**—Each certificate is secured 100% by loans on a diversity of selected first mortgages payable by the borrower in monthly installments. As each installment reduces the principal, the security back of these certificates becomes more valuable with each payment. In addition, the unlimited liability of the \$500,000 guarantee capital protects each certificate holder. These certificates are legal for trust funds.  
 The Prudential Building-Loan Association is chartered under a special provision of the Civil Code of the State of California to provide a means of profitable investment by offering 6% investment certificates in order to obtain money to loan on selected first mortgages.

**Pullman Co.—To Form Holding Co.—Committee Appointed.—**

The directors on Jan. 31 appointed a committee consisting of George F. Baker, J. Pierpont Morgan, and John J. Mitchell to carry out a plan, approved by the board, for the reorganization of the Pullman Co., which when consummated, will result in each stockholder of the Pullman Co. having 2 1/2 shares of stock of no par value in a new company for each share of stock now held in the Pullman Co.  
 Details of this plan will be announced in a formal letter from the President of the latter company to stockholders to go forward in a few days.  
 At present there are 1,350,000 shares of capital stock of \$100 now authorized and outstanding.—V. 123, p. 3048.

**Pusey & Jones Co.—Sale of Plant, &c.—**

The property located at Wilmington, Del., was sold Jan. 5 last, for \$2,000,000. The Oil Transport Corp. of Baltimore, purchased the plant through Clement C. Smith, of Milwaukee. The shipyard was in the hands of a receiver for some time. During this period, \$609,185 were added to the liabilities of the plant, said to total \$2,270,000. The assets were listed at \$1,430,000. The sale was later confirmed in the United States District Court before Judge Hugh M. Morris. A new company, Pusey & Jones Corp., has been organized to take over the properties.—V. 123, p. 2666.

**Pusey & Jones Corp.—Organized.—**

The above corporation was incorporated Jan. 11 last in Delaware with an authorized stated capital of \$1,500,000, by interests which recently acquired by purchase the Pusey & Jones Co., shipyard and shops. William Griscom Cox, who was General Manager of the Pusey & Jones Co. plant, has been elected President of the new corporation. Clement C. Smith, Milwaukee, who purchased the plant at a receiver's sale will be Chairman of the board. C. Stewart Lee, Vice-Pres.; C. B. Lynch, Treas.; J. H. Deinlein, Sec.

**Richfield Oil Co. of Calif.—Transfer Agent.—**

The Chase National Bank has been appointed transfer agent in New York City for 400,000 shares of preferred stock (par \$25) and 2,000,000 shares of common stock (par \$25).—V. 124, p. 659.

**Rome (N. Y.) Co., Inc.—Pref. Stock Offered.—**

Mohawk Valley Investment Corp., Utica, N. Y., recently offered at 100 and div. \$1,000,000 7% cum. pref. (a. & d.) stock.  
 Dividends payable Q-F. Entitled to 110 and divs. in event of voluntary or involuntary liquidation or dissolution. Red. all or part on any div. date on 60 days' notice at 110 and div. Annual sinking fund, 2 1/2% of greatest amount of stock outstanding.

**Data From Letter of Arthur F. Carpenter, President of Company.**

**Company.**—Succeeded in Nov. 1925, the Rome Metallic Bedstead Co., a New York corporation chartered in 1895 and the Kinney Rome Co., an Illinois corporation chartered in 1910. The Rome Metallic Bedstead Co. established a plant in Rome, N. Y., in 1895, for the manufacture of metal beds. This plant has been in continuous operation on that product to the present time. In 1897 plants were established in Boston, New York and Baltimore, to distribute Rome Metal Beds and to manufacture kindred products such as bed springs, day beds, couch hammocks and other like articles. A similar plant was started in Chicago in 1902 and was merged into the Rome Co., Inc., in 1925.  
**The main products of the company are the nationally advertised "De Luxe" bed spring; Romelink couch hammocks, a well known and nationally advertised product; Rome metal beds and day beds, together with a large line of ordinary coil and link springs; steel cots, couches and hospital beds.**  
**The company is at present operating 5 factories and 45 warehouses containing approximately 1,170,000 sq. ft. of floor space to facilitate the distribution of its product in all large centers. It employs about 1,200 people.**  
**Capitalization.**—6% sink. fund gold deb (V. 122, p. 1778)..... Authorized. Outstanding. \$1,500,000 \$1,000,000  
 7% preferred stock..... 2,000,000 1,000,000  
 Common stock (without par value)..... 150,000 shs. 100,000 shs.

**Sales & Net Earnings (Available for Dividends) from Operations.**

Year	Net			Federal		Balance.
	Sales.	Aft. Deprec.	Interest.	Taxes.	Taxes.	
1922.....	\$5,491,701	\$507,846	\$45,841	\$54,505	\$407,498	
1923.....	7,033,542	539,619	61,086	60,493	418,039	
1924.....	7,398,257	356,686	61,426	37,671	257,588	
a 1925 (11 mos.).....	7,606,857	630,442	40,590	73,730	516,112	
1926.....	7,631,380	309,102	41,991	36,275	230,835	

a Fiscal year changed to Nov. 30 during 1925.  
 Average annual net earnings for the five years 1922-1926 were equivalent to 5.23 times annual dividend requirements of \$70,000 on this preferred stock.

**Balance Sheet as of Nov. 30 1926 (After Present Financing).**

Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash.....	Acc'ts pay. & sundry acer....
Notes & accept. rec.....	Property & Fed. taxes.....
Accounts receivable.....	Deferred credits.....
Inventories.....	6% debentures.....
Deferred accounts receivable.....	7% pref. stock.....
Investments.....	Common stock.....
Plant property.....	
Deferred charges.....	Total (each side).....
	\$5,610,916

a Authorized 150,000 shares; issued and outstanding, 99,120 shares.—V. 122, p. 1778.

**Rogers Park Hospital (Inc.), Chicago.—Bonds Offered.**

—An issue of \$200,000 certified 1st mtge. 6 1/2% serial gold bonds is being offered by Cochran & McCluer Co., Chicago, at par and intrest.  
 Dated June 1 1926; due serially (J. & D.) from June 1 1928 to 1936. Int. payable J. & D. at office of Cochran & McCluer Co. Callable at 102. Federal income tax paid (not to exceed 3%).  
**Building.**—The Rogers Park Hospital is located at 6970 to 6972 North Clark St., Chicago. The hospital is six stories in height with large solarium on roof of re-enforced concrete completely fireproof construction.  
**Income.**—On a very conservative basis, the bankers estimate the annual net earnings of the Rogers Park Hospital at \$55,000, which is more than four times the largest annual interest requirement.  
**Mortgagor.**—The Rogers Park Hospital, Inc. The bonds are also personally guaranteed as to payment of principal and interest by F. Patrick Machler and Ruth Machler, principal stockholders in the Rogers Park Hospital.

**St. Alexius Hospital (North Dakota).—Notes Offered.**

—Mercantile Trust Co., St. Louis, is offering at par and int. \$250,000 1st mtge. real estate serial notes. Principal and interest guaranteed by Mother House of the Order of the Sisters of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, Minn.  
 Dated Sept. 1 1926; due serially 1929-1936. Int. payable M. & S. at Mercantile Trust Co., St. Louis, trustee. Red., all or part, on any int. date at 102 and int. on 30 days' notice.  
 These notes are the obligation of St. Alexius Hospital, a corporation organized in North Dakota, and are secured by 1st mtge. on an entire block of ground, together with the improvements erected thereon, in Bismarck, N. D. Improvements consist of a modern hospital building and nurses' home, the latter just completed. The main building is of fireproof brick construction, consisting of three wings. The centre wing is five stories in height and the two lateral wings are four stories. The hospital contains two operating rooms, X-ray department and laboratory, and is thoroughly equipped in every respect. Its staff is well organized and the hospital receives patients of every denomination. The nurses' home is likewise a 4 and 5 story fireproof building, modern and up to date. It has just been completed at a cost in excess of \$170,000. St. Alexius Hospital has been established in Bismarck for more than 40 years.  
 The Mother House of the Sisters of the Order of St. Benedict is located at St. Joseph, Minn. The guaranty of payment of principal and interest puts the obligation on the entire order. These sisters devote their activities to both teaching and hospital work. They conduct establishments in the Archdiocese of St. Paul, and in the dioceses of Bismarck, Crookston, Fargo, La Crosse, Seattle and St. Cloud. According to the Official Catholic Directory, the number of sisters in the order is more than 800.  
 The funds represented by this loan were used partly in the erection of the nurses' home and the balance as part of the construction cost of a new \$1,500,000 hospital building in St. Cloud, Minn.

**St. Louis Rocky Mountain & Pacific Co.—Earnings.**

Period—	Quar. End.	Year End.	Year End.
	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.
Gross earnings.....	\$752,416	\$2,527,112	\$2,288,307
Cost, expenses and taxes.....	539,587	1,808,283	1,613,899
Interest charges.....	53,825	215,750	265,329
Deprec. and depl. & amort. of devel.....	67,193	263,011	216,895
Net income.....	\$91,811	\$240,068	\$192,184
Earnings per share on common.....	\$0.79	\$1.90	\$1.42

—V. 123, p. 2274.

**Santa Barbara (Calif.) Biltmore Corp.—Bonds Offered.**

—M. H. Lewis & Co. and Carstens & Earles, Inc., San Francisco, are offering at prices to yield from 6 1/2% to 7%, according to maturity, \$687,500 1st mtge. 7% serial gold bonds.  
 Dated Dec. 1 1926; due serially 1929-1942. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Callable all or part on any int. date after 35 days' notice at 105 and int. to and incl. 1932; thereafter at 1/2% less each year to 1936 and at 102 1/2% and interest thereafter to maturity. Principal and int. (J. & D.) payable at Citizens' Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, trustee. Exempt from personal property taxes in California.  
**Company.**—Has been organized for the purpose of acquiring property and constructing a modern hotel at Montecito Park, adjoining Santa Barbara, Calif., to be operated under the same management as the Los Angeles Biltmore, one of the most important units in the famous Bowman Biltmore chain of hotels.  
**Security.**—Bonds will be secured by a first mortgage on approximately 21 acres at Montecito Park, Santa Barbara, Calif. The property has a frontage on the ocean for a distance of over 1,000 feet and is artistically planted and landscaped in a manner making the location one of the most ideal hotel sites on the coast. The proceeds of this issue will provide part of the cost of erecting a reinforced concrete and steel 2-story fireproof hotel and administration building of Spanish California architecture, together with 2 annex buildings and surrounding bungalows. The entire group of buildings is designed to be operated as a hotel unit and will contain a minimum of 160 guest rooms in addition to store space, public rooms, dining rooms, help quarters, &c.  
**Valuation.**—The land and present improvements have been recently appraised by George S. Edwards, prominent banker of Santa Barbara, Calif., at \$408,000, while the additional cost of new buildings, improvements and furnishings, &c., will exceed \$940,000.  
**Earnings.**—A. D. Macarthur, Treasurer of the Los Angeles Biltmore Corp., has estimated the net profit available for interest at \$181,910 per annum, available to pay bond interest, the largest annual installment of which is \$48,125.

**Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago.—January Sales.**

Month of January—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Sales.....	\$22,080,174	\$22,590,905	\$22,082,092	\$19,302,853

—V. 124, p. 638, 247.

**Servel Corp. (Del.).—Increase in Capital Stock, &c., Approved.**

—The stockholders on Jan. 31 approved the plan to increase the authorized capital stock from 1,000,000 shares to 1,300,000 shares (no par value) and to issue 196,000 additional shares at \$10 per share, as outlined in the "Chronicle" of Jan. 22, p. 517. The stockholders also approved the underwriting of the offering under an arrangement made by the company with a syndicate of which Pyncheon & Co. are managers.

**Large Increase in Bookings.**

The auto body department of the Hercules division of the Servel Corp. reports the booking of orders during January in excess of 50% over the business of January last year.—V. 124, p. 517.

**71st & South Shore Building Corp., Chicago.—Bonds Offered.**

—Lawrence Stern & Co., Chicago, are offering at 100 and int. \$950,000 1st (closed) mtge. 6% serial gold bonds.  
 Dated Sept. 1 1926; due serially 1929-1941. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable at Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*. Red. all or part, on any int. date at 102 and int. Interest payable without deduction for Federal income tax not in excess of 2%.  
**Data from Letter of B. F. Lindheimer, President of the Corporation.**  
**Security.**—The bonds are the direct obligation of the corporation and are secured by a closed first mortgage on land owned in fee, comprising the entire block (exclusive of alleys) bounded by East 71st St., South Shore Drive, East 70th Place, and Oglesby Ave., Chicago; together with a 5-story fireproof office and store building and a 3-story store and apartment building, containing a total of approximately 1,398,000 cu. ft. The buildings are now nearing completion.

The land has been appraised by Winston & Co. at \$953,830, and the buildings by Starrett-Dilks Co. at \$734,940; making a total valuation of \$1,688,770, of which this bond issue is 56.25%.

**Earnings.**—Gross earnings of the combined properties are estimated at \$171,120; and operating expenses, taxes, insurance, together with an allowance for vacancies, are estimated at \$44,512, leaving an estimated net income, applicable to the payment of principal and interest of this issue, of \$126,608. This is more than twice the greatest annual interest charge. Space bringing an annual rental of \$34,420 had been leased on Jan. 3 1927.

**(The) Shaler Co., Waupun, Wis.—Stock Offered.**—The Quarles Co., Morris F. Fox & Co., Milwaukee; Wells-Dickey Co. and Harold E. Woods & Co., St. Paul, are offering 50,000 shares class A stock (without par value) at \$25 per share flat, to yield about 8%.

Preferred as to cumulative dividends of \$2 per annum and, in liquidation, preferred but limited to \$30 per share. Participating equally with class B stock after dividends of \$2 per annum on both. Convertible, share for share, into class B stock. Cumulative dividends on class A stock payable Q.-J. Class B stock is a class B security under Wisconsin Securities Law. Transfer agent, Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago. Registrar, First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

Capitalization	Authorized.	Issued.
Class A stock (no par value), voting	50,000 shs.	50,000 shs.
Class B stock (no par value), voting	*130,000 shs.	80,000 shs.
* 50,000 shares reserved for conversion of class A stock.		

**Data from Letter of Philip H. Dorr, President of Company.**  
**Company.**—Incorporated in 1926 in Delaware. Has purchased the business, property, licenses, and patents of the C. A. Shaler Co., a partnership, which for 20 years has manufactured various types of vulcanizers for automobiles tires, tubes, and other rubber goods. Company owns patents and licenses, which have been established by numerous test cases or settlements, on the "Shaler Five-Minute Vulcanizer" and large steam and electric vulcanizers. These are nationally advertised and used and are distributed through a large percentage of the automotive supply jobbers in the United States. Approximately 20% of sales is export business, and the foreign market is believed susceptible of large development. Company's product sells at a low price so that its use is spread over a wide market. The plant of the company, located at Waupun, Wis., is a compact, modern, brick and concrete building constructed in 1923.

The assets and business of Bauer Lock Co., manufacturing under patents automobile locks and steering wheels, will be acquired by the Shaler Lock Co. of Ill. 100% of the stock of the Shaler Lock Co. will be owned by the Shaler Co.

**Purpose.**—Present offering provides part of the cash required to purchase this business. The balance of the purchase price and working capital has been provided by the subscribers to the class B stock.

**Earnings.**—The purchase of the Shaler business is based on earning power rather than tangible assets, and the capitalization of the company reflects the value thus set on the earning power.

Consolidated net income of the C. A. Shaler Co. and of the Bauer Lock Co. after depreciation but before income taxes, allowance for the value of executives' and partners' services, and patent amortization, has been as follows: 1926 (11 months), \$529,633; 1925, \$434,760; 1924, \$440,852.

This net income for the foregoing period has averaged \$481,798 annually. The management intends to amortize patents at the rate of \$129,000 annually. After deducting this amount, proposed executive salaries and estimated Federal and State income taxes on the balance at the present rates, average net income available for dividends would be about \$250,000 annually, or 2½ times dividend requirements of \$100,000 annually on class A stock. Such earnings for 1926 (December estimated) were over three times such dividend requirements.

**Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1926.**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$126,685	Accts. payable and accr.	\$10,831
Customers' accts. rec., less reserve	28,820	Liabilities	
Inventories	94,027	Capital stock, 50,000 shs.	
Prepaid expenses	4,372	of class A stock and	
Plant and equipment	239,404	80,000 shares of class B	
Patents, good-will, &c.	1,277,000	stock, no par value	1,772,971
Deferred charges	13,493	Total (each side)	\$1,753,802

**Shubert Theatre Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.**

	1926	1925.
Operating profit	\$1,113,746	\$1,506,262
Profit for deprec. & amortizations	155,923	148,634
Interest or mtgs. & debentures	212,842	219,730
Federal tax reserve	100,000	100,000
Net income	\$644,981	\$1,037,898
Dividends	(\$2 50)	398,742
Balance	\$246,239	\$1,037,898
Earned per share on capital stock	\$4 03	\$6 91

**Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Real est. & equip.	10,822,821	10,814,232	
Bldg. adv. & lease, secur. dep.	539,824	907,658	
Rights, tr. names, good-will, &c.	1	1	
Cash	1,970,652	1,231,003	
Accts. receivable	1,071,798	687,758	
Productions	473,979	763,506	
Adv. pay. for prod. rights	109,177	68,372	
Mat'ls & supplies	2,895	3,508	
Life ins. policies	35,608	27,653	
Cash in sink. fund	740	900	
Investments	2,483,774	815,333	
Deferred charges	170,898	188,067	
Tot. (each side)	17,682,167	15,507,991	

\* Represented by 159,920 no par value shares Dec. 31 1926, against 150,100 shares Dec. 31 1925.—V. 123, p. 1644.

**Sharp & Dohme, Inc., Baltimore.—Pref. Stock Offered.**—Alex. Brown & Sons, Baltimore, are offering at 101 and div., to yield 6.93% \$1,000,000 7% cum. pref. stock.

Dividends payable Q.-J. First quarterly dividend payable April 1 1927. Preferred as to assets in case of voluntary liquidation up to \$110 per share, and in case of involuntary liquidation up to \$100 per share, with accrued dividends in either case. Callable all or part at any time, on 30 days' notice, at 110 and divs. Free of present Federal normal income tax. Exempt from present intangible personal property tax in Maryland. Transfer agent, Maryland Trust Co., Baltimore. Registrar, Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Baltimore.

**Capitalization.**—Preferred stock, non-voting, \$2,000,000 \$1,000,000. Common stock (no par value) voting, 100,000 shs. 80,000 shs.

**Data from Letter of A. R. L. Dohme, Pres. of the Company.**  
**Company.**—The business was founded 66 years ago. It has had a sound and steady growth and to-day it is one of the three leading concerns of its kind in the United States. The business now represents a net capital investment of more than \$4,000,000 practically all of which has been contributed over the years from earnings. Company's large manufacturing laboratories are in Baltimore, general offices are maintained in New York and branches in eight other cities. The trade name is known throughout the world.

The company manufactures medicines and drugs of the highest quality and sells to the wholesale and retail trade in the United States and foreign countries. The bulk of its business is in standard pharmaceutical preparations but it also sells specialties—the products of its own or university or medical school laboratories—which are experiencing wide demand.

Recently the stockholders took advantage of the favorable Maryland corporation laws and incorporated in that State. In this connection the new company authorized this issue of \$1,000,000 7% cumulative preferred stock which was distributed to the stockholders of the New Jersey company.

**Earnings.**—Net earnings of the business, after depreciation and taxes, available for dividends have been as follows:

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net earnings...	*\$840,000	\$770,001	\$308,526	\$461,227	\$330,730
*December estimated.					

Based on these figures, net earnings of the business for 1926 (Dec. estimated) were approximately \$840,000 or about 12 times the \$70,000 annual dividend requirement on this 7% cumulative preferred stock, and for the 5 years ended 1926 earnings available for dividends have averaged over 7 times such dividend requirement.

**Sinking Fund.**—Company agrees to set aside each year, as a sinking fund, 3% of the largest amount of preferred stock theretofore issued, for purchase and retirement of preferred stock, or call and retirement of such stock at \$110 per share and accrued dividends; such sinking fund to be prior to the payment of any dividends upon the common stock.

**Listing.**—Application will be made to list this issue at the Baltimore Stock Exchange.

**Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1926 (After Changes in Capitalization, &c.)**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$445,488	Accounts payable	\$17,824
Notes receivable	20,762	Reserve for income taxes	186,017
Accounts receivable	1,180,954	Preferred stock	1,000,000
Adv. & loans receivable	12,416	Common 80,000 shs.—no par.	3,000,000
Inventories	1,460,000	Surplus	1,189,814
Underwriters' insurance fund	20,968		
Investments	30,582		
Fixed assets	1,045,464		
Trademarks, patents, copy-rights, &c.	1,023,589		
Deferred assets	123,433	Total (each side)	\$5,363,655

**Southern New England Ice Co., Hartford, Conn.—Bonds Offered.**—Taylor, Ewart & Co., Inc., C. D. Parker & Co., Inc., Goddard & Co., Inc., and Hincks Bros. & Co. are offering at 99½ and int., to yield over 6½%, \$2,300,000 1st mtge. 6½% sinking fund gold bonds, series A (with stock purchase warrants).

Dated Feb. 1 1927; due Feb. 1 1942. Principal and int. (F. & A.) payable at New York Trust Co., New York, trustee, and National Shawmut Bank, Boston, without deduction for any Federal income tax up to 2% per annum. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*. Red. on any int. date on 60 days' notice to and incl. Feb. 1 1932 at 110; thereafter to and incl. Feb. 1 1937 at 107½; thereafter to and incl. Aug. 1 1941 at 105 and thereafter at par, plus int. in each case. Company will reimburse holders upon proper and timely application for any personal property or securities tax or State income taxes of any State not to exceed in the aggregate 6 mills per annum in respect of each dollar of principal. Edward C. Mason, Boston, Ind. trustee.

**Stock Purchase Warrants.**—Each bond will be accompanied by a detachable warrant entitling the holder of such warrant for each \$100 of principal of such bond, subject to prior termination or alteration, to the right to purchase, on or prior to Feb. 1 1942, one share of no par value common stock of the company at a price of \$12 per share on or before Feb. 1 1932, and thereafter at \$15 per share on or before Feb. 1 1937, and thereafter at \$18 per share up to and including Feb. 1 1942, and otherwise as provided in the first mortgage.

**Security.**—Secured by a 1st mtge. on all the physical properties, to be presently acquired, and by a direct lien on other assets and rights. The sound depreciated value of these physical properties, as appraised by Charles T. Main, Inc., Engineers, is \$1,534,639 exclusive of tools, wagons, trucks, &c., which are appraised at \$287,400 by the management. Thus net tangible assets are equivalent to \$2,095 per \$1,000 bond outstanding.

**Sinking Fund.**—Beginning Feb. 1 1928 and semi-annually thereafter the company agrees to pay to the trustee for sinking fund \$25,250 to be applied to the purchase and (or) redemption of this issue. In addition, the company agrees to pay semi-annually into the sinking fund to be similarly applied an amount equal to interest on all bonds retired through sinking fund and company shall have the privilege of substituting for cash bonds of this issue at cost, said cost not to exceed 105 and int. It is estimated that through the operation of this sinking fund over 50% of this issue will be retired by maturity.

**Preferred Stock Offered.**—Goddard & Co., Inc., C. D. Parker & Co., Inc. and Taylor, Ewart & Co., Inc., are offering \$1,100,000 7% cumulative prior preference stock (with common stock bonus) at 100 and div. With each share of prior preference stock will be deliverable as a bonus one share of the company's no par value common stock.

Dividends cumulative and payable Q.-F. Red., all or part, on any div. date at \$115 and divs. after 30 days' notice. Preferred as to dividends and assets over all other classes of stock to be outstanding and entitled in liquidation, voluntary or involuntary, to 115 and divs. Dividends exempt from normal Federal income tax and Massachusetts income tax. Transfer agents, Bank of America, New York, and National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Registrars, Guaranty Trust Co., New York, and Old Colony Trust Co., Boston.

**Sinking Fund.**—Beginning Feb. 1 1928 the prior preference stock will be entitled to a minimum sinking fund of 1% per annum of the largest principal amount at any time outstanding, plus an additional sinking fund equal to 5% of net earnings after the payment of all charges and pref. stock dividends. Such sinking fund moneys are to be used for the purchase or call of this prior preference stock.

**Listing.**—Application will be made to list this prior preference stock and the common stock on the Boston Stock Exchange.

**Data from Letter of Pres. Howard H. Davenport, dated Feb. 1.**  
**Company.**—A Massachusetts corporation. Has been organized to acquire the ice business, physical assets and good-will of over 30 of the following concerns which now supply artificial and/or natural ice at retail and wholesale in the States of Connecticut and Massachusetts:

- (1) Ansonia, Conn.—Ansonia-Derby Ice Corp. and Tri-City Ice Delivery Co.
  - (2) Bridgeport, Conn.—Berkshire Ice Co., Bridgeport Ice Delivery Co., Home Products Co., Naugatuck Valley Ice Co. and Sprague Ice & Coal Co.
  - (3) Derby, Conn.—Polar Hygeia Ice Co.
  - (4) Hartford, Conn.—Butchers' Ice & Supply Co., Fred W. Arnold & Assn., trustee; Hartford Ice Co., Ice Delivery Co., Spring Brook Ice Co. and Trout Brook Ice & Feed Co.
  - (5) Meriden, Conn.—Berkshire-Meriden Ice Co., William Bauchmann and Meriden Ice Delivery Co.
  - (6) New Haven, Conn.—Estate of Harry W. Walker.
  - (7) Middletown, Conn.—A. Brazos & Sons, Inc.
  - (8) New Britain, Conn.—Estates of Oscar and Hugo Doerr, New Britain Ice Corp., White Oak Ice Co. and M. L. Rhodes and Willow Brook Ice Co.
  - (9) New London, Conn.—New London Ice Co., W. R. Perry Ice Corp. and State Line Ice Co.
  - (10) Shelton, Conn.—John West.
  - (11) Waterbury, Conn.—City Ice Co., Hall & Upson Co., Ellen E. Hayes, Spring Lake Ice Co., Waterbury Ice Corp.
  - (12) Pittsfield, Mass.—Pittsfield Ice Co.
  - (13) West Stockbridge, Mass.—West Stockbridge Ice Co.
- [This consolidation has been effected by A. H. Beckmore & Co.]  
In addition, the company will sell ice at wholesale in New Rochelle, Portchester, Rye and White Plains, N. Y., Springfield and Westfield, Mass. and Bristol, Cos Cob, Danbury, Enfield, Fairfield, Farmington, Greenwich, Manchester, Milford, Naugatuck, New Haven, New Milford, Norwalk, Norwich, Simsbury, Southington, Stamford, Stratford, West Haven, Windsor and Windsor Locks, Conn.
- With few exceptions, the properties to be acquired have been operated continuously over a long period of time. In some cases operations of the individual companies were started prior to 1894. Company will also engage in the sale of coal for domestic consumption, the installation and servicing of mechanical refrigerators and the icing of refrigerator cars.
- The properties are, in the main, complete plants for the harvesting and distributing of ice. The ice houses are well built and maintained and all of the plants are equipped with ample railroad sidings. In the opinion of engineers, the ice harvesting and handling machinery and equipment are of modern type and in good repair. Much of the land owned by the company is valuable for residential purposes and for commercial uses other than the ice business.
- The company has ample natural ice reserves at Litchfield (Lake Bantam), Bridgeport and Hartford, Conn.; Southwick (Lake Congamond)

and Pittsfield, Mass., and adjacent to other cities having an aggregate annual capacity of 556,200 tons. The artificial ice properties located in Hartford, Waterbury, Derby, Bridgeport and New Haven, Conn., have an annual capacity of 141,375 tons.

**Earnings.**—The consolidated statement of earnings of the constituent companies for the year ended Dec. 31 1925 and for the period ended Oct. 31 1926, as reported by Seidman & Seidman, certified public accountants, is as follows:

	Year Ended Dec. 31 '25.	10 Mos. End Oct. 31 '26.
Gross sales.....	\$2,737,668	\$2,139,929
Oper. exp., incl. maintenance and renewals.....	2,128,190	1,655,228

Available for bond in., depr'n & Fed'l taxes... \$609,477 \$484,701

For the year ended Dec. 31 1925, net earnings, before Federal taxes and depreciation as shown above, were \$609,478, or over four times the maximum interest requirements on the bonds to be presently outstanding; and for the ten months ending Oct. 31 1926 were \$484,702, or over 3.8 times bond interest for such period.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
First mortgage bonds (this issue)....	\$2,300,000	1,100,000
Prior preference 7% stock.....	2,500,000	1,850,000
Preferred stock 7%.....	4,000,000	1,850,000
Common stock (no par value).....	5130,000 shs.	60,000 shs.

a. Additional bonds may be issued only under the restrictions contained in the first mortgage. b. 23,000 shares reserved for stock purchase warrants.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to defray a part of the purchase price of the properties to be acquired by the company and for working capital.

**Management.**—The management of the company will be in the hands of the officials closely identified with the management of the Metropolitan Ice Co., serving several cities and towns in Greater Boston, and the New England Cities Ice Companies, serving Lawrence and Worcester, Mass.; Nashua, N. H., and Portland, Me. Howard H. Davenport, V.-Pres. of the Metropolitan Ice Co., is President of the Southern New England Ice Co. Ralph G. Hadley, Gen. Mgr. of the New England Cities Ice Companies, will be Gen. Mgr. of the Southern New England Ice Co.

**Southern Pipe Line Co.—Annual Report.**

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Profits for year.....	\$150,989	\$191,266	\$280,092	\$547,707
Dividends paid.....	(1%)100,000(4%)400,000(8%)799,999	(10%)999,999		

Balance.....sur\$50,989 def\$208,734 def\$519,907 def\$452,292

Profit & loss surplus... x\$432,945 \$988,172 \$1,196,906 \$1,716,814

Earned per share.....y\$1.51 \$1.91 \$2.80 \$5.47

x After deducting \$602,710 for loss on sale of securities and \$3,506 Federal tax adjustment for years 1920 to 1924 inclusively. y On May 2 1926 the capital stock was reduced from \$10,000,000 to \$5,000,000 by changing the par value of the stock from \$100 to \$50. The payment of \$40 per share has been made and the remaining \$10 per share is payable Mar. 1 next.

**Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.**

	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
<b>Assets—</b>			<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Plant.....	\$5,950,949	5,969,671	Capital stock.....	5,000,000 10,000,000
Other investments.....	3,234,586	7,524,983	Cap.stk.redu.acct.....	1,082,190
Accts.receivable.....	75,878	120,146	Depr'n reserve.....	2,842,311 2,677,885
Cash.....	98,717	61,676	Accounts payable.....	5,684 418
			Profit and loss.....	432,945 988,172
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>9,363,131 13,666,476</b>	<b>13,666,476</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>9,363,131 13,666,476</b>

**South West Pennsylvania Pipe Lines.—Annual Report.**

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Profit.....	\$249,362	\$200,906	\$91,199	\$268,464
Dividends.....	(4%)140,000(4%)140,000(7%)245,000(7%)280,000			

Balance, surplus.....\$109,362 \$60,906 def\$153,801 def\$11,536

Previous surplus.....566,856 607,577 761,378 772,914

Total surplus.....\$676,218 \$668,483 \$607,577 \$761,378

Adjustments.....188,620 101,627

Profit & loss, surplus...\$487,598 \$566,856 \$607,577 \$761,378

Shares outstg. (par \$100).....35,000 35,000 35,000 35,000

Earned per share.....\$7.12 \$5.74 \$2.60 \$7.67

**Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.**

	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
<b>Assets—</b>			<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Plant.....	\$4,215,876	\$4,205,417	Capital stock.....	\$3,500,000 \$3,500,000
Other investments.....	1,690,673	1,500,766	Depreciation.....	2,209,275 2,066,737
Accts.receivable.....	185,777	394,231	Accounts payable.....	106,503 52,924
Cash.....	211,151	86,104	Profit and loss.....	487,599 566,856
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$6,303,477 \$6,186,518</b>	<b>\$6,186,518</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$6,303,477 \$6,186,518</b>

**Splitdorf-Bethlehem Elec. Co.—Stock Inc.—Rights.**

The stockholders have authorized an increase in the capital stock from 67,000 shares without par value to an authorized 160,000 shares, of which 67,000 shares are being offered stockholders for subscription on the basis of one share for one share held, the new shares being priced at \$15. Watson & White have underwritten the entire issue. The effect of this financing, according to President Walter Rautenstrauch, will be to pay off practically all of the company's indebtedness and leave a ratio of current assets to current liabilities of approximately 10 to 1, or \$2,000,000 net working capital.

