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The Financial Situation.

For some weeks now the railroad stocks have held the centre of the stage in the security markets. This does not mean that railroad shares have taken their old place as the dominant investment values in the country. For many years prior to the war they had such a position, but the growth of industrial enterprises has been so great and the fortune of the railroads under political influences so low that railroad securities were all but counted out of the investment picture. This is now being changed, and in view of the sound progress that has been made in railroad affairs during the past five years under workable legal conditions and progressive managements, railroad securities have come again to occupy an important investment position, and during the past year they have gained marketwise quite noticeably as compared with industrial shares.

A year ago at the high prices of Feb. 11 1926, the Dow-Jones industrial average stood at 162.31 and the railroad average at 111.46. In the sharp break that culminated on March 30 these averages were carried down to 135.20 and 102.41, respectively. The industrial average reached its subsequent high at 166.60 on Aug. 14, at which time the railroad average stood at 118.85. The industrial average is still under 160, and the railroad average stood on Thursday at 128.47. In other words, since last August the railroads have gained about as many points as the industrials have lost. The comparison is not absolutely exact as far as the industrial shares are concerned, as in the meantime there have been some adjustments, particularly the Woolworth stock dividend, which lowered the industrial average 3.01 points. The point to be observed is that relatively the railroads have gained ground, indicating that they are getting back into a more nearly normal investment position. Incidentally it is of interest

to observe that the railroad average is higher than at any time since 1910.

In connection with recent market action, it should be noticed that for some time prior to Feb. 1 trading averaged around 1,500,000 shares daily. During the past two weeks it has been running above 2,000,000 daily, and during the past few days around 2,500,000 shares. This increased trading has been accompanied by rather sharply rising railroad prices. The cause for this does not altogether lie in recent consolidation moves such as the acquirement of large blocks of Wheeling & Lake Erie by the New York Central, Baltimore & Ohio and Nickel Plate, and of Western Maryland by Baltimore & Ohio, nor in the record earnings established in by the railroads in 1926, but rather in the general recognition that the roads are in the hands of competent managements who have brought them from a condition of chaos in 1920 to the present point of efficiency and are carrying out policies which promise very much more in future economies and improvements in service.

The railroads are now intensively and scientifically studying what can be accomplished through electrification, and what through the Diesel engine; also what great reductions in maintenance expense lie in the use of new steel alloys, the adoption of roller bearings, modern automatic equipment in regulating train movements, and other matters of this kind. The laboratory methods that have long been in use by some of the great industrial corporations such as General Electric, American Telephone, Du Pont, Eastman Kodak and Corn Products, are now well under way with the railroads, and are already producing results. It is this growing knowledge that net income can be carved out of expense account and will be made to grow under the policies of present managements without rate increases, that is giving real foundation to the reviving security market and railroad stocks. Consolidation moves, of course, have something to do with the more excited individual stock movements, as they are more apt to attract a speculative following. These are unavoidable and really logical developments of what is going on, but the buying by investors who have faith in the real progress now being made by the railroads is responsible for the steady creeping upward of the railroad average.

At the same time the skyrocket performances now being indulged in, furnish occasion for real concern. There is in this a repetition of what occurred last year and the year before during the excited speculation in the industrial shares. The subsequent collapse in these shares showed that high values were enduring only so far as they were based on intrinsic worth. In the great army of industrial stocks many fell by the wayside when the general forward movement ceased

and demoralization resulted. So it will be with some of the railroad shares. There is reason to fear that in the present frenzied rise many high priced as well as many low priced properties are being carried beyond justifiable levels. Even stocks of bankrupt roads, with assessments impending, are being rapidly whirled upward. There will be a sad awakening when the inevitable reaction occurs. Never was there greater need than now for discrimination and caution in buying the railroad shares. The fact that there has been competitive buying for shares of roads holding key positions on the railroad map furnishes no reason for thinking that roads which have never in the past been able to do more than earn their fixed charges are suddenly to be raised to the ranks of assured dividend payers, even though general railroad conditions have vastly improved. The pace of the stock market is getting too fast. A slowing up is in order.

Brokers' loans as reported by the Federal Reserve System on Monday showed a further decline of \$9,423,000, standing on Feb. 9 at \$2,720,578,000, which compares with the recent high of \$2,818,561,000 on Jan. 5, a decline of nearly \$100,000,000. The total must still, however, be considered as unduly high and indicative of a vast mass of stocks speculatively held. Call money, which has ruled at 4% without change for several weeks, moved up to 4½% on Tuesday, the 15th, but on Thursday declined to 3¾% and yesterday was quoted at the same figure. Car loadings continue well ahead of those of a year ago. The total for week ended Feb. 5 is reported as 970,892, or 56,401 ahead of the corresponding week last year and 19,923 ahead of the previous week, but this does not signify much as it follows mainly from the larger movement of coal induced by fear of a strike in the bituminous regions on April 1, when the old three-year contract with the miners expires.

The General Motors Corporation after having increased its regular dividend last week from \$7 to \$8 has been conspicuous again this week on account of its preliminary report of the results of 1926, showing total net income, after fixed charges and Federal taxes, of \$186,231,182, or \$21.80 per share of common stock now outstanding, after providing for preferred dividends. Total net sales amounted to \$1,058,153,338 and number of cars sold to 1,234,850, a gain of nearly 400,000 over the output of 1925, which in turn had been a record-breaking year.

Following this remarkable report in which the figures were not only large, but showed that after all dividend disbursements there had been added to surplus for further development of the business a total of \$64,508,864, the company on Feb. 16 brought out, through J. P. Morgan & Co., an issue of \$25,000,000 7% preferred stock at 120, yielding 5.83%. That a company with such a year immediately behind it and known to be in an exceedingly strong cash position, should be in the market for additional capital appeared at first surprising, but the offering circular explained that the proceeds of the new stock are to reimburse the company in part for capital expenditures in 1926 amounting to \$108,550,000. It is pointed out that this replenishment of cash is in line with the corporation's policy of maintaining a strong cash position in view of the magnitude of its operations, and it might also be added that it is in line with the corporation's policy of combining with sound finance the paying to stockholders a consider-

able proportion of the results of the company's prosperity.

The foreign trade of the United States for January compares quite favorably with returns for the opening month of recent preceding years. Merchandise exports in January the present year were valued at \$419,000,000 and imports at \$359,000,000, the balance of trade on the export side thus being \$60,000,000. For December, merchandise exports were valued at \$465,052,670 and imports at \$359,348,754, the excess of exports being \$105,703,916, the latter being about the same amount as in November and September 1926.

With the exception of the three months last mentioned, the trade balance on the export side has not been so heavy in virtually a year, and for four of these months the balance was on the import side. For January 1926 exports were \$396,836,319 and imports \$416,752,290. The balance for that month was on the import side to the amount of \$19,915,971, this being the first of the four months just mentioned. Contrasted with the corresponding month of earlier years, back to 1921, January exports this year are considerably higher in value than in January of each of the earlier years, excepting only the month in 1925. A year ago there was quite an increase in the value of merchandise imports, owing very largely to heavy imports of crude rubber due to the very high prices for that product prevailing in the markets at that time. With the exception of January 1926, merchandise imports last month were in excess of any preceding January back to 1920, and as to most of these earlier years, January imports were at a very much reduced amount as compared with January of this year.

Cotton exports last month again affected adversely the monthly statement of our foreign commerce. Exports of cotton in January were very heavy, amounting to 1,115,792 bales, against no more than 749,967 in January of last year, but the value was only \$77,746,964, as against \$82,511,054 in January a year ago. This decline in value reflects the very large drop in cotton prices. As to exports of commodities other than cotton the movement abroad last month was relatively greater than the complete statement of merchandise exports indicates. For the seven months of the current fiscal year merchandise exports are valued at \$3,020,589,000, and the imports at \$2,487,800,000, an excess of exports of \$532,789,000. For the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year, the value of the merchandise exports was \$2,943,364,000 and of the imports \$2,579,587,000, the excess of exports being \$363,779,000. There was a small gain in exports for the seven months of the current fiscal year, and a small decline in imports.

Gold imports last month of \$61,962,000 were in excess of any preceding month back to September 1921. The amount was very much larger than in any month last year, contrasting with only \$17,004,000 in December and \$19,351,202 in January 1926. Exports of gold also were somewhat higher than in the recent monthly total, namely \$14,890,000 for January of this year, against \$7,196,278 for the preceding month and \$3,086,870 in January 1926. For the seven months of the current fiscal year gold imports of \$152,346,000 compare with gold exports of \$88,862,000, the excess of imports being \$63,484,000. For the corresponding period

of the preceding fiscal year, both imports and exports of gold were on a somewhat smaller scale, and the excess of imports was only \$32,168,000. Exports of silver last month were \$7,388,000 and imports \$5,401,000, both exports and imports being somewhat less than a year ago.

The military aspect has again this week been uppermost in the news regarding the Chinese situation. The defeat of the Cantonese, or Nationalists, the previous week in the so-called battle for Shanghai, regarding the outcome of which the outside world is particularly solicitous because of the great international settlement there, was followed the present week by the fall of Hangchow under the assaults of the Cantonese. This came after a series of upsets for the forces of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, in command of the Northern forces, after Sun's initial successes in turning back the invaders and meant, according to the Shanghai correspondent of the Associated Press, cabling on Feb. 17, that "Shanghai again is menaced" by the uprising against the Peking Government. The Cantonese victories culminating in the capture of the capital of Chekiang Province, which is only 113 miles southwest of Shanghai, was said by the Shanghai correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune" on the same day to "have caused consternation in the international settlement here (Shanghai), where foreigners fear that the defeated Northerners, retreating toward Shanghai, may cause a panic, with consequent looting of the city. Another apprehension is that the victorious Cantonese armies may impose boycotts and institute riots as at Hankow last month, when virtually all foreigners were forced to evacuate that city. . . . The railroad and telegraph between Shanghai and Hangchow have been cut and it is reported that Sun Chuan-fang, commander of the Northerners, is retreating to Shanghai, leaving the Cantonese in possession of nearly all the province of Chekiang." It was added in this dispatch: "Agreeing with Secretary of State Kellogg that Shanghai should be neutralized to prevent rioting if the Cantonese should capture the city, the British Minister and Owen St. Clair O'Malley, Legation counsellor, have informed China that Great Britain will surrender all her concessions in the interior on condition that British interests on the lower Yangtse centering in Shanghai are respected. In other words, Great Britain is willing to recognize the success of the Nationalist movement throughout the interior, provided Shanghai is retained as the stronghold of Western influence in Asia. The friendly attitude of the United States, as enunciated by Secretary Kellogg in his declaration in favor of the development of Chinese nationalism, seems justified."

All the correspondents at the seat of the Chinese war agreed in their dispatches yesterday (Friday) that Marshal Sun had suffered his demoralizing reverses because of the duplicity of the military governor of Shantung, who, despite monthly payments of \$600,000 for troops in case of need, failed Sun in his hour of greatest necessity. Another contributing cause is said to have been mutiny in his ranks. The atmosphere in Shanghai yesterday (Friday), says the "Chicago Tribune" correspondent, "is electrical today, following this morning's confirmation of Marshal Sun's defeat and withdrawal from Chekiang. Although Marshal Sun announced his intention of mak-

ing another stand about thirty miles south of Shanghai, it is not believed further serious resistance is possible, owing to the failing morale of his troops, large sections of which are revolting and joining the Nationalist forces." Associated Press advices from Shanghai up to last night were that twenty-one warships of five foreign countries lay in the Whangpoo River there, "their fighting men ready to go into action if needed to protect foreign lives and property should they be menaced by the threatened invasion of Cantonese forces." Four thousand British soldiers ashore within the international settlements await developments; and other British troops on the sea will bring their number up to 16,000, unless they are diverted to other ports of China. Five American war vessels have on board 1,100 marines ready for shore duty, and 1,200 other "devil dogs" are expected from San Diego Feb. 24.

With the military developments "likely to have a powerful influence over diplomatic issues," referring especially to the negotiations between the British Charge d'Affaires and the Cantonese Foreign Minister at Hankow, the representative of the Associated Press at London cabled on Feb. 17 that a new complexion was put upon the delays that have occurred in those negotiations which early in the week were reported on the point of successful conclusion. However, he added, "the British Government adopts the position that the negotiations are in only a state of suspense and that even signature of the agreement could not be considered an impossible development. But the general view among officials is that it is more likely the Ministers may be required before long to take a fateful decision whether or not to break off the parleys in the face of the constant delays." Meanwhile the differences between China and Great Britain were taken to the League of Nations at Geneva, a dispatch on Feb. 16 from that centre to the Associated Press saying that the Chinese delegation announced on that day that it had sent a note to Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary-General of the League, on instructions from the Peking Foreign Office demanding withdrawal of the British order to send troops to China.

Premier Poincare of France, has advised Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, according to a London despatch to the Associated Press on Feb. 17, that France, in view of the delay in obtaining formal ratification of the Anglo-French debt agreement by the French Parliament, would undertake to pay the £6,000,000 due during the coming financial year "without prejudice to the question of ratification." The publication of the letter in Paris, said the correspondent at that center of the New York "Herald-Tribune," created "much conjecture over whether Premier Poincare also intended to pay the early installments to the United States on the Mellon-Berenger debt agreement before the Chamber of Deputies passes upon this accord. . . . Under the Mellon-Berenger agreement last year France agreed to pay the United States two annuities of \$30,000,000 each, and greater sums during the following years. M. Poincare's present gesture toward the British is probably due to two reasons: First, it is the result of an urgent argument by Mr. Churchill that the French payments were necessary for the British budgetary requirements, and, second, the admission by M. Poincare that little hope exists of the ratification of either the British or American

debt pacts for some time. Some weeks ago, M. Poincare admitted that the United States at no time had requested payments on account under the Mellon-Berenger agreement. Whether he now plans to make a voluntary move toward filing off the 1927-'28 annuity, as will be done in the case of the British debt, could not be learned in Paris to-night."

The German Finance Minister, Heinrich Koehler, "in a maiden speech fairly steeped in gloom," said in the Reichstag on Feb. 16 that there was no possible way visible at present for Germany to meet her Dawes obligations after this year and, moreover, the chances of her being able to balance her 1927 budget were by no means good. He is further reported in a wireless despatch from Berlin on the same day to the New York "Times" as describing the reparational obligations as "gigantic and malevolently influencing the whole budgetary structure, and later saying in more detail: "The aggregation of reparations payments will total about 2,000,000,000 marks. Add to that sum 1,300,000,000 marks for the war and there is a total of 3,300,000,000 marks which the German people must pay for the war and reparation costs in the coming year. The year after, according to the Dawes plan, the charge on the budget and the service of the railway and industrial bonds will be increased by 432,000,000 marks and in 1929 by a further 290,000,000 marks. I recognize at the present moment that there is no possibility of our producing these payments, despite our good-will." The House was said to be "gravely" silent as Herr Koehler, "evidently weighing his words with the greatest care," spoke and German public opinion was deeply stirred, having long favored an official German demand for a downward revision of the Dawes plan, and Herr Koehler's remarks were taken as an intimation of such a step being taken.

The German people, the Finance Minister estimated in his Reichstag speech on Wednesday, would pay in taxes, customs and other Government charges the huge total of 11,000,000,000 marks, 7,800,000,000 marks of which to the Reich and the remainder to the provincial and municipal governments, according to the summary of the speech cabled to the New York "Herald Tribune." Up to now, the Minister said, the revival begun last year had been maintained, but the present year was not without worry for German industry. He referred to the termination of the British coal strike as the removal of one source of Germany's economic recuperation last year, and also pointed to the Government unemployment figures of 1,750,000 as a sign that the nation's economic position still was "not sound." Drastic economy was the only solution, the correspondent said Dr. Koehler recommended, and he promised to continue the policy of Peter Reinhold, his predecessor, in not burdening the industry of the country with heavy taxation. He announced, however, that the policy of granting subventions to various private concerns carried on by previous Finance Ministers would be discontinued, saying, "The State cannot play the role of banker to industry." It was added: "The budget, as presented by Dr. Koehler to-day (Feb. 16) was worked out by Herr Reinhold, and balances at about 8,500,000,000 marks, almost the same figure as the 1926 budget. Dr. Koehler admitted that Herr Reinhold's budget of last year had shown a slight surplus at the end of the fiscal

year, although anticipations that decreased taxation would mean increased receipts had been disappointed."

Plans for the modernization of the French fortifications on the German and Italian frontiers are said in a Paris despatch to the New York "Times" on Feb. 12 to be giving deep concern in diplomatic circles there. The program, according to War Minister Painleve in an announcement before the Army Committee of the Senate, says the correspondent, "will take three years and cost 7,000,000,000 francs, and the determination of the Government to enter upon such an expensive undertaking at a time when M. Briand is singing the praises of 'peaceful settlements' is accepted as a decisive proof that France is unwilling to trust herself completely to military guarantees and Locarno agreements." For the Government it is declared that "the recent Franco-Italian disturbances at Nice and revelation of the extent to which Italy was developing her military equipment on the French frontier forced it to realize that measures had to be taken to meet that situation and that two other conditions determined the creation of M. Painleve's project: eventual evacuation of the Rhine and transformation of the frontier resulting therefrom and the reorganization of the army." It was added: "The Government is frankly inclined to doubt the practical efficacy of the demilitarized zone on the left and right banks of the Rhine. However acceptable may be the Locarno accords in their political aspect, the stipulations concerning the British and Italian guarantees are not regarded as sufficiently precise from the military viewpoint."

The commercial treaty negotiations long in progress between Germany and Poland ended in a complete rupture early this week. "The German Government," said the German note in the matter, "is of the opinion that the trade treaty negotiations now going on will be unable to continue with any prospect of success until an agreement on the German settlement question is reached." The head of the Polish delegation in Berlin on Feb. 15, said an Associated Press despatch of the same day, "handed the head of the German delegation a note defending the expulsion of the four Germans which was the cause of Germany's action in interrupting the trade treaty negotiations, saying that" Polish regulations for the protection of domestic labor empowered the Government to refuse the prolongation of residence permits as the country's economic interests warranted." It added that "the German demand that a resumption of further trade negotiations be made dependent upon a definite agreement in the question of entry and settlement for both countries is held unacceptable by the Polish Government." An earlier despatch (Feb. 12) from the Berlin correspondent of the New York "Times" said it had been "hinted" in official quarters in Berlin "that Poland's desires relative to the export of cattle, beef and coal into Germany cannot be granted until an agreement has been reached insuring Germans against being expelled summarily from that country. There is even a possibility that an embargo against these imports may be declared and the discussion of the trade treaty called off altogether, if the Polish Government maintains its present attitude." The German proposal is said by the Berlin correspondent of the New York "Herald-Tribune," cabling on Feb. 15, to have been considered by Poland

as meaning Poland should abandon its best bargaining weapon with which to obtain a reduction of the heavy German duties which effectually bar Polish agrarian products from coming into Germany. He added: "In opposition circles here (Berlin) it is charged that the deportation of the four railway men is only a pretext for suspending the negotiations and that the real reason is that the German agrarians—who, through the Nationalists, now dominate the new German Cabinet—do not want a trade agreement with Poland because such a pact would bring Polish farm products into competition with their own. Furthermore, it is asserted that some of the German negotiators believe that, now that the British coal strike is ended, the cause of Polish prosperity has been removed and that economic pressure will speedily compel the Poles to come to terms with the Germans, who before the war were their best customers."

Marshal Pilsudski, the Polish Dictator, by his mere appearance in the Polish Parliament last Monday turned what seemed almost certain defeat for the Budget bill, and likewise for the Government, into "one of the most brilliant victories, political or military, which the Polish Dictator has ever achieved." The Warsaw correspondent of the New York "Times," cabling the same day, further said the Marshal went to the Sejm in his "stained and time-worn uniform" and "with a keen sense of the dramatic, showed himself at the exact psychological moment to create chaos in the ranks of the enemy. Since he took over the leadership of the Government Marshal Pilsudski had not attended a Sejm session, even during the debates on the budget up to to-day, when the Ministerial estimates were slashed, cut or rejected entirely, which was regarded as tantamount to the defeat of the Government."

All he did, according to the same account, was to "glance with haughty composure" from the Prime Minister's seat as the vote was being taken on the budget bill and when the vote was counted it was found the bill had passed the House in its entirety. On Saturday at its second reading the bill was so furiously attacked that the Pilsudski Government was believed to be doomed. Many of its estimates were reduced or rejected, and political circles declared the action was directed against the Dictator personally. The "Times" dispatch of Feb. 14, reciting the Dictator's victory over the Deputies on that day, said: "Political circles see in to-day's happenings merely a postponement of the crisis, which will come to a head as soon as the Opposition is able to reorganize its forces and discipline its Deputies against the persuasive power which Marshal Pilsudski so far has been able to use at the proper time. However, the budget is passed and the enemies of the Marshal must find other means of ousting the Government, since they are unwilling to risk defeat on a lack of confidence vote, fearing that another Pilsudski victory would disorganize their forces completely."

All accounts agree that of all the many revolutions through which Portugal has passed since the proclamation of the republic, the last one, though short-lived, was the severest. However, it was so quickly put down, and apparently so decisively, that hopes were engendered it may have served as a clarifying

agent and the country at last settle down to work out its destiny peacefully. A Lisbon dispatch on Feb. 14 to the Associated Press said that General Carmona, the dictator, is convinced that better days now await Portugal, and expects "all the more conservative elements to unite and rally around the Government to aid in the difficult work of the reformation of the country." Pacification of Portugal, he explained to the correspondent of the Associated Press, would be an extremely trying task, "owing to the social and administrative disorders caused by sixteen years of misgovernment by political parties, who, he declared, unfortunately thought more of their own interest than of the good of the country." He continued: "Constant struggles and revolts between these parties have also created favorable ground for social indiscipline and strenuous propaganda by Communistic elements and the Moscow Internationale, especially the working classes and syndicalists." The correspondent added: "The dictatorship, General Carmona averred, wishes to exercise benevolence, avoiding drastic measures, which circumstances forced the Government to take. But this action was only temporary and the reins of power will be transferred, when all is ready, to competent statesmen, who will complete the work begun by the dictatorship."

Horacio Alfaro, Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Panama, indicated in a statement on Feb. 14 to the Panama representative of the New York "Herald Tribune" that the changes desired by his Government in the Panama-American Treaty which failed of ratification by the Panaman National Assembly are not "fundamental." His brother, Ricardo Alfaro, Minister to this country, is now on his way here with special instructions to endeavor to reopen negotiations in the matter with the State Department. The changes to be proposed are wanted by Panama, the Foreign Minister said, to overcome peculiar objections among the people. "One of the articles considered objectionable relates to Panama's participating in a war involving the United States," he said. "We urge that this article be clarified and changed to show clearly that Panama is not obliged to supply troops to the United States, as is the popular belief. Opponents of the treaty so strongly criticized this article that natives in the interior left their farms and retreated to the mountains, believing they were to be conscripted." The correspondent added that the Minister denied a report in Washington that Panama wanted a lump sum from the United States in payment for the Isthmian road. "We object to the specifications of the road," he explained, "as they mean an outlay of \$3,000,000. That's too much money for Panama to pay and we desire to make our own specifications calling for a cheaper road."

At several times during the week the course of events in the Nicaraguan situation indicated the probability of an important battle in the Central American republic. A dispatch from Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, to the Associated Press on Feb. 13 said that the American Legation at Managua was advised that night from Matagalpa that the Liberals had recaptured Muy Muy, and were on their way to Matagalpa, fifteen miles away, in great numbers and with many machine guns to attack the city with the Conservatives reported evacuating

Matagalpa. The correspondent reported on the following day that the main body of the Liberal forces had reached Matagalpa, a city of strategic importance and ranked second in importance only to the Nicaraguan capital. General Moncada, who defeated the Conservatives at Las Perlas, ascended the Grande and Escondido River valleys toward Matagalpa, with Managua, however, as his final objective, and General Parajon, after his retreat from Chinandega, was believed to have joined forces with Moncada.

Washington advices all the week have intimated, as the correspondent of the New York "Herald-Tribune" said on Feb. 12, that "strong efforts" were being made there to end the fighting and controversy in Nicaragua. Reports are current, he added, that this Government was preparing shortly to intervene actively to bring about peace. "While such reports are not officially verified," he said, "it is learned the State Department and the Administration are much concerned over the recent hostilities. . . . Critics of the Administration policy in Nicaragua have urged repeatedly a new election, with the United States seeing to it that an orderly test of feeling at the polls should be assured. In Senate circles it would cause no surprise if it eventuated that the Government is moving in that direction." The Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" four days later interpreted the movement of eight hundred additional bluejackets and the ordering of six De Haviland aeroplanes with ten officers and ninety men to Corinto, as meaning that "imposition of peace by force in Nicaragua was indicated." "It is the general belief here," said his dispatch on Feb. 16, "although no indication of policy was forthcoming at the State Department, that both Sacasa and Diaz are to be asked to disarm their forces and to withdraw. If they refuse, Nicaragua will be neutralized by the armed forces of the United States and perhaps permanently neutralized. . . . To perpetuate the neutrality of Nicaragua, it is believed here that active steps are contemplated by the Government, which include the establishment of the Fonseca naval base and the occupation of the Corn Islands in the Caribbean. The rights to the islands and the base are pledged the United States by Article 2 of the Convention signed at Washington on Aug. 5 1914, the Convention through which the rights to the Nicaraguan Canal were sold to the United States."

Official discount rates at leading European centres continue to be quoted at 7% in Italy; 6% in Belgium and Austria, 5½% in Paris and Denmark, 5% in London, Berlin and Madrid, 4½% in Sweden and Norway, and 3½% in Holland and Switzerland. In London open market discounts were steady and finished a trifle higher, at 4¼@4 5-16%, for short bills, against 4 3-16@4¼%, with three months' bills at 4 3-16@4¼%, as against 4 1/8% a week ago. Money on call in London ruled very firm, but reacted and closed weak at 3½%, in comparison with 3 5/8% last week. At Paris and Switzerland open market discount rates have been lowered to 4½% and 2¾%, respectively.

Gold holdings of the Bank of England further declined during the week ended Feb. 16, but only slightly, namely, £12,864 to £150,176,411. At the corresponding date last year holdings of bullion

were £144,670,556 and in 1925 £128,579,000 (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 banking department expanded £769,000 as a result of a decrease of £782,000 in notes in circulation, while the proportion of reserve to liability advanced from 27.39% to 28.16%. Public deposits gained £2,787,000 but "other" deposits fell off £3,343,000. Loans on Government securities decreased £60,000 and on "other" securities £1,239,000. Note circulation now stands at £136,187,000 as against £140,448,135 in 1926 and £124,232,000 the year previous. The Bank's official discount rate of 5% remains unchanged. Below we give a detailed comparative statement back to 1925:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1927. Feb. 16.	1926. Feb. 17.	1925. Feb. 18.	1924. Feb. 20.	1923. Feb. 21.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	136,187,000	140,448,135	124,232,200	124,764,470	122,041,710
Public deposits.....	17,507,000	23,582,893	13,705,282	15,525,064	22,036,037
Other deposits.....	102,282,000	106,917,556	111,243,895	107,889,459	106,791,655
Govt. securities.....	29,813,000	43,782,247	43,941,830	45,034,182	47,317,299
Other securities.....	74,428,000	80,884,205	75,044,583	73,419,849	74,434,913
Reserve notes & coin	33,738,000	23,972,421	24,097,030	23,083,130	25,207,476
Coin and bullion.....	150,176,000	144,670,556	128,579,230	128,097,600	127,499,186
Proportion of reserve					
to liabilities.....	28.16%	18 1/4%	19 1/4%	18.75%	19 1/2%
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.

The Bank of France in its weekly statement as of Feb. 16 reported a reduction in note circulation of no less than 489,367,000 francs, bringing the total of that item down to 52,153,135,710 francs. For the same time last year total notes outstanding stood at 50,961,538,385 francs and for the year previous at 40,771,318,360 francs. The State still further reduced its obligations to the Bank, having repaid 500,000,000 francs during the week. Advances to the State now amount to 30,500,000,000 francs, against 34,600,000,000 francs in 1926 and 21,900,000,000 francs at the same time in 1925. Gold showed a slight increase this week, namely 600 francs. Total gold holdings are 5,547,828,350 francs, as against 5,548,218,046 francs and 5,545,721,610 francs in 1926 and 1925, respectively. Other changes in the Bank's report were: Silver increased 125,657 francs, Treasury deposits 16,056,529 francs and general deposits 440,032,022 francs. Advances to trade diminished 43,027,054 francs and bills discounted decreased 162,367,577 francs. Comparison 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. 16 1927.	Feb. 17 1926.	Feb. 18 1925.
Gold Holdings—	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
In France.....	Inc. 600	3,683,507,443	3,683,897,138	3,681,400,703
Abroad.....	Unchanged	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907
Total.....	Inc. 600	5,547,828,350	5,548,218,046	5,545,721,610
Silver.....	Inc. 125,657	341,812,405	327,076,283	305,367,161
Bills discounted... Dec.	162,367,577	3,051,675,056	3,137,457,412	5,000,352,570
Trade advances... Dec.	43,027,054	1,995,972,420	2,497,735,226	3,004,932,720
Note circulation... Dec.	489,367,000	52,153,135,710	50,961,538,385	40,771,318,360
Treasury deposits... Inc.	16,056,529	35,581,285	8,834,516	13,452,415
General deposits... Inc.	440,032,022	5,254,878,129	2,868,877,002	1,929,196,397
Advances to State... Dec.	500,000,000	30,500,000,000	34,600,000,000	21,900,000,000

The Federal Reserve Bank statements, issued on Thursday afternoon, indicated a small increase in the volume of bills discounted, both locally and for the entire system and also in open market dealings. According to the report of the System, rediscounting

of bills secured by Government obligations increased \$28,900,000. In "Other" bills there was a decline of \$11,500,000, so that total bills discounted for the week expanded \$17,400,000. Holdings of bills bought in the open market were augmented \$12,400,000. Total bills and securities (earning assets) increased \$36,500,000, while deposits showed a gain of no less than \$75,300,000. Member bank reserve accounts likewise registered a substantial addition, namely, \$67,400,000. Gold reserves for the banks as a group expanded \$9,700,000. At New York, there was a loss in gold of \$10,500,000. Changes in discounting operations, however, at New York, followed along closely similar lines with those for the combined system. Rediscounts of Government secured paper increased \$7,800,000, while rediscounting of "Other" bills fell \$3,100,000, with the net result of the week's dealings a gain in total bills discounted of \$4,700,000. Open market purchases expanded \$18,800,000. Increases were recorded in all of the following items: Total bills and securities, \$31,100,000; deposits, \$31,700,000 and member bank reserve accounts, \$28,100,000. Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation increased \$2,500,000 locally, but for the System there was a drop of \$8,700,000. As to the reserve ratios, the additions to deposits were sufficient to offset gold movements and bring about declines. The ratio for the group banks was reduced 1.1%, to 78.4%. That of the New York institution declined to 82.5%, a loss of 3.0%.

Last Saturday's return of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies, which was issued at the close of business on Friday of last week, because of the Saturday holiday, and commented on briefly in our last issue, shows in detail that the loan item was reduced \$7,996,000. Net demand deposits fell \$1,181,000, to \$4,361,691,000, which total is exclusive of \$24,963,000 in Government deposits, a lowering in the latter item for the week of \$4,206,000. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank expanded \$7,472,000, to \$51,315,000. This, however, does not count as reserve. State bank and trust company reserves in own vaults increased \$527,000, but the reserves of these same institutions kept in other depositories fell off \$319,000. Member banks reported an addition to their reserves in the Federal institution of \$19,528,000, which, as indicated last week, was largely responsible (in combination with lessened deposits) for the increase in surplus reserves amounting to \$19,938,020. This gain brought excess reserves up to \$23,327,990, as contrasted with only \$3,389,970 a week earlier. These figures regarding surplus reserves are on the basis of legal reserve requirements of 13%, against demand deposits for member banks of the Federal Reserve, but not including \$51,315,000 of cash in vault held by these members on Saturday last.