In his letter to the stockholders Mr. Rautenstrauch says in part: "The purpose of this issue is to place the company in a stronger financial position with adequate working capital to carry out its manufacturing program with greater economy. During 1926 the company did a volume of business of approximately \$4,500,000, and in spite of handicaps incident to a period of reorganization, realized a net profit after depreciation of approximately \$5 per share on its capital stock. The company's products are distributed through 500 service stations, 550 jobbers and 10,000 dealers. Our distributors at a convention held recently at the home office have accepted larger quotas for their several districts and we, therefore, anticipate a greater volume of sales in all of our lines of manufacture over the year 1926."

There is no other obligation ahead of the capital stock except a mortgage of \$187,500 on the plant of the company at Bethlehem, Pa. Mr. Rautenstrauch stated that he believed the company should be on a satisfactory dividend basis within a reasonable period of time.

At the stockholders' meeting held Feb. 1 the officers and directors were re-elected, E. H. Schwab, brother of Chas. M. Schwab, remaining as Chairman of the board of directors.—V. 124, p. 660.

**Standard Investing Corp.—Debentures Sold.**—A new issue of \$4,500,000 10-year 5% gold debentures has been sold by Brown Brothers & Co. and Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., at 100 and int. Each \$1,000 debenture carries a warrant entitling the holder to receive without cost 10 shares of common stock.

Dated Mar. 1 1927; due Mar. 1 1937. Interest payable M. & S. without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2% per annum. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and int. payable at the New York Boston and Philadelphia offices of Brown Brothers & Co., paying agents for the loan. Red. all or part at any time on 30 days' notice at 102 and int. to and incl. Feb. 28 1929; thereafter at 100 and int. New York Trust Co., New York, trustee.

**Organization.**—A Maryland corporation. Has been formed with power to buy, sell and generally to deal in Government, municipal, corporate and other securities, both domestic and foreign.

**Directors.**—The board of directors consists of the following: James Brown, of Brown Brothers & Co.; Ray Morris, of Brown Brothers & Co.; Henry R. Hayes, Vice-President, Stone & Webster & Blodgett, Inc.; George Murnane, Vice-President, the New York Trust Co.; John Foster Dulles, of Sullivan & Cromwell.

Capitalization of the corporation will be as follows:  
10-year 5% gold debentures (this issue).....\$4,500,000  
Convertible pref. stock (without par value); \$6 div., cumul. from Jan. 1 1928; convert. into common stock in the ratio of 4 shares of common for 1 share of convert. pref. stock; to be authorized and presently issued.....15,000 shs.

Common stock (without par value), auth., 145,000 shares; to be reserved for conversion of conv. pref. stock, 60,000 shares; to be presently issued.....85,000 shs.

Of the 85,000 shares of common stock to be presently issued, 45,000 shares will be deposited against exercise of the warrants attaching to the debentures.

**Share Capital.**—For the convertible preferred and common shares to be presently issued (including the 45,000 shares of common stock to be deposited for the holders of the debentures), Brown Brothers & Co. and Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., will pay to the Standard Investing Corp. \$1,500,000 net.

The charter provides in substance that the holders of the convertible preferred stock and common stock shall have the right to subscribe for any additionally authorized common stock which may be issued at a price to net the corporation less than \$25 per share. The benefit of such right will be made available to the holders of the warrants.

**Debentures and Warrants.**—For the benefit of the warrants attaching to the \$4,500,000 debentures, Brown Brothers & Co. and Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., will deposit with the trustee 45,000 shares of common stock out of the total of 85,000 shares to be presently issued. The warrants will be non-detachable except by the trustee (on presentation of the appurtenant debentures) at times when the holders of warrants are entitled to exercise the right to receive common stock therefor. Warrants may be exercised Mar. 1 1930, or prior to that date in case of the earlier declaration of a dividend on the common stock, or the earlier redemption of the debentures to which they pertain, or if the depositors shall elect to permit the exercise of the warrants at a date earlier than Mar. 1 1930. The warrants will be void if not exercised on or prior to Mar. 1 1937 or earlier date of payment of the appurtenant debentures. Until the warrants are exercised no voting rights on the deposited stock will accrue to the holders of the warrants.

The corporation will agree, as more fully defined in the indenture, that so long as any debentures of this issue are outstanding it will not create any funded debt unless immediately after the creation thereof the net assets of the corporation (before deducting funded debt) are equal to at least 125% of the principal amount of funded debt.

**Listing.**—Corporation will make application to list the debentures on the Boston Stock Exchange.

**Standard Oil Co. of California (Del.)—Larger Dividend.**

The directors on Feb. 1 declared a quarterly dividend of 62½ cents per share and an extra dividend of 12½ cents per share on the capital stock, no par value, both payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 15. In the preceding three quarters regular quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share were paid, and in addition an extra distribution of 50 cents per share was made on Dec. 15 last.—V. 123, p. 94.

**Standard Oil Co. of Indiana.—Extra Dividend of 25c.**

The directors on Jan. 31 declared an extra dividend of 1%, in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 2½% on the capital stock, par \$25, both payable Mar. 15 to holders of record Feb. 16. An extra distribution of like amount was paid in each of the four quarters of 1926.—V. 124, p. 518.

**Standard Publishing Co. (& Subs.)—Annual Report.**

	Results for Year Ended Dec. 31 1926
Sales of services and magazines, printing and engraving.....	\$898,328
Production costs and expenses.....	913,923
Interest, taxes &c.....	28,523
Dividends paid.....	103,388

Deficit.....\$131,911  
Total deficit Dec. 31 1926.....236,477

**Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1926.**

	1926.	1925.	
<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Fixed assets.....	x\$479,430	Class A stock (par \$25).....	\$4,031,944
Investments.....	2,680,113	Class B stock.....	y11,700
Cash.....	80,013	Min. stockholders' int.....	65,990
Accts. & notes rec., less res.....	112,294	Funded debt.....	519,000
Contracts rec.....	690,752	Notes payable.....	147,823
Inventories.....	15,370	Trade accounts payable.....	52,038
Sinking fund.....	2,000	Other accts. payable.....	35,592
Organization exp., &c.....	1,194,292	Accr. exp., taxes, &c.....	22,418
Deferred charges.....	132,353	Deferred sales.....	736,589
Deficit Dec. 31 1926.....	236,477		
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$5,623,094</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$5,623,094</b>

x After deducting \$67,942 depreciation. y Represented by 11,700 shares no par value.—V. 123, p. 2006.

**Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corp.—Earnings.**

	1926.	1925.	x1924.	1923.
Net inc. aft. Fed. tax., &c.....	\$5,108,886	\$7,544,089	\$3,501,106	\$6,728,119

x Does not include earnings of Bassick-Alemite Corp., acquired during 1924.—V. 123, p. 2667.

**Stromberg-Carlson Telephone Mfg. Co.—Extra Div.**

The directors on Jan. 27 declared an extra dividend of 12½ cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the outstanding 267,280 shares of capital stock, no par value, both payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 14.—V. 122, p. 1324.

**Superior Steel Corporation.—Earnings.**

Period—	—Quar. End. Dec. 31—		—Year End. Dec. 31—	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Net sales.....	\$1,363,315	\$1,920,107	\$6,913,033	\$6,046,579
Cost and expenses.....	1,286,715	1,726,163	6,278,849	5,569,190
<b>Manufacturing profit.....</b>	<b>\$76,600</b>	<b>\$193,944</b>	<b>\$634,184</b>	<b>\$477,389</b>
Other income.....	26,335	25,029	88,462	77,238
<b>Total income.....</b>	<b>\$102,935</b>	<b>\$218,973</b>	<b>\$722,646</b>	<b>\$554,627</b>
Deprec., int., amortiz., Federal taxes, &c.....	97,223	123,492	440,568	432,488
<b>Net income.....</b>	<b>\$5,712</b>	<b>\$95,481</b>	<b>\$282,078</b>	<b>\$122,139</b>
Capital outst. (par \$100).....	100,000 shs.	100,000 shs.	100,000 shs.	100,000 shs.
Earn. per sh. on cap. stk.....	\$0.05	\$0.95	\$2.82	\$1.22

—V. 124, p. 660.

**Thilmany Pulp & Paper Co., Kaukauna, Wis.—Bonds Offered.**

—Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, are offering at prices to yield from 5 to 5½%, according to maturity, \$800,000 1st mtge. 5½% serial gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1927; due serially Jan. 1 1928-1937. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Red. on any int. date on 30 days prior notice, all or part in reverse of numerical order, at par and int. plus a premium of ½ of 1% for each year or part thereof between date of redemption and date of maturity.

**Data From Letter of M. A. Wertheimer, President of the Company.**

**Company.**—Incorp. in 1901 in Wisconsin as successor to the Thilmany Paper Mills. In the years 1911 to 1913, it erected in Kaukauna, Wis., a sulphate pulp mill; on Jan. 1 1916 its property was further augmented by the acquisition of all the assets, including good-will, of the Wisconsin Tissue Paper Co., Appleton, Wis., whose corporate existence shortly thereafter was discontinued. The product manufactured consists of sulphate pulp and special papers. The daily output of the pulp mill at Kaukauna averages 100 tons of sulphate pulp, both bleached and unbleached. New equipment on which delivery is expected within 90 days' will appreciably increase the capacity of the pulp mill. The output of the paper mills at Kaukauna and Appleton, Wisc. totals 100 tons daily, including a large proportion of tissues and light weight papers. The company has a total of 750 employees.

**Net Earnings Available for Interest after Depreciation but before Income Taxes for Calendar Years.**

	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.
	\$230,546	\$231,161	\$234,202	\$240,200
<b>Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1926 (After Present Financing).</b>				
<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>		
Cash	\$832,574	Notes & accounts payable	\$208,414	
Accounts receivable	354,620	Accrued payrolls, taxes, &c.	157,284	
Inventories	804,054	Accrued dividend	2,332	
Invest. outside companies	14,600	Taxes for Federal taxes	161,003	
Fixed assets	2,043,513	1st mtg. 5 1/2%	800,000	
Deferred charges	57,233	7% preferred stock	888,500	
		Com. stk. (15,000 shs. no par)	15,000	
		Earned surplus	1,873,441	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,106,574</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,106,574</b>	

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company for recent additions and betterments to its plants and equipment.

**Thomas Furnace Co.—Receivership—Bondholders' Protective Committee.**

Proceedings have been instituted in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County for the foreclosure of the trust mortgage of April 1 1922, by the First Wisconsin Trust Co. and Fred C. Best, as trustees, against the company and others. In this action, on Jan. 4 1927, Richard M. Marshall was appointed receiver. A notice to the bondholders further states:

Richard M. Marshall, as receiver, is about to file his report with the court in which he recommends the issuance of receiver's certificates to pay the outstanding taxes, provide for the expenses of foreclosure and for the necessary repairs to the plant to put it in an operating condition, and in the event a sale of the plant cannot be made, for arrangements so that it can be operated under the receiver commencing as of May 1 1927. To this report is annexed a copy of the appraisal of the American Appraisal Co. and a description of the plant, brought down to date, prepared by the receiver in consultation with Samuel B. Shotts, Plant Manager.

The receiver advises against operation until the opening of navigation because raw materials cannot be obtained on a favorable basis, but expresses the opinion, based upon a further examination of the plant and supporting equipment, that if such raw materials can be obtained on a favorable basis, and after the making of the recommended repairs, the plant should be in a condition to operate in competition on a basis showing a profit fully justifying the continuation of the business.

In connection with this report, the bondholders' protective committee is filing a petition approving of and joining in the recommendations of the receiver.

As of this date bonds have been deposited under the depository agreement of Nov. 10 1926, with the Second Ward Savings Bank, Milwaukee to the amount of \$529,100. By action of the committee the time for depositing bonds has been extended to Feb. 15 1927.

It is the purpose, and the committee and its counsel are now negotiating with that end in view, to bring about an early sale of the property. This can only be legally accomplished through an arrangement whereby the equity of redemption of the Thomas Furnace Co. is waived. If the committee is in a position by Feb. 15 to speak for substantially all of the outstanding bonds, it will materially assist in expediting the proceedings.

The present view of the committee is that no bonds should be accepted for deposit after Feb. 15, and in the event the committee should purchase the property for and on behalf of the depositing bonds, using the bonds so deposited for that purpose, the non-depositing bonds will receive only their proportion of the amount paid, less expenses, for the property in the sale under foreclosure.

**Committee.**—S. G. Garraway, Chairman, W. H. MacFee, John E. Frey, A. B. Miller, Leon J. Baker, with David W. Bloodgood, Sec. of the Committee (care of Bloodgood, Kemper & Bloodgood), 306 Mitchell Building, Milwaukee, Wis.—V. 114, p. 2479.

**Thompson-Starrett Co. (Building Construction), N. Y.—Readjustment of Capital—To Redeem Pref. Stock.**

President Louis J. Horowitz, Jan. 27, says in substance:

The changes in capitalization approved by the stockholders at their special meeting held Dec. 20 1926, have become effective by the filing of appropriate certificates in the offices required by law (V. 123, p. 3052).

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 4% on the preferred stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 19.

The preferred stock has been called for redemption on April 1 1927 at 110 (see below). The present preferred stock certificates may be surrendered for redemption or sale without being exchanged for new preferred stock certificates.

Temporary certificates for the new common stock have been prepared and, upon request, will be delivered at the Title Guarantee & Trust Co., transfer agent, 176 Broadway, N. Y. City, upon surrender of the outstanding certificates for shares of the old common stock, on the basis of 2 1/2 shares of the new common stock for each one share of old common stock. It is proposed, however, as soon as the redemption of the preferred stock has become effective, to reduce the total number of shares of stock that may be issued by the corporation by eliminating the 15,750 shares of preferred stock redeemed. Permanent common stock certificates with the new capitalization stated thereon will then be issued. It is therefore suggested that—in order to avoid the inconvenience of making two exchanges of certificates—holders of the present common stock certificates retain them until they receive notice that the permanent certificates for the new common stock are ready for delivery, and then make the exchange on the aforesaid basis. Stockholders will lose nothing in the way of dividends by so delaying the exchange.

Stock certificates for half shares of the new common stock will not be issued, but scrip certificates, exchangeable, in amounts representing one or more shares, for stock certificates will be issued in lieu thereof.

**Redemption and Offer of Purchase of Preferred Stock.**

All of the outstanding shares of preferred stock have been called for redemption price will be paid on and after April 1 1927 at \$110 per share in cash. Said redemption price will be paid on and after April 1 1927 to the respective holders of the outstanding shares of the preferred stock, upon presentation and surrender of the certificates therefor at the office of the Title Guarantee & Trust Co., New York City.

At any time prior to March 19 1927, the Thompson-Starrett Co. will purchase any of the shares of outstanding preferred stock at \$110 per share and accrued dividends to the date of purchase, upon delivery for sale at the office of the company, 250 Park Ave., N. Y. City, of the certificates therefor.—V. 124, p. 247.

**Tidal Osage Oil Co.—Bonds and Stock Retired.**

The company has announced the retirement of all its outstanding bonds, amounting to \$1,400,000, at \$102 50 and the retirement on Jan. 15 1927 of all its outstanding preferred stock, 5,209 shares, at \$105 a share plus 87 1/2 cents accrued dividends, reducing the company's capital structure to 631,319 shares of common stock (par \$10), of which 479,164 are voting and 152,155 non-voting.

The original bond issue made in 1921, to mature in 1931, was for \$3,500,000. Since Feb. 1 1926 the company has retired \$2,722,000 of these bonds. Since the opening of its Seminole properties last fall, Tidal Osage has increased its daily production from about 4,000 barrels to more than 20,000 barrels. It holds leases on approximately 1,000 acres in the Seminole field and is producing most of its oil from 15 wells, while 18 others are being drilled in the surrounding area, 6 of which are nearing completion.—V. 124, p. 247.

**Tide Water Associated Oil Co.—Production.**

Controlled companies were producing crude oil at the rate of 91,419 barrels daily at the close of 1926, a gain of 28,667 barrels compared with production of 62,751 barrels reported at the close of 1925, according to figures just made public by the company.

The greatest sectional gain was shown in the mid-continent territory, due to developments in the new Seminole pool. The controlled companies in this territory were producing 33,171 barrels of crude oil daily at the close of 1926, an increase of 18,925 barrels compared with 14,246 barrels produced at the close of 1925.

Production in the Pacific Coast territory increased from 47,084 barrels at the close of 1925 to 56,634 barrels at the close of 1926, and in the eastern section from 1,420 to 1,613 barrels.—V. 123, p. 3335.

**Timken Roller Bearing Co.—Extra Dividend of 25 Cents.**

An extra dividend of 25c. per share has been declared on the outstanding capital stock of no par value, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend

of \$1 per share, both payable Mar. 5 to holders of record Feb. 18. Like amounts were paid on Sept. 4 and Dec. 4 last. This compares with extras of 25c. per share and regular dividends of 75c. per share paid quarterly from Sept. 1923 to June 1926, incl.

See Book Bearing Co. above.—V. 123, p. 2405.

**Tobacco Products Corp.—Annual Report.**

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Calendar Years—				
Net inc. (incl. divs. rec.)	\$10,789,528	\$7,585,604	\$7,766,832	\$4,785,412
Deduct—Int. on 7% notes				25,856
Federal taxes (est.)	400,000	275,000	150,000	150,000
Prof. dividends (7%)				560,000
Class A dividends	3,136,383	3,136,198	3,135,969	3,122,798
Common dividends	4,615,103	2,831,641	3,085,594	772,180
Balance, surplus	\$2,638,041	\$1,342,766	\$1,395,269	def\$75,422
Previous surplus	4,644,305	4,114,921	4,641,536	5,428,059
Exc. prof. tax prev. yr.	546,409		28,329	122,412
Contingency reserve	175,000			
Premiums, &c.				487,077
Agreem't with A. T. Co.			13,555	101,611
Prem. on pref. stk. retir.			x1,880,000	
Adjustments, &c.		y\$13,382		
Total p. & l. surplus	\$8,560,937	\$4,644,305	\$4,114,920	\$4,641,536
Com. shs. outstg. (par \$100)	650,330	514,896	514,904	514,904
Earns. per sh. on com.	\$11.00	\$8.10	\$8.70	\$1.35

x Includes final dividends on pref. stock. y Final adjustment and expense of American Tobacco Co. contract and adjustment of other assets not applicable to current year's operations. z Includes three dividends of \$1.50 per share on common stock and one dividend of 1-5th share of founders' stock, Happiness Candy Stores, Inc., for each share of common.—V. 123, p. 594.

**Trask Timber Co., Portland, Ore.—Bonds Offered.**

Baker, Fentress & Co., Chicago, are offering at 100 and int. \$800,000 guaranteed 1st mtg. 6% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Dec. 15 1926; due Dec. 15 1936. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Callable at 102 and int. on 30 days' notice on any int. date. Authorized, \$1,250,000. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the Detroit Trust Co., Detroit, trustee for the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Legal investment for Michigan Savings Banks under existing statutes. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%.

**Data from Letter of William M. Wheeler, Treasurer of the Company.**

Company.—An Oregon corporation owning one of the outstanding Douglas fir properties of the State. Comprising a total of over 19,540 acres, carrying a stand of over 1,223,000,000 feet of timber and located only some 45 miles from the City of Portland, this property is one of the few remaining large stands of timber accessible to Columbia River mills in the Portland district. As this district is the world's largest log market and lumber-manufacturing centre, this timber has a staple and increasing value. 80% of this timber is mature yellow fir, which produces a particularly fine-grained soft-textured lumber. Because of its quality and location, this holding is rated as one of the outstanding Douglas fir ownerships in the State of Oregon.

Security.—Secured by a first lien on all of the company's holdings, which have been independently cruised and appraised at \$2,621,758, or a property value of over \$3,277 for each \$1,000 bond outstanding.

Sinking Fund.—A sinking fund payment of \$2 per 1,000 feet, to be used exclusively for the retirement of the principal of these bonds, must be made by the corporate trustee for all timber cut, or consumed as the loan rate of these bonds is only \$0.65 per 1,000 feet (and would be only \$1.02 per thousand feet if the entire issue were outstanding), such sinking fund payments would operate steadily to increase the margin of security.

Guarantee.—Principal and interest is unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, by all stockholders of the company, whose combined net worth, according to filed statements, is approximately \$16,000,000 (or 20 times this issue of bonds), exclusive of the value of their interest in this company. The assets of the guarantors include substantially all the capital stock of manufacturing and timber holding companies which own 3,500,000,000 feet of standing timber in California and Oregon. These timber interests, which are regarded as among the most valuable in the United States, have grown to their present proportions out of profits and enhancement in the value of investments in timber and allied properties over a period of years.

Income.—Net income received by the guarantors of this issue from lumber manufacturing companies and other sources and available for the payment of interest or the retirement of principal of these bonds, has averaged over \$350,000 annually for the past 6 years. This income should be materially increased during the coming years as a result of maturing sales contracts and of the policy being followed of gradual liquidation of timber properties. Annual interest on this issue of bonds is \$48,000.

Purpose.—The proceeds from the presently-issued bonds will discharge the company's entire indebtedness. The unissued bonds may, if we desire and you approve, be issued from time to time to meet the carrying charges on the mortgaged property over a period of years.

**United States Gypsum Co.—To Increase Common Stock.**

The stockholders will vote Feb. 9 on increasing the authorized common stock from \$15,000,000 (\$14,856,380 outstanding) to \$25,000,000, par, \$20.—V. 124, p. 122.

**United States Hoffman Machinery Corp.—Ann. Rep't.**

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Calendar Years—				
Profit from operations	\$1,692,544	\$1,696,195	\$1,217,157	\$1,279,954
Interest, &c., income	187,263	151,551	137,017	191,235
Gross income	\$1,879,807	\$1,847,746	\$1,354,174	\$1,471,189
Interest, &c., charges	99,441	139,824	320,243	460,927
Fed'l & Dominion taxes	220,104	190,246	101,519	84,032
Amortization of patents	219,064	218,420	210,422	211,911
Deb. & stock premium		Cr. 2,624	234,893	33,000
Losses		60,896	30,333	
Dividends on pref. stock		433,125	90,000	
Common dividends	833,213			
Surplus	\$507,985	\$806,834	\$364,765	\$594,723
Profit & loss items	Dr. 68,568	Dr. 1,035	Cr. 758	
Previous surplus	2,277,757	1,470,924	1,105,403	510,680
Profit & loss, surplus	\$2,717,175	\$2,277,757	\$1,470,924	\$1,105,403
Earned per sh. on com.	\$6.04	\$5.73	\$3.66	\$4.54

x Losses of United States Hoffman Machinery Co. (predecessor company) originating prior to formation of the present corporation.

**Balance Sheet Dec. 31.**

	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Plant property	\$758,918	\$785,337	7% preferred stock	\$177,500
Patents	b2,187,813	2,396,092	Common stock	d\$4,632,182
Good-will	1	1	Acceptances payable	13,381
Cash	286,684	403,529	Notes payable	325,000
Notes & bills rec.	x2,914,695	2,719,182	Accounts payable	c\$18,160
Accts. rec., less res.	611,911	559,379	Deposits on acct. of uncompl. sales	10,982
Prep. & def. chgs.	38,924	45,825	Reserves for taxes & royalties	348,452
Inventories	1,440,974	1,035,675	Pref. stock prem.	
Deposits on leases, contracts, &c.	2,291	2,023	Sur. for red. of pref. stock	71,563
Dep. in pref. stock	71,563	601	Unappr. surplus	2,717,176
Investments	101			2,206,195
Total	\$8,240,312	\$8,019,209	Total	\$8,240,312

x Includes \$2,902,335 customers' notes receivable secured by chattel mortgages or equivalent liens. It does not include interest accrued on customers' notes receivable. a After deducting reserves of \$728,529. b After deducting reserves of \$1,070,652. c Accounts payable within one year and accrued accounts, including Federal tax not assessed or due but estimated to become payable within one year. d 222,203 1-3 shares of no par value.—V. 124, p. 661.

**United States Freight Co.—Acquisition, &c.**

Complete ownership of one of the most important motor car carrying business on the Great Lakes is assured this company through the consummation of negotiations whereby it will take over from the Nicholson Transit

Co. the Nicholson Universal Steamship Co. in which it now holds a half interest. The company will also acquire from the Nicholson Transit Co. its terminal property at Detroit and 6 specially constructed Great Lake steamers, aggregating more than 25,000 tons deadweight.

To provide funds in part payment for these properties, the United States Freight Co. has authorized the issuance of the remaining 15,288 treasury shares of stock, bringing the total share capital of the company, authorized and outstanding, up to 100,000 shares.

Acquisition of the Nicholson Universal Steamship Co. will, it is estimated, increase the net earnings of the United States Freight Co. to approximately \$10 a share during 1927. This estimate is based on the fact that its earnings and those of the Nicholson company during the first 9 months of 1926 were at the annual rate of \$7.65 a share. Net operating profits of the latter company during 1925 and the first 9 months of 1926 would have averaged over \$300,000 annually when adjusted to include ownership of the 6 steamers and terminal property also acquired.

The Bank of America is transfer agent for 100,000 shares of no par capital stock of the United States Freight Co.—V. 124, p. 661.

**United States Playing Card Co.—Par Changed.—**

The stockholders on Jan. 27 voted to change the authorized capital stock from 180,000 shares, par \$20 to 360,000 shares, par \$10, two new shares to be issued in exchange for each share outstanding.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the new common stock of \$10 par value, payable April 1 to holders of record Mar. 2. This is equivalent to \$2 per share on the old common stock, par \$20, which rate was paid on Jan. 1 last.—V. 124, p. 122.

**Universal Chain Theatres Corp.—Acquisitions.—**

The corporation has acquired five motion picture theatres in Kansas City, Lexington and Mexico, Mo. The acquisition of three additional houses in Kansas City increases the total number operated by the corporation in that city to nine. The corporation is carrying on an aggressive building program, having 23 theatres under construction which will add nearly 40,000 seats to the chain. The completion of these theatres will increase the total number of houses in the Universal chain to 277.—V. 124, p. 387.

**Universal Pictures Co.—Earnings.—**

Year Ended—	Nor. 6 '26.	Nor. 7 '25.
Gross income	\$27,676,926	\$24,823,526
Net after Federal taxes	1,968,089	1,925,508
Preferred dividend requirements	364,288	380,000

Net for common stock \$1,603,801 \$1,545,508  
Earnings per share on 250,000 shares com. (no par) \$6.41 \$6.18  
—V. 123, p. 1889.

**Vacuum Oil Co.—Extra Dividend of 50 Cents.—**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50c. a share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 50c. a share on the outstanding capital stock, par \$25, both payable Mar. 19 to holders of record Feb. 28. In addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents, the company on Dec. 20 1926 paid an extra dividend of 50 cents and a special dividend of \$1 a share. Total dividend payments last year (incl. extras) amounted to \$5 a share.—V. 124, p. 520.

**Vick Chemical Co. (& Sub.)—Earnings.—**

	6 Mos. End. Dec. 31 '26.	6 Mos. End. June 30 '26.	5 Mos. End. Dec. 31 '25.
Net earnings	\$1,533,722	\$2,442,122	\$1,407,978
Federal taxes	209,908	320,988	175,997
Dividends	700,000	1,050,000	350,000
Per share	\$1.75	\$2.62½	\$0.87½

Surplus \$623,814 \$1,071,136 \$881,981  
Earnings per share on capital stock \$3.31 \$5.30 \$3.08

**Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.**

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	
Property & plants	\$374,516	\$359,028	Capital stock	\$2,002,900
Surplus acct. rec.	27,604	16,087	Accounts payable	15,955
Trade marks and good-will	1	1	Reserve for Federal taxes	367,701
Cash	438,312	929,769	Surplus	1,694,949
Empl. stk. sub. acct.	72,656			881,980
Accts. receivable	302,343	301,001		
Inventories	1,410,823	916,380	Total (each side)	\$4,081,505
Investments	1,455,251	538,820		\$3,061,088

x Represented by 400,000 shares of no par value.—V. 123, p. 2791.

**Victor Talking Machine Co.—Transfer Agent—Regist' r.**

The National City Bank of New York has been appointed transfer agent for the 7% cum. prior preference stock and the cum. conv. pref. stock. The bank has also been appointed depository for the common stock of the old Victor company. See V. 124, p. 520.

The Chase National Bank has been appointed registrar for 575,685 shares of common stock of no par value.—V. 124, p. 520.

**Wahl Co., Chicago.—Accumulated Div. of 1¼%.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the 7% cum. pref. stock for the quarter ended Sept. 30 1925, payable April 1 to holders of record March 25. Dividend accruals on this issue amounted to 10¼% as of Jan. 1 1927.

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net sales	\$3,843,531	\$3,772,665	\$4,612,338	\$6,014,184
Mfg., selling & adm. exp	3,607,666	3,809,272	4,651,545	4,756,784
Net profit	\$235,864	def\$36,608	def\$39,207	\$1,257,400
Miscellaneous income	88,775	63,456	80,422	124,665

Gross income	\$324,639	\$26,848	\$41,215	\$1,382,065
Miscell., &c., expenses	159,072	127,030	*1,337,909	232,432
Federal tax reserve				136,864
Preferred dividends		(3¼%)38251	(7)76,615	(7)77,523
Common dividend			(\$2)309,592	(\$6)928,716

Balance, surplus \$165,567 def\$138,433 def\$1,682,901 \$6,500  
Earnings per sh. on com. \$0.57 nil \$6.04  
\* Includes certain losses sustained on account of new styles.—V. 122, p. 764.

**Ward Baking Corp. (& Subs.)—Report.—**

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net earnings	\$6,621,675	\$6,225,582	\$6,417,740
Other income	654,297	613,730	351,255
Total income	\$7,275,912	\$6,839,312	\$6,748,995
Interest	330,569	329,926	327,395
Depreciation	1,776,632	1,700,152	1,546,658
Federal taxes	692,203	606,090	505,203
Ward Baking Co. dividends	14	31,069	
Ward Baking Corp. pref. dividends	2,195,308	2,201,488	2,203,694
do do common dividends	517,650		

Surplus \$1,763,536 \$1,970,587 \$2,166,045  
—V. 124, p. 387.

**Waverly Oil Works Co. (Pa.)—Acquires Add'l Plants.—**

Negotiations have been completed for the purchase by the above company of the three plants of the Power Gasoline Co. The deal includes the stations at Connellsville, Scottdale, Everson and Youngwood, Pa.—V. 124, p. 387.