Call money this week underwent both a rise and a decline from the 4% rate prevailing uninterruptedly on the Stock Exchange during the previous three weeks. Mid-month requirements, resulting in calling of about \$45,000,000 in loans on the first two days of the week, were reflected in an advance to 4½% on Tuesday. There was a return to 4% on the next day, and this was succeeded by a further decline to 3¾% on Thursday, on which latter day outside loans were reported negotiated even below this figure. The 3¾% rate prevailed to the

close yesterday. At the same time bank acceptances were firmer at an advance of ⅛ of 1% and time money quiet but firm at 4⅜@4½%. The official announcement of no change in the Federal Reserve rediscount rate of 4% was received as a matter of course. Another decrease, \$9,400,000, was reported in the total of brokers' loans as of Feb. 9. The amount of gold taken in London for American account was increased by further purchases announced this week. The week has been a rather light one for offerings of new securities compared with other recent weeks.

As to money rates in detail, call loans, as already indicated, covered a range during the week of 3¾@4½%, which compares with a flat figure of 4% that prevailed for the three preceding weeks. On Monday only one rate was still quoted—4%—all loans on call being negotiated at that figure. Tuesday a temporary stiffening sent the rate up to 4½%; the low, however, was 4% and renewals were again made at that figure. The call market settled back to the 4% basis on Wednesday, this being again the only quotation recorded during the day. Easier conditions prevailed on Thursday, when the low was reduced to 3¾%; although 4% was still the level at which renewals were made, also the high. Friday's range was again 3¾@4%, and 4% the renewal basis.

In time money a slightly hardening tendency developed, with the result that toward the close of the week all maturities from sixty days to six months were quoted at 4⅜@4½%, in comparison with 4¼@4⅜% for sixty days, 4⅜% for ninety days and 4⅜@4½% for four, five, and six months last week. Trading was quiet. Fixed date funds were in light demand and the market was a dull, lifeless affair.

Mercantile paper was only moderately active. Both local and out-of-town people were in the market as buyers, but offerings were restricted. Four to six months' names of choice character continue to be quoted at 3¾@4%, with names not so well known at 4¼%. New England mill paper and the shorter choice names continued to be dealt in at 3¾%.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances were marked up fractionally in keeping with other branches of the money market and open market rates advanced ⅛ of 1%. Trading was not particularly active, and prime acceptances figured for only a comparatively small turnover. There was nothing in the way of news developments to report. For call loans against bankers' acceptances, the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council remains at 4¾%. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rate on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks 3⅝% bid and 3½% asked for bills running 30 days, 3¾% bid and 3⅝% asked for 60 days and 90 days, and 3⅞% bid and 3¾% asked for 120 days, 150 days, and 180 days. Open market quotations follow:

	SPOT DELIVERY.		
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days
Prime eligible bills.....	3⅞@3¾	3¾@3¾	3¾@3¾
	FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.		
Eligible member banks.....	3¾ bid		
Eligible non-member banks.....	3¾ bid		

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

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT
FEB. 18 1927.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.	Paper Maturing—					
	Within 90 Days.				After 90 Days, but Within 6 Months.	After 6 but Within 9 Months.
	Com'rcial Agric'l & Livestock Paper. n.e.s.	Secured by U. S. Govern't Obliga- tions.	Bankers' Accep- tances.	Trade Accep- tances.	Agricul.* and Livestock Paper.	Agricul'l and Livestock Paper. 1
Boston.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
New York.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Philadelphia.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Cleveland.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Richmond.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Atlanta.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Chicago.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
St. Louis.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Minneapolis.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Kansas City.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Dallas.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
San Francisco.....	4	4	4	4	4	4

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

The sterling exchange market has experienced another dull and uneventful week, with the volume of business transacted light and rate fluctuations confined to a small fraction. Very little trace of the recent spurt of selling activity was discernible and the market appears to have relapsed into its former state of lethargy. After the first shock of surprise and alarm at the prospects of serious disturbance and possible military intervention in China, traders have apparently settled down to await the outcome of the Chinese crisis. Speculative trading is absolutely nil and only bare routine requirements are being attended to. The important fact is that values are being well maintained. Demand bills ruled the greater part of the week at 4 84 $\frac{5}{8}$, or 3-16 higher than the rate prevailing a week ago, with the close slightly below this level. However, it still remains true that the underlying factor at present governing sterling exchange price levels is the condition of the money market both here and in Great Britain. Monetary rates continue firm in London with the result that American capital is still showing a tendency to drift toward the British centre; thus creating a quiet but steady inquiry for sterling bills. Whether or not the New York Federal Reserve Bank is contemplating a reduction in its discount rate is a question that is still agitating the minds of financial authorities here and abroad. Action of this sort, it is claimed, would undoubtedly be followed by a corresponding change in the Bank of England rate. Inauguration of what seemed to be a movement of gold from London to New York aroused considerable attention. Something like \$4,500,000 is said to be enroute for New York. This is regarded as the more remarkable when it is recalled that sterling appears to be still ruling above the actual gold point. The movement is due, in the main, to the temporarily low price prevailing for the metal, in conjunction with reduced shipping costs and the availability of fast transportation; all of which have combined to make transactions of this nature profitable. Opinion seems to be that the inflow is not likely to attain important proportions at this time.

As to the more detailed quotations, sterling exchange on Saturday last was steady and unchanged, with demand still ruling at 4 84 9-16@4 84 21-32 and cable transfers at 4 95 1-16@4 85 5-32; trading was dull and lifeless. Monday's market was inactive and a shade easier, and the rate for demand did not get above 4 84 $\frac{5}{8}$ (the only price named), while cable transfers ruled at 4 85 $\frac{1}{8}$. There was no change in quotations on Tuesday from 4 85 $\frac{3}{8}$

(one rate) for demand and 4 85 $\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers. On Wednesday a further fractional recession occurred, which carried demand sterling down to 4 84 17-32 @4 84 19-32 and cable transfers to 4 85 1-32@4 85 3-32; the volume of business passing was small. Dulness characterized trading on Thursday and the undertone was again slightly easier; demand slipped off another 1-32 of a cent, to 4 84 17-32@4 84 9-16, and cable transfers 4 85 1-32@4 85 1-16. Friday inactivity prevailed and the day's price was 4 84 17-32 (one rate) for demand and 4 85 1-32 for cable transfers. Closing quotations were 4 84 17-32 for demand and 4 85 1-32 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 84 13-32, sixty days at 4 80 13-32, ninety days at 4 78 29-32, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 80 21-32, and seven-day grain bills at 4 84 5-32. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 84 13-32. Gold is beginning to move this way and the week's engagements included \$750,000 by the Aquitania consigned to the Seaboard National Bank, also \$750,000 for the International Acceptance Bank. The Mauretania brought in 86 boxes of English gold consigned to local banks and estimated to have a value of about \$3,000,000. It is understood that the Bank of England is still exporting gold in small quantities, chiefly to Spain. Japan has shipped another \$2,000,000 to the United States via the SS. Korea.

The Continental exchanges have been extremely quiet. Trading has been of a desultory character and small irregular-price changes have occurred from time to time with no definite trend in one direction or the other. Even Spanish pesetas—still the most active feature of the entire Continental list—have moved within comparatively narrow limits. French francs slipped down another point or so, declining to a new low on the current down swing of 3.90%. Nevertheless, the bulk of the bills offering appeared to come from sources very close to the Government; all of which lent color to the belief that the value of the Paris unit is being kept down purposely. In some quarters a rumor is being circulated to the effect that Premier Poincare is planning the introduction of a new unit to be known as the "Thunard," equal to about five of the current francs, and that the stabilization value of the present franc is to be at 0.385 $\frac{3}{4}$. Continued diminution of the spread between spot quotations and futures reveals the subsidence of speculative operations. Thirty-day bills are being quoted at a discount of only 1% below spot, which compares with a previous spread of as much as 10 points. Narrowing of the discount is interpreted as meaning that speculators do not expect any wide movements toward lower levels in the near future. It is claimed that business in the major European currencies is becoming largely commercialized; that is to say, confined for the most part to transactions to cover export and import movements of commodities. Announcement that Belgium had removed all restrictions on exports of gold and silver had no effect on belga quotations which continue to rule at or near 13.90. It is claimed that the announcement is a good deal like the one made some time ago regarding the removal of restrictions on exchange dealings. While certain regulations were done away with, Belgian officials maintained their hold on the belga and warded off speculative attack. Complete supervision will undoubtedly be exercised over bullion movements. The prevailing exchange rate is said to be

upheld by the movement of the Belgian Bank's foreign balances; and so long as this remains true, no exports of gold arising from transactions in foreign exchange will be permitted.

Italian lire were steady and ruled at a point or so above last week's price levels, namely 4.29¾@4.32, on very quiet trading. Up till Friday (yesterday) when there was an increase in purchases of spot against sales of futures, which led to an advance to 4.33½. Here also the spread between spot and future quotations has diminished to the vanishing point and speculative tendencies are drastically curbed. Reichsmarks remain in a rut, having ruled at 23.69 all week, the same as last week. Greek exchange was weaker and the drachmae hovered alternately above and below 1.28. It is understood that the committee recently appointed to study the reasons for that country's financial fiascos, and to find means for improving the situation, has made its report and recommended the introduction of a new currency to replace the drachmae. This would result in the permanent devaluation of the drachmae to about current levels. The report of the committee also included tax reduction, a balanced budget, resort to foreign borrowing and the like. Of the minor Central European group, Rumania continues to attract attention; lei scored a further gain to as high as 0.59½, but with no specific reason assigned for the advance.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 123.81½, which compares with 123.49 a week ago. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.90⅞, against 3.92; cable transfers at 3.91⅞, against 3.93, and commercial sight bills at 3.89⅞, against 3.91 the previous week. Closing rates on Antwerp belgas were 13.89½ for checks and 13.90½ for cable transfers, which compares with 13.90 and 13.91 a week earlier. Reichsmarks finished at 23.69 for checks and 23.70 for cable transfers, unchanged. Austrian schillings have not been changed from 14⅞. Italian lire closed at 4.33½ for bankers' sight bills and at 4.34½ for cable transfers. This compares with 4.29 and 4.30 the previous week. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.96⅞ (unchanged); on Bucharest at 0.59½, against 0.56⅞; on Poland at 11.50 (unchanged), and on Finland at 2.52½ (unchanged). Greek exchange closed at 1.28 for checks and at 1.29 for cable transfers, against 1.29½ and 1.30½ the previous week.

In the Continental currencies usually designated as the neutral exchanges, movements have been inconsequential with trading still quiet. Dutch guilders have been moderately active, at or near 40.00. Swiss francs remained virtually unchanged, within a point or so of 19.22. Of the Scandinavian group the only activity shown was in Norwegian krone, which, after opening strong at 25.80, gradually sold off to 25.69, then rallied and closed at 25.72. Spanish pesetas were dealt in quite actively, largely for speculative account, and quotations were generally firm, advancing from 16.77 to 16.92½, then receding to 16.75, and closing at 16.84. As usual most of the trading was done abroad.

Bankers' sight bills on Amsterdam finished at 40.01, against 40.00½; cable transfers at 40.02 against 40.01½, and commercial sight bills at 40.00, against 39.99½. Final quotations on Swiss francs were 19.22½ for bankers' sight bills and 19.23½ for cable remittances, the same as last week.

Copenhagen checks finished at 26.64 and cable transfers at 26.65, against 26.65 and 26.66. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.68 and cable transfers at 26.69, against 26.67½ and 26.68½, while checks on Norway finished at 25.72 and cable transfers at 25.73, against 25.75 and 25.76½ a week earlier. Spanish pesetas closed at 16.84 for checks and at 16.85 for cable transfers, in comparison with 16.78 and 16.79 the preceding week.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922, FEB. 12 1927 TO FEB. 18 1927, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	Feb. 12.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 16.	Feb. 17.	Feb. 18.
EUROPE—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Austria, schilling	1.4072	1.4086	1.4072	1.4072	1.4084	1.4079
Belgium, belga	1.391	1.391	1.390	1.390	1.390	1.390
Bulgaria, lev	.007228	.007223	.007220	.007220	.007250	.007255
Czechoslovakia, krone	.029616	.029618	.029615	.029615	.029617	.029616
Denmark, krone	.2665	.2665	.2665	.2665	.2665	.2665
England, pound sterling	4.8511	4.8507	4.8504	4.8502	4.8501	4.8501
Finland, markka	.025199	.025213	.025206	.025208	.025208	.026206
France, franc	.0393	.0393	.0392	.0392	.0392	.0392
Germany, reichsmark	.2370	.2370	.2370	.2370	.2370	.2370
Greece, drachma	.012971	.012942	.012958	.012949	.012913	.012913
Holland, guilder	.4002	.4001	.4001	.4001	.4001	.4001
Hungary, pengo	.1753	.1754	.1753	.1753	.1753	.1753
Italy, lira	.0431	.0431	.0432	.0432	.0432	.0433
Norway, krone	.2572	.2567	.2569	.2571	.2571	.2571
Poland, zloty	.1134	.1138	.1136	.1136	.1130	.1132
Portugal, escudo	.0512	.0513	.0512	.0511	.0512	.0512
Rumania, leu	.005673	.005748	.00764	.005773	.005898	.005898
Spain, peseta	1.688	1.682	1.679	1.674	1.684	1.684
Sweden, krona	.2669	.2668	.2669	.2669	.2669	.2669
Switzerland, franc	.1924	.1924	.1923	.1923	.1923	.1923
Yugoslavia, dinar	.017605	.017602	.017608	.017608	.017595	.017604
ASIA—						
China						
Chefoo, tael	.6496	.6525	.6571	.6617	.6700	.6700
Hankow, tael	.6400	.6442	.6475	.6500	.6596	.6596
Shanghai, tael	.6202	.6243	.6266	.6341	.6413	.6413
Tientsin, tael	.6538	.6550	.6592	.6642	.6725	.6725
Hong Kong, dollar	.4925	.4950	.4982	.5007	.5043	.5043
Mexican dollar	.4563	.4563	.4575	.4625	.4678	.4678
Tientsin or Pelyang, dollar	.4450	.4450	.4458	.4475	.4538	.4538
Yuan, dollar	.4425	.4425	.4433	.4450	.4513	.4513
India, rupee	.3637	.3637	.3636	.3635	.3631	.3631
Japan, yen	.4882	.4885	.4885	.4885	.4885	.4885
Singapore (S.S.), dollar	.5600	.5600	.5604	.5600	.5583	.5583
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	.998373	.998460	.998369	.998405	.998387	.998387
Cuba, peso	1.000750	1.000563	1.000750	1.000813	1.000813	1.000813
Mexico, peso	.470417	.470400	.470567	.470867	.470833	.470833
Newfoundland, dollar	.996188	.996250	.996250	.996250	.996250	.996250
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.9469	.9501	.9503	.9517	.9499	.9499
Brazil, milreis	.1183	.1186	.1185	.1188	.1186	.1186
Chile, peso	.1200	.1203	.1200	.1200	.1200	.1200
Uruguay, peso	1.0143	1.0165	1.0157	1.0156	1.0157	1.0157

As regards South American exchange, while trading was dull, it was featured by a sharp advance in Argentine pesos which soared to new heights, ostensibly on improvement in foreign trade developments, also prospects that the Government will shortly place the peso on a gold basis. The immediate cause of the sudden strength, however, was said to be the opening of the heavy seasonal movement of grain for export. It is interesting to observe that parity for the Argentine paper peso is \$.4245, while the gold peso is \$.9648. In 1899 the paper peso was stabilized at 44% of a gold peso; therefore, the exchange rates on these units is always in this proportion. According to current reports, the Argentine Government is considering a plan for a new currency, but nothing of a constructive nature has as yet been done in this direction. The Argentine paper pesos finished yesterday at 41.77 for checks and 41.82 for cable transfers, against 41.71 and 41.76 a week ago. Brazilian milreis were quiet and ruled all week at close to the levels of recent weeks, viz., 11.90. The close was 11.87 for checks and 11.92 for cable transfers. Chilean exchange was firm but finished at 11.92, (unchanged) and Peru closed down at 3 64, against 3 66.

Developments in the Far East were reflected to a certain extent in the movement of the so-called silver currencies, although trading was only intermittently active. Exchange on Hong Kong and Shanghai was strong and weak by turns, following the ups and downs of the silver market. Japanese yen remain steady, although it is claimed that Japan is feeling the effects of the Chinese crisis as keenly as England.

The Indian currencies were firm and unchanged. Hong Kong finished at 50 13-16@51½, against 49 7-16@50; Shanghai at 65@65½, against 62¾@63¼; Yokohama at 48.90@49.00, against 48.85@49.00; Manila, 49.50@49.60 (unchanged); Singapore, 56½@56½ (unchanged); Bombay, 36½@36½, against 36¾@36½, and Calcutta, 36½@36½, against 36¾@36½.

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$5,692,431 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended Feb. 17. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$6,544,431, while the shipments have reached \$852,000 as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week Ended February 17.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' Interior movement.....	\$6,544,431	\$852,000	Gain 5,692,431

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, Feb. 12.	Monday, Feb. 14.	Tuesday, Feb. 15.	Wednesday, Feb. 16.	Thursday, Feb. 17.	Friday, Feb. 18.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 132,000,000	\$ 108,000,000	\$ 108,000,000	\$ 108,000,000	\$ 114,000,000	\$ 109,000,000	Cr. 561,000,000

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—	February 17 1927.			February 18 1926.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 150,176,411	£ 150,176,411	£ 144,670,556	£ 144,670,556	£ 144,670,556	£ 144,670,556
France	147,340,268	13,640,000	160,980,268	147,355,886	13,080,000	160,435,886
Germany	86,656,450	994,600	87,651,050	49,731,700	994,600	50,726,300
Spain	102,793,000	27,386,000	130,185,000	101,475,000	26,323,000	127,798,000
Italy	45,748,000	4,209,000	49,957,000	35,673,000	3,405,000	39,078,000
Netherl'ds	34,525,000	2,353,000	36,878,000	36,267,000	2,154,000	38,421,000
Nat. Belg.	17,795,000	1,108,000	18,903,000	10,954,000	3,650,000	14,604,000
Switzerl'd.	17,505,000	3,046,000	20,551,000	17,079,000	3,715,000	20,794,000
Sweden	12,410,000	-----	12,410,000	12,774,000	-----	12,774,000
Denmark	11,204,000	843,000	12,047,000	11,624,000	825,000	12,449,000
Norway	8,180,000	-----	8,180,000	8,180,000	-----	8,180,000
Total week	634,339,129	53,579,600	687,918,729	575,784,142	54,146,600	629,930,742
Prev. week	633,410,569	53,688,600	687,099,169	575,167,768	54,130,600	629,298,368

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 £5,073,600 held abroad. c As of Oct. 7 1924.

The New Status of Naval Disarmament.

The rejection by France of President Coolidge's proposal of a further limitation of naval armaments came as no surprise, since it had been intimated for several days that the reply would be unfavorable. Whether the reply might not have been different, if diplomatic inquiry had more patiently paved the way for the memorandum to the Powers which Mr. Coolidge communicated to Congress with his message of Feb. 10, is a question more interesting, perhaps, than important. No Government, of course, likes to be put in the position of receiving even a courteous rebuff, and it is possible that Mr. Coolidge's preliminary inquiries, if any were made, as to how his proposals would be received, were somewhat hurried by the pending cruiser controversy in Congress and the approaching end of the session. A careful read-

ing of the American memorandum and the French reply, however, leaves little ground for thinking that the two Governments would have found themselves in agreement regarding the course which Mr. Coolidge suggested. The note of M. Briand, the French Foreign Minister, is, after all, only a courteous re-statement of a position which France has all along maintained, and there is little likelihood that the position would have been at once abandoned, or even materially modified, even though Great Britain, Italy and Japan, the other Powers to which the American memorandum was addressed, had been inclined to give a different answer.

The gist of the American memorandum is the proposal that the principle of the Washington Treaty for the limitation of naval armaments should be extended so as to apply to the various classes of naval vessels which, under the treaty, were excluded from its operation. The Washington Treaty, to which the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan were parties, imposed a tonnage restriction upon capital ships and aircraft carriers of the signatory Powers, and further restrictions upon the size and maximum calibre of the guns of other classes of war vessels. No limitation was imposed upon the number of cruisers, destroyers or submarines which either of the Powers might build, the only limitation in those classes being that which restricted the size and armament of cruisers. A 5-5-3 ratio of naval strength was also established between the United States, Great Britain and Japan, but the ratio did not apply to France or Italy, which for various reasons, the chief of which was a sharp difference of opinion regarding the use of submarines, found themselves unable to join in this part of the agreement.

While Mr. Coolidge, in his message to Congress on Feb. 10, was able to state that, in his opinion, competitive building of the various classes of vessels not covered by the treaty had not actually been begun, he nevertheless called attention to the fact that "far-reaching building programs have been laid down by certain Powers, and there has appeared in our own country, as well as abroad, a sentiment urging naval construction on the ground that such construction is taking place elsewhere." It was to prevent the further growth of this "germ of renewed naval competition" that the American Government proposed an extension of the principle of the Washington Treaty to cover all classes of fighting craft, and at the same time expressed its willingness to accept an extension of the 5-5-3 ratio to the classes of vessels not dealt with by the treaty, "and to leave to discussion at Geneva the ratios of France and Italy, taking into full account their special conditions and requirements in regard to the types of vessels in question."

M. Briand, in his reply, dwells on the fact that the League of Nations, acting in accordance with Article VIII of the Covenant, has progressed so far with the task of bringing about a general limitation of armaments as to create a Preparatory Commission, charged with the duty of drawing up a plan for an international conference, at which the whole question of armaments may be considered and some general agreement reached. The United States, although not a member of the League, is represented on the Commission, and its representatives have taken a prominent part in its deliberations. "To decide to-day," M. Briand declares, "without consultation with the League, a change in method, and to seek

partial solution of the problem while pre-occupied more with the maintenance of the existing situation than with the determination of conditions essential to the security of each individual State, and, further, to limit this effort to a few Powers, would be at the same time to enfeeble the authority of the League of Nations, which is so essential to the peace of the world, and to encroach on the principle of equality of States which is at the very base of the Geneva compact, and to which, for its part, the French Government rests firmly attached."

Beyond asserting the claim of the League to consideration, M. Briand goes on to point out that "the categories of ships to which the proposed new limitation would apply are in fact those which, for a majority of the Powers, are of the greatest importance." An accord between the few Powers that alone possess capital ships "might be possible," but any agreement regarding the limitation of naval armaments as a whole would concern every Power, large or small, that has a navy of any character or degree of strength. Moreover, the French Government, while it "does not occupy itself with the question of limitation of armaments except from the point of view of defense," has "defended and emphasized" at Geneva, as of "dominant importance," "two general principles: on the one hand, that limitation of armaments cannot be undertaken without consideration of the solutions contemplated for the questions relating to land and air armaments; on the other hand, that limitation of armaments, particularly from the naval point of view, cannot be accomplished except by allowing each Power a round tonnage which she may be free to distribute in accordance with her necessities."

The difference between the two points of view is clear, and their reconciliation is not easy. It is obvious that national defense has come to involve the co-operation of land, naval and air forces, and that any restriction imposed upon one branch of the service will at once affect the size and composition of the others. It is equally obvious that if the limitation of armaments must wait until all the members of the League of Nations, whose Preparatory Commission has already encountered almost insoluble difficulties in trying even to frame the topics to be discussed at a conference, shall have agreed about the multitude of questions which national defense as a whole involves, there will be no important limitation of armaments for many years to come, and the Preparatory Commission might as well be dissolved. It is this practical difficulty, strongly indicative of an indisposition to pass from debate to acts, and increased by the stout insistence of France upon the acceptance of its own point of view, that Mr. Coolidge has sought to remove by a five-Power agreement restricted to naval forces. His position is that the five Powers, comprising the only important naval Powers in the world at the present time, may properly agree to limit their naval armaments without thereby prejudicing any decisions of a general or comprehensive nature that may be reached by the League members later.

The practical effect of the French refusal, in which it is reported that Italy will probably concur, may be far-reaching. The way has apparently been opened for an agreement between the United States, Great Britain and Japan to extend the scope of the Washington ratio, but the exclusion of France and Italy from that agreement because of their unwilling-

ness to recognize the principle upon which it rested would almost certainly draw those two countries together in a new community of political interest, and inject a new element into the controversy over the control of Tangier and the Mediterranean. There would seem to be less reason than before for continuing American participation in the work of the Preparatory Commission, although Mr. Coolidge took pains to make it clear that the United States is still interested and ready to co-operate. On the other hand, while M. Briand's note unquestionably strengthens the influence of France in the League, and makes it the champion of the small nations whose claims to consideration, in the matter of defense, the United States is adroitly made to appear willing to ignore, the very fact of an added French influence in the League can hardly be overlooked by Great Britain, whose reply to Mr. Coolidge's memorandum has not yet been made. A London dispatch on Thursday indicated that the British reply, when it was made, would carefully respect the interest of the League while expressing a favorable attitude in general toward the American proposal, in which case the British and French positions may turn out to be in substance not far apart.

Disappointing as the immediate outcome of Mr. Coolidge's effort may be, the French reply does not wholly close the door upon disarmament. Mr. Coolidge has made a commendable attempt to solve a knotty problem, and M. Briand, although declining to accept the solution in the form in which it has been presented, gives a cordial recognition to the spirit and intentions of the American Government, and leaves the way open for further discussion. It must in frankness be said that if the League is to be the only forum of such discussion, as M. Briand evidently desires, not much that is practical is to be hoped for, and the preparedness agitation in Congress and the country which Mr. Coolidge appears anxious to check, and to which, as far as the building of more cruisers goes, Speaker Longworth is reported to have given his support, may be expected to continue. Since, however, seven of the European Powers have found no obstacle to the conclusion, wholly outside the League, of the Locarno pacts for mutual defense and guaranty, it is not impossible that two or three of the greater naval Powers may find a way, with all due respect to the League, to limit still further their naval armaments in the direction which Mr. Coolidge proposes. If they should, a strong inducement would have been offered to France and Italy to take a similar course.

The Fixed Relation of Labor and Capital.

In a book review in the New York "Times Book Review," covering three recent publications, Evans Clark sets out the conditions of labor and capital in the following way: "The labor leader has become a capitalist, and the capitalist a labor leader. Labor unions vie with each other in establishing banks, insurance companies and apartment houses, while the nation's largest corporations engage in a stirring competition to organize their own employees into unions. Labor officials now gravely discuss investments with their own financial advisers, while employers hire experts to devise for the workers every conceivable advantage—savings for their old age, cheaper but better houses, pleasant surroundings at

the shop, lunch rooms, recreation centres, playgrounds, parks and clubs." . . . "Sometimes the class struggle which the Socialists used to speak of in the pure and simple days seems to have become a struggle between the two classes to ape each other. Except for a little band of Communists, who now keep up a ragged show of militant opposition on the Left, the battle lines have been obscured, if not lost altogether, in this general breaking of ranks, this amazing spectacle of fraternizing—at least on the field of ideas—between the forces that yesterday were combatants. The chasm has largely disappeared; the diverse language approaches a common idiom."

Admitting a certain element of truth in this picture—is it not a generalization hardly warranted by the broad view? Compare the capital in labor banks with that in all other banks. Test the recent growth in labor insurance by the prodigious advance in policy writing by the old line companies. There can be no "competition" between employers in the formation of shop unions save in point of time which is not material to the principles involved. The "advantages" employers seek to give to their employees, which may be summed up as better working and living conditions, is no new thing, has been going on for a quarter of a century; and if it now seems to be a fixed and fast policy, it is a natural growth on the part of the employer, while the employee has become educated to its motive so that he no longer sees in it a sinister design. The people at large should welcome a better understanding between labor and capital, but it is not to be believed that present conditions indicate that these two integers in production are by some hidden magic changing places, or changing each into the other.

Nor, as we have had occasion to suggest heretofore, is there any immediate danger of the current savings of labor buying a controlling interest in the shares of capital in present day corporations. Hailing this method as one of deliverance to labor, lies not in the supplanting of capital and capitalists as such, but in the helping of labor to help itself by saving, thrift and wise investment. For every share of pure capital, if we may use the term, displaced by labor ownership there is but another share of capital seeking a new investment. How much of the invested capital of the country can the savings of labor buy in a year? While it is true, as the old phrase puts it, that there is a mutual interest between capital and labor, they are still independent entities. Their basis of tone co-operation lies in their separateness. They cannot merge in the sense indicated. Labor is capital owned by each and every man for himself in his own right, but it cannot be transformed into fixed capital, save by exercise (work), saving of wages (payment) and investment (buying shares).

An ideal relation obtains between labor and capital, so called, when every man is a laborer and a capitalist in and at the same time. The part of this relation in the world is twofold: laborers for generations are thriftless and non-accumulative, so that capitalists are created by the natural descent and congestion of the savings of those who do work and save; capital, in its own right, by the direction of these savers, accumulates through its own earnings and increase, not always perhaps in a just ratio to those who must and do work. If it be true that labor in its heart now recognizes the right of private ownership in

property it must buy its way into the ranks of capital—it cannot steal its way in through profit-sharing, share in management, or coercive wage scales. If capital recognizes the right of labor to healthful living and working conditions, it also improves the plant, by these houses, playgrounds, clubs and work-rooms, that it may perpetuate itself, or it must give to each man as a dole or benefaction a part of its own substance to be his own in his own right and for no value received, a method that disintegrates and destroys.

Burbank finds in the coming together of two strains, the merging of long ancestral lines, which, by natural selection and environment, produce a new life, with characteristics of each. But one does not *change* into the other. No more can current labor change into, supplant, or destroy saved-up, crystallized labor, which is capital; or capital take on the attributes of the human mind and hand. Capital is a natural evolution of labor, and having taken on the form of private ownership in things can by no rational and right process change back into current or fluid labor. To attempt this transformation by any Socialistic or Communistic formula is to destroy capital, deprive ever present labor of its natural ally, and turn riches into poverty for the whole people and world. And in the conditions and relations of to-day there is basically no change. If there is permanently a better understanding, well and good. But labor leaders, as such, are no more fit to guide capital, than leaders and operators of capital are fit to assume the attitude and aim of labor leaders. If these leaders reach an agreement, it is the end; labor remains, capital remains.

We are not quite sure that English economists, with their own crucial problem pressing, appreciate the situation in the United States. They see it through the misty glamor of our prosperity. High wages in certain trades here, for example, are not a natural evolution but a product of war. The apparent satisfaction of union labor in present conditions here, may be only a quiescence that is content to hold an advantage artificially gained. A general depression may put an entirely different aspect upon this much lauded and heralded coalition. In a generation, one closely held and closed corporation, paying wages above the average, considered "high," has accumulated, according to recent testimony, a billion dollars; it is said some experts place the amount at two billions. How can future labor secure a share in this sum? At least, it must secure a share in a *going* concern, and save for the reinvested residue placed in other concerns, unless it keep going it will dissipate and disappear. Citing it as a single fact in the huge question, it suggests the wide separation of the two independent integers and the impossibility of their sudden transposition.

As a politico-economic problem nothing is gained for either capital or labor by this leaping to the conclusion that they are changing their spots. The only mutual benefit is by a coalition in purpose by mutual agreement. The continuance of each in its natural state is imperative. To make a laborer a capitalist does not do away with the necessity of labor, or take one job from the need for capital. That millenium when man will work no more is not in sight. To picture to the workingman such an impending era is to paint a mirage. The truth of one of the appearances in the case is that certain labor leaders drawn from the ranks by the appeal of wealth and power

have forsaken their theories and principles for the allurements of salaries and profits. They are capitalizing the inchoate savings of their followers in profit-making enterprises, which is a good thing for their followers, and incidentally themselves. But they have not settled anything.

There is a fixed relation between labor and capital that exists in the nature of things. It has long been culminating. It will always exist while the two factors endure. Property is here, a fact—it must be directed by millions of private owners, and these millions must work with it, for it, or because of it. Labor is here, a fact—and it is the only means by which we live, and if a man have no property to work with, he must work with his hands and strength and

mind. Machinery multiplies the power of property and labor. Socialism would destroy one of the factors, property, by dividing it "equally," so said, under collective ownership—an inchoate mass directed by the State. In another way Communism would do the same. Now this fixed relation is large, enduring, mutually sustaining, beneficial to man, prospering him socially and economically. The advent of a few labor banks, the wider spread of stock holdings, the growth in better working and living conditions, does not abolish this relation, this fundamental condition. And the State that does not protect the property of its citizens, as now privately held, will sooner or later find itself in the toils of a theoretical rule and become the slave of its own power.