**Wesson Oil & Snowdrift Co.—Stock Sold.—**

Hemphill, Noyes & Co., heading the banking syndicate which recently signed an underwriting agreement for the purchase of 14,985 shares of preferred and 30,000 shares of common stock, announce that the entire issue has been absorbed by present stockholders through exercise of their rights and that there will be no public offering of the stock.

An oversubscription was received at the same time for 16,000 shares preferred and 75,425 shares common, but no allotments can be made on these applications. Preferred brought \$95 a share and accrued dividends from Dec. 1 1926 and common sold for \$50 a share flat.—V. 124, p. 523.

**Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.—Bonds Ready.**

The Chase National Bank is prepared to deliver definitive 5% gold bonds, due Sept. 1 1946 in exchange for and upon surrender of the outstanding temporaries. (For offering see V. 123, p. 1126).—V. 124, p. 661.

**(The) Westover (253-263 West 72d St.), New York.—**

**Certificates Offered.**—The Prudence Co., Inc., New York, is offering \$1,400,000 5½% guaranteed Prudence certificates. Secured by a first mortgage made by the 253-263 West 72d Street Corp. on the new apartment hotel. Due serially, 1927-36.

**Security.**—The mortgage is a first lien on the land and new 22-story apartment hotel known as the Westover, located at 253-263 W. 72d St., adjacent to Riverside Park. The building is of fireproof brick and steel construction and contains 257 apartments divided into one and two room suites. While most of the apartments are to be rented unfurnished, a limited number of completely furnished apartments are available. The rooms are unusually large, the living rooms being approximately 14x23 and the bedrooms 12x23, and so arranged that an abundance of light and air is assured. Each apartment has a serving pantry, equipped with electrical refrigeration. The first floor contains a spacious lobby finished in Italian marble. A large dining room with accommodations for 400 people is on the main floor, with a separate front entrance to 72d St., as well as a well-appointed lobby and foyer. Full hotel service for the tenants is provided by the management. There are six stores on the ground floor having a frontage on 72d St., the rental of which adds considerably to the income of the building.

**Earnings.**—The building, only recently completed, is nearly 50% rented. Gross annual rentals have been estimated at over \$450,000 and on the present rental schedule this amount will be greatly exceeded.

**Valuation.**—The property has been conservatively appraised at \$2,135,000.

**Legal Investment.**—These certificates are a legal investment for trust companies, estates, trustees and guardians in the State of New York.

**Guaranty.**—The payment of both principal and interest is guaranteed by the Prudence Co. Inc., the guarantee being endorsed on each certificate.

**White Rock Mineral Springs Co.—Earnings.—**

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross sales	\$3,342,051	\$3,384,225	\$2,921,818
Net income after taxes and charges	\$954,630	\$1,091,486	\$889,400

—V. 123, p. 3196.

**Willcox & Gibbs Sewing Machine Co.—Larger Div.—**

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 4%, payable Feb. 15. Books close Feb. 2 and reopen Feb. 16. Previously semi-annual dividends of 3% were paid.—V. 123, p. 3196.

**(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—January Sales.—**

Month of January—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Sales	\$16,123,754	\$15,162,106	\$14,201,263	\$12,134,619

—V. 124, p. 661, 524.

**Wright Refrigerating Corp.—Stock Offered.—**

Smith, Brady & Co., New York, are offering at \$27.50 per share 50,000 shares class "A" stock (no par value), preferential and participating.

Preferential dividends of \$2.50 per share per year, with participation share and share alike with class "B." stock in additional dividends after dividends of \$1 per share per year have been paid on class "B" stock. Receives \$40 per share in event of liquidation or dissolution with participation share and share alike with class "B" stock in remaining assets. Non-callable. Full voting power. Transfer agent, American Trust Co. of New York; registrar, U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co.

**Company.**—Incorp. in Delaware. Formed to manufacture and sell Wright refrigerators, for use by confectioners, restaurants, delicatessen stores, &c., and in homes and apartment houses. Company's plant is located in Long Island City, N. Y. Company's product has been in the process of development over a period of years, and, it is stated, has reached a stage of perfection which has warranted plans for production on a large scale during the coming year.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Class "A" stock (no par)	100,000 shs.	50,000 shs.
Class "B" stock (no par)	125,000 shs.	125,000 shs.

**Sales and Earnings.**—From orders on hand, and other orders which are pending upon the completion of this financing, it is conservatively estimated that earnings from the first full year of operations applicable to the class "A" stock should be approximately \$325,000, or \$6.50 per share. The business upon this estimate is based takes into consideration only the sales and inquiries from the ice cream industry, and does not take into consideration any profits from the sale of the domestic refrigerators which will be introduced in the market as rapidly as pending negotiations for sales agencies and distributing facilities can be consummated.

It is the intention of the company as soon as possible to inaugurate dividends of \$2.50 per share annually on the class "A" stock, payable quarterly.

**Purpose.**—To enable the company to increase its manufacturing facilities and sales activities and to provide working capital.

**Directors.**—Joseph M. Hanley (Pres.), Arthur S. Moore, John A. Rogers, Oscar A. Sirot (V.-Pres.), Kenneth M. Smith, Edwin E. Stevens, Leonard K. Wright (Sec.).

**CURRENT NOTICES.**

—Horace C. Zwetsch, formerly Vice-President of A. M. Lamport & Co.; Paul Heinzelmann, formerly Vice-President and Manager of the Municipal Department of A. M. Lamport & Co., and Albert W. Bianchi, recently associated with the Bankers Trust Co., have formed a corporation under the name of Zwetsch, Heinzelmann & Co., Inc., for the purpose of originating and distributing domestic and foreign municipal, utility, railroad and industrial securities, with offices at 57 William St., New York. Mr. Zwetsch was formerly a partner in the law firm of Botsford, Zwetsch & Botsford of Warsaw and Buffalo, N. Y. In 1906 he became associated with A. B. Leach & Co. and was in charge of their Cleveland, Buffalo and Rochester offices. Mr. Heinzelmann was with R. M. Grant & Co., municipal bond specialists before becoming a member of A. M. Lamport & Co. in 1924. Mr. Bianchi spent several years in Europe with prominent banking houses and lately was associated with Moody's Investors' Service.

—At a meeting of the Investment Research Committee of the Financial Advertisers Association called by Chairman A. E. Bryson at the Harvard Club, New York, Feb. 12, manuscript copy for a new textbook on investment advertising, being produced by the Financial Advertisers Association in collaboration with the Investment Bankers Association, will be presented by the collaborating authors for consolidation. The importance of this meeting may be realized when it is considered that, so far as is known, this book will be the first of its kind and the product of the specialized efforts of fifteen nationally known authorities. They have dedicated the volume as their contribution toward more widespread and economical distribution of investment securities. The book will consist of three parts and eight chapters.

—Chairman Bryson has assigned each subject to be covered to an individual who has earned for himself an outstanding position for his activities in that field. The authors in addition to Mr. Bryson who is Vice-President and

Advertising Manager of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Chicago, include Eugene Bashore, Blyth, Witter & Co., San Francisco; Arthur M. DeBebian, Equitable Trust Co., New York; Paul T. Bollinger, Harris, Small & Co., Detroit; H. G. Hodapp, the National City Co., New York; George Dock, Jr., Wm. R. Compton Co., New York; W. H. Hodge, H. M. Byllesby & Co., Chicago; H. B. Matthews, S. W. Straus & Co., New York; W. E. Brockman, Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis; Edmond Boushelle, A. B. Leach & Co., New York; E. H. Kittredge, Hornblower & Weeks, Boston; Ethel B. Scully, Morris F. Fox & Co., Milwaukee.

—The first number of a new periodical "published for the information of investors" by Aldred & Co. and Minsch, Monell & Co., of New York, appeared this week. The publication contains news and comment concerning many important corporations whose securities are held by American investors and will be issued from time to time. The first number contains 16 photographs of engineering achievements in the Italian Alps showing dams, power houses and transmission lines of the Edison General Italian Electric Co. of Milan and the Adamello General Electric Co. whose obligations are part of the security for \$16,000,000 7% bonds of the Italian Power Securities Corp. sold by the bankers to American investors during January. The Gillette Safety Razor Co., the Aluminum Co. of America and the Pennsylvania Water & Power Co. are some of the other well-known companies discussed in this number. Complimentary copies may be secured directly from the bankers.

—Redmond & Co., New York, announce the opening of their Boston office, located in the new First National Bank building, 1 Federal St. The office will be managed jointly by James Jackson and Roger J. Gilmore. Mr. Jackson was for many years associated with Lee, Higginson & Co., Boston, was afterwards Vice-President of the State Street Trust Co., Boston, and more recently Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. During the World War he was Manager of the American Red Cross in New England. Mr. Gilmore was for many years identified with the Packard Motor Co. as President of the Packard Motor Car Co. of New York. He severed his connection with that concern to enter the investment field, subsequently establishing the firm of Roger J. Gilmore & Co. to specialize in underwritings and reorganizations. The business of Redmond & Co., one of the old line investment houses in New York's financial district, was established in 1891 by Henry S. Redmond.

—David F. Jordan, who has been a member of the faculty at New York University in charge of the instruction in the investment banking courses in the School of Commerce and the Graduate School of Business Administration since 1920, has become associated with J. G. White & Co. in general charge of their statistical and analytical work. In addition to his duties as Associate Professor at New York University, Mr. Jordan was consulting economist for the General Electric Co. from 1922 to 1925, and during 1926 acted as investment counselor for Halsey, Stuart & Co. He is the author of "Jordan on Investments," and the recently published "Practical Business Forecasting."

—Old Colony Corporation will take over the investment business of Edmunds Bros., 24 Federal St., Boston. Effective Feb. 14, this firm will dissolve and be absorbed by Old Colony Corporation. The firm of Edmunds Bros. was formed Oct. 1 1909 to deal in high-grade corporate and municipal securities. Present partners are William Edmunds, John W. Edmunds and T. Raymond Pierce. William Edmunds and John W. Edmunds become Vice-Presidents and T. Raymond Pierce an Assistant Vice-President of the Old Colony Corporation. William Edmunds also becomes a Vice-President of Old Colony Trust Co.

—W. E. Brockman of the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis, was unanimously elected to the board of directors of the Financial Advertisers Association to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Minnie A. Buzbee, formerly advertising manager of the Minneapolis Trust Co., Minneapolis. Mr. Brockman has long been identified with financial advertising and is at present a member of the extension and investment research committees and Eighth District Chairman of the Association that has honored him with a directorship.

—David A. Boody, who for the past sixty-five years, has been active in the financial district, has withdrawn from the firm of Boody, McClellan & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange. He will continue to make his headquarters with his old firm at 111 Broadway, New York. The remaining partners, Theo. Ames and Edgar Boody, will continue the business in association with B. Walter Vos, William T. Wilkie, William Y. Jephson and Wyllys P. Ames, who were admitted as general partners on Feb. 1 1927.

—Benjamin Dansard, of Benjamin Dansard & Co., investment bankers, Detroit, announces the formation of an industrial department in charge of Edward B. Busby. Mr. Busby, who is now taking charge of the industrial department, will become a partner of the firm. For many years he was Secretary-Treasurer of the Rowland Spring Co., of Philadelphia, and at the present time is Secretary-Treasurer of the Monroe Steel Castings Co., of Monroe, Michigan, and has operated a business under his own name in Detroit. Mr. Busby will be open for consultation in all lines of efficiency and new methods.

—It has been announced by the engineering firm of Sanderson & Porter that Lucien R. Shattuck, Frank W. Lawrence and Frederic G. Coburn, heretofore managers, respectively, of the firm's engineering, operating and industrial departments, have been admitted as partners in the firm. The new partners have long been associated in these important executive capacities with Sanderson & Porter. The engineering firm was established in 1896 and now has offices in New York, Chicago and San Francisco.

—Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc., investment bankers, New Orleans, announce that Harry Calvin, who for the past eleven years, has represented the Weil, Roth & Irving Co., as Manager of its Eastern territory with offices in New York, is now associated with them and will give special attention to the wholesale distribution of under-writings originating in their Los Angeles office.

—Announcement is made, effective Feb. 1, of the resignation of Mortimer J. Swafford from Hodenpyl Hardy Securities Corp., and his alignment with the Federal Securities Corp. as Manager of the Trading Department. Mr. Swafford has for many years been identified with the Hodenpyl Hardy interests, and in his new connection will continue to be active in the various utility markets, with which he has previously been identified.

—Peirce, Fair & Co., San Francisco investment bankers, have just completed a new building at 432 California St., that city, which they are occupying as their new home. The company's New York offices are at 14 Wall St. The San Francisco building is on the site of the office occupied by Cyrus Peirce, head of the firm, when he represented N. W. Halsey & Co. in the West twenty years ago.

—Major A. D. Watts, a member of the Montreal Stock Exchange and Montreal Curb Market, announces the opening of an office at 1 Wall St., to execute orders by private wire on the Montreal, Toronto and Standard Stock and Mining Exchanges. His house, A. D. Watts & Co., whose head

office is in the Royal Bank Building, Toronto, also has an office at 25 King William St., London.

—H. L. Horton & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, and located at 43 Broad St., New York, announce that George De Kay Gilder has become associated with their company as Manager of the Investment Department and Leonard Eggleston as head of their Trading Department.

—George S. Clay and Milton S. Dillon, composing the firm of Clay & Dillon of New York, announce that Edwin Vandewater, has become a member of their partnership, which hereafter will be known as Clay, Dillon & Vandewater. The firm will continue to specialize in approving the legality of bonds and securities of municipal, public and private corporations.

—Election of the following officers of the Guardian Securities Co. of New Jersey (Newark) was announced following an organization meeting of the board of directors: James Ratray, President; Clarence G. Appleton, Vice-President; Grover C. Trumbull, Vice-President; Harvey J. Campbell, Secretary, and Ira C. Ayres, Treasurer.

—Russell R. Clevenger, for several years a member of the financial staff of the New York "Times" in charge of the news of railway developments, and Arthur A. Dole, formerly manager of the financial departments of Hearst's "International" and "Vanity Fair" magazines, joined the financial advertising agency of Rudolph Guenther-Russell Law, Inc.

—Richard A. Zeitel, formerly with Pynchon & Co., is now associated with J. Roy Prosser & Co., 52 William St., New York, in charge of their bond department. Edward Paltenghi, formerly of J. R. Miller & Co., has also become associated with J. Roy Prosser & Co., in their stock trading department.

—Charles C. Hood, formerly with A. B. Leach & Co., and Webster W. Canfield, formerly of Edward Canfield & Brother, have formed a co-partnership under the firm name of Charles C. Hood & Co., 160 Broadway, New York, for dealing in investment securities.

—Billings, Olcott & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 52 Broadway, New York, announce that William A. Ramsay and B. Powell Elebash, both formerly of Ramsay, Elebash & Co., have been admitted as general partners.

—Ames, Emerich & Co. announce the opening of Pacific Coast offices under the direction of Arthur A. Newfield in the Financial Center Building, 405 Montgomery St., San Francisco. The firm now has offices in Chicago, New York, St. Louis, Milwaukee and San Francisco.

—Buell & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, have opened an office at 191 Church St., New Haven, Conn., under the management of Robert H. Hasset, who has been admitted as a general partner in the firm. Mr. Hasset was formerly of the firm of Robert H. Hasset & Co., New Haven, Conn.

—Pearsons-Taft Co., whose main office is in Chicago, announce the opening of a New York office at 44 Wall Street. The company also announces the election of Graham P. Smith as a Vice-President. Mr. Smith will be in charge of the New York office.

—James Talcott, Inc., has been appointed factor for the Rosanna Mills Inc., of Chester, Pa., with selling offices at 97 Fifth Ave., New York, manufacturers of plushes, velvets and velours.

—George H. Armstrong, formerly in charge of the Detroit office of Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, has become a general partner in the firm of Cooke & Co., 50 Broad St., New York.

—J. K. Gulick, who has been with Spitzer, Rorick & Co. for the past 12 years, has become associated with Yought & Co., 120 Broadway, New York, as their representative in eastern and central Pennsylvania.

—Moyer & Co., members of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Philadelphia, announce the admission of Edward T. Moyer to partnership in their firm.

—Redmond & Co. announce that Louis E. Yeager, formerly with Moore & Cabot, has become associated with them as Manager of their Trading Department in their Boston office.

—Dresser & Escher, 115 Broadway, New York, announce the establishment of a Canadian Bond Department under the management of H. Nightingale, formerly of the Royal Securities Corp.

—C. W. Hamilton, who for the last eight years has been a member of the organization of Kean, Taylor & Co., has become associated with E. R. Diggs & Co.

—John Wehage of New York City has been admitted to partnership in the firm of Spitzer, Rorick & Co., of Toledo, New York and Chicago. Mr. Wehage has been manager of the New York office since 1919.

—Tobey & Kirk, 25 Broad St., New York, announce that Lester V. Murphy formerly with McGuire, Cole & Co., has become associated with their unlisted department.

—Samuel McCreey & Co., members New York and Philadelphia Stock Exchanges, have moved their offices to the 18th floor of the Mutual Trust Bldg., 1518 Walnut St., Philadelphia.

—D. Stuart Pope Jr. has become associated with P. W. Chapman & Co. in their trading department in the Boston office.

—A. H. Nollman announces the removal of his office to 50 Broad St., New York.

—George H. Burr & Co. announce that Gilbert M. Sharples has taken charge of their municipal bond department.

—Harold N. Welch has become associated with the New York office of Frazier Jelke & Co. as sales manager of their investment department.

—O. W. Hamilton, formerly with Kean, Taylor & Co., has become associated with E. R. Diggs & Co., 57 William Street, New York.

—E. Naumburg & Co. announce that Charles Van Dahl, associated with them for many years, has been admitted to partnership in their firm.

—Stix & Co. of St. Louis announce that Frederic A. Arnstein and Edwin R. Waldemer have been admitted to partnership in their firm.

—Robert W. Pattison, formerly with Roosevelt & Son, is now in the trading department of Ralph B. Leonard & Co. of New York.

—George W. Lewis, formerly with Harvey Fisk & Sons, is now connected with Pynchon & Co. in charge of their statistical department.

—J. B. Hilliard & Son, members New York Stock Exchange, of Louisville, Ky., have moved their offices to 419 Jefferson St. of that city.

—F. R. Uhlig has been appointed Manager of the Sales Promotion Division of M.-W. Bradermann Co., Inc., 170 Broadway, New York.

—W. H. Phillips is now connected with Richardson, Hill & Co. of New York and Boston.

—The Bank of Montreal has published a booklet on the Canadian Income Tax Act.



Reports and Documents.

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GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT—1926.

Wilmington, Delaware, January 25 1927.

To the Stockholders of

General Public Service Corporation:

Your Corporation was organized under the laws of Delaware on December 17 1925 for the purpose, among others, of holding and dealing in securities, principally of public service companies. Under a reorganization plan it acquired a very large proportion of the outstanding stocks and subsequently all the assets of Public Service Investment Company, a Maine corporation of similar nature and objects which had been in successful operation since 1909. In addition, your Corporation has raised \$2,500,000 of new money through the sale for cash of its common stock. Your Corporation's revenue is derived from interest and dividends upon its investments and from profits realized from the purchase and sale of securities. It is not a holding company. It is an investment company seeking stability, safety and profit through diversified holdings of securities of successful, progressive and well managed companies. It owns well distributed investments, principally common stocks of public utility companies.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1926.

ASSETS.	
Investments—	
Stocks	\$7,688,729 05
Bonds and Notes	372,940 00
	\$8,061,669 05
Cash Items—	
Liberty Bonds	\$1,474,214 38
Demand Notes	900,000 00
Bonds (Maturing Jan. 1 1927*)	125,989 90
Cash (Including Money On Call)	494,801 76
	2,995,006 04
Suspense—	
Redemption Fund for Public Service—	
Investment Company Stocks	\$12,990 75
Miscellaneous	272 84
	13,263 59
Total Assets	\$11,069,938 68
LIABILITIES.	
Accounts Not Yet Due—	
Dividends Declared	\$91,472 25
Subscription on Stock Included in Investments	75,000 00
	\$166,472 25
Suspense—	
Reserve for Unacquired Public Service Investment Company Stocks	\$12,990 75
Miscellaneous	611 88
	13,602 63
Balance of Assets Showing Book Value for 24,529 Shares Preferred, 31,245 Shares Convertible Preferred and 399,509 Shares Common Stock (All Without Par Value)	\$10,889,863 80
Total Liabilities	\$11,069,938 68

\* These bonds were paid on maturity.  
z Includes surplus of \$704,926 48 shown in Statement of Income and Surplus.

INVESTMENTS.

The aggregate book value or cost of your Corporation's holdings is represented by the account "Investments" in the balance sheet on the opposite page. The actual value of such securities as measured by market prices on December 31 1926 was approximately \$447,823 more than the cost shown in the balance sheet. Securities of the companies listed below represent 86 per cent of this investment account:

- Blackstone Valley Gas and Electric Company.
- Columbia Gas & Electric Corporation.
- Columbus Electric and Power Company.
- Commonwealth Edison Company.
- Commonwealth Power Corporation.
- The Detroit Edison Company.
- Duke Power Company.
- Engineers Public Service Company.
- Middle West Utilities Company.
- New England Power Association.
- Northern Texas Electric Company.
- Ponce Electric Company.
- Southeastern Power & Light Company.
- Southern California Edison Company.
- Tampa Electric Company.
- The United Gas Improvement Company.
- The Washington Water Power Company.
- Union Pacific Railroad Company.

In addition to its Investments the Corporation has on hand awaiting investment Cash Items as shown in the balance sheet in the form of Liberty Bonds, Demand Notes and Cash amounting to \$2,995,006, which is approximately 27 per cent of its total assets.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND SURPLUS

FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 9 1926, WHEN THE CORPORATION TOOK OVER ASSETS OF PUBLIC SERVICE INVESTMENT COMPANY, THROUGH DEC. 31 1926.

INCOME.	
Income from Stocks	\$289,234 19
Income from Bonds, Notes, Money on Call, etc.	93,561 28
Total	\$382,795 47
Expenses and Taxes	61,066 76
Net Income	\$321,728 71

PROFIT AND LOSS.

Direct Credits to Profit and Loss—	
Dividend from Public Service Investment Co.	\$730,761 15
Federal Income Tax Refund	2,343 84
Net Profit on the Sale of Securities	68,722 26
Total Credits to Profit and Loss	\$801,827 25
Direct Charge to Profit and Loss—	
Organization Expense	52,740 48
Net Credit to Profit and Loss	749,086 77
Total	\$1,070,815 48
Dividends Paid or Declared—	
Preferred Stock, \$6	\$147,174 00
Convertible Preferred Stock, \$7	218,715 00
	*365,889 00
Surplus December 31 1926	\$704,926 48

\* Includes a full year's dividends.  
In considering the Statement of Income and Surplus it should be borne in mind that your Corporation did not take over the assets of Public Service Investment Company and begin active operations itself until March 1926. Also, the Corporation has not had available throughout this period its present amount of capital. The sale of additional Common Stock for cash was under subscription agreements, and payments were called from time to time during the year. The final payment was called for November 1, 1926, and all stock is now fully paid.

It should also be noted that four full quarterly dividends on the Preferred and Convertible Preferred Stocks are included in the Statement of Income and Surplus, although the fourth dividend (while declared) is not due and payable until February 1, 1927.

CURRENT INCOME POSITION.

Since for the reasons given the actual income statement does not indicate the true earning position of your Corporation, the following figures have been computed for a year's operation, based on the present rates of dividends and interest on securities held December 31 1926, and allowing 4% interest on money loaned on call. No allowance is made in this statement for profits on purchase and sale of securities, nor for probable increase in income from the investment of the \$2,995,006 of cash items available; and for those reasons the statement is not an estimate of expected results for 1927.

Income from Stocks	\$404,459
Income from Bonds, Notes and Cash	154,450
Total	\$558,909
Expenses & Taxes (Estimated)	76,000
Balance	\$488,909
Dividend Requirements—	
Preferred Stock, \$6	\$147,900
Convertible Preferred Stock, \$7	218,750
	366,650
Balance	\$122,259

CAPITALIZATION.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Funded Debt	None	None
Preferred Stock (no par value)	75,000 shares	24,650 shares
Convertible Preferred Stock (no par value)	35,000 "	31,250 "
Common Stock (no par value)	1,000,000 "	399,650 "

The above figures of stock outstanding include 121 shares of Preferred, 5 shares of Convertible Preferred and 141 shares of Common Stock reserved in connection with liquidation of Public Service Investment Company.

PREFERRED STOCK PROVISIONS.

This class of stock is preferred as to cumulative dividends and assets over any other stock of the Corporation. It is issuable in series and is non-voting except on certain dividend defaults and in respect to certain protective features. The present series is entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$6 per share per annum from February 1 1926, payable quarterly on the 1st day of February, May, August and November; is entitled in liquidation to \$100 a share and accrued dividends, plus \$10 a share if such liquidation be voluntary; and is redeemable in whole or in part on thirty days' notice at \$110 per share and accrued dividends.

CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK PROVISIONS.

This stock is preferred both as to assets and cumulative dividends over Common Stock, but is junior to the Preferred Stock. It is entitled in liquidation, after provision for the Preferred Stock, to \$100 per share and accrued dividends, plus a premium of \$10 per share if such liquidation be voluntary. It is callable as a whole but not in part at the option of the Corporation on sixty days' notice at \$110 per share and accrued dividends. It is entitled to cumulative dividends of \$7 per share per annum from February 1 1926, payable quarterly on the 1st day of February, May, August and November. Each share is entitled to five votes and is convertible into Common Stock at any time up to within ten days of any specified date of redemption at the rate of five shares of Common Stock for each share of Convertible Preferred Stock.

COMMON STOCK.

The Common Stock is without par value and is entitled to one vote per share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
C. W. KELLOGG, President.

## 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, Feb. 4 1927.*

**COFFEE** on the spot was dull and weak under the influence of weakness in mild coffee. That has hit competing Santos grades. The supply of Rio 7s and Victoria 7-8s is small. On Feb. 1 cost and freight prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2s was 19½c.; 2-3s 18.55 to 19¼c.; 3s, 17.85 to 18c.; 3-4s at 17¾ to 18c.; 3-5s at 17¼ to 17.80c.; 4-5s at 17¼ to 17.35c.; 5s at 16.90c.; 5-6s at 16¾ to 17c.; 6s at 16½c. 6-7s at 16¾c.; Bourbon separation 5-6s at 16.60c.; 6-7s at 15.90c.; 7-8s at 14.55c.; part Bourbon or flat bean 3s at 18.55c.; 3-4s at 18.10 to 18.35c.; 3-5s at 17¼ to 17.55c.; 6s at 16¾c.; Santos peaberry 3s at 18.35c.; 4s at 17.65c.; 4-5s at 17.30 to 17.35c.; 4s at 17.65c.; 4-5s at 17.30 to 17.35c.; 5s at 17.10c. Rio 7s were offered for prompt shipment at 14.80c. No tenders were made by Victoria.

On Jan. 31 cost and freight business was quiet and prices 10 to 15 points lower. Santos offers for prompt shipment included Bourbon 2s at 19¾c., 2-3s at 19¼c., 3s at 18.20 to 19c., 3-4s at 17¾ to 18¼c., 3-5s at 17.60 to 18.05c., 6s at 16.70c., part Bourbon 3-4s at 17¾ to 18.35c., 3-5s at 17½ to 17¾c., 4-5s at 17.35c., 6s at 16¾c.; Peaberry 4-5s at 17½c., and 5s at 17.55c. Bourbon 4s for May to July shipment in equal quantities offered firm at 17.15 c. No offers came from Rio or Victoria on that day. Fair to good Cucuta, 18¾ to 21½c.; Laguayra, washed, Caracas, fair, 24½ to 25c.; Porto Cabello, washed, 23½ to 25c.; Colombian, Ocana, 21 to 21½c.; Bucaramanga, natural, 25½ to 26½c.; washed, 25½ to 26c.; Honda, 24¼ to 24¾c.; Medellin, 27¼ to 27¾c.; Manizales, 25¼ to 25¾c.; Mexican, washed, 28 to 29c.; Mandheling, 36½ to 39c.; genuine Java, 34 to 35c.; Robusta, washed, 13¼c.; Mocha, 27½ to 28½c.; Harrar, 27 to 27½c.; Guatemala, prime, 27 to 27½c.; good, 26½ to 26¾c.; Hayti, washed, 23c.; Trie-a-la-main, 18½ to 19c.; San Domingo, washed, 24½ to 27c. Quotations here were 15½ to 15¾c. for Rio 7s and 18¾ to 19¼c. for Santos 4s. To-day spot coffee was dull and weak. Santos Bourbon 4s were offered at 17c.; Bourbon 2s at 19¼c., 3s, 18.90c. Bourbon 3s, 19¼c.; 2-3s, 18½c.; 3s, 17.85c.; 3-4s at 17.60 to 18c.; 3-5s, 17.10 to 17.55c.; 4-5s at 17c.; 5s at 16¾ to 17c.; 5-6s at 16½ to 16¾c.; 6s at 16.40 to 16½c.; Bourbon separations 6-7s at 15.90c. On the 3d inst. prices of futures ended 2 to 6 points lower with sales of 42,000 bags, the private cables being weak. Santos cost and freight offers lower and spot coffee still dull.

Laneville of Havre made the world's visible supply of coffee on Feb. 1, 4,568,000 bags, against 4,674,000 on Jan. 1 and 4,721,000 last year. It is contended that the Santos crop promises to approximate 14,000,000 bags. This is a damper for many who might otherwise buy. The early blossoming has been promising and unless later news is bad there seems to be no reason to expect a reduction of estimates. What will the Defense Committee do? It may decide that planters will have to be satisfied with about present prices during the period of large supplies. It may decide to let prices drop to a level where the world markets will buy freely and thus ease the load for Brazil. Others suggest that the possibility of a small crop, following a big one, may lead the Defense Committee to try to hold prices up during the coming crop year. The uncertainty has an unsettling influence. Duuring & Zoon of Rotterdam cabled their monthly coffee figures as follows: Arrivals in Europe during January 722,000 bags of which 414,000 was Brazilian deliveries in Europe during January 763,000 of which 471 was Brazilian; stock in Europe, Feb. 1, 1,457,000 bags; world's visible supply Feb. 1, 4,834,000 bags; showing a decrease from last month of 77,000 bags; last year, 4,802,000 bags.

For about a week there were no Rio offerings. Some inferred that Europe was paying a higher price than America. New York with no speculation and a dull spot market acted well. Cheap Rio or Victoria, it is said, will be necessary to depress the market here. Though pursuing a hand to mouth policy, this country must replenish stocks soon some think. It is pointed out that interior stocks on Jan. 10 a year ago were 4,387,000 bags, or 1,261,000 less than this year. At the present rate of decrease it is figured that the interior stocks on July 1 1927 may be about 2,000,000 bags,

but probably far less, although they will not be entirely eliminated as the Defense Committee expects. Two things may put new snap into the market, namely, a sharp decrease in the daily Rio and Victoria receipts or an improvement in the mild coffee situation, which can only come about when price differences become normal in relation to Santos. Some stress the idea that up to July 1 consumption will require about 5,000,000 bags of Sao Paulo coffee and that the aim of the Institute will doubtless be to dispose of present stocks at favorable prices before grappling with the problem of the next crop. The present technical position of the market is called steady and likely to be for some time to come. Some think, too, that too much has been made of coming crop prospects and too little of consumption up to July 1. To-day futures closed 15 to 29 points lower. Cost and freight offers were lower. March liquidation played some part in the decline. Some stress the fact that the distant months are selling at big discounts indicating a fear of large crops. The weaker drift of cables of late have led to some tired long selling. Yet some well known people are understood to continue to buy March. Final prices show a decline for the week of 39 to 52 points.