The Trust Companies in New York and Elsewhere

Continuing the practice begun by us a long time ago, we print on subsequent pages our annual comparative returns of the trust companies in this city (Manhattan and Brooklyn boroughs) and also those in Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and St. Louis, bringing down the figures to the close of 1926. For this city the figures, as far as the liabilities and assets of the different companies are concerned, are those furnished to the Superintendent of Banking at Albany, under his latest call, namely, Nov. 15 1926. As has been many times pointed out by us, it was the practice of the Banking Department for a quarter of a century or more to require reports for the closing day of the year, but this was changed in December 1911 by the then executive head of the Department, and from that time to 1914 various dates in December were fixed as the time of the return, while in December 1915 the last day was again chosen, but for 1916 the date was dropped back to Nov. 29, for 1917 to Nov. 14, and for 1918 to Nov. 1; for 1919 the date was fixed at Nov. 12; for 1920, for 1921, for 1922, for 1923 and for 1924 at Nov. 15; for 1925 at Nov. 14, and for 1926 at Nov. 15. The Superintendent who inaugurated the departure evidently contemplated that there should always be a return for some date in December, though the date was not to be known beforehand. Succeeding incumbents of the office have not felt bound by any such rule, and accordingly have named a day in November.

Trust company operations in New York City keep expanding, though during more recent years the additions to the grand aggregate of the deposits has been relatively slight. While the totals are of huge proportions, running in excess of \$3,000,000,000 for the deposits and rising to \$4,000,000,000 when aggregate resources are considered, the amounts can hardly be accepted as representing exclusively trust business. The same may be said as to the changes in the amounts from year to year, or even as regards the changes between one return and the next succeeding one or the one immediately preceding. Mergers and consolidations are the order of the day and these involve not alone the taking over of one trust company by another. More frequently they mean the absorption by a trust company of a national or State bank, and in these instances, which of late years have become quite common, the mercantile business of the absorbed bank is of course continued by the consolidated institution, even though now it be carried on in the name of a trust company. As a matter of fact, in the case of some consolidated institutions, of which the Irving Trust is a notable illustration, so many mercantile banks have been taken over in the process of bank absorptions, that the operations of the enlarged institution may be said to consist to a predominant extent of that of an ordinary bank of loan and discount rather than of the class of business which of yore was associated with the name of a trust company. On occasions it happens that a bank, national or State, will take over a trust company and the trust company then disappears from the list, though cases of that kind are not very frequent and usually involve small trust companies of minor consequence. There have been instances even of the shifting of trust companies—and not minor ones at that—from the trust company designation to the national bank category, and then back again to the trust company division, at least as far as charter organization

is concerned, though obviously the selection of the form of organization does not alter the character of the business. The Irving Trust Co. again comes up as a case in point.

All of this makes it difficult to interpret the changes from year to year, or when there is steady expansion to accept such expansion as a measure of the growth of the pure trust company, operating within distinctly trust company limits. For the reason just given, the increase just as likely may have occurred in the ordinary mercantile banking business and follow from the taking over of business of that kind through merger and absorption. In comparing our present figures, therefore, with those of preceding years, the first step is to see what changes of the nature indicated occurred during the twelve months. In doing this we quickly learn that notwithstanding previous changes of the kind mentioned the year 1926 was no less noteworthy in that respect. One of the very earliest of the bank and trust company mergers during 1926 was the consolidation of the Coal & Iron National Bank of this city with the Fidelity-International Trust Co. under the title of the Fidelity Trust Co. This occurred on Feb. 27 1926 and resulted of course in the transfer of the business of the bank to that of the trust company, swelling the trust company figures to that extent. In its statement for March 25 1926, the Fidelity Trust Co. showed aggregate deposits of \$46,138,651, whereas the previous Nov. 14 the Fidelity-International Trust alone had shown deposits of only \$21,970,661.

The most noteworthy instance of the year of the transfer of the business of a bank to that of a trust company does not play any part in our present figures, since these are of date Nov. 15, whereas the merger alluded to did not go into effect until some weeks subsequent to that date. We refer to the consolidation of the American Exchange-Pacific National Bank with the Irving Bank & Trust Co., the latter operating under a trust company charter. The consolidated institution took the name of the American Exchange Irving Trust Co. But this latest merger did not become effective until the close of business on Dec. 11 1926, while the last trust company call of 1926, the figures of which we are now reviewing, is, as just stated, of date Nov. 15 1926. As to the magnitude of the banking business thus transferred to the trust company division and which will to that extent swell the 1927 totals it is only now necessary to say that under the national bank call for June 30 1926 the American Exchange-Pacific National reported total deposits of \$223,216,200.

On the other hand, one other merger of a trust company and a national bank, and which was completed within the period of our review, involves the transfer of the business of a trust company to that of a bank, to that extent reducing the trust company totals. We have reference to the fact that the People's Trust Co. of Brooklyn was absorbed by the National City Bank of New York. On Jan. 15 1926 the capital of the People's Trust was increased from \$1,600,000 to \$2,000,000 and on June 26 the Trust company was merged with the National City Bank. The reduction in the trust company totals resulting from this disappearance from the list of the People's Trust may be judged from the fact that the company in its return under date of March

25 1926 to the State Superintendent of Banking reported total deposits of \$65,749,753 and, besides its capital of \$2,000,000, showed surplus and undivided profits of \$5,397,910. The National City Bank paid \$845 per share for the stock. As against the loss, however, to the trust company total on that account the National Butchers & Drovers, which, June 30 1926, had deposits of \$13,758,900, was on Sept. 20 1926 merged in the Irving Bank & Trust, while the Federation Bank of New York was on April 15 1926 converted into the Federation Bank & Trust Co., which in the latest return—that of Nov. 15 1926—shows \$16,250,065 of deposits with \$750,000 of capital and \$972,047 of surplus and undivided profits. Also on Feb. 24 1926 the Bank of Europe entered the trust company list under the title of the Bank of Europe Trust Co.

In addition, new trust companies are all the time being organized, the trust company field being thereby enlarged, besides which many of the older companies keep increasing their capital. Among the newcomers during the year under review are the Bank of Athens Trust Co., with \$500,000 capital, which began business April 1 1926; the County Trust Co. of New York with \$1,000,000 capital, which began Feb. 23 1926; the International Acceptance Securities & Trust Co. with \$500,000 capital organized March 9 1926; the Murray Hill Trust Co. with \$1,000,000 capital, which opened Sept. 7; the Times Square Trust Co., with \$2,000,000 capital, which opened Oct. 5, and the Interstate Trust Co. with \$3,000,000 capital, which began Oct. 14 1926. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Co-Operative Trust Co. on Sept. 1 1926 changed its name to the Terminal Trust Co. Among the trust companies which increased their capital, the Equitable Trust Co. stands foremost. This company on March 31 1926 raised the outstanding amount of its stock from \$23,000,000 to \$30,000,000, the new stock going to the shareholders at its par value, though 1,000 shares sold at public auction on March 29 brought prices ranging from \$264 per share to \$270. The Irving Bank & Trust Co., prior to its consolidation with the American Exchange-Pacific National, took over, as mentioned above, the National Butchers & Drovers Bank and on Oct. 11 1926 raised the amount of its capital stock from \$18,500,000 to \$22,000,000. The Bronx County Trust Co. on Oct. 1 1926 increased its capital from \$825,000 to \$1,000,000, the new stock going to the shareholders at \$200 per share of \$100 par value. The Brooklyn Trust Co. on May 1 1926 raised its capital from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000, the shareholders getting the new stock at \$200 per share (par \$100). The Midwood Trust Co. (also of Kings County) on July 2 1926 increased its capital from \$700,000 to \$1,000,000, the new stock being sold to the shareholders at \$150 a share.

Outside of the Greater New York the changes in New York State have been much less important, as is always the case. Still there have been a few, and, as here in New York City, the changes cut both ways, the most of them adding to the trust company totals, but an occasional one serving to diminish them. Towards the close of 1925, but too late to count in the 1925 figures, the Manufacturers & Traders National Bank of Buffalo was consolidated with the Fidelity Trust Co. of the same city, the combined institutions taking the name of the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. Another change towards the close of 1925, which came too late for the 1925 results, was the merger of the Buffalo Trust Co. with the Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo under the title of the latter. New companies also keep entering the field up State, though during the year under review these consisted entirely of small companies, namely, the First Trust & Deposit Co. of Oriskany Falls in Oneida County with \$100,000 capital; the Massena Banking & Trust Co. in St. Lawrence County with \$150,000 capital and the Long Island State Bank & Trust Co. at Riverhead, in Suffolk County, with \$200,000 capital. The Ossining Trust Co. in Westchester, which represents a conversion of the Ossining National Bank into a trust company, increased its capital from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

There is one item in these trust company returns which has kept steadily rising in all recent years, notwithstanding the elimination of so many trust companies from the list. We allude to the total of capital stock. For the Greater New York the total stood at \$104,700,000 on Nov. 12 1919, \$116,983,300 Nov. 15 1920, \$125,500,000 Nov. 15 1921,

\$127,600,000 Nov. 15 1922, \$159,000,000 Nov. 15 1923, \$163,000,000 Nov. 15 1924, \$169,500,000 Nov. 14 1925, with a further big jump now to \$193,050,000 on Nov. 15 1926. And 1927 will see a further increase, as the American Exchange Irving Trust now has \$32,000,000 of capital stock, while the Irving Bank & Trust in the Nov. 15 1926 return showed only \$22,000,000 of stock.

A better measure of the growth of the trust companies is furnished by the totals of the deposits. The amount of this item for the Greater New York, which on Nov. 14 1925 was \$2,968,206,137, rose to \$3,131,882,264 March 25 1926, rose still further to \$3,377,753,572 June 30 and was \$3,328,643,765 Sept. 30 1926, but then fell to \$3,090,619,710 Nov. 15 1926. In the previous year also there was a considerable decline in the total the latter part of the year and, as a matter of fact, the experience is not an uncommon one in the autumn, when money is in more active demand and the movement to market of the new season's crops has to be financed. In 1926, even more so than in 1925, money became dearer as the year progressed and naturally deposits are drawn down as interest rates rise, the explanation being that the depositors find more remunerative employment for their funds than the rate of interest allowed them on their deposits. Notwithstanding, however, the falling off in the deposits in the period between June 30 and Nov. 15, the amount on the latter date was nevertheless considerably higher than the total on Nov. 14 of the previous year, the figure at the later date being \$3,090,619,710, as against \$2,968,206,137 on Nov. 14 1925. This gives an increase of \$122,413,573. In the preceding twelve months, on the other hand, the deposits showed an actual falling off in amount of \$63,170,251, though the elimination of the Metropolitan Trust Co. from the list at that time was responsible for \$48,803,080 of that loss. In the case of the trust companies for the whole State, including the Greater New York, the November 1925 aggregate, as it happened, was *not* less than the corresponding total for Nov. 1924, but rather somewhat larger, and here accordingly the increase has been continuous, with the total for November 1926 \$4,030,384,615, against \$3,767,251,862 Nov. 14 1925 and \$3,743,655,185 on Nov. 15 1924.

As pointed out in previous reviews, in 1920 and 1921 the trust companies, like the mercantile banks, had their deposits drawn down under the influence of business depression, credit restriction and price deflation. On the other hand, in 1922, 1923 and 1924 the trust companies no less than the banks enjoyed renewed growth in their deposits with the return to normal conditions. And, as a matter of fact, the fluctuations in the items referred to in the case of the trust companies always correspond quite closely with the fluctuations in the same items in the case of the banks. The business of the two classes of institutions is becoming more or less similar, at least in this city. As noted above, there have been in recent years several important amalgamations of trust companies with banks, and in such instances the consolidated institution of course continues both the former mercantile business and the trust company work. In some of these amalgamations the result has been to transfer a bank to the trust company list, the charter of the bank being surrendered and the charter of the trust company retained, while in other cases, as we have seen, the effect has been to transfer a trust company to the bank group, the charter of the trust company being given up. The truth is, as a consequence of such combinations there has been so much shifting from the trust company list to the bank group, and vice versa, that comparisons between one period and another period over a series of years is considerably disturbed thereby.

For the Greater New York aggregate deposits between Nov. 12 1919 and Nov. 15 1921 fell from \$2,443,087,071 to \$2,001,080,342. By Nov. 15 1922 the amount was back to \$2,208,982,617; for Nov. 15 1923 it was up to \$2,486,238,620, or larger than before; by Nov. 15 1924 it had risen, as already stated, to \$3,031,376,388, but by Nov. 14 1925 had fallen somewhat lower again at \$2,968,206,137; now for Nov. 15 1926 it is higher than before at \$3,090,619,710. It is well enough to add, as we have on previous occasions, that had it not been for certain mergers which took several trust companies out of the trust company list, the recovery and further progress in 1922, 1923 and 1924 would have reached still larger proportions. Not only that, but the

disappearance of certain trust companies from the list served greatly to increase the loss resulting from business depression in the two years from 1919 to 1921. Thus the Irving Trust Co., which on Nov. 12 1919 had reported aggregate deposits of \$76,278,940, was on April 19 1920 merged in the Irving National Bank, while on May 1 1920 the Franklin Trust Co., which the previous Nov. 12 had reported deposits of \$25,278,176, was merged in the Bank of America and also disappeared from the trust company returns. The elimination of these two institutions from the trust company list accounted for over \$101,000,000 of the \$288,000,000 loss in deposits shown in 1920. Then in 1921 there occurred the absorption of the Hamilton Trust Co. of Brooklyn by the Metropolitan Bank, while in 1922 there were several other mergers which operated to take trust companies out of their class. For instance, in April 1922 the Mercantile Trust Co. of this city was taken over by the Seaboard National Bank and in July 1922 the Lincoln Trust Co. was merged in the Mechanics & Metals National Bank.

On the other hand, in the consolidation in September 1922 of the Bank of New York with the New York Life Insurance & Trust Co. and the continuance of the operations of the combined institutions under the title of Bank of New York & Trust Co., with retention of the trust company charter, the trust company list got the benefit of the additional deposits of the Bank of New York, which the previous December were reported at \$52,946,000. Furthermore, in 1923, through another consolidation, the Irving National Bank once more resumed its place among the trust companies. In other words, on Feb. 7 1923 the Columbia Trust Co. was consolidated with the Irving National Bank and the combined institution became the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. This last mentioned change disturbed greatly the comparison between November 1923 and November 1922, tending to make the improvement in the trust company totals for that period of twelve months very much larger than it really was, for while in 1922 the Columbia, standing by itself, reported deposits of \$89,613,080, the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., in its report for Nov. 15 1923 showed total deposits of no less than \$307,569,734. At the same time, however, the re-entry of the Irving into the trust company list evened up the comparisons with earlier years—the years prior to 1920. Nevertheless, this still leaves the Mercantile Trust Co. and the Lincoln Trust Co., both of this city, as also the Franklin Trust Co. of Brooklyn and the Hamilton Trust Co. of the same borough, formerly appearing among the trust companies, outside the fold. Furthermore, in 1924 the Commercial Trust, which on March 20 1924 had deposits of \$12,409,310, two months later was absorbed by the East River National Bank and disappeared from the trust company field. In January 1925 the Metropolitan Trust Co. was taken over by the Chatham & Phenix National Bank and also disappeared from the trust company list, while in 1926 the absorption of the People's Trust Co. of Brooklyn by the National City Bank of New York, took still another company out of the trust company group, as already stated.

On the other hand, the business and operations of two banks of considerable size were during 1923 absorbed by trust companies, serving thereby to swell the trust company totals. On June 29 1923 the Equitable Trust took over the Importers & Traders National Bank, with deposits of approximately \$30,000,000, and on Aug. 14 the Manufacturers Trust Co., which in previous years had absorbed several other banks, took over the Columbia Bank with deposits of about \$31,000,000. In 1925 the Manufacturers Trust absorbed several other banks. A smaller transaction of the same nature was the absorption in April 1923 of the Terminal Exchange Bank with deposits of about \$3,000,000 by the Hudson Trust Co., this latter being on July 9 1924 merged in the Empire Trust Co. And during 1927 the trust company totals will be further enlarged, as already stated, by the merger on Dec. 11 1926 of the American Exchange-Pacific Bank with the Irving Bank & Trust Co. under the name of the American Exchange Irving Trust Co. The American Exchange-Pacific Nat. on June 30 had deposits of \$223,216,200.