Spot (unofficial) 14¾-15	May-----13.42@13.43	September 12.10@12.12
March-----14.06@nom.	July-----12.77@----	December-11.75@----

**SUGAR.**—Prompt raws were quiet early in the week. Porto Rico was offered for prompt and February delivery at 4.96c. Cuba was held at 3 3-16c. c. & f. for second half February 3 5-32c. was bid. One report of Cuban statistics said: "Newcrop arrivals 155,823 tons; exports, 56,362 and stock, 313,556. Centrals grinding, 171. Of the exports 9,268 tons were for New York, 13,286 for Philadelphia, 3,143 for Boston, 9,540 for Baltimore, 5,332 for New Orleans, 10,135 for Savannah, 324 for interior of United States, 2,477 for Belgium, and 2,857 for China. Old crop arrivals 574 tons; exports, 7,970 tons, and stock, 22,714 tons. Of the exports, 1,669 tons were for New York, 2,157 for Boston, 3,429 for New Orleans and 715 for Savannah. On the 2d inst. trade was dull with rumored sales at one time at 3 1-16c. of either Cuban or Porto Rican. They were not confirmed. Everybody is predicting lower prices. Quotations here and at outports were 3½ to 3 3-16c. for Cuba bid and asked; Cuban duty paid, 4.90c.; Porto Rican, 4.86c. Futures on the 2d inst. ended 2 points lower to 3 higher with sales of 44,250 tons. Wall Street and Cuban interests are said to have bought most months. Europe took July and September, supposedly due to a steadier tone in London where according to cable advices the selling by Anglo-Dutch interests appeared to have been ended. It had been a thorn in the side of the bulls. Later prompt raws were wuet at 3 3-16c. Refined was dull at 6.15 to 6.40c. on Jan. 31. California and Hawaiian, 6.15c., a decline of 10 points. Great Western beets, 5.95c. London was dull with 15s. 1½d. bid on Cuban for February shipment and sellers at 15s. 4½d.

The death of H. A. Himely, the well known authority on sugar statistics for many years, is very much regretted. It is recalled that Germany has allotted for export an additional 6% of the current crop, making a total of 12%, or about 200,000 tons. It is understood that some 130,000 tons have already left the country. Czechoslovakia is preparing for another large acreage in beets. Sugar is a reasonably "sure" crop in that country. In 1925-26 the country had more than 1,000,000 tons for export; this season it has only 700,000. Russia, also is planning for an increase, as the Soviet Government seems to have been more successful with sugar than any other crop. The production helps the people and the Government finances. Refined was 6.15 to 6.25c. with good sized withdrawals, but little new business.

On the 2d inst., it later appeared, Cuban sold at 3 1-16c. The tone became steadier on the 3d inst; 25,000 bags Feb. 5 loading sold up to 3½c. c.&f.; 3,500 tons and 12,000 bags sold at 3 to 3.03c. f.o.b.; 8,000 tons of Philippines March-April sold at 5.02 to 5.06c. Local refiners did not, however, seem disposed to buy and export trade in refined was poor. Porto Rico seemed disposed to sell. All this neutralized the effects of the better European demand. Sales to Europe included 27,000 tons to the United Kingdom and 15,000 tons to Italy, all for February-March shipment on a sterling basis, equivalent to a fraction over 3 5-32c. c.&f. New York. European demand as yet, however, is not large enough to offset the dullness in other directions. Futures advanced 3 to 6 points, however on the 3d inst. with sales of 70,500 tons. Europe was a leading buyer of the near months. Cuba both bought and sold. To-day futures closed 2 to 4 points higher with sales of 46,650 tons. There was no pressure to tell. Cuban was generally held at 3 3-16c. though obtainable in some cases it is said at 3 5-32c. Dr. Mikusch estimates the European crop at 6,910,000 tons, against 7,595,000 last year and the world's crop of 24,339,000 tons, against 25,-

762,000 last year. India bought 3,000 tons of Cuban March shipment at 3.04c. f.o.b. British refiners reported a larger trade at higher prices. Final prices show a rise for the week of 5 to 7 points. Spot raws at 3 5-32c. are about where they were a week ago.

Spot (unofficial) 3 1/4-3/16	July	3.39@	December	3.28@	
March	3.16@3.17	September	3.45@3.46	January	3.11@
May	3.28@				

LARD on the spot declined early in the week with the demand slack. Prime Western c.i.f. New York, 13 to 13.10c. Refined Continent, 13 5/8c.; South America, 14 1/8c.; Brazil, 15 1/8c. To-day spot trade was only moderate. Prime Western, 13.10c.; refined Continent, 13 1/8c.; South American, 14 1/8c. Futures declined on the 31st, January, contrary to expectations, going out with no flurry. It fell 13 points and May 15. Hogs were 10c. lower with receipts 150,000, against 119,300 a week previously and 149,600 last year. Liverpool was unchanged to 3d. higher. In Chicago liquidation had its effect. Prices advanced on the 1st inst. 8 to 10 points, although the monthly statement showed a large increase in the stock during January. The total is 14,149,000 lbs., against 3,009,000 lbs. last month and 13,365,000 lbs. last year. Stocks of lard in all positions were estimated at 20,242,000 lbs., against 10,950,000 a month ago and 17,059,000 last year. Western hog markets were a little lower on the 1st inst. with receipts at all points estimated at 150,000. Liverpool was 3d. to 9d. lower.

Stocks of lard at Chicago on Feb. 1 were 20,242,000 lbs., against 10,950,000 lbs. on Jan. 1 and 17,059,000 on Feb. 1 last year. The total supply of contract was 14,149,000 lbs., against 3,109,000 a month ago and 13,865,000 at this time last year. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, swine, including pigs on farms, Jan. 1 of this year totaled 52,536,000, against 52,055,000 on Jan. 1 1926 and 55,568,000 at that time the year previous. The total was somewhat larger than was expected. Many had looked for a slight decrease. To-day futures were unchanged to 5 points higher. Packers sold less. A rise in cottonseed oil of 25 points with sales of 26,300 barrels was not without some effect. Final prices show a decline for the week of 13 to 18 points. Lard stocks are increasing, and a good export demand is much needed. The Government hog report was considered bullish, however.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
February delivery...cts.			12.42			
March delivery	12.60	12.47	12.55	12.45	12.40	12.45
May delivery	12.86	12.65	12.57	12.65	12.62	12.62
July delivery	12.95	12.82	12.92	12.80	12.77	12.82

PORK steady; mess \$37 50; family, \$39 50 to \$41 50; fatback pork, \$30 to \$33. Ribs in Chicago were higher with cash 17c. basis, 40 to 60 lbs. average, but later fell to 16.25c. Beef firm but slow; mess, \$19 to \$21; packet, \$19 to \$21; family, \$21 to \$22; extra India mess, \$34 to \$36; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$2 50; No. 2, \$4 25; 6 lbs., South America, \$12 75. Cut meats quiet and steady; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 22 1/4 to 25 1/4c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 22 to 23 3/4c. bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 20 1/2c. Butter lower grade to high scoring, 43 to 51c. Cheese, 23 to 28c. Eggs, medium to extras, 30 to 39c.

OILS.—Linseed has been quiet and the undertone has been easier. Leading crushers were quoting 10.8c. for raw oil in car lots, cooerage basis, and 10c. for spot tank cars. Concessions of a few points could be obtained, it is said, on a firm bid. In five barrels and more 11.2 to 11.4c. was quoted. Coconut, Ceylon, f.o.b. tanks, 8 1/4c.; Manila, coast tanks, 8 1/4c.; China wood, N. Y. barrels spot, 17 1/2c.; Pacific Coast, tanks, spot, 15 to 16c.; corn, crude tanks, plants, low acid, 7 1/2 to 8c.; olive, Den., \$1 35 to \$1 40; soya bean, coast tanks, 9 1/2c. Lard, prime, 15 1/2c.; extra strained winter, N. Y., 13 3/4c. Cod, domestic, nominal; Newfoundland, 63 to 66c. Turpentine, 79 1/2 to 85c. Rosin, \$11.90 to \$18 55. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switehes, 26,300 bbls. P. crude S.E., 7 3/4 to 8c. Prices closed as follows:

Sp. t.	8.75@	April	9.34@	July	9.65@9.68
February	9.00@9.35	May	9.43@9.45	August	9.80@
March	9.20@9.22	June	9.50@9.60	September	9.85@9.93

PETROLEUM.—Gasoline in bulk was stronger. There was a better export inquiry, but actual business was not large. The increased domestic consumption and the high cost of transportation of gasoline from the California Coast to the Atlantic seaboard were the strengthening factors. Locally United States motor was offered at 12 1/4c. at refineries and 13 1/4c. in tank cars delivered to the trade. Jobbing demand was better. Gulf refiners offered United States motor at 10 1/2c. and 64.66 gravity 375 end point at 12 1/2 to 12 3/4c. bulk. Bunker oil met with a good demand and firmer. Little spot oil was available, however. Most of the oil is being shipped against old contracts. The price was firm at \$1 75 f.o.b. and \$1 81 1/2 f.a.s. New York harbor refineries. Gas oil was steady; 36-40 at local refineries was 6 1/4c.; 28-34, 5 3/4c. Kerosene has been less active. New York refined export prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. motor specifications, deodorized, 27.40c.; U. S. motor, bulk, refinery, 12 1/4c.; kerosene, cargo lots, cases, 18.65c.; S. W., 9c.; W. W., 150 degrees, 9 1/4c.; petroleum, refined, tanks, wagon to store, 17c.; kerosene, bulk, W. W., delivered N. Y. tank cars, 10 1/4c.; prime white, 10c.; motor gasoline (steel barrels), 21c.; up-State and New England, 21c.; naphtha, V.M.P., deodorized in steel barrels, 21c.

Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas—	Elk Basin	\$2.00
28-28.9	Big Muddy	1.85
32-32.9	Lance Creek	2.00
52 and above	Homer 35-35.9	1.85
Louisiana and Arkansas	Caddo	
32-32.9	Below 28 deg.	1.40
35-35.9	32-32.9	1.70
38 and above	38-38.9	2.00
Pennsylvania	Buckeye	\$3.10
Corning	Bradford	3.40
Cabell	Lima	2.21
Woolster	Indiana	1.98
Rock Creek	Princeton	2.10
Smackover, 27 deg.	Canadian	2.61
	Corsicana heavy	1.15
	Eureka	\$3.25
	Illinois	2.10
	Crichton 40-40.9	2.10
	Plymouth	1.63
	Haynesville, 33 deg.	1.75
	Gulf Coastal "A"	1.40
	De Soto 44-44.9	2.30

RUBBER on the 31st ult. declined at first 10 to 20 points with London 1/4d. lower. But later came a rally of 10 to 20 points, ending unchanged to 10 points higher for the day. Reports of a strike among plantation workers in the Far East had a strengthening effect. Also the stock at London did not increase so much as expected and exports for the first quarter of this year will be reduced 10%. Brazilian markets were firm with small receipts there, owing to low rivers. Acre fine, 28 3/4c. In London the stock increased 1,124 tons to 54,786 tons and compares with 53,662 in the previous week, 48,382 a month ago and 9,943 last year. March here, 38.10c.; April, 38.60c.; May, 39.10c.; June, 39.40c.; July, 39.80c. Outside prices on Jan. 31: Ribbed sheets, spot, 38 1/4c.; February, 37 3/4 to 38 1/4c.; March, 38 1/2c.; April-June, 39 to 39 1/4c.; July-September, 40 1/4c. First latex crepe, 38c.; clean, thin, brown crepe, 35 1/4 to 35 1/2c.; specky brown crepe, 34 1/2 to 34 3/4c.; No. 2 amber, 36c.; No. 3, 35 1/4c.; No. 4, 34 3/4c.; rolled brown, 31 1/2c. Paras, Caucho ball, upper, 22 to 22 1/2c.; up-river fine spot, 27 1/2 to 28c.; coarse, 21 to 21 1/2c.; Island, fine, 25 to 26c.; Mexican, Central scrap, 23 1/2 to 24c.; Guayule, washed and dried, 31c.; Balata, black, Ciudad, 46 to 47c.; block, Colombia, 39 to 40c.; Panama, 39 to 40c.; sheet, 73 to 75c. London on Jan. 31 closed at 18 7/8 to 19d. for spot and February; 19 to 19 1/2d. for March, 19 3/8 to 19 1/2d. for April-June, and 19 7/8d. to 20d. for July. Singapore spot, 18 1/4d.; February-March, 18 3/4d.; April-June, 19 1/4d.

London cabled Jan. 31 that the Colonial Office had approved of a further 10% reduction in the rubber exportable quota from the Far East, effective Feb. 1. This brings the export allowance for the February-March-April restriction quarter to 70% of production. It is due to the failure of the average spot London price for standard rubber to reach the pivotal level of 21d. The final average for the quarter just ended was fixed at the close of business Jan. 31 at 19.265d. It is pointed out that the London average spot price from Nov. 1 1926 to Jan. 26 1927, inclusive, was 19.289d. The reduction in the exportable allowance from 80 to 70% of the standard production for the 18th restriction quarter (Feb. 1 to April 30) reduces the exportable allowance for the quarter by about 10,000 tons.

On the 2d inst. prices were lower. London declined 1/8 to 1/4d. At the Exchange here February closed at 37.20c., March at 37.70c., April and May at 38.80c., June at 39.20c., and July at 39.60c. Outside prices: Ribbed sheets, spot and February, 37 3/8 to 37 7/8c.; March, 37 1/2 to 38 1/8c. April-June, 38 3/4 to 39c.; July-September, 39 3/4 to 40 1/8c.; first latex crepe, 37 7/8 to 38 1/8c.; clean, thin, brown crepe, 35 to 35 1/4c.; specky brown crepe, 34 to 34 1/2c.; No. 2 amber, 35 3/4c.; No. 3, 34 3/4 to 35c.; No. 4, 34 1/4 to 34 1/2c.; rolled brown, 31 to 31 1/4c.; Paras, Gaucho ball-upper, 24 to 24 1/2c.; Up-river fine, spot, 27 1/2 to 28c.; coarse, 22 to 22 1/2c.; Island fine, 25 to 26c.; Mexican Central scrap, 23 1/2 to 24c.; Guayule, washed and dried, 31c.; Balata, Block, Ciudad, 46 to 47c.; Block Colombia, 39 to 40c.; Panama, 39 to 40c.; sheet, 73 to 75c. London on the 2d inst. was quiet; spot, 18 5/8 to 18 3/4d.; February, 18 5/8 to 18 3/4d.; March, 18 7/8 to 19d.; April-June, 19 1/4 to 19 3/8d.; July-September, 19 3/4 to 19 7/8d. Singapore was closed in observance of Chinese New Year. To-day prices were in some cases 10 points higher at one time. But the trading was light. February ended at 36.70c. bid, March 37.50c., April 38 to 38.10c., May 38.50 to 38.60c. London was unchanged to 1/8d. lower; spot and February, 18 5/8 to 18 3/4d.; March, 18 3/4 to 18 7/8d.

HIDES.—Of River Plate frigorifico steers recent sales were 49,000, mostly to Europe, at 18 3/4 to 19 5/8c. c. & f. Of frigorifico cows 7,000 sold at 17 7-16c. to 17 9-16c. City packer hides were lower. Two cars of native bulls January, sold at 10c. January spready native steers sold at 16 1/2c. Country hides were quiet. Common dry hides steady and in slightly better demand. Antioquias 24 1/2c.; Orinocos, 21c.; Savanillas, 20 1/2 to 21 1/2c.; New York City calfskins weaker; 5-7s, 1.85c.; 7-9s, 2c.; 9-12s., 2.62 1/2c. Later 4,000 La Plata steers sold at \$41, or 18 3/4c. c. & f. Later 16,000 frigorifico steers sold at 18 1/4 to 18 3/8c. c. & f. Of common dry 400 heavy Antioquias sold at 25c.; also small quantities of Savanillas at 20 1/2c. City packer hides declined with Western prices; 1,600 native steers sold at 14 1/2c. and 4,500 Colorados at 13 1/2c. Country hides declined sharply with city packer.

OCEAN FREIGHTS were quiet and lower. Full cargo tonnage was dull. Later in the week the demand for time tonnage was good. Later rates were firm.

CHARTERS included grain, 37,000 qrs. 10% option from New York to Antwerp-Hamburg, 16 1/2c. one port, 17c. for two ports, February-March 5. 1c. more for barley. Sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent 21s. 9d. middle February; nitrate from Chile to United Kingdom-Continent 36s. 3d.; molasses from north side Cuba to United States Gulf, 1 1/4c. Feb-

ruary; petroleum, crude, from Gulf, March, 47s. 6d. one port and 49s. two ports; clean from Gulf to Rouen, 45s.; from Gulf to Mediterranean, 45s. May; clean from North Atlantic to United Kingdom-Continent, 35s. option Gulf 40s.; Black Sea options, March; lumber from Gulf to Buenos Aires, \$7 50; Vancouver to North Hatteras, \$13 50 February-March; Greys Harbor to Shanghai, \$10 35 middle February. Time—663 tons, net, one round trip West Indies, \$2 50; 2,870 tons, 12 months, March, \$1 40; 2,838 tons net, round trip San Francisco-Australia, \$1 05 March; 1,114 tons net, round trip San Francisco-Australia, \$1 05 March; 1,114 tons net, \$2 six months; 993 tons net, reported, \$1 90 round trip; pitch from Baltimore to Ghent, 24s. February; coil cake from Gulf to two Denmark ports, \$7 50 February; sulphur, Gulf to Rouen and Dunkirk, \$7 75 February; asphalt loaded in drums, Baltimore to Hamburg-Rotterdam, one port, \$5; two ports ports, \$5 25 middle of March.

TOBACCO has on the whole been in moderate demand and steady. In some quarters trade is reported a little better. There is no activity; certainly there is no searching test of the stability of prices. Nominal quotations include the following: Broad leaf filler, 8c.; binder, 15 to 20c.; Porto Rico, 75c. to \$1 10; Connecticut top leaf, 18c.; No. 1 seconds, 1925 crop, 65c.; 1924 crop, 34 to 40c.; seed fillers, 15c.; medium wrappers, 75c.; dark, 1925 crop, 35c.; 1924 crop, 20 to 25c.; light, \$1 10.

COAL.—Prices showed a downward tendency on soft coal, with the demand from some of the smaller industries disappointing. Fairmont run of mine was quoted at \$2 to \$2 25, and Westmoreland, \$2 25 to \$2 60. Hampton Roads reported quotations on navy standard to New York \$4 85, and for New River, not acceptable as navy standard, \$4 75. Railroads alone, it is said, buy 1,000,000 tons a week. Best grades of Pennsylvania smokeless coal at New York, it is said, are down to a parity with minimum quotations at Hampton Roads. In the Jan. 31 week the "Coal Age" spot soft coal index fell 4c. and the price at the end of the week was \$2 24. Soft coal production for the Jan. 29 week is stated by the National Coal Association at 13,500,000 tons.

COPPER declined to 13c. early in the week. The export price was reduced to 13¼c. c.i.f. European ports. The lower prices did not stimulate the demand much. The American Brass Co. cut all products ¼c. Barbed wire is now quoted at 15c. Prices of copper are now the lowest since 1924. In London on the 1st inst. spot standard advanced 1s. 3d. to £54 10s.; futures unchanged at £55; spot electrolytic fell 5s to £61 15s.; futures unchanged at £62 5s. On the 2d inst. standard fell 5s. to £54 5s. for spot and £54 15s. for futures; spot electrolytic dropped 15s. to £61; futures declined £1 to £61 5s. Of late the market has been distinctly depressed; seldom in recent years more so. Prices dropped ¼c. and were irregular. Lately 12¼c. Connecticut Valley has been quoted, though some ask 12½c. Earlier in the week it turns out business was larger than was supposed. For the week ending on Wednesday the sales are said to have been 20,000,000 lbs. Keen competition, however, alone brought this about. London on the 3d inst. declined 12s. 6d. on standard copper, making it £53 12s. 6d. spot and £54 2s. 6d. futures; electrolytic dropped 5s. to £60 15s. spot and £61 futures.

TIN has been higher. Spot Straits sold at 67c.; February at 66¾c.; March, 66¼c.; April, 65¾c. and May at 65½c. to 65¼c. The rise was due to the revised estimates of shipments from Penang and Singapore for February, the range of which has been put at 4,500 to 5,000 tons. Previously they were estimated at 7,000 tons. The floods in the producing districts caused this reduction. The higher prices have checked business, however. Spot standard in London on the 1st inst. advanced £3 10s. to £295 15s. and futures rose £3 5s. to £290; spot Straits advanced £2 to £297 15s. On the 2d inst. spot standard there advanced £2 to £297 15s.; futures rose 10s. to £291 10s.; spot Straits was up £2 to £306 5s. Eastern c.i.f. London advanced £2 12s. 6d. to £300 2s. 6d. Of late the firmness of prices has restricted business noticeably. Some easing was finally noticed. Spot 67c.; February, 66¾c.; March, 66c.; spot standard in London has latterly been £297 15s.; futures advanced 5s on the 3d inst. reaching £291 15s.; spot Straits, £306 5s.; Eastern c.i.f. London, £300 2s. 6d.

LEAD has been in good demand and tending higher, particularly in the St. Louis district, where the minimum quotation at one time was 7.22½c. Sales were reported at 7.25c. The American Smelting Co. quoted 7.40c. London on the 1st inst. advanced 7s. 6d. to £ 6 16s. 3d. for spot and £27 2s. 6d. for futures. On the 2d inst. prices there dropped 6s. 3d. to £29 7s. 6d. for spot and futures [declined 6s. 3d. to £29 10s. Lately the demand has been good on the basis of 7.22½c. London weakness has within a day or two had some effect. Prices there on the 3d inst. fell 1s. 3d. to £26 8s. 9d. for spot and futures 3s. 9d., reaching £26 15s., with sales of 1,100 tons spot and futures.

ZINC advanced early in the week. For February 6.55c. was bid by dealers with 6.57½ to 6.60c. quoted, for the bulk of transactions. Sales were small. Later on prices declined with London lower. In London on the 1st inst. spot advanced 8s. 9d. to £29 13s. 9d.; and futures were up 11s. 3d. to £29 16s. 3d.; on the 2d inst. prices declined 6s. 3d. to £29 7s. 6d. for spot and £29 10s. for futures. Lately trade has been light on the basis of 6.55 to 6.57½c. East St. Louis though some ask 6.60c. London on the 3d inst. declined 5s. to £29 2s. 6d. spot and £29 5s. futures, with sales of 1,700 tons, mostly futures.

STEEL has sold rather more freely at lower prices. Pittsburgh's output is increasing. Cast iron pressure pipe manufacturers at Birmingham have put their centrifugal pipe shops on three shifts owing to increased orders. Pipe mills

in Pittsburgh have kept up output steadily for 60 days. Tin mill black plate has been reduced to 3.05 to 3.15c., Pittsburgh, as against 3.25 recently. January buying by the railroads was larger than in the same months last year. Steel exports in 1925, it turns out, were larger than in 1925, i. e., 2,167,048 gross tons, against 1,726,572 in 1926. In Pittsburgh sheets and strips are lower; also prices for bars and shapes have been eased recently. A quotation of 1.90c. is frequent if not general. Wire products have sold, it is said, at \$1 under the usual quotation; preferential shave become more general instead of being limited to a comparatively few large buyers. Tin plate quantity differentials have been more liberal. There is sharp competition in the steel trade generally and prices seem to be tending downward. This tends to restrict business in not a few directions except in more urgent cases. Output in February in recent years has equalled that of January and March has been apt to set the high record for the year on steel ingots. At Youngstown, sheet bars \$34 to non-integrated rollers in that district, a decline of \$2 from the price which ruled during much of 1926. Sheet rollers have a better chance at this price. Cold strip steel, 2.85c. to 3.25c. as to quantity; tube stock, 2.80c. Automobile makers are the leading buyers of strip.

PIG IRON has been dull and lower. The composite price is down 9c. Pittsburgh has lowered steelmaking grades 50c. Lower prices have caused an increase in business at some points. It is said that Buffalo booked last week 50,000 tons and Cleveland 25,000. Eastern Pennsylvania prices have felt the downward pull. It is stated that sales at \$21 at furnace are more general, though some makers still quote \$21 50 on small tonnages when nobody seemed to be competing sharply. Foundry coke has dropped to \$3 75 for standard Connellsville. Buffalo iron is quoted at \$18 to \$19. Quoting \$19 and selling at it are supposed to be two different things. Lowered prices alone have given a filip to business when it did show an increase. At Youngstown basic is off to \$18 or less and malleable to \$19. The total pig iron production in January was 3,100,004 tons or 100,000 tons daily, against 3,091,060 tons or 99,712 tons daily for December.

WOOL has been firm, but not at all active. The best that can be said is that there is a moderate business in general the active demand in London and also in New Zealand finds no echo here. But the tone of the market is inevitably affected by the firmness of prices at the foreign sales. In London on Jan. 28 off rings, 8,150 bales. Good demand from British and Continental buyers. Prices the best thus far. Details:

Sydney, 1,107 bales; greasy merinos, 19½ to 35½d.; greasy crossbreds, 15½ to 22d. Queensland, 602 bales; greasy merinos, 19 to 21½d.; scoured, 25½ to 47½d. Victoria, 310 bales; greasy merinos, 18½ to 26½d. West Australia, 1,846 bales; greasy merinos, 15½ to 24½d. New Zealand 4,222 bales; greasy crossbreds, 12½ to 24½d. New Zealand, slipe half-bred lambs, 13d. to 24½d.; best great half-breds 58s, 24½d.; 56s, 23d.; 50s, 15d.; 48s, 15d.; 46s, 14½d.

In London on Jan. 31, offerings, 9,000 bales British and Continental buyers bought freely. Also some American buying. Prices firm.

Best New Zealand greasy crossbreds, 56s, sold at 19½d.; 50s, at 16½d.; 48s at 15½d.; 46s at 14½d. Details: Sydney, 3,417 bales; greasy merinos, 18½ to 28½d.; scoured, 39½ to 41½d. Queensland, 1,084 bales; greasy merinos, 18 to 30½d.; scoured, 38 to 43d. Victoria, 1,365 bales; greasy merinos, 18 to 30½d.; scoured, 38 to 43d. Victoria, 1,365 bales; scoured merinos, 32 to 42d.; scoured crossbreds, 22 to 29d. New Zealand, 3,211 bales; greasy crossbreds, 12½ to 19½d. New Zealand slipe, 13 to 22d.

In London on Feb. 1, offerings, 7,650 bales. Continent and home trade bought freely. Prices firm. Withdrawals frequent of speculators' lots, owing to high limits.

New Zealand greasy half-bred 58s brought 25½d.; 56-58s, 23d.; 56s, 21d.; greasy crossbreds, 50-56s, 17½d.; 48-50s, 16½d.; 48s, 15½d.; 46-48s, 14d. Details: Sydney, 2,230 bales; greasy merinos, 18 to 26d.; scoured, 26 to 46d.; greasy crossbreds, 14 to 21½d. Queensland, 765 bales; scoured merinos, 40 to 44½d. Victoria, 426 bales; scoured merinos, 31 to 39d. Adelaide, 98 bales; greasy merinos, 17½ to 20½d. West Australia, 465 bales; greasy merinos, 17½ to 24½d.; scoured, 36 to 41½d. New Zealand, 3,270 bales; greasy crossbreds, 12½ to 25½d.; scoured crossbreds, 18 to 37d.

In London on Feb. 2 the Colonial sales were brought to a close. Offerings, 11,750 bales, making total offerings for the series 124,000 bales. The Continent bought, it is figured, 56,800 bales, the home trade 44,000, and America 3,000. Some 25,000 bales are carried forward, including 12,000 bales not offered. The next series will begin March 15. Compared with December sales, prices proved from 7½ to 10% higher on best merinos, and 5% higher on scoured sorts. Other merinos were unchanged. On crossbreds, greasy sorts advanced 5% over December figures. Slipe and Cape were par to 5% higher. Details of Feb. 2.

Sydney, 3,450 bales; greasy merinos, 18½ to 28½d.; scoured, 37 to 40½d.; greasy crossbreds, 12 to 19½d. Queensland, 793 bales; greasy merinos, 18 to 24d.; scoured, 34½ to 43d. Victoria, 1,950 bales; greasy merinos, 21 to 27d.; scoured, 24 to 34½d. Adelaide, 418 bales; greasy merinos, 18 to 21d.; scoured, 37 to 42d. West Australia, 442 bales; greasy merinos, 16 to 23½d. Cape, 438 bales; scoured merinos, 26 to 42d. New Zealand, 4,133 bales; scoured crossbreds, 17 to 32d. New Zealand, slipe, 13 to 24d.; latter half-bred lambs.

At Invercargill, N. Z., on Jan. 29 offerings 22,200 bales of crossbreds and 21,300 bales sold. Selection good. Demand sharp. Fine wools were about 2d. and other sorts 1d. above last year's sales: Prices obtained were as follows: 56-58s., 16½d. to 19½d.; 50-56s., 14d. to 16½d.; 48-50s., 13d. to 15½d.; 46-48s., 12d. to 14½d.; 44-46s., 11 d. to 13d.; 40-44s., 10½d. to 12d., and 36-40s., 10d. to 11½d. In Melbourne on Feb. 1 selection none too good. But demand was brisk. Merinos fine crossbreds and greasy comebacks, sold at par to 5% higher than on Jan. 24. At Sydney, Australia, on Jan. 31 the new series began with prices 2½ to

5% higher than Jan. 19 on best merinos; other grades firm. Best 64-70s. warp wools cost, a Boston dispatch said, equal to \$1 05 to \$1 10 clean basis landed at Boston. Selection was good; demand vigorous. America and Japan good buyers of best wools.

COTTON

Friday Night, Feb. 4 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 235,198 bales, against 258,932 bales last week and 296,254 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1926, 9,858,209 bales, against 7,459,662 bales for the same period of 1925, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1926 of 2,408,547 bales.

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Total. Lists various ports and their weekly receipts.

\* 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:

Table with columns: Receipts to Feb. 4., 1926-27, 1925-26, Stock. 1927, 1926. Compares weekly and total receipts and stocks for 1926 and 1925.

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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:

Table with columns: Receipts at—, 1926-27, 1925-26, 1924-25, 1923-24, 1922-23, 1921-22. Shows total receipts at various ports for six consecutive seasons.

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The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 291,199 bales, of which 70,787 were to Great Britain, 26,270 to France, 97,115 to Germany, 19,513 to Italy, 37,184 to Japan and China, and 40,330 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 213,376 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 6,678,462 bales, against 5,408,236 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

Table with columns: Week Ended Feb. 4 1927, Exports from—, Great Britain, France, Ger-many, Italy, Russia, Japan& China, Other, Total. Lists weekly export totals to various countries.

Table with columns: From Aug. 1 1927 to Feb. 4 1927, Exports from—, Great Britain, France, Ger-many, Italy, Russia, Japan& China, Other, Total. Shows cumulative exports from August 1927 to February 1927.

Table with columns: Total '25-'26, Total '24-'25. Compares total exports for the current and previous seasons.

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:

Table with columns: On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—, Feb. 4 at—, Great Britain, France, Ger-many, Other Foreign, Coast. wise, Total, Leaving Stock. Shows cotton on shipboard and leaving stock at various ports.

\* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been as a rule on a small scale, but prices, because of the scarcity of contracts, steady calling by the mills and occasional heavy covering attributed to large Carolina interests, advanced somewhat. Spot markets have latterly risen and transactions have increased after a lull earlier in the week. Cotton goods have latterly been quieter, but the mills in many cases are sold well ahead. What is more, they are now making a fair profit. In many cases they were making none at all a year ago. The weather at the South during the week has been milder, but still rainy. The result is continued interruption in picking. Some reports say that it has practically been suspended for two weeks past. Some of the cotton picked in Texas has been of low grade. In some cases it has sold, it is understood, at as low as 7 cents. Moreover, the continued rains at the South have delayed field work for the next crop. It is too early, of course, to stress this feature. But the fact is as stated and has excited some comment. Large spot interests have been covering hedges, it is said, in March and putting them out in May. Other spot dealers have, it seems, bought May here and sold it in New Orleans. Contracts have been for the most part scarce. The seeming paradox of a big crop and a small supply of contracts is explained on the theory that this is one of the lowest-grade crops in many years. In any case, it is said to be of lower grade than that of last year. The percentage of tenderable cotton is said to be much lower than was realized earlier in the season. Moreover, it is declared that large spot interests control a considerable percentage of the contract or tenderable cotton available this season. Meantime the exports are liberal and 1,270,126 bales ahead of the total for the season a year ago. A number of cargoes are being shipped to Bombay. The spot basis in the Carolinas on Thursday was reported strong. Recently the Eastern basis is said to have risen 25 to 50 points. There is declared to be a growing realization of the fact that if the American crop this year is very large, even though the ginned yield may not turn out to be over 18,000,000 bales, the effect of the unprecedented yield in this country is partly, at least, offset by decreases in foreign crops. Meanwhile mills are steadily "calling" cotton on both sides of the water. In Liverpool on Thursday the Continent and Manchester were buying, and hedge selling has latterly been light in Liverpool as well as in New York. Manchester's trade is broadening out. Naturally it is only of moderate size with China, but the latest British moves in China have, it is believed, lessened the tension there. And the London stock market late in the week was firmer, despite the failure to reduce the Bank of England rate of discount, and the fact that gold was being shipped from London to New York. Both India and the Continent have recently been buying Manchester cloths on an increasing scale. Liverpool's spot sales were one of the features of the week. Although on Thursday they dropped to 8,000 bales, the total also of Tuesday on

the 2d inst. they were 10,000 bales, a large percentage of which was American. For two weeks or more the Liverpool spot business was very active. The evidence multiplies that American cotton will have to be used on an unusually large scale this season, partly to replace East Indian, China and other growths.

On the other hand, however, there is no snap to the speculation here in Liverpool. Large trading is confined to a few prominent figures. Some well-known operators who were recently "long" appear to have gone short last week and have been covering of late. But this means with the other scattered covering a reduction of the short interest, and a tendency towards a weaker technical position. Naturally the situation in China is also watched with more or less uneasiness. It has been said that the Chinese crop this year will be about 550,000 bales smaller than that of last year. But the internal disorders in that country will tend to disrupt trade and reduce the consumption in China so that the case may be just as broad as it is long. Early in the week Liverpool was a steady seller here. The South, including New Orleans, sells more or less. In New York and New Orleans the certificated stock has been steadily increasing. This has excited comment. New Orleans has taken a rather bearish view of the matter.

Here it has thus far excited only a mild interest, though there are predictions that the certificated supply, which of late has risen to 136,859 bales, may ultimately gain 40,000 or 50,000 bales more. That remains to be seen. It is purely conjectural. It is supposed that the March notices to be issued on the 23d inst. may be pretty large, possibly 100,000 bales. That, too, is mere surmise. Some think the concentration of about 137,000 bales in the certificated stock here, 76,500 in New Orleans and a considerable quantity at Houston may ultimately prove something of a menace to the price. But as to this, too, we are still in the field of conjecture. Time must determine the truth.

To-day prices advanced 22 to 25 points on strong cables, reports that the McNary-Haugen bill is likely to pass next week, scarcity of contracts, smallness of hedge selling at home and abroad, covering of shorts, trade calling and some increase in outside public participation on the speculation. The fact was not ignored by reflective persons that the ultimate effects of the McNary-Haugen bill would be pernicious, but for the moment the bullish interpretation of it carried the day. It might put a quietus on the project to reduce the acreage. In years of big crops it might lead to the shipment of cotton to Europe in large quantities for sale at low prices, thereby enabling European mills to undersell American mills in their own market. But this view of the matter got scant consideration or none at all. Spot markets were higher. Spinners takings according to one statement showed an increase. Visible world stocks are decreasing and the chronic scarcity of contracts here are uppermost factors in determining the course of prices. They were up to a new high on the movement in the last two months. Final prices show a rise for the week here of 28 to 33 points. Spot cotton ended at 14c. for middling a rise of 30 points.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Feb. 3 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 Feb. 10:

Table with 2 columns: Grade/Description and Price difference from Middling. Includes items like Middling fair, Strict good middling, Good middling, etc.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Table with 6 columns: Date (Jan. 29 to Feb. 4) and Price (Sat. to Fri.).

Table titled 'NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.' with columns for years 1927-1920 and prices.

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 with 4 columns: Day, Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, and SALES (Spot, Contra, Total).

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table with 7 columns: Day (Feb. to Friday, Feb. 4) and Range (High-Low) and Closing price.

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Feb. 4 1927 and since trading began on each option:

Table with 4 columns: Option for, Range for Week, Range Since Beginning of Option, and Date.

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.

Table with 4 columns: Location/Description, 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Includes Stock at Liverpool, Manchester, Total Great Britain, etc.

Total visible supply 8,741,899 6,753,511 5,728,922 4,582,418

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

Table with 4 columns: American (Liverpool, Manchester, etc.), East Indian, Brazil, &c., and Total American.

Continental imports for past week have been 199,000 bales. The above figures for 1927 show a decrease from last week of 54,195 bales, a gain of 1,988,388 over 1926, an increase of 3,012,977 bales over 1925, and an increase of 4,319,019 bales over 1924.

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 Feb. 4 1927.				Movement to Feb. 5 1926.			
	Receipts.		Ship- ments.	Stocks Feb. 4.	Receipts.		Ship- ments.	Stocks Feb. 5.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Ala., Birming'm	693	82,300	868	14,985	821	82,743	1,746	10,173
Eufaula	369	23,809	240	12,048	40	21,043	134	6,648
Montgomery	778	113,475	1,745	44,735	500	91,543	1,042	24,666
Selma	569	84,578	1,413	35,269	215	84,030	685	22,196
Ark., Helena	1,552	84,175	3,191	37,128	2,983	86,343	2,509	34,963
Little Rock	1,314	188,264	5,675	62,728	4,135	206,393	5,742	62,557
Pine Bluff	3,040	167,264	5,818	66,174	1,672	159,465	3,642	69,018
Ga., Albany	10	8,652	31	3,713	8	7,858	---	2,360
Athens	1,982	42,269	850	21,044	714	23,924	540	12,886
Atlanta	4,206	220,556	9,662	80,047	2,669	176,389	5,574	55,619
Augusta	6,186	294,839	7,804	107,029	5,302	300,536	7,576	100,991
Columbus	1,082	42,185	1,215	4,503	1,392	67,250	2,318	6,342
Macon	1,462	85,505	2,042	15,083	504	59,120	864	24,312
Rome	707	47,326	800	28,066	513	48,137	1,500	16,831
La., Shreveport	1,553	154,421	1,349	61,784	3,782	164,962	5,503	29,053
Miss., Columbus	251	39,922	354	10,018	504	42,615	995	8,611
Clarkdale	2,791	157,190	8,092	77,213	4,540	188,106	5,430	66,419
Greenwood	2,998	165,263	7,011	84,444	2,543	196,045	3,551	67,825
Meridian	471	49,438	1,505	14,465	973	59,297	894	15,613
Natchez	401	36,226	1,683	11,463	867	54,094	926	14,638
Vicksburg	585	31,639	1,368	18,455	748	49,332	910	17,553
Yazoo City	2,174	41,676	2,194	24,789	358	51,165	1,786	17,859
Mo., St. Louis	18,216	400,518	18,893	7,394	20,332	515,533	19,958	15,941
N.C., Greensboro	1,773	29,980	399	19,433	2,270	45,478	599	14,858
Raleigh	115	17,454	320	10,271	1,003	15,328	72	10,600
Okla., Altus	5,254	167,541	9,184	17,141	1,189	126,158	2,454	20,941
Chickasha	3,403	147,868	7,323	15,648	4,300	163,441	3,956	18,356
Oklahoma	3,499	140,169	6,028	24,914	2,311	155,035	3,936	3,020
S. C., Greenville	5,983	233,636	5,141	87,275	8,622	208,255	9,095	56,092
Greenwood	773	7,773	3,251	---	4,912	---	---	3,705
Tenn., Memphis	54,949	1,530,950	75,359	293,552	49,408	1,396,251	42,982	289,213
Nashville	50	5,665	249	1,245	10	2,877	28	461
Tex., Abilene	442	72,632	480	2,966	50	80,894	490	1,058
Brenham	300	24,779	400	7,145	102	5,294	97	4,386
Austin	149	32,505	191	3,927	212	11,621	298	936
Dallas	2,736	157,753	5,490	52,977	2,083	141,123	2,927	21,363
Houston	*	*	*	*	76,153	4,209,518	96,621	729,224
Paris	1,098	54,348	572	2,162	849	109,812	1,229	4,915
San Antonio	307	58,113	404	3,163	223	24,805	145	1,706
Fort Worth	2,648	107,083	3,370	16,092	3,047	82,216	2,603	15,114

Total, 40 towns 136,096 5,349,749 198,623 140,418 208,477 9,518,731 241,347 193,028

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The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 63,240 bales and are to-night 526,088 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 72,381 bales less than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.

Shipped—	1926-27		1925-26	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis	18,893	409,292	19,958	510,427
Via Mounds, &c.	7,700	230,900	7,800	219,002
Via Rock Island	841	13,892	833	30,496
Via Louisville	1,156	37,203	1,353	45,716
Via Virginia points	6,234	161,870	3,544	139,552
Via other routes, &c.	20,787	353,473	6,428	289,451
Total gross overland	55,611	1,206,630	39,916	1,234,644
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	5,531	85,662	3,160	93,037
Between interior towns	592	14,920	532	15,145
Inland &c., from South	32,608	530,070	32,696	384,372
Total to be deducted	38,731	630,652	36,388	492,554
Leaving total net overland*	16,880	575,978	3,528	742,090

\* Including movement by rail to Canada. The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 16,880 bales, against 3,528 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 166,112 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings	1926-27		1925-26	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Feb. 4	235,198	9,858,209	173,227	7,459,662
Net overland to Feb. 4	16,880	575,978	3,528	742,090
Southern consumption to Feb. 4	115,000	2,716,000	100,000	2,340,000
Total marketed	367,078	13,150,187	276,755	10,541,752
Interior stocks in excess	*63,240	872,854	*36,496	1,774,865
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to Jan. 1	303,838	603,864	---	675,119
Came into sight during week	---	---	240,259	---
Total in sight Feb. 4	---	14,626,905	---	12,991,736
North. spin's takings to Feb. 4	48,477	1,272,347	51,957	1,313,288

\* Decrease. Movement into sight in previous years:  
 1925-Feb. 7 235,534 1924 11,937,131  
 1924-Feb. 8 139,568 1923 9,314,278  
 1923-Feb. 9 120,513 1922 8,945,810

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 Feb. 4.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed. day.	Thursd'y.	Friday.
	Bales.					Bales.
Galveston	13.25	13.15	13.25	13.30	13.40	13.65
New Orleans	13.32	13.22	13.34	13.34	13.47	13.70
Mobile	12.60	12.60	12.60	12.65	12.75	13.00
Savannah	13.03	12.95	13.04	13.07	13.18	13.48
Norfolk	13.19	13.13	13.19	13.25	13.31	13.56
Baltimore	13.40	13.40	13.40	13.30	13.45	13.45
Augusta	12.94	12.88	12.94	13.00	13.13	13.38
Memphis	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.75	13.00
Houston	13.20	13.10	13.20	13.25	13.35	13.60
Little Rock	12.90	12.75	12.85	12.85	13.00	13.20
Dallas	12.35	12.25	12.40	12.40	12.55	12.80
Fort Worth	12.35	12.25	12.35	12.40	12.50	12.75

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. 29.	Monday, Jan. 31.	Tuesday, Feb. 1.	Wednesday, Feb. 2.	Thursday, Feb. 3.	Friday, Feb. 4.
Feb. ....	13.31-13.32	13.21-13.22	13.34	13.37	13.46-13.47	13.70-13.71
March	13.49-13.50	13.39	13.52-13.53	13.56-13.58	13.64	13.89-13.90
April	13.66-13.67	13.58	13.69-13.70	13.73	13.80	14.04-14.05
May	13.80	13.76	13.82-13.84	13.87-13.88	13.94	14.18
June	13.96 bid	13.88-13.90	13.96 bid	14.00 bid	14.07 bid	14.32 bid

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that although the weather during the week, in those parts of the cotton belt where cotton remains in the field, has been generally favorable very little cotton has been picked owing to the muddy fields. Considerable cotton is left to be picked in the northwestern portion of the belt, especially in Oklahoma.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer		
Galveston, Texas	1 day	0.06 in.	high 72	low 56	mean 64
Abilene	1 day	0.04 in.	high 74	low 50	mean 52
Brownsville	dry	---	high 80	low 62	mean 71
Corpus Christi	dry	---	high 74	low 60	mean 67
Dallas	dry	---	high 76	low 42	mean 59
Delrio	2 days	0.10 in.	high	low 50	mean
Palestine	dry	---	high 76	low 46	mean 61
San Antonio	2 days	0.10 in.	high 78	low 54	mean 66
Taylor	1 day	0.01 in.	high	low 48	mean
New Orleans, La.	1 day	0.01 in.	high	low	mean 66
Shreveport	1 day	0.06 in.	high 78	low 45	mean 62
Mobile, Ala.	1 day	0.09 in.	high 80	low 46	mean 63
Savannah, Ga.	1 day	0.01 in.	high 78	low 36	mean 57
Charleston, S. C.	dry	---	high 76	low 31	mean 54
Charlotte, N. C.	? days	0.31 in.	high 75	low 22	mean 49

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

	Feb. 5 1927.	Feb. 6 1926.
	Feet.	Feet.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge.	16.0
Memphis	Above zero of gauge.	34.5
Nashville	Above zero of gauge.	24.0
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge.	24.6
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge.	44.3

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Week Ended	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations		
	1926.	1925.	1924.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Nov. 5	508,763	437,549	383,258	1,264,450	1,568,003	1,307,376	608,530	489,453	494,453
12	488,446	343,371	373,612	1,349,950	1,646,178	1,411,260	573,940	421,546	477,486
19	516,711	377,983	432,208	1,415,095	1,677,442	1,486,392	583,298	409,217	487,588
26	470,442	311,384	370,024	1,456,381	1,784,345	1,645,601	511,728	418,287	429,233
Dec. 3	482,959	396,275	370,752	1,490,161	1,836,255	1,583,955	516,739	448,455	409,106
10	451,084	330,550	333,821	1,528,555	1,902,018	1,565,764	489,478	396,043	315,636
17	400,731	351,485	330,647	1,552,303	1,924,002	1,558,379	424,479	373,499	323,262
23	339,577	224,398	232,346	1,561,160	2,000,037	1,577,997	345,933	299,671	251,064
30	323,796	213,200	306,967	1,528,862	2,034,905	1,514,450	325,197	247,971	246,118
Jan. 1927	1926.	1925.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1927.	1926.	1925.	
7	238,809	151,454	234,091	1,521,314	2,023,364	1,474,156	301,252	160,090	198,591
14	264,749	178,734	231,584	1,509,833	1,999,693	1,441,041	284,220	155,091	198,469
21	296,254	203,160	201,602	1,487,991	1,979,161	1,383,626	274,493	182,628	144,187

and foreign spinners, 10,043,819 bales in 1926-27 and 9,860,312 bales in 1925-26, of which 6,973,419 bales and 6,516,112 bales American.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

Table with columns for Receipts at Bombay, Exports from Bombay, and Exports from Other India, categorized by week and year (1926-27, 1925-26, 1924-25).

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 10,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 81,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 311,000 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 showing Alexandria, Egypt receipts and shipments for 1926-27, 1925-26, and 1924-25.

Table showing Exports (bales) to Liverpool, Manchester, &c., to Continent & India, and to America for 1926-27, 1925-26, and 1924-25.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Feb. 2 were 210,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 29,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and cloth is firm. Demand for both home trade and foreign markets is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

Table showing Manchester market prices for 1926-27 and 1925-26, including 32s Cop Twists, 8 1/4 Lbs. Shirts, and Cotton Middling.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 291,199 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

Table listing shipping news for NEW YORK, NEW ORLEANS, and HOUSTON, including destinations and quantities.

Table listing shipping news for HOUSTON (Concluded), SAVANNAH, CHARLESTON, MOBILE, SAN PEDRO, SAN FRANCISCO, BALTIMORE, TEXAS CITY, NEWPORT NEWS, and PENSACOLA.

COTTON FREIGHT.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Table showing Cotton Freight rates for various ports including Liverpool, Manchester, Stockholm, Bremen, Hamburg, Havre, Rotterdam, Genoa, and Japan.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table showing Liverpool market statistics for the week of Jan. 14 to Feb. 4, including sales of the week, actual exports, and total imports.

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Table showing Liverpool market prices for spots and futures from Saturday to Friday.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table showing Liverpool futures prices for each day from Saturday to Friday, including monthly and yearly price trends.



BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Feb. 4 1927.

Flour has remained quiet. The buying is still in small lots. Mills report trade as a rule dull. Some of the South-western mills report better instructions. Local mill agents find trade without improvement. Export demand was reported quiet with Canadian competition still dominant. In short there has been an absence of new features. The market is as spiritless as ever. The United States crop this season was given as 23% larger than last season but the amount of wheat ground by mills during the first half of the season was only 4.1% more than was ground in the first half of the preceding year. Mills reporting to the Census Bureau produced 60,031,000 bbls. of flour for the period, against 56,875,000 in the preceding year. According to the Census, the mills reporting produced approximately 87% of the total wheat flour in the complete census of 1923. The exports of flour during the past six months were about 7,550,000 bbls., against 5,410,000 the season previous. The extraction this season has been one barrel per 273.8 lbs. of wheat ground, against 277.8 lbs., the corresponding six months of the preceding season.

Wheat declined on the last day of January with export demand light and southwestern receipts larger. New York and Chicago fell  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1c. and Winnipeg  $\frac{3}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. The United States visible supply decreased last week less than 2,136,000 bushels, and the total is now 55,728,000 bushels, against 45,235,000 a year ago. Despite rather large world's shipments, Liverpool on the 31st. inst. was  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. higher on some deliveries. The decrease in the United States visible supply was larger than expected. But export sales were only 300,000 bushels. World's shipments were 18,545,000 bushels, of which North America shipped about 50%. Since July 1 exports from North America are 312,972,000 bushels, against 244,863,000 bushels for the same period last season. The quantity on passage is 2,094,000 bushels, making the total afloat 59,096,000 bushels, against 34,792,000 at this time last year. But there are only small European stocks of wheat, rye and potatoes. No large increase in European supplies is expected. But Australian shippers were offering more freely, while the Argentine offers over the week-end were 3d. lower.

On the 1st inst. prices advanced  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{5}{8}$ c. with Liverpool higher than due and offerings small. Yet Liverpool had larger offerings from Argentina. England is said to be looking for larger imports from Argentina, &c. next month. Receipts in the Northwest and Southwest were increasing. Exports sales were only 300,000 bushels and largely Manitoba. But Winnipeg rallied and New York and Chicago followed. There were hints that the export business was larger than was reported. The Chicago market was found to be somewhat oversold. Kansas reported damage. On the 2d inst. prices advanced  $\frac{3}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Winnipeg was higher. So was Liverpool. A better export inquiry was reported. Southwestern arrivals were not as large as recently. Offerings were readily absorbed and premiums were firm. The weekly weather report was rather bullish. It stated that some damage had been done in Kansas, Nebraska and surrounding States by high winds which shifted the soil. The Kansas State report said there was a lack of moisture in the South and West. Export sales were estimated at 500,000 bushels. The Canadian pool was reported to be a good buyer at Winnipeg, and it was said that 1,000,000 bushels had been sold from the stock at Fort William for prompt rail shipment to the seaboard.

World's shipments for the week were 17,945,000 bushels, against 17,285,000 last week and 14,898,000 last year. Of this total North America exported 9,501,000 bushels and since July 1 the exports were 312,972,000 bushels. For the same period last year shipments were 244,863,000 bushels. One comment was that Liverpool showed strength in view of the extremely large world's shipments. For many weeks past shipments have been very large and apparently much in excess of weekly requirements, yet significantly enough stocks in Europe fail to show any increase. They are actually a small fraction of what they were a year ago. The oft-predicted increase in the primary movement has not turned out to be large. Increased selling was attributed partly to a desire to realize cash for payment of taxes. On the 3d inst. prices advanced 1c. but failed to hold the rise owing to the big Canadian surplus and a decline at Winnipeg. Of Canadian wheat it is stated 164,380,000 bushels remain for export, against 139,754,000 last year. Argentine shipments for the week were estimated at 5,920,000 bushels, against 4,418,000 last week and 2,084,000 last year. Black Sea shipments were 1,160,000 bushels of which Russia exported nearly all. The United Kingdom bought a cargo of West Australian wheat afloat at 54s. 9d. per quarter. American export sales, however, were 600,000 to 700,000 bushels, mostly Manitobas. Sales of some low-grade Canadian wheats for prompt shipment out of Winnipeg to the seaboard were 1,000,000 or 2,000,000 in two days. Europe seems to be buying No. 4 Manitobas and the lower grades to mix with Argentine hwheat. Shorts covered freely. But Chicago receipts from the Southwest were rather large and the demand smaller. Hard grades of higher quality were wanted; low grades were quiet.

The "Modern Miller" said: "Mild weather prevailed over the winter wheat belt during the week and snow covering practically disappeared. Local complaints of freezing and thawing came from central portions of the territory and there were complaints of dry soil and wind damage in western parts of the belt. Some growth in southern districts." To-day prices closed at a rise of  $\frac{1}{4}$ c. in New York,  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. at Chicago,  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. at Minneapolis and unchanged to  $\frac{5}{8}$ c. higher at Winnipeg. Out of speculation increased. But fluctuations were irregular. Winnipeg was a drag on the market. Belief that the McNary-Haugen bill will become a law in the near future had some effect. It helped the new crop months. Northwestern temperatures were lower after recent thaws. Cash markets were firm. Hard winter at the Gulf was  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. higher than lately. Cash wheat was not pressed on the market. World shipments, however, may reach 20,252,000 bushels this week. This was not a factor, however. Nor was a slight decline in Liverpool. Argentine prices were up 1c. net. On advanced profit taking is met in considerable volume. Yet the fact is not ignored that Liverpool in the teeth of big world exports for a month and a half or more has shown noteworthy steadiness. Final prices showed an advance for the week of  $\frac{3}{8}$  to  $1\frac{1}{4}$ c.

CLOSING PRICES OF DOMESTIC WHEAT AT NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	145 $\frac{1}{2}$	144 $\frac{3}{4}$	144 $\frac{3}{4}$	145 $\frac{3}{4}$	145 $\frac{3}{4}$	145 $\frac{3}{4}$
July delivery	138	137 $\frac{1}{4}$	137 $\frac{3}{4}$	138 $\frac{1}{2}$	138 $\frac{3}{4}$	138 $\frac{3}{4}$

CLOSING PRICES AT NEW YORK FOR WHEAT IN BOND.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	144	143 $\frac{1}{4}$	143 $\frac{3}{4}$	144 $\frac{1}{2}$	144 $\frac{3}{4}$	144 $\frac{3}{4}$

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red	153 $\frac{1}{2}$	151 $\frac{1}{2}$	152 $\frac{1}{2}$	152 $\frac{1}{2}$	152 $\frac{1}{2}$	152 $\frac{1}{2}$

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator	142	141	141 $\frac{1}{2}$	142 $\frac{3}{4}$	142 $\frac{3}{4}$	142 $\frac{3}{4}$
July delivery in elevator	133	132 $\frac{1}{2}$	132 $\frac{3}{4}$	133 $\frac{1}{2}$	133 $\frac{1}{2}$	134 $\frac{1}{2}$
September delivery in elevator	129 $\frac{1}{2}$	129	129 $\frac{1}{2}$	130 $\frac{1}{2}$	130 $\frac{1}{2}$	131 $\frac{1}{2}$

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator	139	138 $\frac{1}{2}$	138 $\frac{3}{4}$	139 $\frac{1}{2}$	139 $\frac{1}{2}$	139 $\frac{1}{2}$
July delivery in elevator	137 $\frac{1}{2}$	136 $\frac{1}{2}$	137 $\frac{1}{2}$	137 $\frac{1}{2}$	137 $\frac{1}{2}$	137 $\frac{1}{2}$
October delivery in elevator	127 $\frac{1}{2}$	126 $\frac{1}{2}$	127 $\frac{1}{2}$	127 $\frac{1}{2}$	127 $\frac{1}{2}$	127 $\frac{1}{2}$

Indian corn declined  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. early in the week. Iowa was marketing more freely. It is said that western railroads have been asked to have additional equipment available at principal Iowa stations to meet the increased movement of corn. Purchases in Iowa were noticeably larger. The United States visible supply is 38,792,000 bushels, having increased last week 631,000 bushels. A year ago the total was 28,092,000 bushels. Chicago has 21,537,000 bushels, a decrease for the week of 132,000 bushels. Speculation is not brisk. The visible supply does not decrease. It seldom does at this time of year, however that may be explained. Receipts are moderate. Stocks of low grade corn are smaller than last year. The industrial demand for this grain may improve. It is likely to be equal at least to that of last year. The critical crop outlook for corn in Argentine attracts attention. The weather has been bad there and prices have risen. World shipments for the week were 7,263,000 bushels against 6,868,000 in the previous week. On the 1st inst. prices declined  $\frac{3}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. due to liquidation following larger receipts. The weather was warmer. Later there was a rally on a better cash demand and covering at St. Louis. Cash corn was unchanged to 1c. lower. On the 2nd inst. price advanced with those for wheat. There was some local buying. Shorts covered. There was a net decline on Thursday of  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$ c. after an early advance of  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Corn followed wheat disclosing no individual initiative. To-day prices closed  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. higher after mercurial fluctuations. Smaller receipts had some effect. But there was not a little profit taking. The cash demand was disappointing. But receipts are expected to be smaller for some days. And yet the cooler weather at the West will naturally tend to increase the receipts before long by improving the condition of the roads. As the case stands cash corn meets with a small sale even at large discounts while futures are at big premiums. To many this looks unnatural. Final prices show a decline of  $\frac{1}{4}$ c. on May with July unchanged.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow	93 $\frac{3}{4}$	93 $\frac{1}{4}$	91 $\frac{3}{4}$	92 $\frac{3}{4}$	92 $\frac{3}{4}$	93 $\frac{3}{4}$

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator	81 $\frac{3}{4}$	80 $\frac{3}{4}$	80 $\frac{3}{4}$	81	80 $\frac{3}{4}$	81
July delivery in elevator	84 $\frac{3}{4}$	84 $\frac{1}{4}$	83 $\frac{3}{4}$	84 $\frac{3}{4}$	84 $\frac{3}{4}$	84 $\frac{1}{4}$
September delivery in elevator	86 $\frac{3}{4}$	86 $\frac{1}{4}$	85 $\frac{3}{4}$	86 $\frac{3}{4}$	86 $\frac{1}{4}$	86 $\frac{3}{4}$

Oats declined  $\frac{3}{8}$  to 1c at one time in sympathy with a decline in other grain. The United States visible supply decreased last week 9,7000 bushels. The total is now 34,422,000 bushels, against 63,076,000 a year ago. There was a decline of  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. on the 1st inst. in sympathy with the lower prices for other grain but the price rallied before the close. On the 2d. inst. oats followed other grain upward. Prices were unchanged to  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. higher. World's shipments for the week were 2,118,000 bushels, against 1,024,000 in the previous week. A small decline took place on Thursday, the price reacting with other grain after a steady advance of  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{3}{8}$ c. To-day prices ended unchanged to  $\frac{3}{8}$ c. higher with moderate trading. Irregular fluctuations marked the day. But the tone on the whole was firmer. There was less long selling. Shorts did not appear so confident. On the other hand, the cash demand was small. And interior receipts were a fair size. Final prices, moreover, show a decline for the week of  $\frac{5}{8}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. under the weight of

liquidation and supplies that are considered rather burdensome. Also the technical position has been rather weaker.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF DOMESTIC OATS IN NEW YORK. Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. May delivery..... 52 51 50 51 50 51

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK. No. 2 white..... 57 56 56 56 56 56

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO. May delivery in elevator..... 48 47 47 47 47 47

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG. May delivery in elevator..... 58 58 58 58 58 58

Rye declined 1/4 to 5/8c. on the 31st inst. The visible supply in the United States increased last week 135,000 bushels and is now 12,927,000 bushels against 13,564,000 a year ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO. May delivery in elevator..... 108 107 108 109 108 108

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN. Wheat, New York. No. 2 red f.o.b. 52 1/2. Oats, New York. No. 2 white 56 1/2.

FLOUR. Spring patents \$7 35 @ \$7 65. Rye flour patents \$6 40 @ \$6 75.

All the statements below regarding the movements of grain—receipts, exports, visible supply, &c.—are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange.

Receipts at— Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Chicago 236,000 bush. 302,000 bush. 1,889,000 bush. 924,000 bush. 99,000 bush. 28,000 bush.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Jan. 29 1927, follow:

Receipts at— Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. New York 215,000 bush. 1,967,000 bush. 51,000 bush. 400,000 bush. 1,124,000 bush. 531,000 bush.

\* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Aug. 7 1926, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from— Wheat, Bushels, Corn, Bushels, Flour, Barrels, Oats, Bushels, Rye, Bushels, Barley, Bushels. New York 2,637,118. Boston 72,000. Philadelphia 1,333,000.

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. United Kingdom 37,440. Continent 128,737. So. & Cent. Amer. 5,000.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Jan. 29, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS. United States— Wheat, bush., Corn, bush., Oats, bush., Rye, bush., Barley, bush. New York 591,000. Boston 5,000. Philadelphia 539,000.

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 6,000 bushels; Buffalo, 151,000; Duluth, 23,000; total, 180,000 bushels.

Canadian— Montreal 1,793,000. Ft. William & Pt. Arthur 36,561,000. Other Canadian 8,442,000.

Total Jan. 29 1927 54,093,000. Total Jan. 22 1927 53,103,000. Total Jan. 30 1926 58,951,000.

American 55,728,000. Canadian 54,093,000. Total Jan. 29 1927 109,821,000.

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Jan. 28, and since July 1 1926 and 1925, are shown in the following:

Wheat, Corn. 1926-27, 1925-26, 1926-27, 1925-26. Week Jan. 28, Since July 1, Since July 1, Week Jan. 28, Since July 1, Since July 1.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED FEB. 1.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Feb. 1, follows:

At the beginning of the week there was an increase in pressure over the Central-Northern States, accompanied by much lower temperature, and the following day or two this "high" moved eastward over southern Canadian Provinces and the northern sections of the United States.

the passage of an energetic storm eastward from the Northwest to the Northeast, on the 28-30th, there was widespread rain or snow over the northern half of the country from the Mississippi Valley eastward. The latter half of the week brought rather frequent precipitation also to Northern States west of the Rocky Mountains, but otherwise fair weather was the rule.