For the whole State the deposits of the trust companies, after having fallen from \$2,885,355,813 Nov. 12 1919 to \$2,672,289,441 Nov. 15 1920 and then to \$2,497,547,429

Nov. 15 1921, on Nov. 15 1922 got back to \$2,770,799,561, for Nov. 15 1923 were up to \$3,090,947,512, for Nov. 15 1924 jumped to \$3,743,655,185; for Nov. 14 1925 stood at \$3,767,251,862, and now for Nov. 15 1926 are \$4,030,384,615. As indicating the magnitude to which trust company operations in this State have risen (the vast preponderating portion of the whole being, of course, contributed by the trust companies of this city), it should not escape notice that when capital, surplus and the various other items that go to make up the balance sheet, are added, the aggregate of the resources for Nov. 15 1926 is found to have been no less than \$4,944,037,373 and on Sept. 30 1926 (before the contraction in deposits which subsequently occurred) were as high as \$5,138,723,863.

The item of surplus and profits which in 1921 showed some shrinkage (owing, no doubt, to diminished profits as well as the charging off of heavier losses than usual), has made new high record totals each year since then. It should be understood, however, that the increase does not in its entirety reflect accumulation of surplus earnings. In part it has followed from the selling of new stock at a premium in the way noted above. Surplus and profits for the trust companies in the Greater New York stood at \$281,150,160 Nov. 15 1926, against \$237,865,765 Nov. 14 1925; \$219,006,842 Nov. 15 1924; \$202,022,101 Nov. 15 1923; \$197,338,717 Nov. 15 1922; \$175,565,266 Nov. 15 1921; \$187,349,468 Nov. 15 1920, and \$179,326,098 Nov. 12 1919. For the whole State, including the Greater New York, the surplus account (with all undivided profits) Nov. 15 1926 was \$346,840,350, against \$288,624,503 Nov. 14 1925; \$263,732,250 Nov. 15 1924; \$242,049,428 Nov. 15 1923; \$235,322,994 Nov. 15 1922; \$209,223,775 Nov. 15 1921; \$219,945,439 Nov. 15 1920, and \$211,441,830 Nov. 12 1919.

The trust companies are again engaged in borrowing on an increasing scale, this following no doubt from the absorption by consolidation of so many mercantile accounts. Three or four years ago they had only relatively small amounts of bills payable and rediscounts outstanding. In 1925 policy once more changed and in 1926 the change became still more pronounced. During the war period, when the trust companies, like the banks, were financing heavy purchases of U. S. Government obligations for themselves and their customers, these institutions had recourse to the loaning facilities of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on quite an extensive scale. For all the trust companies in Greater New York the total of the bills payable outstanding Nov. 15 1926 was \$27,608,314, with \$400,000 of rediscounts. This compares with \$18,993,654 of bills payable with no rediscounts on Nov. 14 1925, with only \$2,758,406 the total of the bills payable and rediscounts Nov. 15 1924 and with \$16,981,613 Nov. 15 1923; \$9,281,621 Nov. 15 1922, \$35,631,000 Nov. 15 1921, \$242,934,456 Nov. 15 1920 and \$230,815,610 Nov. 12 1919. For the whole State the total of the two items, Nov. 15 1926, was \$43,309,209, against \$42,876,978 Nov. 14 1925 and \$10,488,998 Nov. 15 1924. The acceptances outstanding, too, are steadily increasing and amounted to (for the whole State) \$198,617,094 in 1926, against \$184,041,566 in 1925, \$163,450,398 in 1924, \$147,329,908 in 1923 and \$111,081,592 in 1922.

Turning now to the assets, the collateral loans still constitute the largest single item among the investments of the trust companies though the total is a little smaller than a year ago. Such loans have always been a favorite form of investment with these institutions. For the Greater New York the aggregate of these loans fell from \$1,115,503,148 Nov. 12 1919 to \$896,288,916 Nov. 15 1920, and further declined to \$744,386,339 Nov. 15 1921, but recovered to \$846,437,293 Nov. 15 1922, to \$859,511,995 Nov. 15 1923, to \$1,202,283,870 Nov. 15 1924 to \$1,267,717,424 Nov. 14 1925 and now for Nov. 15 1926 stands at \$1,239,113,920. For the whole State the amount is no less than \$1,491,410,945, which compares with \$1,470,452,312 in 1925 and \$1,354,727,295 in 1924. It is the bill holdings, however, that have increased most and the inclusion of the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust, with its large banking business of a strictly commercial nature, is mainly responsible for this. The designation of the item in the statement given out by the State Banking Department is "Loans, Discounts and Bills Purchased Not Secured by Collateral" and the aggregate amount for the trust companies in Greater New York is

reported as \$726,280,962 Nov. 15 1926, against \$668,845,396 Nov. 14 1925, \$626,867,758 Nov. 15 1924, \$620,301,146 Nov. 15 1923, \$448,204,530 Nov. 15 1922, \$486,467,500 Nov. 15 1921, \$646,822,007 Nov. 15 1920, and \$479,327,753 Nov. 12 1919. For the whole State the amount stands at close to a billion dollars—in exact figures, \$998,111,748 in 1926, against \$880,261,088 in 1925 and \$810,321,168 in 1924.

The stock and bond investments constitute the third largest item, but the change during the year has not been important. The aggregate for the companies in the Greater New York on Nov. 15 1926 was \$653,013,089, against \$639,092,695 Nov. 14 1925; \$761,457,826 Nov. 15 1924, \$578,844,733 Nov. 15 1923, \$607,744,730 Nov. 15 1922, \$480,806,007 Nov. 15 1921, \$460,767,809 Nov. 15 1920 and \$570,213,964 Nov. 12 1919. For the whole State the total Nov. 15 1926 is \$932,691,071, against \$921,557,895 Nov. 14 1925 and \$1,037,185,829 Nov. 15 1924. The real estate held does not vary greatly from year to year and for the companies in Greater New York was \$42,440,287 Nov. 15 1926, against \$40,530,591 Nov. 14 1925, \$46,500,246 Nov. 15 1924, \$51,050,870 Nov. 15 1923, \$48,900,549 Nov. 15 1922, \$45,975,995 in November 1921, \$45,052,851 in November 1920 and \$44,703,110 in November 1919. The amount of bonds and mortgages owned has heretofore changed comparatively little from year to year, but during the last four years has substantially increased, the total for November 1926 for the trust companies of the Greater New York being \$117,296,925, against \$89,053,572 in November 1925, \$76,177,295 in November 1924, \$73,340,713 in November 1923, \$55,660,301 in November 1922, \$60,374,001 in November 1921, \$58,694,686 in November 1920 and \$60,599,653 in 1919.

The reserve held by the trust companies with the Federal Reserve Bank has increased during the last two years, as would be expected from the inclusion of the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., with its large volume of deposits. The amount due from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, less offsets, combined with the amount due from approved reserve depositories, less offsets, aggregated for the trust companies of the Greater New York \$321,466,741, against \$321,196,215 Nov. 14 1925, \$338,428,608 Nov. 15 1924, \$260,735,096 Nov. 15 1923, \$243,672,704 Nov. 15 1922, \$234,304,212 in November 1921, \$196,965,929 in November 1920 and \$238,737,114 in November 1919.

The trust companies never hold large sums of cash in their own vaults and the holdings of "specie" in November 1926 were only \$4,026,528, against \$3,637,699 in November 1925; \$3,493,095 in November 1924, \$3,460,696 in November 1923, \$4,000,736 in November 1922, \$5,233,340 in November 1921, \$8,877,761 in 1920, and \$11,138,921 in 1919. In addition, the companies of the Greater New York reported \$20,031,065 of "other currency authorized by the laws of the United States" in 1926, against \$23,823,016 in 1925, \$18,279,919 in 1924, \$23,795,804 in 1923, \$17,851,658 in 1922, \$17,704,536 in 1921, \$19,419,590 in 1920, and \$23,315,808 in 1919. The remaining cash items, viz.: "exchanges and checks for next day's clearings and other cash items," aggregated no less than \$294,989,498 Nov. 15 1926, against \$103,511,447 Nov. 14 1925, \$141,416,538 Nov. 15 1924, \$260,573,825 Nov. 15 1923, \$164,352,748 Nov. 15 1922, \$146,059,871 in 1921, \$167,713,628 in 1920, and \$105,552,258 in 1919.

In the foregoing we have been dealing with the trust companies as a whole. As far as the separate companies are concerned, the elaborate statements on subsequent pages will enable the reader to ascertain what the experience of each company has been as between 1924 and 1926. To furnish a sort of general survey we introduce here the following table comprising all the companies in the Boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn, and showing the deposits on Nov. 12 1919, Nov. 15 1921, Nov. 15 1924, Nov. 14 1925, and Nov. 15 1926. The comparisons with the year preceding, it will be seen, vary considerably, some companies showing increases, others decreases.

DEPOSITS OF NEW YORK CITY TRUST COMPANIES.

Borough of Manhattan.	Nov. 12 1919.	Nov. 15 1921.	Nov. 15 1924.	Nov. 14 1925.	Nov. 15 1926.
American m. Anglo-Sou. Amer. Tr 2	9,082,733	15,448,676	35,379,562	43,204,008	44,673,139
			11,353,874	9,264,075	9,083,165

Borough of Manhattan.	Nov. 12 1919.	Nov. 15 1921.	Nov. 15 1924.	Nov. 14 1925.	Nov. 15 1926.
Bk of Athens Trust Co. f					1,247,553
Banco Com. Ital'a Tr. 3			4,509,863	8,999,515	8,615,727
Banco di Stiel Trust Co. 4				1,681,798	5,735,478
Bankers. 317,536,146	280,452,276	376,836,759	392,803,042	380,050,522	
Bank of N.Y. & Trust Co. w			81,883,620	71,844,790	102,424,745
Bk of Europe Trust Co. g					12,679,401
Central k. Union Tr. 211,438,902	193,635,185	254,238,875	272,681,058	250,186,789	
Commercial County Tr Co. of N.Y. i. 8,717,627	7,284,656	(c)	(c)	(c)	
Empire 50,412,043	47,160,104	63,834,250	70,312,948	9,195,447	
Equitable 234,016,518	206,458,795	375,143,005	343,059,473	64,736,972	
Farmers Loan & Trust. 166,688,021	134,064,853	156,636,540	148,434,347	384,054,794	
Fidelity Tr. l 12,944,106	21,127,153	20,753,513	21,970,661	146,058,966	
Fulton 9,312,365	8,814,322	12,171,861	14,575,579	44,797,012	
Federation Bk & Tr. j. 725,510,455	430,834,259	567,472,304	506,262,860	14,893,635	
Guaranty 8,268,864	7,007,493	(d)	(d)	16,250,065	
Hudson 76,278,950	83,256,238	349,924,465	333,972,782	518,815,530	
Irving Bank & Trust. b. 95,643,900				(d)	
Italian Disc't & Trust. p 17,372,888	12,044,482	9,514,869	8,062,910	355,782,903	
Internal Acc. Sec. & Tr. o					
Interstate Tr. Lawyers' Trust. 19,542,725	17,167,726	18,986,072	20,121,161	3,766,049	
Home. 26,622,804	25,773,985	(u)	(u)	4,089,213	
Lincoln 16,249,446	18,437,450	(v)	(v)	19,821,043	
Merc'le Tr. 39,022,670	27,779,992	48,803,080	(n)	(n)	
Metropolitan Murray Hill Trust Co. y 23,483,727	24,962,284	(w)	(w)	2,949,671	
N.Y. L.I. & T. New York. 67,956,267	160,065,302	212,556,252	183,947,137	308,304,894	
Terminal Tr. Co. q. 5,218,301			6,062,628	5,434,933	
Times Square Trust Co. z 33,070,973	34,305,535	41,804,675	47,357,760	2,524,837	
Title Gu. & T. Trust Co. of N.A., N.Y. 61,722,175	52,019,127	60,291,099	60,075,749	44,516,288	
U.S. Mtg. & T. United States 49,639,976	52,119,108	56,530,670	55,445,161	3,193,816	
				66,207,879	
				46,776,350	
Total a. 2,280,534,271	1,860,219,001	2,765,133,810	2,621,988,766	2,785,095,458	

Borough of Brooklyn.	Nov. 12 1919.	Nov. 15 1921.	Nov. 15 1924.	Nov. 14 1925.	Nov. 15 1926.
Brooklyn. 37,744,025	34,058,891	50,643,124	48,379,684	54,303,443	
Franklin 25,278,176	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)	
Hamilton 8,500,654	(t)	(t)	(t)	(t)	
Kings County Manufact'rs' Citizens. e. 31,784,319	41,809,290	117,422,419	104,614,861	32,759,401	
Midwood. s. 34,304,249	1,308,694	5,560,646	8,299,816	208,844,432	
People's. 40,415,092	59,314,992	62,618,371	62,618,371	68,207,879	
				(h)	
Total. 162,552,800	140,861,341	266,242,578	346,217,371	305,524,252	

Total Greater New York.	Nov. 12 1919.	Nov. 15 1921.	Nov. 15 1924.	Nov. 14 1925.	Nov. 15 1926.
Total Greater New York. 2,443,087,071	2,001,080,342	3,031,376,388	2,968,206,137	3,090,619,710	

a Corporation Trust included in total for all the years; had deposits of \$12,730 on Nov. 15 1926.

b Flatbush Trust of Brooklyn was consolidated with Broadway of New York City March 6 1912. The Broadway changed title to Irving Trust Nov. 30 1917 and Market & Fulton National consolidated with Irving in March 1918. On April 19 1920 the Irving Trust was merged in the Irving National Bank and disappeared from the trust company list. On Feb. 7 1923 the Columbia Trust Co. was consolidated with the Irving Bank, the new institution becoming the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., and accordingly reappeared in the trust company list. A merger of the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. and the National Butchers & Drovers Bank, under the name Irving Bank & Trust Co. became effective Sept. 20 1926. American Exchange-Pacific Bank was merged on Dec. 11 1926 with the Irving Bank & Trust Co. under the name of American Exchange Irving Trust Co.

c Commercial Trust Co. merged in May with the East River National Bank after first having been converted to a national bank. See "Chronicle," page 2538.

d Hudson Trust Co. merged on July 9 with the Empire Trust Co. under name of Empire Trust Co.

e Citizens Trust Co. took over Manufacturers' National Bank Aug. 12 1914, becoming Manufacturers' Trust Co., which absorbed the West Side Bank, New York City, June 15 1918, the Ridgewood National Bank Sept. 1 1921, the North Side Bank of Brooklyn April 28 1922, the Industrial Bank of New York City Dec. 18 1922, and the Columbia Bank Aug. 14 1923.

f Bank of Athens Trust Co. began business April 1 1926.

g Bank of Europe on Feb. 24 1926 entered the trust company list under the title of the Bank of Europe Trust Co.

h Merger of the Peoples Trust Co. with the National City Bank became effective at close of business June 26 1926.

i County Trust Co. of New York began business Feb. 23 1926.

j Formerly the Federation Bank of New York and began business in May 1923. Name changed to the Federation Bank & Trust Co. and began business as a trust company on April 15 1926.

k Central and Union consolidated June 18 1918.

l Lawyers Trust Co. began business Feb. 28 1925 to take over trust business heretofore done by the Lawyers Title & Trust Co.

m American Trust organized Jan. 27 1919, absorbed Queens Co. Trust Sept. 1919.

n Metropolitan Trust Co. on March 1 1925 merged with Chatham & Phenix National Bank, under the title of the Chatham-Phenix National Bank & Trust Co.

o International Acceptance Securities & Trust Co. organized March 9 1926 and owned by the International Acceptance Bank, Inc.

p Italian Discount & Trust began business Nov. 11 1918.

q Brotherhood of Loco. Eng. Co-Op. Trust Co. began business in 1923. Name changed to Terminal Trust Co. as of Sept. 1 1926.

r Merged in Bank of America May 1 1920.

s Began business Sept. 1920.

t Hamilton Trust merged in Metropolitan Bank Jan. 29 1921.

u Lincoln Trust merged in Mechanics & Metals National Bank July 1922.

v Mercantile Trust, which began business May 1 1917, merged in Seaboard National Bank April 1 1922.

w New York Life Insurance & Trust merged with Bank of New York, forming Bank of New York & Trust Co. Sept. 1922.

x Interstate Trust Co. began business Oct. 14 1926.

y Murray Hill Trust Co. opened for business on Sept. 7 1926.

z Times Square Trust Co. began business on Oct. 5 1926.

(1) Coal & Iron National Bank merged into the Fidelity-International Trust Co.; name of latter changed to Fidelity Trust Co. as of Feb. 27 1926.

(2) Began business Dec. 3 1923.

(3) Began business June 16 1924.

(4) Began business April 20 1925.

TRUST COMPANIES AT OTHER POINTS.

In the case of the trust companies at Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and St. Louis, the figures as presented on subsequent pages for the different institutions are all our own, we having in each instance made direct application for them to the companies, though in a few instances, where our requests met with no response, we have had to have recourse

to official statements made in pursuance of calls of the public authorities. In the nature of things, as we are entirely dependent upon the companies themselves for the figures, and no general data of an official kind are available, comprehensive totals and elaborate details, such as are possible for the institutions of New York, are out of the question. Our summaries for these other centres are such as we have been able to prepare ourselves and necessarily are limited to a few leading items. Nor are the returns in those instances cast on uniform lines, nearly every company having its own distinct method of classification, making general footings out of the question, except as regards those few common things treated alike by all, and which have definite, established meanings, such as capital, surplus and deposits.

The number of Boston institutions remains the same as last year, though three of the companies have increased their capital, raising this item from \$21,750,000 on Dec. 31 1925 to \$24,400,000 on Dec. 31 1926. The following are the capital stock increases: The Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. from \$600,000 to \$750,000; the Beacon Trust Co. from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000, and the Old Colony Trust Co. from \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 (a further increase to \$15,000,000 being proposed).

Deposits have risen from \$396,114,507 Dec. 31 1925 to \$412,255,145 Dec. 31 1926, and surplus and profits from \$32,086,404 Dec. 31 1925 to \$33,711,924, while aggregate resources are reported up from \$469,871,208 Dec. 31 1925 to \$476,561,530 Dec. 31 1926. Below is a comparison for the various items for the last 27 years:

BOSTON.	Capital.	Surplus and Profits.	Deposits.	Aggregate Resources.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Dec. 31 1900 (16 cos.)	8,450,000	10,285,659	89,461,044	108,196,703
Dec. 31 1901 (16 cos.)	9,000,000	12,294,798	107,991,782	129,286,580
Dec. 31 1902 (18 cos.)	11,100,000	15,779,627	116,264,790	143,144,417
Dec. 31 1903 (19 cos.)	12,100,000	18,629,264	112,281,257	143,010,521
Dec. 31 1904 (19 cos.)	12,500,000	19,702,108	139,851,208	172,053,316
Dec. 31 1905 (19 cos.)	12,500,000	20,841,502	148,033,197	181,397,833
Dec. 31 1906 (16 cos.)	11,100,000	22,551,499	158,213,825	191,885,082
Dec. 31 1907 (19 cos.)	11,750,000	23,699,740	125,254,672	160,704,413
Dec. 31 1908 (19 cos.)	12,150,000	25,002,793	173,765,331	210,125,657
Dec. 31 1909 (19 cos.)	12,250,000	27,349,902	189,153,760	228,090,823
Dec. 31 1910 (19 cos.)	14,850,000	26,234,350	216,926,992	258,248,402
Dec. 31 1911 (19 cos.)	16,250,000	28,108,699	207,263,762	251,622,061
Dec. 31 1912 (21 cos.)	17,250,000	29,358,660	213,973,959	260,582,620
Dec. 31 1913 (23 cos.)	17,450,000	26,143,017	225,532,137	269,125,155
Dec. 31 1914 (24 cos.)	18,480,200	24,261,485	293,832,516	336,704,220
Dec. 31 1915 (26 cos.)	19,150,000	26,174,836	337,625,256	383,460,073
Dec. 31 1916 (29 cos.)	21,479,800	27,419,977	363,551,440	414,609,943
Dec. 31 1917 (30 cos.)	21,650,000	29,107,018	415,355,824	466,298,772
Dec. 31 1918 (31 cos.)	26,077,000	33,978,583	503,450,567	560,096,234
Dec. 31 1919 (28 cos.)	26,329,300	34,573,485	429,925,262	495,145,455
Dec. 31 1920 (23 cos.)	23,450,000	34,083,448	392,924,254	456,840,076
Dec. 31 1921 (17 cos.)	23,850,000	32,900,395	446,844,659	507,282,285
Dec. 31 1922 (17 cos.)	18,750,000	30,089,158	323,701,085	413,589,466
Dec. 31 1923 (17 cos.)	18,750,000	29,719,764	372,741,230	438,755,964
Dec. 31 1924 (16 cos.)	21,750,000	32,088,404	396,114,507	469,871,208
Dec. 31 1925 (16 cos.)	24,400,000	33,711,924	412,255,145	476,561,530

The more general use of the trust company in Philadelphia makes for greater changes than elsewhere. The number of companies has been reduced from 89 to 86, three new companies having been added and six old institutions eliminated. The increases in capital with the new organizations account for the enlargement of that item in the aggregate from \$61,440,874 to \$64,612,332. The following tables show in detail all the changes that have taken place:

NEW COMPANIES.		Capital.
Bankers (took over the Bank & Trust Co. of West Philadelphia)		\$1,000,000
Fern Rock Trust Co.		185,180
Mitten Men & Management Bank & Trust Co.		800,000
		\$1,985,180
INCREASES IN CAPITAL.		
Allegheny Title & Trust Co.	from \$218,263 to	\$337,002
Belmont Trust Co.	from 187,500 to	250,000
Chilton Trust Co.	from 300,000 to	400,000
Columbia Ave. Trust Co.	from 406,000 to	500,000
Empire Title & Trust Co.	from 239,170 to	240,000
Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co.	from 5,200,000 to	6,700,000
Glarud Trust Co.	from 2,500,000 to	3,000,000
Liberty Title & Trust Co.	from 500,000 to	700,000
Manufacturers Title & Trust Co.	from 154,245 to	251,100
Market St. Title & Trust Co.	from 500,000 to	1,000,000
Oak Lane Trust Co.	from 250,000 to	500,000
Parkway Trust Co.	from 125,000 to	250,000
Republic Trust Co.	from 500,000 to	750,000
Richmond Trust Co.	from 143,200 to	145,400
Security Title & Trust Co.	from 125,540 to	125,600
Wharton Title & Trust Co.	from 153,200 to	157,700
REDUCTIONS IN CAPITAL.		
Finance Co. of Pennsylvania	from \$3,000,000 to	\$2,500,000
Pennsylvania Warehouse & Safe Deposit Co.	from 1,000,000 to	800,000
COMPANIES DISAPPEARING FROM THE LIST.		
Bank & Trust Co. of West Phila. (taken over by Bankers Trust)		\$250,000
East Falls Bank & Trust Co. (purchased by Manayunk Nat. Bank)		125,000
Lawndale Bank & Trust Co. (absorbed by Oak Lane Trust Co.)		125,000
Philadelphia Trust Co. (consolidated with Fidelity Trust Co.)		1,000,000
Phoenix Trust Co. (merged with Northern Central Trust Co.)		300,000
Sons of Italy State Bank & Trust Co. (taken over by Metropolitan Trust)		125,000

All the other items in our compilation show increases, surplus and profits rising from \$146,171,713 Dec. 31 1925 to \$148,436,275 Dec. 31 1926; deposits from \$759,772,771 Dec. 31 1925 to \$795,599,739 Dec. 31 1926, and aggregate

resources from \$960,052,041 Dec. 31 1925 to \$1,026,146,591 Dec. 31 1926. Following is a comparison for a series of years:

PHILADELPHIA.	Capital.	Surplus and Profits.	Deposits.	Aggregate Resources.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Dec. 31 1900 (40 cos.)	28,399,965	27,826,941	136,496,312	196,498,618
Dec. 31 1901 (41 cos.)	31,927,000	33,885,857	149,137,386	218,660,249
Dec. 31 1902 (41 cos.)	33,142,233	37,514,329	153,151,355	227,480,117
Dec. 31 1903 (43 cos.)	34,320,337	39,654,877	161,231,152	238,817,566
Dec. 31 1904 (43 cos.)	34,800,980	42,344,733	202,855,986	283,503,299
Dec. 31 1905 (44 cos.)	35,312,363	45,594,298	209,213,067	293,177,935
Dec. 31 1906 (52 cos.)	36,931,963	49,590,018	193,283,134	286,232,600
Dec. 31 1907 (58 cos.)	38,727,909	50,840,244	169,669,224	265,150,778
Dec. 31 1908 (58 cos.)	39,068,955	52,000,976	200,983,530	296,761,341
Dec. 31 1909 (69 cos.)	39,897,218	55,374,618	217,196,883	316,892,720
Dec. 31 1910 (59 cos.)	39,931,416	59,187,488	208,837,034	311,040,645
Dec. 31 1911 (58 cos.)	38,511,723	62,262,427	224,225,832	324,999,982
Dec. 31 1912 (56 cos.)	36,797,836	64,847,639	231,712,367	337,179,556
Dec. 31 1913 (56 cos.)	39,162,538	65,535,659	232,941,234	341,764,741
Dec. 31 1914 (56 cos.)	39,069,243	65,932,688	238,256,333	347,588,292
Dec. 31 1915 (56 cos.)	38,870,193	69,298,540	297,235,195	404,024,328
Dec. 31 1916 (56 cos.)	38,879,993	73,775,140	331,108,286	447,775,175
Dec. 31 1917 (54 cos.)	40,579,993	77,779,452	327,597,966	452,498,288
Dec. 31 1918 (56 cos.)	41,307,608	78,408,601	335,093,397	505,489,017
Dec. 31 1919 (57 cos.)	44,142,068	81,801,490	405,373,275	576,019,954
Dec. 31 1920 (64 cos.)	45,338,668	87,915,257	417,307,021	591,315,173
Dec. 31 1921 (66 cos.)	46,098,921	91,183,753	407,600,434	561,639,998
Dec. 31 1922 (69 cos.)	47,554,243	88,125,428	489,808,036	635,130,394
Dec. 31 1923 (76 cos.)	53,525,235	110,457,610	599,915,842	771,778,286
Dec. 31 1924 (81 cos.)	57,839,244	129,778,397	656,621,057	824,195,395
Dec. 31 1925 (89 cos.)	61,440,874	146,171,713	759,772,771	960,052,041
Dec. 31 1926 (86 cos.)	64,612,332	148,436,275	795,599,739	1,026,146,591

Baltimore companies have been increased by the addition of the American Trust Co., opened for business early in 1926 with capital of \$500,000, making 14 institutions Dec. 31 1926, against 13 Dec. 31 1925. This, with the doubling of the capital of the Century Trust Co. from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, accounts for the increase in aggregate capital from \$13,950,000 Dec. 31 1925 to \$14,950,000 Dec. 31 1926. Deposits are slightly less, being \$198,565,429 Dec. 31 1926, against \$200,438,939 Dec. 31 1925, and aggregate resources \$243,740,127 Dec. 31 1926, against \$244,201,203 Dec. 31 1925. Following is a yearly record of the various items back to 1913:

BALTIMORE.	Capital.	Surplus and Profits.	Deposits.	Aggregate Resources.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Dec. 31 1913 (10 cos.)	8,950,000	12,177,127	45,131,061	66,058,188
Dec. 31 1914 (10 cos.)	8,950,000	11,407,783	52,212,492	73,170,115
Dec. 31 1915 (11 cos.)	8,950,000	11,851,317	72,128,718	93,230,098
Dec. 31 1916 (11 cos.)	8,950,000	12,539,306	82,523,300	103,712,606
Dec. 31 1917 (11 cos.)	8,950,000	12,765,927	89,537,806	110,986,411
Dec. 31 1918 (11 cos.)	8,950,000	13,309,150	85,714,838	107,773,988
Dec. 31 1919 (12 cos.)	9,150,000	14,099,513	116,199,900	140,749,413
Dec. 31 1920 (12 cos.)	10,250,000	14,967,987	108,508,855	138,393,143
Dec. 31 1921 (13 cos.)	10,800,000	15,988,624	110,811,291	140,781,858
Dec. 31 1922 (13 cos.)	11,500,000	17,361,792	137,308,934	169,330,708
Dec. 31 1923 (14 cos.)	13,000,000	19,596,373	137,383,256	190,993,117
Dec. 31 1924 (14 cos.)	13,200,000	20,909,399	164,890,476	203,393,123
Dec. 31 1925 (13 cos.)	13,950,000	21,695,365	200,438,939	244,201,203
Dec. 31 1926 (14 cos.)	14,950,000	24,440,935	198,565,429	243,740,127

Our compilation of the St. Louis trust companies has been increased by the addition of the Security National Bank Savings & Trust Co. The company began business in 1922, but has only just been added to our list. It has \$250,000 capital. This with the increase in the Laclede Trust Co.'s capital from \$200,000 to \$300,000 is responsible for the advance in the aggregate capital from \$13,600,000 Dec. 31 1925 to \$13,950,000 on Dec. 31 1926. The other items also all show increases, viz.: Surplus and profits, \$16,262,276 Dec. 31 1925 to \$17,542,268 Dec. 31 1926; deposits, \$190,966,610 Dec. 31 1925 to \$205,474,676 Dec. 31 1926; aggregate resources, \$235,055,643 Dec. 31 1925 to \$237,884,193 Dec. 31 1926. Below is the compilation of the various items for a series of years:

ST. LOUIS.	Capital.	Surplus and Profits.	Deposits.	Aggregate Resources.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Dec. 31 1901 (6 cos.)	13,425,660	14,471,934	41,339,273	69,829,307
Dec. 31 1902 (9 cos.)	20,485,300	24,922,243	62,910,106	109,167,449
Dec. 31 1903 (8 cos.)	19,000,000	24,915,483	62,563,117	107,454,100
Dec. 31 1904 (5 cos.)	16,000,000	22,507,930	78,796,702	117,214,632
Dec. 31 1905 (6 cos.)	16,100,000	23,365,609	71,681,442	111,268,041
Dec. 31 1906 (9 cos.)	16,350,000	23,584,914	74,512,832	115,189,586
Dec. 31 1907 (8 cos.)	13,350,000	22,537,837	66,329,762	107,028,169
Dec. 31 1908 (9 cos.)	13,452,400	22,782,021	61,619,831	97,856,192
Dec. 31 1909 (13 cos.)	14,752,400	19,428,356	73,959,732	108,139,889
Dec. 31 1910 (13 cos.)	14,752,000	19,505,474	73,015,086	107,272,961
Dec. 31 1911 (16 cos.)	15,002,400	19,591,743	78,169,009	112,763,152
Dec. 31 1912 (15 cos.)	14,900,000	19,617,825	84,229,211	118,747,036
Dec. 31 1913 (16 cos.)	14,950,000	19,600,492	83,329,512	117,880,234
Dec. 31 1914 (16 cos.)	13,050,000	19,024,203	81,741,093	111,765,316
Dec. 31 1915 (14 cos.)	*8,050,000	*12,738,269	*62,012,906	*94,068,996
Dec. 31 1916 (15 cos.)	8,250,000	12,879,829	70,380,425	91,509,254
Dec. 31 1917 (15 cos.)	8,350,000	12,795,317	79,518,642	98,906,145
Dec. 31 1918 (15 cos.)	8,350,000	12,909,504	102,137,663	123,397,168
Dec. 31 1919 (15 cos.)	8,450,000	13,519,789	121,424,904	153,394,692
Dec. 31 1920 (17 cos.)	9,350,000	14,146,690	125,581,165	145,780,855
Dec. 31 1921 (18 cos.)	x12,450,000	x15,300,040	x154,556,540	x186,171,366
Dec. 31 1922 (17 cos.)	12,650,000	15,662,452	171,019,489	204,152,108
Dec. 31 1923 (17 cos.)	12,950,000	16,147,139	170,608,193	207,629,421
Dec. 31 1924 (20 cos.)	13,400,000	15,620,518	193,958,238	225,731,383
Dec. 31 1925 (21 cos.)	13,600,000	16,282,276	190,966,610	220,855,643
Dec. 31 1926 (22 cos.)	13,950,000	17,542,268	205,474,676	237,884,193

* Reduction in totals due to the elimination of the St. Louis Union Trust Co., whose banking business was taken over by the newly organized St. Louis Union Bank. The trust company reported no deposits on Dec. 31 1915, against \$25,710,275 on Dec. 31 1914 and \$11,244,321 aggregate resources Dec. 31 1915, against \$36,935,227 on Dec. 31 1914.

x All items heavily increased through the establishment of the Liberty-Trust Co. by the merger of the Central National Bank and the Liberty Bank.