For the week, as a whole, the temperature averaged above normal in all sections of the country, as indicated by Chart 1. The weekly means were 1 degree or 2 degrees subnormal in local areas along the Atlantic coast, the western upper Lake region, and in a few sections west of the Rocky Mountains, but elsewhere they were generally above the seasonal average. It was especially warm in the central and northern trans-Mississippi States where the temperature averaged from 6 degrees to as much as 12 degrees above normal, and in the central Gulf area where the plus departures were from 6 degrees to 9 degrees.

While there was some cold weather during the first part of the week in the Central-Northern States, freezing did not extend farther south than south-central Georgia in the East and to the northern portions of the Gulf States to the westward, while along the Gulf coast the lowest for the week was about 50 degrees. Zero readings extended southward to central Pennsylvania and south-central Illinois, while minimum temperatures as low as 20 degrees to as much as 32 degrees occurred locally in the interior of the Northeast and in some northern border districts in the interior of the country.

Chart II shows that precipitation for the week totaled from 0.5 to about 1 inch in most of the area from the Ohio Valley southward and south eastward and locally in southern Texas and extreme southern Florida. Substantial amounts were received also in central and north Pacific coast districts, but elsewhere precipitation was very light with most stations from the Mississippi Valley westward to the Rocky Mountains reporting amounts too small to measure. There was much cloudy weather in the west Gulf area and far Northwest, but elsewhere considerable sunshine prevailed during the week.

The continued absence of appreciable precipitation in much of the Southeast has resulted in very dry soil in many places, which is retarding spring plowing and, in some places, preventing good growth of winter crops. Droughty conditions continued in this area throughout the month just closed, with some sections receiving the lightest precipitation for January in more than 40 years. Otherwise the warmth was generally favorable for farming and trucking interests in the South, especially in the central and west Gulf sections where the mild, fair weather permitted much field work.

In the northwestern Cotton Belt, thawing during the week made fields very muddy and but little of the cotton remaining unpicked could be gathered, with much still out in some districts, especially in Oklahoma. In the west Gulf sections vegetation is abnormally advanced, with truck shipments continuing heavy, and strawberries beginning to ripen in southern Texas. In Florida truck crops responded favorably to the increased warmth, and that replanted since the recent freeze made fair progress.

In the interior valley States the general thaw the latter part of the week removed the snow from most of the area that had been covered and the ground is now generally bare, except in the upper Mississippi Valley. In the central and northern Great Plains the generally warm weather was favorable for stock interests, but, at the same time, moisture is still needed in west-central districts. West of the Rocky Mountains conditions were generally favorable, with a considerable increase in the snow pack in the higher elevations of the North.

**SMALL GRAINS.**—In the northern Ohio Valley area wheat was generally protected by snow during the cold weather early in the week, but since then mild temperatures have removed most of the cover, and at the close of the week only the north-central portion of the Wheat Belt had an appreciable layer of snow. In the southern portion the crop, under the influence of the warmth, showed a tendency to grow, but in the western half of the belt plants remained dormant with condition generally unchanged. In western Kansas and parts of western Nebraska, as well as in some adjoining districts, harm has resulted from the drifting of dry soil by high winds. Thawing and freezing were rather unfavorable for winter grains in parts of the middle Atlantic area, but in the South they did fairly well, except that growth was slow in the Southeast because of deficient moisture.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

**Virginia.**—Richmond: Light rainfall and moderate temperatures most of week, except low temperatures at first, unfavorable for wheat in middle section of State. Favorable for marketing tobacco and for truck in south-east. Preparation of tobacco beds under way in south-central.

**North Carolina.**—Raleigh: Mostly cloudy, but little rain; January precipitation very light; least in 25 years in some portions of State. Cold wave on 27th of short duration and more beneficial than otherwise in preventing premature swelling of fruit buds and blooming of strawberries. Straw being applied to strawberries. Preparing and sowing tobacco beds. Peas planted.

**South Carolina.**—Columbia: Rather rapid and abrupt thermal changes kept growth of winter cereals and truck practically at standstill, except some truck improvement along coast. Rainfall generally deficient and more needed to promote winter plowing for spring crops. Hog killing made some progress.

**Georgia.**—Atlanta: Moderate rainfall, mostly in northern half, very beneficial, but drought still prevailing in south. Driest January for over 45 years. Temperatures moderate and beneficial. Wheat, oats, and rye looking well, through somewhat backward in growth due to dryness. Tobacco seed beds need rain in south. Pastures poor. Truck fair.

**Florida.**—Jacksonville: Mild and dry, except beneficial rains in east-central and on southeast coast; showers in interior. Melons and truck planted since freeze fair progress; all crops, including tobacco beds, citrus, and oats, need rain. Considerable defoliation and dropping of damaged fruit, but many undamaged satsuma trees in west reacting favorably. Potato planting finished in some districts of peninsula; begun in west. Much land prepared for corn and cotton. Truck doing well in south.

**Alabama.**—Montgomery: Much plowing accomplished, except in north-west where ground continues wet. Oats doing fairly well. Pastures somewhat improved, but mostly poor, truck doing well in more southern counties. Recent severe freeze caused defoliation of small per cent of satsuma orange trees. Peach trees blooming in coast region; pear and plum beginning to bloom in south portion.

**Mississippi.**—Vicksburg: Mostly cloudy, but little precipitation, except moderate rains first five days over northern third. Fair progress in seasonal farm work, truck, and pastures. No damaging cold periods.

**Louisiana.**—New Orleans: Mild weather, with only light rains, very favorable for winter truck, oats, berries, and grass. Considerable plowing done on lighter soils, but farm work generally slow. Some potatoes and spring gardens planted. Cane fields in excellent condition.

**Texas.**—Houston: Mild weather and light to moderate precipitation favorable for wheat, oats, pastures, and truck and condition generally good, although more sunshine needed. Vegetation abnormally advanced in south. Soil still too wet to plow over much of State and this work backward. Strawberries beginning to ripen in south; truck shipments unusually large. Condition and progress of onions very good.

**Oklahoma.**—Oklahoma City: Ground covered with sleet and snow early part of week, warmer and generally fair latter part. Practically no farm work done as fields too wet. Very little cotton picked and much still in fields. Winter grains in good condition, but made no growth. Soil too wet to plow.

**Arkansas.**—Little Rock: No farm work due to rains and wet soil from rains of previous week. Several thousand acres of farm land overflowed, destroying some corn, cotton, and livestock. Most through highways blocked by high water; dirt roads impassable in many places. Favorable for growth of winter crops. Fruit dormant.

**Tennessee.**—Nashville: Weather not conducive to outdoor work, but favorable for satisfactory growth of grains. Clover dormant in some sections; coming fair elsewhere. Condition of livestock good.

**Kentucky.**—Louisville: Temperatures above normal five days and grass and grains show tendency to grow; condition good. Precipitation light and soil draining better, although many lowlands still flooded. Improved roads show extensive injury.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Feb. 4 1927.

Textile markets maintained a steady undertone and continued fairly active during the past week. One of the

most interesting developments was the opening of the American Woolen Co.'s lines of men's wear overcoatings and additional lines of staple suitings for fall. Prices were about in line with those established the previous week, or approximately 8% lower than last year's levels. Some doubted whether they were down that much as price comparisons were difficult owing to the many changes made. It was estimated that about 7,000 different fabrics were shown. While the color assortment was large, stress was said to have been placed on the darker tones, particularly blues and browns. The opening was well attended by representative buyers who appeared well satisfied that prices were in keeping with the average current market values. Executives and heads of the American Woolen Co. are now busily engaged in styling and pricing their semi-staple and fancy men's wear woolen and worsted suitings for fall which are expected to be opened about Feb. 14. In regard to silks, prices for the raw material have been very irregular. Prices were easy the earlier part of the week, but rallied the latter part. It was generally believed that quotations were scraping bottom, as cutters appeared to be better satisfied concerning their probable style requirements and retailers have been buying more freely. One of the principal reasons for the slow development of the season has been the restricted size of orders. Competition has continued intense and mills are proceeding slowly in the matter of output and purchases of raw silk.

**DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.**—Some further quietening in activity was noticeable in the markets for domestic cotton goods during the week. The undertone however, was firm and business continued to total satisfactorily. It would appear that although the crest of the buying wave of the past month has passed, houses and agencies were still receiving substantial orders for both prompt and future shipment. Interest was reported to have centered especially in such seasonal goods as percales, prints, wash goods, flannels and colored cottons. In regard to flannels, the inauguration of a new season at a stable price basis has encouraged the placing of quite a large volume of orders. It was claimed that mills received more business than at any time for some years past. With prices conceded to be right and stocks relatively low, factors view the future with much optimism. In the wash goods section, a feature was the steadily increasing interest and the placing of orders for sheer cottons for spring and summer wear. These goods included such items as tissues, fancy dyed voiles, swisses and various fine sheer rayon specialties. A number of new styles have been shown and in view of the fact that mills have not risked the usual volume production on them, it was held possible that if their popularity increases, there will not be enough goods to meet the demand. As to colored domestics, the situation in these cloths has been steadily improving with mills claimed to be in a better position than at any time for the past 18 months. It was also noticeable that there have been fewer expressions of apprehension concerning the stability of the slightly advanced prices current for such cloths as chambrays, denims, &c. Road orders were more numerous and while the tendency was still toward moderate commitments, some good-sized business was received. 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 9¼c.

**WOOLEN GOODS.**—A firm undertone continued to characterize the markets for woollens and worsteds. Activity, however, was somewhat less brisk than the previous week, despite the fact that quite a large number of buyers were constantly arriving in the markets to operate on fall lines. This quietening was attributed to the fact that the American Woolen Co. postponed their second showing of men's wear staple fall fabrics from Monday, as originally announced, to Wednesday, owing to more intensive preparations and to increased interest in the lines opened the previous week. Satisfaction appeared to be general with the opening price basis. One of the greatest sources of satisfaction to factors were the reports of more business coming forward in small lots for spring duplicates. During the earlier part of the week only a few independents showed their new lines, as they were generally disposed to wait the big factor's action with its second opening. Those who did show their lines maintained prices approximating those instituted the previous week.

**FOREIGN DRY GOODS.**—Business in linen markets was reported to have maintained satisfactory proportions during the past week. Profit margins were also claimed to have been more satisfactory. Sentiment in regard to the future continued optimistic and buyers placed a good quantity of business for nearby deliveries. Demand for handkerchiefs, especially those in printed and novelty effects, has been quite encouraging. Other goods which enjoyed a healthy distribution were damasks, table linens, bridge sets and other household linens. Reports from primary circles indicated that there has been a good demand for a wide variety of merchandise and that stocks of a number of items were becoming low. While there was not a great deal of business transacted in burlaps, some improvement was noted in certain quarters. Light weights are quoted at 6.35c. and heavies at 8.95c.

## State and City Department

### MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN JANUARY.

Long-term State and municipal borrowing starts the new year very auspiciously with awards for the month of January aggregating \$169,257,044. This is higher than any monthly output of bonds in 1926 and compares with \$143,562,277 put out in December. The amount borrowed a year ago in January was only \$69,742,193.

The largest offering of the month was by the State of New York, which sold four issues of 4¼% bonds, aggregating \$60,000,000, to a syndicate headed by the National City Co. and the First National Bank, both of New York, at 102.6489, a basis of about 4.12%. Eight issues of Detroit, Mich., bonds, aggregating \$14,505,000 (\$3,000,000 bearing interest at the rate of 4¼% and the remainder at 4½%) was the next largest offering. These went to a syndicate headed by the First National Bank of New York at 102.299, a basis of about 4.23%. Other leading issues finding a market during January were:

Eight issues of 5% Miami, Fla., bonds, aggregating \$10,345,000. \$1-200,000 bonds purchased privately by Eldredge & Co. of New York. \$4,000,000 bonds purchased by B. J. Van Ingen & Co. and associates at 97. And five issues of bonds, totaling \$5,145,000, awarded to B. J. Van Ingen & Co., R. M. Grant & Co., and W. A. Harriman & Co., all of New York, at 98, a basis of about 5.18%.

\$5,456,000 4% Chicago, Ill., bonds, awarded to a syndicate headed by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, at 99.33, a basis of about 4.08%.

Four issues of 4¼% Buffalo, N. Y., bonds, aggregating \$5,260,000, purchased by J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York at 102.19, a basis of about 4%.

Seven issues of Rochester, N. Y., bonds, aggregating \$4,616,000, sold to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York and associates, at 102.05, a basis of about 4.04%.

Five issues of Minneapolis, Minn., bonds, aggregating \$4,431,056. Two issues aggregating \$3,300,000 were awarded to Eldredge & Co. of New York and the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, jointly, at par, taking \$852,000 as 6s and \$2,448,000 as 4s. The other three issues aggregating \$1,131,056 42, were purchased by the same two bond houses as 4¼s at 100.92, a basis of about 4.11%.

\$3,000,000 4¼% Pittsburgh School District, Pa., bonds sold to the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh at 101.59, a basis of about 4.11%.

Three issues of 4¼% Erie County, N. Y., bonds, aggregating \$2,315,000, awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York and associates at 102.073, a basis of about 4.04%.

\$2,030,000 State of Michigan, Oakland and Wayne counties road assessment district bonds purchased by Watling, Lerchen & Co. of Detroit as 4¼s at 100.78.

\$2,000,000 4¼% Scranton School District, Pa., bonds awarded to the Bankers Trust Co. of New York and associates at 100.479, a basis of about 4.21%.

\$1,500,000 Louisville, Ky., bonds, purchased by the First National Bank of New York and associates as 4s at 100.10, a basis of about 3.99%.

Three issues of 4½% Omaha, Neb., bonds, aggregating \$1,350,000, sold to the Omaha Trust Co. of Omaha and Remick, Hodges & Co. of New York and associates at 100.019, a basis of about 4.20%, taking \$1,160,000 as 4¼s and \$190,000 as 4s.

\$1,350,000 6% Hillsborough County Special Road & Bridge District No. 5, Fla., bonds sold to the Exchange National Bank of Tampa at 96.16, a basis of about 6.38%.

\$1,250,000 5½% Putnam County Special Road & Bridge District No. 7, Fla., bonds awarded to C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago and associates as 4¼s at 102.13.

Seven issues of 6% Fort Lauderdale, Fla., bonds, aggregating \$1-240,000, taken by Farson, Son & Co. of New York at 95.01, a basis of about 6.46%.

\$1,200,000 4½% Milwaukee County, Wis., bonds awarded to a syndicate headed by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago at 103.58, a basis of about 4.18%.

Six issues of 5% Abilene, Texas, bonds, aggregating \$1,085,000, purchased by a syndicate headed by Taylor, Ewart & Co. of Chicago at 100.41.

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\$1,000,000 4¼% Coastal Highway Commission, So. Caro., bonds, taken by the Bankers Trust Co. of New York and associates at 101.169, a basis of about 4.57%.

\$1,000,000 4% Cook County Forest Preserve District, Ill., bonds, sold to A. B. Leach & Co. of Chicago and associates at 99.157, a basis of about 4.10%.

\$1,000,000 4½% Davidson County, Tenn., bonds, purchased by Caldwell & Co. of Nashville and associates at 101.376, a basis of about 4.39%.

\$1,000,000 6% Salt River Valley Water Users Association, Ariz., refunding bonds awarded to a syndicate headed by the Valley Bank of Phoenix and the First Securities Co. of Los Angeles at 95.

During January Honolulu (City and County), Hawaii, also placed \$1,000,000 5% public improvement bonds. They were awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York City at 108.048, a basis of about 4.30%. The Territory of Hawaii likewise sold \$385,000 4½% series A public improvement bonds to the National City Co., New York, at 104.819, a basis of about 4.16% to optional date and a basis of about 4.14% if allowed to run full term of years.

Temporary loans during January were negotiated in the amount of \$32,478,000, which includes \$17,000,000 issued by New York City.

Canadian bond disposals during January totaled \$49,167,358. This includes a \$24,000,000 4½% issue sold by the Province of Ontario.

Below we furnish a comparison of all the various forms of obligations sold in January during the last five years:

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Perm't loans (U.S.)	169,257,044	69,742,193	135,536,122	99,625,470	96,995,609
*Temp. loans (U.S.)	32,478,000	81,530,000	53,575,306	50,916,340	67,926,623
Can. loans (temp.)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Can. loans (perm't):	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Placed in Canada.	31,217,358	6,378,797	3,160,510	4,247,876	7,367,950
Placed in U. S.	17,950,000	11,000,000	4,000,000	26,316,562	18,153,000
Bonds of U.S. pos'ns	1,385,000	5,748,000	3,000,000	60,000	130,000

Total.....252,287,402 174,398,990 199,271,938 181,156,248 190,573,182

\* Includes temporary securities issued by New York City: \$17,000,000 in Jan. 1927, \$62,350,000 in Jan. 1926, \$42,350,000 in Jan. 1925, \$39,838,940 in Jan. 1924, and \$43,325,000 in Jan. 1923.

The number of municipalities in the United States emitting permanent bonds and the number of separate issues made during January 1927 were 310 and 436, respectively. This contrasts with 333 and 399 in January 1926.

For comparative purposes we add the following table showing the aggregate of long-term bonds put out in the United States for January for a series of years. It will be observed that the 1926 January disposals were the smallest of any year since 1919.

1927	1915	1903	1902
\$169,257,044	\$34,303,088	\$15,941,796	\$10,915,845
69,742,193	84,603,094	10,915,845	10,915,845
135,536,122	30,414,439	9,240,864	9,240,864
99,625,470	25,265,749	20,374,320	20,374,320
66,995,609	17,510,275	6,075,957	6,075,957
108,587,199	16,319,478	8,147,893	8,147,893
87,050,550	29,318,403	10,405,776	10,405,776
83,529,891	10,942,968	6,507,721	6,507,721
25,090,625	10,160,146	10,332,101	10,332,101
24,060,118	8,307,582	7,072,267	7,072,267
40,073,081	4,436,253	5,438,577	5,438,577
\$50,176,099	23,843,801	6,352,000	6,352,000

\* Including \$25,000,000 bonds of New York State. a Including \$51,000,000 bonds of New York State. x Including \$60,000,000 corporate stock of New York City.

Owing to the crowded condition of our columns, we are obliged to omit this week the customary table showing the month's bond sales in detail. It will be given later.

## NEWS ITEMS

**Bolivia (Republic of).—\$14,000,000 External Bonds Floated.**—Dillon, Read & Co. of New York, offered and quickly sold on Wednesday Feb. 2 (the issue being oversubscribed) \$14,000,000 7% external secured gold bonds of the Republic of Bolivia at 98.50 and accrued interest, to yield 7.12% to maturity. Date Jan. 1 1927. Coupon bonds in denomination of \$1,000 and \$500 registerable as to principal only. Due July 1 1958. Redeemable as a whole or in part by lot, at 102.50 and interest, on any interest payment date on 30 days' notice. Prin. and int., J. & J., payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, in New York City at the office of Dillon, Read & Co., without deduction for any Bolivian taxes, present or future. With regard to the Sinking Fund provisions of the loan the offering circular says:

An accumulative sinking fund is provided for, beginning Oct. 1927, calculated to redeem all the bonds by maturity, which will be used to purchase bonds up to 102½ and interest or, if not so obtainable, to call bonds by lot, semi-annually, at 102½ and interest.

Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

**Chile (Republic of).—\$27,500,000 External Bonds Successfully Placed.**—A large banking group headed by Hallgarten & Co. and Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., both of New York, offered and sold on Feb. 2 (the issue being oversubscribed) \$27,500,000 6% external sinking fund gold bonds of the Republic of Chile at 93.25 and accrued interest, to yield about 6.50%. Date Feb. 1 1927. Coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal only. Redeemable only through the sinking fund on Aug. 1 1927, or on any interest date thereafter at face amount on not less than 10 days' notice. Due Feb. 1 1961. Prin. and int. F. & A. payable in New York City at the office of either of the fiscal agents, Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. and Hallgarten & Co., in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness; or at the option of the holder in London at the office of the sub-fiscal agent, J. Henry Schroder & Co. in sterling at exchange rate of \$4.8665 to the pound sterling, without deduction for any Chilean taxes, present or future. With regard to the sinking fund provision of the loan the offering circular says:

A cumulative sinking fund of 1% per annum is provided for, to operate semi-annually through purchase of bonds at or below face amount, or if not so obtainable, then by call by lot at face amount. The Republic reserves the right to increase the amount of any sinking fund payment, and to tender bonds in lieu of cash. Sinking fund calculated to redeem the entire issue at or before maturity.

Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

**Hidalgo County (P. O. Edinburg), Tex.—Road Bond Case Set for Trial.**—The following is quoted from the Houston "Post" of Jan. 26:

Hidalgo County's \$3,500,000 road bond issue, voted Dec. 22 1925, will again come up for trial in Edinburg, this time on Jan. 28, it was announced here by District Clerk L. Fortson.

The Court here had previously ruled that it lacked jurisdiction in the case, the bond issue elections having been contested by Hidalgo County residents living in Pharr, who claimed irregularities in the election.

This decision was appealed and was reversed in the Court of Civil Appeals in San Antonio. The case will go to trial on its merits here, starting this week.

The bond issue carried by a small margin over the two-thirds majority necessary to carry it.

New South Wales (State of).—\$25,000,000 External Sinking Fund Bonds Offered in United States.—The Equitable Trust Co. of New York and associates successfully marketed on Feb. 2 (the issue being oversubscribed) \$25,000,000 30-year 5% external sinking fund gold bonds of the State of New South Wales (Commonwealth of Australia). The bonds were offered at 96.25 and accrued interest to yield about 5.25%. Date Feb. 1 1927. Coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, not interchangeable. Due Feb. 1 1957. Callable as a whole on Feb. 1 1942, or on any interest date thereafter on thirty days' notice, at 100 and accrued interest. Not redeemable except for sinking fund prior to Feb. 1 1942. Prin. and int., F. & A., payable in New York in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for any present or future taxes levied or collected by or within the States of New South Wales, or the Commonwealth of Australia or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof, at the Equitable Trust Co. of New York, fiscal agent. With regard to the sinking fund provision of the loan the offering circular says:

The State of New South Wales has agreed to provide a cumulative sinking fund, payable semi-annually, calculated to be sufficient to retire at least one-half of the bonds of this issue by maturity, by purchase at not exceeding 100 and accrued interest, or, if not so obtainable, by annual lot drawings for redemption on Feb. 1 of each year, on thirty days' 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.

North Carolina (State of).—\$30,000,000 Highway Bond Issue Bill Introduced in Both Houses.—A \$30,000,000 highway bond issue bill was introduced in both Houses of the General Assembly on Jan. 28. The bill, which is sponsored by the State Highway Commission, provides that not more than \$20,000,000 of the sum may be issued this year and that the bonds shall mature serially at the rate of \$1,500,000 a year until not later than July 1 1947.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

ALAMEDA COUNTY (P. O. Oakland, Calif.)—DESCRIPTION.—The \$500,000 5% coupon tube bonds purchased by the Bank of Italy, San Francisco at 106.234—V. 124, p. 260—are described as follows: Date June 15 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially, 1938 to 1940, incl. Interest payable J. & D. 15.

ALBION, Noble County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Edwin Smith, Town Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Feb. 11 for \$5,378 10 6% drainage bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$537 81. Due Nov. 1 1927 to 1936 incl. Int. payable M. & N. at the County Treasurer's office.

ASHLAND, Ashland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Lotta Westover, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 26, for \$18,315 5/8% street improvement, special assessment bonds. Date Dec. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$315. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928; \$2,000, 1929 to 1932, incl.; \$1,000, 1933; \$2,000, 1934 to 1936, incl. and \$2,315, 1937. A certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City, is required.

ASTORIA, Clatsop County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—W. H. Silverman & Co. of Cincinnati and the Ralph A. Blanchard Co. of Portland, jointly, purchased on Jan. 29 the following two issues of 5 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$126,000, at 101 3/4: 21,000 general improvement refunding bonds. 105,000 general improvement refunding bonds.

AVON PARK, Highland County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Louise Browne, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Feb. 25, for \$355,000 6% general improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

AVON BY THE SEA, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$136,000 offered on Jan. 11—V. 124, p. 135—were awarded to the Asbury Park and Ocean Grove Bank of Asbury Park and Ocean Grove, at par: \$55,000 Jetty Construction bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1948, incl., and \$3,000, 1949 to 1963, incl.

34,000 water system improvement bonds. Due \$1,000, Jan. 1 1928 to 1961, incl.

17,000 sewer improvement bonds. Due \$1,000, Jan. 1 1928 to 1944. Date Jan. 1 1927.

BARBERTON, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Floyd S. Dutt, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 28 for the following four issues of 5% impt. bonds, aggregating \$15,650: \$8,300 Paige Ave. special assessment bonds. Denom. \$900 except one for \$1,100. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,100, 1928, and \$900, 1929 to 1936 incl.

3,975 Baird Ave. special assessment bonds. Denom. \$800 except one for \$775. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$775, 1928, and \$800, 1929 to 1932 incl.

2,275 Hopocan Ave. special assessment bonds. Denom. \$450 except one for \$475. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$475, 1928 and \$450, 1929 to 1932 incl.

1,100 Paige Ave., city's portion, bonds. Denom. \$500 except one for \$600. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1928, and \$600, 1929. Date April 1 1927. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

BAY SAINT LOUIS, Hancock County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk until 6 p. m., Feb. 5 (30-day) for \$50,000 4 1/4%, 5% and 5 1/4% improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

BEAVER SCHOOL DISTRICT, Beaver County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$34,000 4 1/4% school coupon bonds offered on Jan. 31—V. 124, p. 539—were awarded to the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh at 102.02, a basis of about 4.21%. Date March 1 1927. Due \$2,000 March 1 1928 to 1944, incl.

BELL COUNTY (P. O. Belton), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Jan. 26, an issue of \$1,200 5% school bonds. Due in 8 years.

BRADLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Salinas), Monterey County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—T. P. Joy, Clerk Board of County Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 7 for \$7,500 5% school bonds. Date Aug. 18 1926. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 Aug. 18 1928 to 1942 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check, payable to the above-mentioned official, for 10% of the bid, required. These are the bonds mentioned in V. 124, p. 539.

BRADFORD, McKean County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—E. C. Charlton, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until March 7 for \$30,000 4 1/4% city coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 April 1 1928 to 1937. Bonds are registerable as to principal only. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check for 5% is required.

BRECKENRIDGE, Hardinsburg County, Ky.—MATURITY.—The \$250,000 4 1/4% coupon road bonds purchased by Caldwell & Co. of Nashville, at par—V. 124, p. 401—mature Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1932 to

1937, incl., \$7,000, 1938 and 1939, \$8,000, 1940 to 1943, incl., \$10,000, 1944 to 1949, incl., \$13,000, 1950 to 1953, incl., \$15,000, 1954 to 1956, incl., and \$17,000, 1957. Date Jan. 1 1927.

CAMERON COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Brownsville), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—W. H. Huffman, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 19, for \$600,000 6% water bonds. Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1930; \$6,000, 1931; \$9,000, 1932; \$10,000, 1933; \$11,000, 1934; \$12,000, 1935; \$13,000, 1936; \$14,000, 1937; \$15,000, 1938; \$16,000, 1939; \$17,000, 1940; \$18,000, 1941; \$19,000, 1942; \$20,000, 1943; \$21,000, 1944; \$22,000, 1945; \$23,000, 1946; \$24,000, 1947; \$25,000, 1948; \$26,000, 1949; \$27,000, 1950; \$28,000, 1951; \$29,000, 1952; \$30,000, 1953; \$31,000, 1954; \$32,000, 1955; \$33,000, 1956 and 1957; \$22,000, 1958 and \$11,000, 1959. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Seaboard National Bank, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the bid, required.

CANNON FALLS, Goodhue County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—R. J. Goodwin, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. Feb. 17, for \$5,000 improvement bonds. A certified check for \$100 required.

CANTON, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Samuel E. Barr, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12.30 p. m. Feb. 25 for the following two issues of 5% impt. assessment bonds, aggregating \$65,066 83:

\$50,318 84 Sixteenth St., N. W., bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except one for \$318 84. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,318 84, 1928; \$5,000, 1929; \$6,000, 1930; \$5,000, 1931; \$6,000, 1932; \$5,000, 1933, and \$6,000, 1934 to 1936 incl.

14,747 99 Sixteenth St., N. E., bonds. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and one for \$247 99. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,747 99, 1928; \$1,500, 1929 to 1934 incl., and \$2,000, 1935 and 1936.

Date Oct. 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid for is required.

CANYON, Randall County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Jan. 25, an issue of \$24,500 5% funding bonds. Due serially.

CAPE MAY COUNTY (P. O. Cape May C. H.), N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of 4 1/4% general finance coupon or registered bonds offered on Feb. 2—V. 124, p. 540—was awarded to the Ocean City Title & Trust Co. of Ocean City, taking \$626,000 (\$635,000 offered), paying \$635,450, equal to 101.34, a basis of about 4.33%. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$31,000, 1928 to 1944 incl.; \$36,000, 1945 to 1946 incl., and \$27,000, 1947.

CEDAR KEYS, Levy County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—H. B. Rogers, Mayor, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Feb. 18 for \$150,000 5 1/4% city bonds. Denom. \$500. Due serially, July 1 1927 to 1955, incl. Interest payable J. & J.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$460,000 4 1/4% special assessment street improvement bonds offered on Jan. 31—V. 124, p. 261—were awarded to Stephens & Co. of New York and Seasonood & Mayer of Cincinnati at 101.70, a basis of about 4.16%. Date Feb. 10 1927. Due March 1 as follows: \$51,000, 1929 to 1936, incl. and \$59,000, 1937.

Table with 2 columns: Names of Bidders and Premium. Lists various bidders such as First National Co. of Detroit, Rutter & Co., etc., with their respective premiums.

CROWELL, Ford County, Tex.—PRE-ELECTION SALE.—H. C. Burt & Co. of Houston, have purchased an issue of \$56,000 5 1/4% refunding bonds subject to the result of an election to be held on Feb. 9.

DADE CITY, Miami County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 6% street extension bonds offered on Jan. 18—V. 124, p. 402—were awarded to the Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville, at a discount of \$1,164, equal to 97.09, a basis of about 6.33%. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1938, incl.; \$3,000, 1939 to 1944, incl., and \$2,000, 1945. Purchaser agreed to furnish legal opinion, and the printed bonds.

DADE COUNTY (P. O. Miami), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—George F. Holly, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 25 for the following three issues of 5% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$1,600,000: \$800,000 general highway bonds. Due as follows: \$7,000, 1930 to 1934, inclusive; \$9,000, 1935 to 1939, inclusive; \$12,000, 1940 to \$11,000, 1941; \$12,000, 1942; \$11,000, 1943 and 1944; \$13,000, 1945; \$14,000, 1946; \$13,000, 1947; \$14,000, 1948; \$13,000, 1949; \$16,000, 1950 to 1952, inclusive; \$15,000, 1953; \$16,000, 1954; \$18,000, 1955 to 1959, inclusive; \$23,000, 1960 to 1962, inclusive; \$22,000, 1963; \$23,000, 1964; \$27,000, 1965; \$28,000, 1966; \$27,000, 1967; \$28,000, 1968; \$27,000, 1969, and \$35,000, 1970 to 1974, inclusive.

675,000 Everglades Ave. causeway bridge bonds. Due as follows: \$6,000, 1930 to 1939, inclusive; \$8,000, 1940 to 1944, inclusive; \$10,000, 1945 to 1949, inclusive; \$15,000, 1950 to 1954, inclusive; \$20,000, 1955 to 1964, inclusive, and \$25,000, 1965 to 1974, inclusive.

125,000 bridge bonds. Due as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1939, inclusive; \$2,000, 1940 to 1954, inclusive; \$4,000, 1955 to 1969, inclusive, and \$5,000, 1970 to 1974, inclusive.

Date Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City. A certified check, payable to the Board of County Commissioners, for 2% of the bid required.

DALTON, La Salle County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—T. A. Warley & Co. purchased during November an issue of \$45,000 5% water works system bonds at a premium of \$75, equal to 100.16, a basis of about 4.97%. Due serially Nov. 1 1927 to 1936, incl.

DICKENS COUNTY (P. O. Dickens), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Jan. 28, an issue of \$300,000 5 1/4% special road funding bonds. Due serially.

DOUGLAS COUNTY (P. O. Armour) So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 court house and jail bonds offered on Feb. 1—V. 124, p. 136—were awarded to the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport as 4 3/4 at a premium basis of about 101.22, a basis of about 4.62%, to optional date, and a basis of about 4.64% if allowed to run full term of years. Date March 1 1927. Due March 1 1947, optional March 1, as follows: \$12,000, 1932, 1937 and 1942; and \$14,000, 1947.

DUPONT VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Putnam County, Ohio.—NOTE SALE.—The \$2,569 41 6% net deficiency notes offered on Dec. 27—V. 124, p. 136—were awarded to the Bank of Ottawa Co., Ottawa, at a premium of \$15 50, equal to 100.62, a basis of about 5.73%. Date June 1 1926. Due semi-annually as follows: \$246 94, June 1 and Dec. 1 1927 to 1930, incl.; \$246 84, June 1 1931 and \$246 95, Dec. 1 1931.

DUVAL COUNTY (P. O. San Diego), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Jan. 25 an issue of \$300,000 5 1/4% special road bonds. Due serially.

EAST CHICAGO, Lake County, Ind.—WARRANT OFFERING.—J. Kalman Reppa, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Feb. 8 for \$150,000 6% time warrants. Date Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$500. Due on or before May 2 1927.

ELKHART COUNTY (P. O. Goshen), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Elizabeth Miltenberger, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Feb. 16 for \$92,000 4 1/2% highway construction bonds. Date Feb. 15 1927. Denom. \$500 and \$100. Due \$4,600 May 15 1928 to 1947 incl. Int. payable M. & N. 15.

FAIRVIEW, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. Smith, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 21 for \$5,766 18 6% sidewalk assessment bonds. Date Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$500 and one for \$266 18. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,266 18, 1928; \$1,000, 1929 to 1931, incl., and \$1,500, 1932. Int. payable, A. & O., at the First National Bank of Rocky River. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required.

FORT DODGE, Webster County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,000 fund improvement bonds offered on Jan. 11 (V. 124, p. 261) were disposed of at a premium of \$335, equal to 101.97.

FORT MEYERS, Lee County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—C. P. Staley, City Manager, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 18, for the following five issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$875,000: \$415,000 sewerage system bonds.

200,000 water system extension bonds. 125,000 playgrounds and recreational bonds. 70,000 gas plant extension bonds. 65,000 fire protection bonds. Date April 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 1956. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. A certified check payable to the City, for 2% of the bid required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York City. These bonds are part of the \$1,750,000 offered on Aug. 27 (V. 123, p. 609), the remaining \$876,000 having been sold to C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago at 90.15—V. 123, p. 1276.

FOSTORIA, Seneca County, O.—BOND OFFERING.—Myrtle J. Lindsey, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m., Feb. 15, for \$200,000 5% bonds. Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 March and Sept. 1 1928 to 1947, incl. A certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

GALVESTON, Galveston County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5% coupon bonds aggregating \$550,000 offered on Jan. 28—V. 124, p. 674—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the United States National Bank of Galveston, J. E. Jarratt & Co. of San Antonio, the Title Guarantee & Trust Co., and the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., both of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$385, equal to 100.07, a basis of about 4.99%:

\$300,000 water works and sewer bonds. Due Oct 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1927 to 1930 incl.; \$7,000, 1931 to 1933, incl.; \$8,000, 1934 and 1935; \$9,000, 1936 and 1938; \$10,000, 1939 and 1940; \$11,000, 1941 and 1942; \$12,000, 1943; \$13,000, 1943 and 1945; \$14,000, 1946; \$15,000, 1947 and 1948; \$16,000, 1949; \$17,000, 1950; \$18,000, 1951; \$19,000, 1952, and \$18,000, 1953. 250,000 drainage bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1927 to 1930 incl.; \$6,000, 1931 to 1935, incl.; \$7,000, 1930 to 1938, incl.; \$8,000, 1939 to 1942, incl.; \$10,000, 1943 and 1944; \$11,000, 1945 and 1946; \$12,000, 1947 to 1940, incl.; \$14,000, 1950 and 1951; \$15,000, 1952; \$16,000, 1953, and \$10,000, 1954. Date Oct. 1 1926.

GALVESTON, Galveston County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Jan. 24 the following two issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$550,000: \$300,000 water-works bonds; \$250,000 drainage bonds. Due serially.

GIBSON, Scotland County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,000 6% street bonds offered on Jan. 5 (V. 124, p. 261) were awarded to the contractor at par.

GILA COUNTY (P. O. Globe), Ariz.—BOND SALE.—The Grand Camp of Woodmen of the World has purchased the following three issues of bonds aggregating \$327,000: \$204,000 school district No. 26 bonds. 62,000 road and bridge bonds. 61,000 school district No. 19 bonds.

GORDON, Palo Pinto County, Tex.—PURCHASER—PRICE PAID.—The purchasers of the \$50,000 5 1/2% registered water works construction bonds sold in—V. 124, p. 541—was Garrett & Co. of Dallas. The price paid was par. Denom. \$1,000.

GRAND HAVEN, Ottawa County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—K. T. Vanden Bosch, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. Feb. 21, for \$115,000 not exceeding 5 1/2% water works bonds. Date Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1929 to 1933, incl., and \$6,000, 1934 to 1948, incl. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the City is required.

GREEN SPRINGS, Seneca County, O.—BOND OFFERING.—E. L. Wood, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m., March 7, for \$50,000 6% general water works improvement bonds. Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 March and Sept. 1 1928 to 1952, incl. Int. payable M. & S. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required.

GREENVILLE COUNTY (P. O. Greenville), So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—H. P. Dill, County Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 26 for \$600,000 highway bonds. Date Feb. 1 1927. Coupon bonds in denom. of \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$25,000, 1929 and 1930; \$30,000, 1931 and 1932; \$35,000, 1933 and 1934; \$40,000, 1935 and 1936; \$45,000, 1937 and 1938, and \$50,000, 1939 to 1943 incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in gold in N. Y. City. Bidders to state rate of int. A certified check for 2% of the bid required. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn, N. Y. City.

Financial Statement. Present bonded indebtedness \$2,013,500 Bonds to be sold Feb. 26 1927 600,000 Floating debt 3,000 Assessed valuation, 1926 30,798,830 Estimated actual value of property 300,000,000 Population, 1920 census, 88,498; 1927, estimated, 105,000.

H. MBLEN COUNTY (P. O. Morristown), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$105,000 highway bonds offered on Jan. 29—V. 124, p. 403—were awarded to the Morristown Trust Co. of Morristown at a premium of \$1,700, equal to 101.61. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1930; \$10,000, 1935; \$15,000, 1940; \$20,000, 1945; \$25,000, 1950, and \$30,000, 1955. (Rate not stated.)

HAMDEN (P. O. New Haven), New Haven County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—R. Faymond Rockford, Clerk of the Town Council, will receive sealed bids until April 1 for \$100,000 4 1/2% school building and equipment bonds. Date April 1 1927. Due \$5,000, 1930 to 1949 incl.

HIGH SPIRE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Dauphin County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Ira W. Hoover, Secretary Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 12 for \$25,000 4 1/2% school coupon bonds. Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$500. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1934 to 1949, incl., and \$1,000, 1935. Principal and int. J. & J., payable at the High Spire State Bank, High Spire. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the District Treasurer, is required.

HILLSBORO, Washington County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—C. G. Reiter, City Manager, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Feb. 10 for \$13,500 5% coupon refunding park bonds. Date Feb. 10 1927. Denom. \$500. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in Hillsboro. Legality approved by Teal, Winfree, McCulloch & Shuler of Portland.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Tampa), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The Exchange National Bank of Tampa purchased on Jan. 22 at private sale an issue of \$1,350,000 6% coupon road and bridge bonds at 96.16, a basis of about 6.38%. Date Jan. 1 1926. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1928 to 1931 incl.; \$30,000, 1932 to 1936 incl.; \$40,000, 1937 to 1940 incl.; \$50,000, 1941 to 1944 incl.; \$60,000, 1945 to 1948 incl.; \$70,000, 1949 to 1952 incl. and \$80,000, 1953 to 1955 incl. These are the bonds originally scheduled for sale on Jan. 21—V. 124, p. 262—on which date all bids were rejected.

HILLSBOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Redwood City), San Mateo County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Elizabeth M. Kneese, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Feb. 7 for \$40,000 5% school bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1938, incl., and \$4,000, 1939 to 1944, incl. A certified check payable to the Chairman Board of Supervisors, for 10% of the bid required. Legality approved by Goodfellow, Eells, Moore & Orrick of San Francisco.

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Harris County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,995,000 5% school bonds offered on Feb. 1—V. 123, p. 3353 were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Bankers Trust Co., Estabrook & Co., and Hannahs, Ballin & Lee all of New York City, the Old Colony Corp. of Boston, and the Second National Bank of Houston, at a premium of \$138,842 03, equal to 106.96, a basis of about 4.50%. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due \$133,000, 1942 to 1956, incl.

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported). Assessed valuation (est.) \$260,000,000 Total bonded debt (including this issue) 8,951,000 Sinking fund 573,696 Net bonded debt 8,377,304 Population (est.), 260,000.

IRONTON, Lawrence County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$36,925 5 1/2% water works extension bonds offered on Jan. 18—V. 124, p. 137—were awarded to the Weil, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$2,669 90, equal to 107.22, a basis of about 4.73%. Date Sept. 1 1926. Due \$1,477 Sept. 1 1928 to 1952 incl.

JACKSON, Jackson County, O.—BOND OFFERING.—W. P. Turner, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 19 for \$10,500 5 1/2% fire truck and equipment bonds. Date Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$500. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928; \$1,500, 1929; \$1,000, 1930 and 1931; \$1,500, 1932; \$1,000, 1933 and 1934; \$1,500, 1935, and \$1,000, 1936. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

JACKSON, Madison County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago has purchased an issue of \$125,000 4 1/2% coupon refunding bonds. Date Feb. 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 15 as follows: \$5,000, 1932, and \$8,000, 1933 to 1947 incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A. 15) payable at the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

Financial Statement (as Officially Reported). Assessed valuation for taxation \$13,198,417 Total debt (this issue included) 2,120,193 Less water debt 276,500 Net debt 1,843,693 Population, estimated, 22,500.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Campbelltown), Preble County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—D. G. Reid, Clerk-Treasurer Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m., Feb. 15 for the following two issues of 5% school bonds aggregating \$70,000: \$30,000 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, April 1 and Oct. 1, 1927 to 1941, incl. Int. payable A. & O., at the Eaton National Bank 40,000 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1936, incl., and \$2,000, 1937 to 1951, incl. Int. payable M. & S., at the Eaton National Bank.

Date Jan. 1 1927. Legality will be approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, Cleveland. A certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Clerk-Treasurer, is required.

JACKSONVILLE, Duval County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$150,000 offered on Feb. 1—V. 124, p. 541—were awarded to the Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville, at a premium of \$2,145, equal to 101.43, a basis of about 5.24%: \$75,000 Broad Street improvement bonds. Due \$25,000, Jan. 1 1928 to 1930, incl. 75,000 street and highway improvement bonds. Due \$25,000, Jan. 1 1928 to 1930, incl.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fort Atkinson), Wis.—PRICE PAID—INTEREST RATE.—The price paid for the \$60,000 school bonds purchased by Blyth, Witter & Co. of Chicago—V. 124, p. 541—was par. The bonds bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2% and mature \$10,000, 1931 to 1936, incl.

JEFFERSON PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Gretna), La.—BOND SALE.—The Jefferson Trust & Savings Bank of Gretna, has purchased an issue of \$13,000 6% road bonds.

JIM WELLS COUNTY (P. O. Alice), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$312,000 5 1/2% road bonds offered on Jan. 31—V. 124, p. 675—were awarded to Fred Emert & Co. of St. Louis, and Morris, Mather & Co. of Chicago, jointly. Date Aug. 15 1923. Due \$13,000, 1930 to 1953, incl., optional 1945.

KERNERSVILLE, Forsyth County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. Wooten, Town Secretary, will receive sealed bids until Feb. 18, for \$100,000 coupon water bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1947, incl., and \$3,000, 1948 to 1967, incl. Bidders to state rate of interest. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mtgo. & Trust Co., New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in gold in New York City. A certified check for 2% of the bid required. Legality approved by J. L. Morehead of Durham. These are the bonds originally scheduled for sale on Jan. 27—V. 124, p. 403.

KIOWA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Sheridan Lake), Colo.—BOND SALE.—Joseph E. Grigsby & Co. of Pueblo, have purchased an issue of \$25,000 4 1/2% school bonds subject to the result of an election to be held soon. Due in 20 years, optional after 10 years.

KITTITAS COUNTY (P. O. Ellensburg), Wash.—MATURITY.—The \$325,000 series A road bonds purchased by the Spokane Trust Co. of Spokane and the Minneapolis Trust Co. of Minneapolis, jointly, at 100.02, taking \$251,000 bonds as 4 1/2% and \$74,000 bonds at 4 1/4% (V. 124, p. 541), a basis of about 4.44% mature as follows: \$251,000 bonds. Due Feb. 1, as follows: \$12,000, 1929; \$13,000, 1930 and 1931; \$14,000, 1932 and 1933; \$15,000, 1934; \$16,000, 1935 and 1936; \$17,000, 1937; \$18,000, 1938; \$19,000, 1939; \$20,000, 1940; \$21,000, 1941 and 1942 and \$22,000, 1943. 74,000 bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$23,000, 1944; \$25,000, 1945 and \$26,000, 1946. Date Feb. 1 1927.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation, 1926 \$20,933,296 Actual valuation (est.) 50,894,214 Bonded debt (this issue only) 325,000 Population, 1926 (est.), 18,217.

LAFAYETTE, Tippecanoe County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 4 1/2% school building bonds, aggregating \$157,000, offered on Jan. 26—V. 124, p. 403—were awarded to the Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$2,713, equal to 101.72, a basis of about 4.15%: \$15,000 Tippecanoe school building bonds. Due \$7,500 July 15 1928 and \$7,500 Jan. 15 1929. 142,000 Lenois school building bonds. Due \$7,500 July 15 1929; \$7,500, Jan. 15 and July 15 1930; \$7,500, Jan. 15, and \$8,000, July 15 1931; \$8,000, Jan. 15 and July 15 1932; \$8,000, Jan. 15 and \$10,000, July 15 1933; \$10,000, Jan. 15 and July 15 1934; \$10,000, Jan. 15 and July 15 1935; \$10,000, Jan. 15 and July 15 1936, and \$10,000, Jan. 15 1937. Date Jan. 15 1927.

LAKE TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hartville), Stark County, O.—BOND OFFERING.—H. F. Schumacher, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until Feb. 11 for \$9,000 5 1/2% school improvement bonds. Date Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 March and Sept. 1 1928 to 1936, incl. Int. M. & S., payable at the office of the Clerk of Board of Education or at the State Treasurer's office.

LAMAR AND DELTA COUNTIES LEVEE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Paris), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$210,000 6% levee improvement bonds offered on Jan. 13—V. 124, p. 403—were awarded to the Trinity Farm Construction of Waxahachie at par. Due serially in 30 years.

LARIMER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49 (P. O. Waverly), Colo.—PRE-ELECTION SALE.—George W. Vallery & Co. of Denver have purchased an issue of \$9,000 refunding school bonds subject the result of an election to be held soon.

LUCAS COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), O.—BOND OFFERING.—Adelaide E. Schmitt, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (Eastern time), Feb. 8, for \$59,569 5/8% road impt. bonds. Date Feb. 25 1927. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$569. Due Oct. 25 as follows: \$6,569, 1928; \$6,000, 1929 to 1936, incl.; and \$5,000, 1937. Prin. and int. (A. 25 & O. 25) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for \$500 is required.

LUGO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$140,000 5% school bonds offered on Jan. 24—V. 124, p. 542—were awarded to the William R. Staats Co. of Los Angeles and E. H. Rollins & Sons of Boston, jointly. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 and 1929; \$2,000, 1930 to 1934, incl.; \$4,000, 1935 to 1956, incl.; and \$5,000, 1957 to 1964, incl.

Financial Statement (as Officially Reported). Assessed valuation (1926-1927)-----\$4,282,930 Bonded debt (including this issue)-----200,000

LUZERNE COUNTY (P. O. Wilkes Barre), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry T. Butts, County Comp., will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 21 for \$1,000,000 4 3/4% Market St. bridge coupon bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$100,000 Jan. 1 1930 to 1939 incl. A certified check for \$6,000, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

MACOMB COUNTY (P. O. Mount Clemens), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$127,000 6% Warren Township drain coupon bonds offered on Jan. 31—V. 124, p. 675—were awarded to Blanchet, Bowman & Wood at a premium of \$14, equal to 100.01, a basis of about 5.99%. Date Feb. 15 1927. Due April 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1929; \$8,000, 1930; \$9,000, 1931 to 1938, incl.; and \$10,000, 1939 to 1942, incl.

MAHONING COUNTY (P. O. Youngstown), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Herrick Co. of Cleveland was awarded on Jan. 13 the following bonds, aggregating \$209,097.05, offered on that date—V. 123, p. 3354 and V. 124, p. 138—at a premium of \$4,976, equal to 102.37:

\$63,300 00 5% road impt. bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. 19,390 00 5% road impt. bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,390, 1928; \$2,000, 1929 to 1925 incl.; and \$3,000, 1936. 46,077 05 5% road bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,077 05, 1927; \$5,000, 1928; \$4,000, 1929; \$5,000, 1930; \$4,000, 1931; \$5,000, 1932 and 1933; \$4,000, 1934, and \$5,000, 1935 and 1936. 55,000 00 East River road bonds. 25,330 00 road bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,330, 1927; \$2,000, 1928; \$3,000, 1929; \$2,000, 1930; \$3,000, 1931; \$2,000, 1932; \$3,000, 1933; \$2,000, 1934, and \$3,000, 1935 and 1936.

MARGATE CITY, Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—H. Norman McConnell, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 4:30 p. m. Feb. 10 for the following two issues of 4 3/4% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$159,000:

\$101,000 sewer bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1950 incl.; and \$2,000, 1951 to 1966 incl. 58,000 drainage bonds. Due \$2,000, Feb. 1 1928 to 1956 incl. Date Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable F. & A. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the above issues. Legality will be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the city, is required.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—E. A. Ramsey, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Feb. 18 for \$26,800 4 1/2% highway construction bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$670. Due \$1,340 May 1 and Nov. 1 1927 to 1936 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasurer's office.

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Limaville), Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. F. Werner, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until Feb. 17 for \$60,000 5% school bonds. Date March 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due \$3,000 March 1 1928 to 1947 incl. A certified check for 2 1/2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, is required.

MERRILL, Lincoln County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Benjamin Pope, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 15, for \$9,600 5% town bonds. Date April 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1923 to 1931, incl.; and \$1,000, 1932. Interest payable A. & O.

MIAMI, Dade County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The following six issues of 5% coupon municipal improvement bonds, aggregating \$5,145,000, offered on Jan. 31—V. 124, p. 676—were awarded to a syndicate composed of B. J. Van Ingen & Co., R. M. Grant & Co. and W. A. Harriman & Co., all of New York City, at 98, a basis of about 5.18%:

\$2,700,000 street widening and extension bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$130,000, 1936 to 1940, incl.; \$125,000, 1941 to 1953, incl. \$135,000, 1954, and \$145,000, 1955 and 1956. 1,000,000 wharves bonds. Due Feb. as follows: \$40,000, 1936; \$45,000, 1937 to 1940, incl.; \$50,000, 1941; \$45,000, 1942 to 1945, incl.; and \$50,000, 1946 to 1956, incl. 500,000 Southeast 2d Ave. bridge bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1936 to 1941, incl.; \$20,000, 1942 to 1946, incl.; \$30,000, 1947 to 1955, incl.; and \$40,000, 1956. 350,000 Northwest 12th Ave. bridge bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1936 and 1937; \$15,000, 1938 to 1947, incl.; and \$20,000, 1948 to 1956, incl. 345,000 municipal building bonds. Due Feb. as follows: \$5,000, 1936; \$10,000, 1937 to 1940, incl.; \$15,000, 1941 to 1945, incl.; \$20,000, 1946 to 1955, incl.; and \$25,000, 1956. 250,000 sanitary sewer bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1930 and 1931; \$10,000, 1932 to 1935, incl.; and \$20,000, 1936 to 1945, incl. Date Feb. 1 1927.

MIDDLE WEISER IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Weiser) Washington County, Idaho.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$6,000 7% irrigation bonds has been disposed of recently.

MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fresno, R. F. D. No. 3), Colcothon County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Blair Parkhill, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 26 for \$2,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$300 and one for \$200. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$200, 1929 and \$300, 1930 to 1935 incl. A certified check for 10% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Clerk Board of Education, is required.

MILLIKEN, Weld County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—Donald F. Brown & Co. of Denver, have purchased an issue of \$12,000 4 1/2% refunding water bonds.

MINNEAPOLIS, Hennepin County, Minn.—BIDS.—The following is a complete list of the bids for the \$1,131,056 42 4/4% bonds awarded to Eldredge & Co. of N. Y. City and the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, jointly, at 100.92, a basis of about 4.11%—V. 124, p. 676:

Bidders— Premium— Bidders— Premium— Lane, Piper & Jaffray, \$10,400 00 Merchants Tr. Co., St. P. \$8,100 00 Minneapolis, \$10,400 00 National City Co., Minn. 6,500 00 First Nat. Bank, Minn. 10,100 00 Wm. R. Compton Co., 6,350 00 Kalman & Co., St. Paul. 9,550 00 Chicago 5,994 69 Northwestern Tr. Co., S. P. 8,200 00 A. M. Lampert & Co., N.Y.

MILTON, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The \$85,000 4% water bonds offered on Feb. 1—V. 124, p. 676—were awarded to Curtis & Sanger of Boston at 101.53, a basis of about 3.84%. Date June 1 1926. Due June 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 to 1951, incl.; and \$2,000, 1952 to 1956, incl.

MONTEREY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Salinas), Monterey County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—T. P. Joy, Clerk Board of County Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 7 for \$90,000 5% school bonds. Date Feb. 7 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000, Feb. 7 1928 to 1957 incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check, payable to the above-mentioned official, for 10% of the bid required. These are the bonds mentioned in V. 124, p. 542.

MUSCATINE COUNTY (P. O. Muscatine), Iowa.—CORRECTION.—We are now informed by C. H. Pritchford, County Auditor, that the sale of \$40,000 4 1/4% road bonds to the Muscatine State Bank, and the First National Bank, both of Muscatine, jointly, reported in V. 123, p. 2930 was erroneous.

NASHUA, Hillsborough County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First National Bank of Boston was awarded on Jan. 28 a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 3.66% discount basis plus a premium of \$3 25. Due Dec. 1 1927.

NASSAU COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Fernandina), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 5% school bonds offered on Jan. 29—V. 124, p. 263—were awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo at 94.17, a basis of about 5.57%. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1929 to 1948, incl.; \$8,000, 1949 to 1952, incl. and \$9,000, 1953 and 1954.

NATCHITOCHESE PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. A-2 (P. O. Natchitoches), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 6% road bonds offered on Dec. 15—V. 123, p. 2295—were awarded to the Rapides Bank & Trust Co. of Alexandria, and the Hibernia Securities Co. of New Orleans, jointly, at par. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due serially Jan. 1 1928 to 1947, incl.

NEPTUNE CITY (P. O. Avon-by-the-Sea), Monmouth County, N. J.—NO BIDS.—No bids were received for the \$190,000 5% local sewerage improvement bonds offered on Feb. 2—V. 124, p. 676. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due \$19,000 Jan. 1 1928 to 1937, incl.

NEWARK, Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—John Howe, Director of the Department of Revenue and Finance, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Feb. 17 for the following five issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$5,300,000:

\$1,000,000 Port Newark impt. bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1928 to 1947 incl.; and \$30,000, 1948 to 1967 incl. 1,000,000 public impt. bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1928 to 1947 incl.; and \$30,000, 1948 to 1967 incl. 500,000 water bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1928 to 1947 incl.; and \$15,000, 1948 to 1967 incl. 500,000 Passaic Valley sewer bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1928 to 1947 incl.; and \$15,000, 1948 to 1967 incl. 2,300,000 school bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$48,000, 1928 to 1937 incl.; and \$70,000, 1938 to 1963 incl.

Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable in gold at the National State Bank, Newark. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the above issues. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mgtg. & Trust Co., N. Y. City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Legality will be approved by Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of the face value of the bonds bid for, payable to the Director of the Department of Revenue and Finance, is required.

NEW BEDFORD, Bristol County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$1,000,000 temporary loan offered on Feb. 2—V. 124, p. 676—was awarded to the First National Bank of New Bedford, on a 3.57% discount basis, plus a premium of \$7 50. Due Nov. 4 1927.

NEW YORK CITY.—TEMPORARY LOANS ISSUED DURING JANUARY.—The City of New York issued short term securities in the aggregate of \$17,000,000, consisting of notes and revenue bills during January as follows: Corporate Stock Notes of 1927.

Table with columns: School Construction— Amount, Maturity, Interest Rate, Issued. Includes rows for \$500,000 and \$6,000,000 bonds.

NORFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Dedham), Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Dedham National Bank of Dedham was awarded on Feb. 1 a \$100,000 temporary loan on a 3.55% discount basis. Due Nov. 15 1927.

NORTH CHARLEROI (P. O. Lock No. 4), Washington County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—R. A. Metz, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Feb. 14 for \$30,000 4 1/2% grading and curbing coupon bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 Jan. 1 1942 to 1951. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in Charleroi. Legality will be approved by Burgwin, Scully & Burgwin, Pittsburgh. A certified check for \$600, payable to the Borough Treasurer, is required.

NORTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Runnels County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The State Board of Education, purchased an issue of \$27,000 school bonds at par.

NORWOOD, Carver County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—H. G. Lenzen, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Feb. 14 for \$22,000 not exceeding 6% water works bonds. A certified check for 10% of the bid required.

OCOQUAN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Manassas), Prince William County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The National Bank of Manassas has purchased an issue of \$30,000 5 1/4% school bonds at par.

ORANGE, Orange County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Jan. 26 an issue of \$10,000 5% school bonds. Due serially.

ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Orange), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The State Board of Education, purchased an issue of \$10,000 school bonds at par.

OREGON (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—Frank M. Moore, Secretary World War Veterans State Aid Commission, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Feb. 28 for \$2,000,000 not exceeding 6% series No. 7 Veterans State Aid gold bonds. Date April 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Coupon bonds registerable as to both principal and interest. Due \$100,000, April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1937 to 1946, incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the State Treasurer's office, or at the fiscal agency in New York City. A certified check payable to the World Veterans State Aid Commission, for 2 1/2% of the bid required. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

Financial Statement. Total taxable value equalized among the several counties according to their respective ratios. Total bonded debt (including this issue). Population (present estimate).

ORLANDO, Orange County, Fla.—BIDS.—The following is a complete list of the bids for the \$400,000 5% coupon bonds awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo and the William R. Compton Co. of St. Louis, jointly, at 99.30 (V. 124, p. 676):

Bidders— Wright, Warlow & Co., Orlando. R. M. Grant & Co., Inc., N. Y., and Merrill, Oldham & Co., Boston. The Brown-Crummer Co., Wichita, and W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo. Florida National Bank, Jacksonville. Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc., Cincinnati. Howe, Snout & Bertles, Inc., Detroit. The Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville. Prudden & Co., Toledo, and Atlantic Nat. Bank, Jacksonville. Guardian Detroit Co., Detroit. Hancock Bond Co., Chicago, and Vandersall & Co., Toledo. Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Cincinnati, and First National Co. and G. H. Walker & Co., St. Louis. Braun, Bosworth & Co., Toledo, and Detroit Trust Co., Detroit. A. T. Bell & Co., Toledo. The Atlantic Corporation of Boston. Sptizer, Rorick & Co., Toledo.

OSAGE COUNTY (P. O. Pawhuska), Okla.—BOND SALE.—R. J. Edwards, Inc. of Oklahoma City, has purchased an issue of \$100,000 5 1/2% road bonds.

OSCEOLA COUNTY (P. O. Kissimmee), Fla.—PURCHASER.—The purchasers of the \$1,000,000 6% road bonds sold at 98.14, a basis of about 6.17%—V. 124, p. 264—was W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo. Date May 1 1926. Due \$50,000 May 1 1936 to 1955, incl.

OXFORD, Lafayette County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—Caldwell & Co. of Nashville, have purchased an issue of \$30,000 paving bonds.

OYSTER BAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Glenwood Landing), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Elizabeth Tappen, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Feb. 16 for \$315,000 4 1/2% school coupon or registered bonds. Date Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1928 and 1929; \$7,000, 1930 and 1931; \$8,000, 1932 to 1934, incl.; \$9,000, 1935 to 1937, incl.; \$10,000, 1938 to 1940, incl.; \$11,000, 1941 to

1943, incl.: \$12,000, 1944 to 1946, incl.; \$13,000, 1947 to 1949, incl. \$14,000, 1950 to 1952, incl., and \$15,000, 1953 to 1956, incl. Prin. and int., F. & A., payable in gold at the Bank of Hempstead Harbor, Roslyn, or at the American Exchange Irving Trust Co., New York City. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signature of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Legality will be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the District Treasurer, is required.

Financial Statement.

Gross debt— Total bonded debt (including this issue) \$315,625 Total assessed valuations (with improvements) \$1,258,808

PALATKA, Putnam County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita has purchased an issue of \$174,500 special assessment bonds at a premium of \$1,320, equal to 100.75. These bonds are part of the \$182,500 bonds offered on Jan. 31.—V. 124, p. 542.

PASCO COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Dade City), Fla.—BOND SALE.—J. R. Durrance & Co., of Jacksonville, purchased on Jan. 20 an issue of \$25,000 6% school site, building and equipment bonds at 95.50.

PERU SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Peru) La Salle County, Ill.—PURCHASER.—The Peru National Bank was the purchaser of the \$50,000 school bonds reported sold in V. 124, p. 677. The bonds bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2% and were purchased at par.

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Philadelphia County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—William Dick, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 23 for \$3,000,000 4 1/2% coupon school or registered bonds. Date March 1 1927. Denom.: Coupon bonds \$1,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000; registered bonds of \$100 or multiples. Due \$150,000 Sept. 1 1937 to 1956, inclusive. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the School District, is required.

PLAINS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Plains), Luzerne County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Andrew J. Zawoiski, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m., Feb. 14, for \$45,000 5% school bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1927 to 1936, incl., and \$5,000, 1937.

POLK COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 (P. O. Bartow), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 6% school bonds offered on Jan. 4—V. 123, p. 3355—were awarded to Prudde & Co. of Toledo. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1950, incl., and \$3,000, 1951.

PONTIAC, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following four issues of bonds, aggregating \$320,000, offered on Jan. 27—V. 124, p. 543—were awarded to the Bank of Detroit as 4 1/4s at a premium of \$156 80, equal to 100.04, a basis of about 4.24%:

- \$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.

PONTIAC TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry J. Owen, Director of School District, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m., Feb. 7, for \$121,175 5% school bonds. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due in 1 to 30 years.

PORT OF BELLINGHAM (P. O. Bellingham), Whatcom County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of Peirce, Fair & Co.; William P. Harper & Son, and Baillargeon, Winslow & Co., all of Seattle, has purchased an issue of \$250,000 4 1/2% port bonds at a premium of \$275, equal to 100.11. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due serially, 1929 to 1957, inclusive. Interest payable F. & A.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation \$32,754,894 Bonded debt (including this issue) 315,000 Population, 55,000.

PROVO, Utah County, Utah.—BOND SALE.—The Central Trust Co. and the Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co., both of Salt Lake City, jointly purchased an issue of \$225,000 tax anticipation bonds.

PROWERS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Granada), Colo.—PRE-ELECTION SALE.—The International Trust Co. of Denver purchased an issue of \$17,500 refunding school bonds, subject to the result of an election to be held in May.

PULASKI COUNTY (P. O. Little Rock), Ark.—BOND SALE.—The Merchants & Planters Title & Investment Co. of Pine Bluff, has purchased an issue of \$60,000 5% Arkansas and Missouri Highway District bonds at 97.70. Due serially in 1 to 19 years.

PUTNAM COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Palatka), Fla.—BOND SALE.—C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago have purchased an issue of \$1,250,000 5 1/2% coupon highway bonds at par. Date July 1 1926. Due July 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1929; \$12,000, 1930; \$15,000, 1931; \$17,000, 1932; \$18,000, 1933; \$20,000, 1934; \$22,000, 1935; \$23,000, 1936; \$24,000, 1937; \$26,000, 1938; \$27,000, 1939; \$28,000, 1940; \$30,000, 1941; \$32,000, 1942; \$34,000, 1943; \$37,000, 1944; \$40,000, 1945; \$43,000, 1946; \$46,000, 1947; \$49,000, 1948; \$52,000, 1949; \$55,000, 1950; \$58,000, 1951; \$52,000, 1952; \$66,000, 1953; \$70,000, 1954; \$74,000, 1955; \$81,000, 1956; \$86,000, 1957, and \$97,000, 1958. These are the bonds offered on Oct. 12—V. 123, p. 1536—on which date all bids were rejected. The remaining issue of \$500,000 offered on the same date has not yet been sold.

RED BANKS CREEK DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Holly Springs), Marshall and De Soto Counties, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$46,000 6% drainage bonds offered on Jan. 14—V. 124, p. 405—were awarded to A. K. Tigrett & Co. of Memphis, at a premium of \$462, equal to 101.

ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2:30 p. m., Feb. 7 by J. C. Wilson, City Comptroller, for six issues of City of Rochester notes, aggregating \$1,030,000 as follows:

- \$250,000 local improvement notes as per ordinance of the Common Council Dec. 20 1926. Date Feb. 10 1927. Due Oct. 10 1927.
600,000 general revenue notes as per ordinance of the Common Council Dec. 23 1926. Date Feb. 10 1927. Due June 10 1927.
50,000 school construction notes as per ordinance of the Common Council May 12 1925. Date Feb. 10 1927. Due Oct. 10 1927.
50,000 transit subway notes as per ordinance of the Common Council Aug. 24 1926. Date Feb. 10 1927. Due Oct. 10 1927.
15,000 water works improvement notes as per ordinance of the Common Council Nov. 9 1926. Date Feb. 10 1927. Due Oct. 10 1927.
65,000 Winston Road subway bonds as per ordinance of the Common Council Jan. 25 1927. Date Feb. 10 1927. Due Oct. 10 1927.

ROCKY RIVER, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank Mitchell, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 1 for the following three issues of 5 1/2% special assessment bonds, aggregating \$104,455:

- \$44,395 Detroit Road and Goldengate improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$395. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,395, 1928; \$4,000, 1929 to 1932, inclusive; \$5,000, 1933 to 1936, inclusive, and \$4,000, 1937.
33,540 Detroit Road sewer bonds. Date Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$540. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,540, 1928; \$3,000, 1929 to 1932, inclusive; \$4,000, 1933; \$3,000, 1934, and \$4,000, 1935 to 1937, inclusive.
26,550 Detroit Road connection bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$550. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,550, 1928; \$5,000, 1929 and 1930, and \$6,000, 1931 and 1932.

A certified check for 10% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required.

ROODHOUSE, Greene County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$5,000 street oiling bonds has been awarded to a local bank.

ROOSVILLE, Walker County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The Robinson-Humphrey Co. of Atlanta, has purchased an issue of \$52,000 6% sewer bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1932, incl.; \$2,000, 1933 to 1942, incl., and \$3,000, 1943 to 1951,

incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Storeym Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation of all taxable property (1926) \$1,663,316 Total bonded debt (including this issue) 106,000 Less: Waterworks bonds \$26,000 Net bonded debt 80,000 Population, official estimate, 3,000.

ROSS COUNTY (P. O. Chillicothe), O.—BOND SALE.—The \$24,600 5% bridge bonds offered on Jan. 31—V. 124, p. 677—were awarded to V. P. R. & Irving Co., Cincinnati, at a premium of \$591, equal to 102.40, a basis of about 4.51%. Date Dec. 20, 1926. Due Jan. 2 as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1935, incl., and \$3,600, 1936.

ST. AUGUSTINE, St. Johns County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$173,000 6% Coquina Gables improvement bonds, third series, 1926, offered on Jan. 31 (V. 124, p. 405) were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons of Boston, at a premium of \$5,380 30, equal to 103.11—a basis of about 5.31%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$17,000, 1927 to 1933, inclusive, and \$18,000, 1934 to 1936, inclusive.

ST. JOSEPH, Buchanan County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—J. S. Burris, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. Feb. 15 for \$420,000 4 1/2% coupon parkway paving bonds. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$28,000, Sept. 1 1931 to 1944, incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, New York City. Successful bidder to pay attorney's fee, and accrued interest to date of delivery. A certified check for 2% of the bid required. These bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$763,000.

SALEM, Columbia County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 5% storm sewer bonds offered on Jan. 29—V. 124, p. 405—were awarded to the Guardian Trust Co. of Detroit at a premium of \$201 02, equal to 102.02, a basis of about 4.58%. Date Sept. 15 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,100, 1928, and \$1,000, 1929 to 1937 incl.

BOND SALE.—The \$5,550 5% Hawley Ave. Impt. assessment bonds offered on Jan. 29—V. 124, p. 264—were awarded to the Guardian Trust Co. of Detroit at a premium of \$115, equal to 102.07. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due serially, Oct. 1 1930 to 1937 incl.

SAN ANTONIO, Bexar County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Jan. 27 the following eleven issues of 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$3,600,000:

- \$900,000 street impt. bonds. \$150,000 incinerator bonds.
750,000 sewer bonds. 150,000 public park impt. bonds.
600,000 flood prevention bonds. 125,000 fire and police dept. bonds.
300,000 street impt. bonds. 75,000 auditorium bonds.
250,000 permanent bridge bonds. 50,000 hospital bonds.
250,000 city hall bonds.

Due serially.

SARASOTA, Sarasota County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of bonds aggregating \$220,000 offered on Jan. 31—V. 124, p. 139—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc. of Toledo as follows:

- \$175,000 5% hospital bonds at 93.14, a basis of about 5.57%. Date Sept. 15 1926. Due Sept. 15 1946.
45,000 5 1/2% bridge bonds at 99.26, basis of about 5.56%. Date Aug. 1 1926. Due Aug. 1 1946.

SCOTTVILLE FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6, Mason County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—W. G. Alivay, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Feb. 23, for \$40,000 5% school coupon bonds. Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000, March 1 1929 to 1948, incl. Prin. and int., M. & S., payable at place designated by purchaser. A certified check for \$500 is required.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000,000 sewer refunding bonds offered on Jan. 28—V. 124, p. 543 were awarded to a syndicate composed of C. W. McNear & Co., R. W. Pressrich & Co., and Kousser Bros., all of N. Y. City, as 4 1/4s at 102.13, a basis of about 4.25%. Date March 1 1927. Due March 1 as follows: \$34,000, 1929; \$36,000, 1930; \$37,000, 1931; \$39,000, 1932; \$41,000, 1933; \$43,000, 1934; \$45,000, 1935; \$47,000, 1936; \$49,000, 1937; \$51,000, 1938; \$53,000, 1939; \$56,000, 1940; \$58,000, 1941; \$61,000, 1942; \$64,000, 1943; \$67,000, 1944; \$70,000, 1945; \$73,000, 1946, and \$76,000, 1947.

Financial Statement (Officially Reported Dec. 1 1926).

Assessed valuation (50% of actual) \$271,654,832 Net general city debt 14,183,192 Population, 1920 (U. S. Census), 315,650. In addition to the above debt, the city has outstanding bonds to the amount of \$37,061,000 payable solely from revenues of public utilities.

BOND SALES.—During the month of July the City of Seattle sold the following issues of 6% special impt. bonds, aggregating \$104,914 97:

Table with columns: No., Amount, Purpose, Date, Due. Lists various bond issues for paving, water mains, grading, etc., with amounts and due dates.

Subject to call yearly.

BOND SALES.—During the month of August the same city also sold the following issues of 6% special impt. bonds, aggregating \$278,573 15:

Table with columns: Dist., No., Amount, Purpose, Date, Due. Lists various bond issues for sewer, paving, water mains, etc., with amounts and due dates.

Subject to call yearly.

BOND SALES.—During the month of September the same city also sold the following issues of 6% special impt. bonds, aggregating \$304,360 14:

Table with columns: Dist., No., Amount, Purpose, Date, Due. Lists various bond issues for paving, grading, sewers, etc., with amounts and due dates.

Subject to call yearly.



SEBASTIAN, St. Lucie County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—A. G. Roberts, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Feb. 21 for the following two issues of 6% coupon bonds, aggregating \$159,800: \$130,000 city bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1927, and \$14,000, 1928 to 1937, incl. A certified check, payable to the above-mentioned official, for \$1,000 required.

SEM NOLE COUNTY (P. O. Sanford), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$450,000 series B highway impt. bonds offered on Jan. 27—V. 124, p. 264—were awarded to the Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville as 5 1/2% at a premium of \$6,101, equal to 101.35, a basis of about 5.38%. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1920; \$2,000, 1931; \$3,000, 1932; \$4,000, 1933; \$5,000, 1934; \$6,000, 1935; \$7,000, 1936; \$8,000, 1937; \$9,000, 1938; \$10,000, 1939; \$11,000, 1940; \$12,000, 1941; \$13,000, 1942; \$14,000, 1943; \$15,000, 1944; \$16,000, 1945; \$17,000, 1946; \$18,000, 1947; \$19,000, 1948; \$20,000, 1949; \$21,000, 1950; \$22,000, 1951; \$24,000, 1952; \$26,000, 1953; \$28,000, 1954; \$30,000, 1955 and \$89,000, 1956.

SHARONVILLE, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Clyde Farrow, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m., March 2 for \$1,882,796 6/8% bonds. Date Feb. 26 1927. Denom. \$235, except one for \$237.79. Due Sept. 26 as follows: \$237.79, 1928 and \$235, 1929 to 1935, incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Sharonville Bank. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village of Sharonville, is required.

SHELBY, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Pert Fix, Director of Finance and Public Records, will receive sealed bids until 12 m., Feb. 26, for \$6,350 6/8% special assessment improvement bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$650, except one for \$500. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$500, 1928 and \$650, 1929 to 1937, incl. A certified check for 10% of the amount of the bid, payable to the Director of Finance and Public Records, is required.

SHELBYVILLE, Shelby County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$7,600 6% street paving bonds has been awarded to the Shelby Loan & Trust Co. of Shelbyville.

SLEEPY HOLLOW ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Suffolk) Nansemond County, Va.—BOND SALE.—Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo, and the Detroit Co. of New York City, jointly, purchased on Jan. 22, at public auction, an issue of \$110,000 4 3/4% road bonds at a premium of \$1,375, equal to 101.34.

SOMONAUK SCHOOL DISTRICT, De Kalb County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$35,000 school bonds has been disposed of.

SOUTH EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,640 5% street improvement special assessment bonds offered on Jan. 31—V. 124, p. 678—were awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$357, equal to 101.16, a basis of about 4.77%. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,640, 1928; \$3,000, 1929 to 1936, incl., and \$4,000, 1937.

SPRINGFIELD SANITARY DISTRICT, Sangamon County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The \$497,000 4 1/2% sewer bonds offered on Jan. 31—V. 124, p. 543—were awarded to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank and First Trust & Savings Bank, both of Chicago, jointly, at 102.35, a basis of about 4.22%. Date March 1 1925. 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.

SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Ferrysburg) Ottawa County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry K. Bolthouse, Director of School District, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m., Feb. 21, for \$50,000 not exceeding 5 1/2% school bonds. Date Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due March 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1928 to 1930, incl., \$2,000, 1931 to 1935, incl., \$2,500, 1936 to 1939, incl., \$3,000, 1940 to 1944, incl., and \$3,500, 1945 to 1947, incl. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the School District, is required.

SPRINGWELLS TOWNSHIP UNITED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fordson) Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank Klein, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m., Feb. 9 for \$720,000 not exceeding 5% school bonds. Date Feb. 15 1927. Due serially in 1 to 30 years. A certified check for \$1,000 is required.

STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hamilton County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—J. R. Lundell, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m., Feb. 9, at the Bank of Stratford, for \$50,000 school bonds. Bonds and legal opinion to be furnished by the district.

SUMNER COUNTY (P. O. Bushnell), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—W. N. Porter, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until March 8 for \$360,000 6% highway bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$18,000, 1933 to 1952, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in gold in New York City. A certified check payable to the Board of County Commissioners, for \$7,200, required. These are the bonds mentioned in—V. 124, p. 687.

SUWANEE COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (P. O. Live Oak), Fla.—BOND SALE.—R. M. Grant & Co. of New York City have purchased an issue of \$66,000 6% public instruction bonds. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1931 to 1936, incl.; \$1,000, 1947; \$4,000, 1948 to 1954, incl., and \$13,000, 1955. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City.

SWIFT COUNTY (P. O. Benson), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—L. E. Enclison, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m., Feb. 8, for \$36,000 not exceeding 5% refunding bonds. Date March 1 1927. A certified check for 5% of the bid, required.

TAMPA, Hillsborough County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—B. J. Van Ingen & Co. of New York City, and Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc. of Toledo, jointly, purchased the following two issues of bonds, aggregating \$426,000: \$326,000 4 3/4% municipal improvement bonds at par. Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Coupon bonds registerable as to principal. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$30,000, 1928 to 1937, incl., and \$26,000, 1938. Interest payable M. & N. 100,000 5% bridge bonds at 103.75, a basis of about 4.73%. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due \$5,000, 1941 to 1960, incl. Interest payable F. & A. Principal and interest payable in gold in New York City. Legality to be approved by Chester B. Masslich of New York City.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation 1926... Total bonded debt... Less: Water debt... Sinking funds... Net debt... Population (census 1925), 94,743.

TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (P. O. Perry), Fla.—BOND SALE.—R. M. Grant & Co. of New York City, have purchased an issue of 45,000 6% public instruction bonds. Date July 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City.

TELFAIR COUNTY (P. O. McRae), Ga.—BOND SALE.—The \$185,000 4 1/2% bridge bonds offered on Aug. 2—V. 123, p. 361 (on which which all bids were rejected) have been disposed of recently. Date July 1 1925. Due July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1929; \$4,000, 1930; \$3,000, 1931; \$4,000, 1932 to 1934, incl.; \$5,000, 1935; \$4,000, 1936; \$5,000, 1937 to 1939, incl.; \$6,000, 1940; \$5,000, 1941; \$6,000, 1942; \$7,000, 1943; \$5,000, 1944; \$7,000, 1945 to 1947, incl.; \$8,000, 1948 and 1949; \$9,000, 1950 to 1953, incl.; \$11,000, 1954; \$10,000, 1955 and \$12,000, in 1956.

TEXARKANA, Bowie County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 4 3/4% street impt. bonds offered on Jan. 14—V. 124, p. 140—were awarded to the J. E. Jarratt Co. of Dallas, and the Title Guarantee & Trust Co. of Cincinnati, jointly, at 97.50, a basis of about 4.92%. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1931; \$5,000, 1932 to 1935, incl., \$1,000,

1936; \$4,000, 1946 to 1955, incl., \$11,000, 1956, and \$12,000, 1957 to 1965, incl., optional after 1932.

Financial Statement. Actual value taxable property... Assessed valuation... Total bonded debt... Sinking fund... Net debt... Population (1925 Census), 18,150.

TIFFIN, Seneca County, O.—BOND OFFERING.—J. E. Hershberger, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m., Feb. 23 for the following two issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$13,626 46: \$9,803 29 Series A bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$303 29. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$803 29, 1928 and \$1,500, 1929 to 1934, incl. 3,823 17 Series B bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$323 17. Due March 1 as follows: \$823 17, 1928 and \$500, 1929 to 1934, incl. Date March 1 1927. Int. payable M. & S. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Auditor, is required.

TORONTO, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Harold F. Smith, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m., Feb. 15, for \$12,496 47 6/8% Baltimore Ave. improvement special assessment bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$496 47. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,496 47, 1928; \$2,000, 1929; \$1,500, 1930; \$2,000, 1931; \$1,500, 1932, and \$2,000, 1933 and 1934. A certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required.

TROY, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—BONDS OFFERED.—James A. McCarthy, City Comptroller, received sealed bids until Feb. 4 for \$100,000 4 1/2% water works coupon or registered bonds. Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 March 1 1928 to 1947, incl. A certified check for 1%, payable to the City, is required.

TULSA, Tulsa County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$600,000 offered on Jan. 11—V. 124, p. 266—were awarded to the American National Bank of Oklahoma City, at par: \$500,000 sewer bonds. Due serially. 100,000 park impt. bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1932 and \$4,000, 1933 to 1952, incl. Date Jan. 1 1927. The remaining \$730,000 bonds offered on the same date have not been sold.

UN ON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Liberty) Union County, Ind.—BONDS OFFERED.—Charles H. Blackledge, School Trustee, received sealed bids until Feb. 4 for \$12,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Date Jan. 3 1927. Denom. \$400. Due as follows: \$400 July 1 1928; \$400 Jan. and July 1 1929 to 1941, incl., and \$1,200 Jan. 1 1942. Prin. and int. (J. & J.), payable at the Farmers' State Bank of West College Corner, Indiana.

VICTORIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Marion County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 5% junior collee bonds offered on Jan. 13—V. 123, p. 3077—were awarded to H. C. Burt & Co. of Houston, at a premium of \$1,512 50, equal to 102.16, a basis of about 4.83%. Date Jan. 3 1927. Due Jan. 3 as follows: \$1,500, 1928 to 1947, incl., and \$2,000, 1948 to 1967, incl.

WALTHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$200,000 temporary loan offered on Jan. 28—V. 124, p. 678—was awarded to Salomon Bros. & Hutzler of Boston on a 3.54% (float) basis plus a premium of \$2. Date Jan. 28 1927. Due Sept. 15 1927.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Vicksburg), Miss.—WARRANT OFFERING.—J. G. Sherrard, Chancery Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Feb. 16 for \$30,000 6% county warrants.

WARSAW VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Warsaw), Coshoc-ton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The 50,000 5% school building bonds offered on Jan. 13—V. 124, p. 140—were awarded to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati at a premium of \$927, equal to 101.85, a basis of about 4.77%. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due as follows: 1,000, March 1 1928; \$1,500, Sept. 1 1928; \$1,000, March 1 and \$5,000, Sept. 1 1929 to 1935, incl., and \$1,000, March 1 and Sept. 1 1936 to 1950, incl.

WASHBURN, Woodford County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The Federal Securities Corp. of Chicago has been awarded \$16,000 water works system bonds at a premium of \$565, equal to 103.53.

WATERTOWN, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERED.—The City Treasurer received sealed bids until Feb. 4 for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$300,000 temporary loan. Due Nov. 18 1927.

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Pontiac R. F. D. No. 5), Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 school bonds offered on Feb. 1—V. 124, p. 543—were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. as 4 3/4% at a premium of \$377, equal to 101.47, a basis of about 4.58%. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1928, and \$1,000, 1929 to 1952, incl.

WHARTON COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Whar-ton), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—John Norris, County Judge, will receive sealed bids until 11.30 a. m. Feb. 14 for \$100,000 5 1/2% coupon road bonds. Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 10 as follows: \$3,000, 1938 to 1947, incl., and \$4,000, 1948 to 1957, incl. Trinc. and int. (A. & O.) payable in New York City. A certified check for \$2,000 required.

WHITLEY COUNTY (P. O. Columbia City), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,800 4 1/2% road bonds offered on Dec. 6—V. 123, p. 2932—were awarded to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$150, equal to 101.38. Due semi-annually in 1 to 10 years.

WICHITA COUNTY (P. O. Wichita Falls), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—E. P. Walsh, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Feb. 14, for \$500,000 4 3/4% County bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$5,000, 1928 and 1929; \$10,000, 1930 to 1937, incl.; \$15,000, 1938 to 1945, incl.; \$20,000, 1946 to 1949, incl.; \$25,000, 1950 to 1955, incl., and \$30,000, 1956 and 1957. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at a financial institution located in New York City, designated by the County. Successful bidder to pay for the printing of the bonds and attorney's fee.

WILBARGER COUNTY (P. O. Vernon), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—J. V. Townsend, County Judge, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Feb. 16 for \$550,000 5%, 5 1/4% and 5 3/4% special road bonds. Date March 15 1927. Due March 15 as follows: \$15,000, 1928 to 1937, incl.; \$25,000, 1938 to 1947, incl.; \$35,000, 1948 to 1951, incl.; \$45,001, 1952 and 1953; \$50,000, 1954 and 1955, and \$60,000, 1956 and 1957. Prin. and int. (M. & S. 15) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, New York City. A certified check drawn on a Texas bank for \$10,000 required. The legal opinion of a reputable bond attorney will be furnished by the district.

WILLACY COUNTY (P. O. Raymondville), Tex.—BONDS REGIS-TERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Jan. 28, an issue of \$305,000 5 1/4% special road bonds. Due serially.

WILSON, Wilson County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of bonds, aggregating \$45,000, offered on Jan. 25—V. 124, p. 670—were awarded to Stein Bros. & Boyce of Baltimore as 4 3/4% at a premium of \$241, equal to 100.53, a basis of about 4.69%: \$25,000 electric light extension bonds. Due \$1,000, March 1 1929 to 1953, incl. 20,000 street and sidewalk impt. bonds. Due \$2,000, March 1 1928 to 1937, incl. Date Sept. 1 1926.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation (1926)... Actual valuation (estimated)... Total debt (including this issue)... Water bonds included in above... Light bonds included in above... Gas bonds included in above... Uncollected special assessments... Actually levied... To be levied... Net debt (including bonds now offered)... Population (estimated), 15,000.

WINTERHAVEN, Polk County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 6% city bonds offered on Jan. 13—V. 124, p. 266—were awarded to Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo, at 95.30. Due serially.

**WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wood County, Wis.—PRICE PAID—DESCRIPTION.**—The price paid for the \$185,000 4½% coupon city bonds purchased by the First Wisconsin Co. of Milwaukee—V. 124, p. 544—was 100.013. The bonds are described as follows: Date Sept. 1 1926. Due serially, Sept. 1 1942 to 1946, incl. Interest payable M. & S.

**YAKIMA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 113 (P. O. Yakima), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.**—Still White, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Feb. 26 for \$20,000 not exceeding 6% coupon school bonds. Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$500. Due serially, March 1 1929 to 1947, incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for 5% of the bid, required.

**YAKIMA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Yakima), Yakima County, Wash.—BOND SALE.**—The \$250,000 school bonds offered on Jan. 29—V. 124, p. 678—were awarded to the State of Washington, as 4½s at par.

**YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Robert D. Ferguson, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 15 for the following five issues of 4½% bonds, aggregating \$1,500,000: \$700,000 school, series A bonds. Due March 1 1928, 1928 to 1947, incl., and \$15,000, 1948 to 1967, incl.

200,000 water bonds. Due \$10,000 March 1 1928 to 1947, incl. 180,000 public building bonds. Due \$9,000 March 1 1928 to 1947, incl. 300,000 refunding bonds. Due \$15,000 March 1 1928 to 1947, incl. 120,000 school, series B bonds. Due \$8,000 March 1 1928 to 1942, incl.

Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the City Treasurer's office in gold coin of the United States of America, or of equal to the present standard of weight and fineness, or at the option of the holder in New York Exchange. Legality will be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York City. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Comptroller, is required.

**YORK, York County, Neb.—BONDS OFFERED.**—A. B. Chatterton, City Clerk, received sealed bids on Feb. 3, for \$16,895 intersection paving bonds. Date March 1 1927. Denoms. not to exceed \$1,000.

**YORK TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. St. Clairsville), Belmont County, O.—BOND OFFERING.**—Emma E. Brown, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 23 for \$3,000 4½% school bonds. Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$300. Due \$300 Oct. 1 1928 to 1937, incl. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the village Treasurer, is required.

**CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA (Province of).—BOND SALE.**—A syndicate composed of the First National Bank of New York, the Bank of Montreal, of Montreal, Hallgarten & Co., Redmond & Co., and Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, all of New York, were awarded on Jan. 21 \$6,000,000 4½% gold treasury bills at 99.56, a basis of about 4.73% (Canadian funds). Date Jan. 25 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 25 1929. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable in gold in New York or Canada. Legality will be approved by E. G. Long, Toronto.

**BROCKVILLE, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.**—The Town Treasurer will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m., Feb. 10, for \$99,801 46 5% improvement bonds. Due in 10 annual instalments.

**BURNABY DISTRICT (P. O. Edmonds), B. C.—BOND SALE.**—The \$67,000 5% 30-year local improvement bonds offered on Jan. 31—V. 124, p. 679—were awarded to the Royal Securities Corp. of Montreal at 98.57, a basis of about 5.09%. Due in 30 years.

**ESSEX BORDER UTILITIES COMMISSION (P. O. Windsor), Ont.—BOND SALE.**—The \$250,000 5½% 30-installment bonds offered on Feb. 2—V. 124, p. 679—were awarded to the Canadian Bank of Commerce and Fry, Mills, Spence & Co., both of Toronto, jointly, at 102.26, a basis of about 5.27%. Due in 30 instalments.

**FORT FRANCES, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.**—H. E. Marr, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until Feb. 14 for \$25,000 5½% telephone bonds. Due serially in 15 years.

**HAMILTON, Ont.—BOND SALE.**—The following two issues of 4½% bonds, aggregating \$1,196,000 offered on Feb. 1—V. 124, p. 679—were awarded to Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto at 97.20, a basis of about 4.84% \$576,000 water works bonds. \$620,000 sewer bonds.

Date Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Bonds may be registered as to principal. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$38,000, 1928; \$40,000, 1929; \$41,000, 1930; \$43,000, 1931; \$45,000, 1932; \$48,000, 1933; \$50,000, 1934; \$52,000, 1935; \$54,000, 1936; \$56,000, 1937; \$60,000, 1938; \$62,000, 1939; \$64,000, 1940; \$68,000, 1941; \$71,000, 1942; \$74,000, 1943; \$77,000, 1944; \$81,000, 1945; \$84,000, 1946, and \$88,000, 1947.

**KING TOWNSHIP (P. O. King City), Ont.—BOND OFFERING.** J. L. Jenkins, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 10 for \$78,784 64 5½% drainage bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due in equal annual instalments of principal and interest in 1 to 30 years. Principal and interest payable at the Bank of Montreal, King City and Toronto.

**NEW BRUNSWICK (Province of).—BOND OFFERING.**—Antoine J. Leger, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m., Feb. 8, for \$640,000 4½% Provincial bonds. Date Feb. 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 15 1937. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in gold at the Provincial Treasurer's office or at the Bank of Montreal, St. John, Montreal or Toronto, or in gold coin of the United States at the agency of the Bank of Montreal in New York City. A certified check for \$6,000 is required.

**POINTE CLAIRE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.**—L. J. Laurendeau, Secretary-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 6 p. m. Feb. 7 for \$85,800 5% 25-year serial bonds. Date Jan. 2 1927. Payable at Quebec and Pointe Claire. Due in 25 years.

**PORT ROWAN, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.**—C. F. W. Atkinson, Village Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 7 for \$11,000 6% hydroelectric coupon bonds. Due in twenty annual instalments of principal and interest. Principal and interest payable at the Village Treasurer's office.

**QUEBEC, Que.—BOND SALE.**—The \$858,000 5% city bonds offered on Jan. 28—V. 124, p. 679—were awarded to the Bank of Montreal and A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto, jointly, at 101.73, a basis of about 4.83%. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due in unequal yearly maturities from 1 to 30 years. Prin. and int. payable at Banque Canadienne Nationale, Quebec on Montreal, or by the agents of Banque Canadienne Nationale at Toronto, at option of holder.

The following is a complete list of the bids received:

	4½%	4½%	5%	5%
	Canada	Canada	Canada	Series.
Dyment, Anderson & Co. and Fry, Mills & Co.	94.53	94.28	101.78	101.53
L. G. Beaubien & Cie and McLeod, Weir & Co.	94.51			100.75
Hanson Bros. Rene T. Leclerc and Banque Canadienne Nationale	95.08	94.27	102.57	101.82 101.31
Credit Anglo-Francais Guaranty Trust Co. (N. Y.) and Bankers Trust Co. (N. Y.)	96.54		102.177	
National City Co. & Banque de Montreal	95.309			
A. E. Ames & Co. and Banque de Montreal	94.77	94.52	102.55	102.31 101.73x
Societe de Placements du Canada	95.21			
Dominion Securities	95.07			
Wood, Gundy & Co.	95.31	94.90	101.80	101.40 100.78
Mead & Co., and Bell, Gouinlock & Co.	93.85	93.80	101.30	101.26 100.87
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**RED DEER, Alta.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$85,000 6% hydroelectric bonds was awarded to the Sinking Fund at par. Date April 1 1926. Due 1946.

**SARNIA, Ont.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$55,000 5% improvement bonds has been sold at par. Due Dec. 31 1928 to 1937, incl.

**THORNBURG, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.**—Geo. H. Boone, Clerk and Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until March 1 for \$26,000 5% sewage system coupon bonds. Date Jan. 15 1927. Due in 30 years. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in Thornburg.

**WINNIPEG, Man.—BIDS.**—Following is a list of other bidders for the two issues of bonds, aggregating \$2,800,000, awarded on Jan. 21 to the Chase Securities Corp. of New York and Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto, jointly, at 98.45—a basis of about 4.85%:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
Bank of Montreal First National Bank, New York Redmond & Co. Salomon Bros. & Hutzler Hanson Bros.; McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.	98.389
Equitable Trust Co., New York	98.31
A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd.; Guaranty Co.; Royal Bank of Canada	98.278
Dillon, Read & Co.; J. A. Thompson & Co.; Dominion Securities Corp.	98.271
Harris, Forbes & Co.; The National City Co.	98.258
Canadian Bank of Commerce; R. A. Daly & Co.; Fry, Mills, Spence & Co.	98.171
C. H. Burgess & Co., and Bond & Debenture Co.	98.17
Bell, Gouinlock & Co.; Cochran, Hay & Co.; Dyment, Anderson & Co.; and John MacGregor & Co.	97.84
Brandon, Gordon & Waddell, and Bond & Debenture Co.	97.839

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