A Costly Session—The McFadden Branch Banking Bill and the McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Measure.

[From the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Feb. 18 1927.]

With the banking bill passed and the farm relief bill in a fair way to be adopted the community ought to estimate with unusual care the expense of getting these two measures to the statute books. It is undoubtedly true, as has been asserted by responsible legislators, that there was no bargain on the part of either group of advocates to support the measure of the other group. In fact the record of votes itself shows that. We may be well assured, however, that if only one of these measures had been pending it would not have succeeded in coming to a vote at this session. The fact that both were struggling for the floor made possible a tacit gentlemen's agreement whereby both were voted upon.

Of the two bills, one will be signed by the President and the other doubtless vetoed. Each will have passed Congress by a large majority, and each will be the product of a small faction—a tribute to the influence of a small group in the community. Most reasonable farmers and farm advocates say that they do not like the farm relief bill and that they think it is carelessly drafted in a way that is practically impossible of application even if "constitutional," which is open to the gravest of doubts. Those who have fought hardest for the bank bill say that there are a good many provisions in it that they could have wished to see omitted, and to which they have been persistently opposed. Their yielding on these points has been due to a desire to get certain provisions enacted into law. Whether the game has been worth the candle from their standpoint they can best judge. What is certain is that in both measures, as is freely admitted on all sides both by partisans and opponents, a great deal of bad legislation has been sent to the statute books.

Now this makes the present session of Congress a very costly one. If the farm relief bill should go into effect it will call for an outlay of \$250,000,000 at once, and no one knows how much later on. It will disorganize the produce markets of the country. If the President vetoes it as he is fully expected to do he will have brought the whole issue into a heated political position. Threats are already heard that

his veto will be the signal for a partisan attempt to stir up prejudice based on the supposedly unfair treatment accorded to the farmer.

These factors make it worth while for us to appraise very carefully the underlying conditions or elements which have produced so unfortunate a miscarriage of legislative activity as is involved in these bills. Originally the responsibility rests with President Coolidge. On neither measure was he willing at its inception to take a definite stand. Both he and his advisers wished to lurk in the background rather than to accept the responsibility for either. After the McFadden bill had been before Congress for two or three years, the President did in his message of December last endorse it, but just what "McFadden bill" he endorsed it would be impossible to say, as there were half a dozen variants of the measure, and the whole controversy centered around the provisions that were thus altered from draft to draft. In regard to the farm relief measure, he constantly asserted his allegiance to farm relief but would never urge any provision of specific farm relief measures except the promotion of co-operation—whatever that may mean. Thus these important questions were allowed to drift along, without leadership, as the product of purely factional dispute.

In Congress itself both farm relief and banking have suffered from entire refusal on the part of the legislators to consider either matter scientifically and carefully or to give heed to the obvious exigencies of administration. They have been fully advised of technical defects in both and have constantly refused to amend either, thus turning out bills that are absolutely impossible as working proposals. Finally attention must be given to the practice of having "short sessions" of Congress. Even with the difficulties that have been put in the way of sound action through administrative and legislative shirking and negligence it might have been possible to amend both measures on the floor had time permitted. That was not the case, and in the Senate the cloture rule had to be applied to force these defective bills through under whip and spur.

It has been a costly session of Congress. Not the smallest element of cost is found in the fact that Congress must next session resume consideration of both bills in order to eliminate danger or satisfy demands of constituents.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Feb. 18 1927.

There has been some falling off in wholesale trade. This may be attributed partly to stormy weather in the Central West and Southwest. Snows and rains, floods and cyclones have prevailed, extending as far west as California, where storms did serious damage with great rains and landslides. While industry has in some measure been restricted by bad weather, still there has been a larger output of iron and steel, and lower prices are quoted for these commodities, with no great increase in trade even at the decline. There is some increase in the production of automobiles. Among the industries the textiles lead. The demand has been better for yarns at Fall River. Buyers of goods want prompt deliveries; it is a hint of small stocks. It is true that February business in cotton goods as a whole has not been up to the level of January. But the sales in that month were unusually large. This could not continue indefinitely. Retail trade in some parts of the country has latterly increased, notably in spring goods. The weather here in some respects has been remarkable; that is to say, exceptionally mild with temperatures here nearly up to 50 degrees, so that vegetation is unusually advanced. The same is true in the West and the South. Of course, however, the winter is not over and such abnormal weather may mean a severe reaction in the near future.

Meanwhile car loadings are larger than those of a year ago, but mainly because of heavy coal shipments in fear of a strike in the bituminous coal regions on April 1, when the contract with the miners expires. The business of chain and department stores in January was larger than in the same month last year. Bad roads for the moment may impede trade at the West and Southwest. But naturally this is a temporary hindrance only. Cotton has advanced slightly with an excellent demand for the actual staple at home and abroad. As an instance, the daily spot sales in Liverpool have been 10,000 to 12,000 bales. This has continued with

little interruption for a month. It was believed, too, that the McNary-Haugen bill would be vetoed by the President when it reached him. To-day there are some contrary rumors on the subject, but in the nature of the case they are simply rumors. Some of the Washington dispatches take the ground that President Coolidge is certain to veto the measure. The exports of cotton make a gratifying exhibit. Russia has been buying here. Europe has been taking the lower grades of the better sort at the South with avidity at relatively high prices. This is in the main a low grade crop. For two seasons the better grades have been relatively scarce. This season this fact has in a measure neutralized the effect of an enormous crop, although it is said now that the yield is more likely to be 17,750,000 to 18,000,000 bales than to reach the Government estimate last December of 18,618,000 bales. Furthermore, foreign crops have been smaller than those of last year as a further offset to the increased yield in this country. Manchester's business has been distinctly better. It is admitted that the British textile industry is in far better shape than it was a year ago. Some of the German mills are running at 100% and in France textile conditions are better than they were in spite of the advance in the franc. Wheat has declined slightly in uneventful trading. Canada is said to have made some large sales of wheat to Portugal and Europe is inquiring for some American red and hard wheat, but the actual export business in this country has been small. Corn prices are a couple of cents lower with large receipts and no great demand. It is worthy of note, however, that there is a steady European demand for American rye, and prices at one time advanced 2 cents. European crops of rye are deficient, and American rye is some 12½ cents a bushel higher than a year ago, in contrast with a decline in No. 2 red wheat as compared with this date last year of some 45 cents per bushel. Coffee has declined sharply with Brazilian price moving downward, under a pressure to sell. There is apparently no progress being made in efforts to stabilize the Brazilian cur-

rency. Though sugar has declined somewhat for future delivery and the refiners have been cutting prices in sharp competition for trade, raw sugar on the spot has not changed particularly. But the demand is small for the moment. The figures seem to make it plain enough that there is a decrease of some 600,000 tons in the world's production this year and a gain of 570,000 tons in the world's consumption. So that later on some are inclined to believe that sugar will advance. Rubber of late has advanced, with a better demand here and in London and some falling off in Malaya exports. Tin has been active and higher, but other non-ferrous metals have been quiet and tending lower. Wool and worsted goods have met with only a moderate sale and silks with nothing more than a fair demand. Most reports about the flour industry are rather unfavorable, though in the Southwest some increase in business was reported.

The stock market has latterly been on the whole tending upward, and to-day some 60 new high records were made in active trading, the total being 2,326,400 shares. Money was down to 3 3/4%. There has been feverish trading in the small railroad stocks, with pyrotechnical fluctuations perhaps more interesting than edifying. Of more consequence is the fact that bonds have been active at rising prices. London has been under the shadow of the news from China, the gravity of which is not minimized on either side of the Atlantic. To-day the London stock market declined with money rates firm. New York is much interested in the fate of the McNary-Haugen bill. It is a curious thing in human history that these quack nostrums come up from time to time even though their fallacy has been repeatedly exposed in the past. This measure, it is hoped, will be promptly vetoed by the President. It is mischievous from every point of view. It really attempts to dodge the issue. And there is no dodging it. It is simply a question of the law of supply and demand; there can be no evading that law. The trouble is overproduction of farm products of grain, cotton and so forth. The only way to cure overproduction is to stop overproduction.

At Fall River, Mass., night work is gaining slightly, despite the opposition of some of the mills. Yarns have sold the best and loom operation in the last few weeks has increased very noticeably. Fall River manufacturers declare that the principles involved in the McNary-Haugen bill are unsound and would hurt the textile industry. At North Adams, Mass., night work was started in the finishing department of the Hoosac Worsted Mills. There is improvement in the worsted situation there. The company has been running at 100% for several weeks. Manchester, N. H., wired that at a hearing on the 48 hour bill before the House Committee, Edward K. Woodworth, representing the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co., Nashua Manufacturing Co., and other large industrial concerns, said that the cost of production per spindle was higher in New Hampshire than in any State in the Union, despite the fact that there is now a 54 hour law in the State. Mr. Woodworth claimed that New Hampshire textile concerns have made no profit since 1921 and pointed out that the additional burden of a shorter week would be a great handicap. He cited a cut of 800 in the working force of the Great Falls Manufacturing Co. The 48 hour law in Massachusetts took effect in 1919 when the country was experiencing its most prosperous times. The reason why the Nashua Manufacturing Co. went to Massachusetts, a 48 hour State, to purchase mills was, it is said, Nashua paid about \$2 25 a spindle for the Tremont & Suffolk Mills at Lowell while the Amoskeag Co. was being assessed at \$25 a spindle. Later the Board of Alderman and Mayor of Manchester declared themselves unanimously in favor of a resolution calling upon the assessors and the legislature to recognize the dangers of high valuations upon industrial plants and the necessity of placing the cost of government where it can be borne with the least damage to the community. They have evidently seen a light.

Norwich, Conn., wired that a survey just completed by the New England Council shows a substantial improvement in activity in Connecticut textile mills. The mills at Grosvenordale are now working several hours overtime daily. Day and night shifts are being employed at the Paco Mills, at Killingly. The Taftville, Baltim, Plainfield and Moosup mills are all working on active schedules. At Stow, Mass., the citizens voted unanimously that the taxes of the Gleasondale Woolen Mills be reduced 33 1-3%. Killing by big taxes the goose that lays the golden egg seems to be becoming less popular with municipalities.

It rained, hailed, sleeted and snowed here early in the week and again there were casualties from falls on slippery pavements and the skidding of auto cars. But on Tuesday it cleared and Wednesday was mild, though threatening. Here on the 15th inst. it was 48; in Chicago the maximum was 44, in Cincinnati 54, in Cleveland 38, in Milwaukee 34, in Memphis 72, in Minneapolis 30, in Winnipeg it was 2 degrees below zero. On the 17th inst. here it was as high as 49 degrees; in Chicago 42, in Cleveland 44, in Cincinnati 64, in Milwaukee 40, in Minneapolis 22, in Savannah 82. To-day it was still warm here, but the forecast was for much colder weather to-night and Saturday.

In South Carolina abnormal heat advanced vegetation rather too rapidly and many peach, pear, and cherry blooms were observed. In Georgia blooming of peach, plum and pear trees was unchecked and trees mostly in full bloom everywhere. Plowing under way, although work delayed by rains at close. Kansas City wired that the cold wave which came from the far Northwest struck the Middle West and Southwest on the 17th inst., bringing sleet and snow. Temperatures fell rapidly throughout the Southwest, where springlike weather had brought flowers into bloom and swelled the buds of shrubs and trees. Indications were that the cold wave would extend well into Texas, which had enjoyed the warmest weather. California reported torrential rains and winds of cyclonic force sweeping over southern California causing landslides and death, injury and property damage. London had a fog for six days which cost land traffic and shipping interests it is said some \$20,000,000.

Federal Reserve Board Finds Level of Production in 1926 Higher Than for Any Previous Year— Slowing Down in Last Quarter of Year.

While stating that "during the last three months of 1926 there was a slowing down of industrial activity, and in December the output of industry was smaller than a year earlier" the Federal Reserve Board in its February Bulletin adds that "for the year 1926 as a whole, however, the level of production was higher than for any earlier year." In its further review of the month the Board says:

Industrial production, which includes both factories and mines, was about 4% larger in 1926 than in 1925, owing partly to an increase of about 7% for mineral output, particularly that of anthracite and bituminous coal, copper, and zinc. Greater activity was shown also for leading lines of manufacture, notably iron and steel, paper and printing, and petroleum products. The production of food products, textiles, and leather products, on the other hand, showed in 1926 little change from the year before.

The course of production throughout most of the year remained close to the high level of the late months of 1925, as shown by the board's new monthly index of industrial production, given on the chart for the last four years. This index, which is described in a special article in this number of the "Bulletin," represents for each month average production per working day, is adjusted for seasonal variations, covers both manufactures and minerals, and represents directly or indirectly about 80% of the total output of factories and mines in the United States. The chart indicates that the large aggregate of industrial output for the year 1926 as a whole resulted chiefly from the fact that there was not, as in other recent years, a recession in industry in the spring and summer months. The advance in the early autumn brought industrial production to a new high level, about 6% above the previous maximum reached in the spring of 1923. Production was at a relatively constant level from November 1925 to July 1926 and the rise in August and September to new high levels represented primarily increased production of iron and steel and automobiles, accompanied by a marked increase in the output of textiles, rubber tires, petroleum products, non-ferrous metals, and coal. The increase in the early autumn in iron and steel was supported by demand from the automobile and building industries and to some extent by increased buying by railroads. The decline after September represented chiefly the decrease in automobile output, which in turn tended to reduce the demand for iron and steel. During the last two months of the year, however, there was a recession in almost all lines of manufacture.

Building.

The large volume of activity in manufacturing and mining in 1926 was accompanied and sustained by an exceptional volume of construction work. The total volume of building of all kinds for the country as a whole, as indicated by reported figures for contracts awarded covering about 91% of the business, approximated \$6,800,000,000 in value, and was about 4% larger than in 1925 and much larger than in any other year. The increase was primarily in the construction of public utilities and public works, which was 12% larger, and in the construction of industrial buildings, which was 40% larger, while residential building declined nearly 3% and the building of schools more than 10%. During the last quarter of the year, when industrial production was declining, building was in about the same volume as in the corresponding period of 1925 and larger than in the same months of any other year. Thus building construction continued in 1926, as in other recent years, to be an important factor in sustaining industrial and trade activity; the cost of building, however, showed no appreciable advance and prices of building materials declined during the year.

Employment.

Employment in factories in 1926 was approximately in the same volume as the year before and wage payments were somewhat larger; in mining and in the building industry employment was at least as large as in 1925, in keeping with the increased activity in these lines. Both factory employment and factory pay rolls, as shown by the chart, were in as large volume on the average as in any previous year, except 1923, but in the later months of 1926, when industrial activity was receding, pay rolls were smaller than in the corresponding months of 1925. The income of farmers toward the end of the year was also below the level at the same season of 1925, largely in consequence of a lower price for cotton and smaller yields of spring wheat and other crops raised in the Northwestern States.

Trade.

Distribution to consumers, both at wholesale and at retail, which for the entire year 1926 was larger in quantity than for any previous year, showed some reduction in value in the late months of the year as compared with 1925, partly because goods were moving at a generally lower level of prices. The autumn growth in sales at retail stores was less than usual and the autumn decline in wholesale trade was larger than usual, especially in agricultural sections where economic conditions were unfavorable.

Inventories.

Orderly marketing of the year's large output of industry and agriculture was an important characteristic of business activity in 1926. Distribution of commodities by the railroads was prompt and efficient, sales to retailers and to the public were maintained at a high level, and there was little evidence of the accumulation of inventories or of stocks of raw materials. Information on stocks of commodities is not so complete or so reliable as that on production and trade, but available information indicates that in most lines stocks on hand are no larger than a year ago, and that even in those lines where stocks in physical units exceed those of last year the value of the stocks is lower, because of the lower level of prices. From the point of view of the amount of credit required to finance inventories, their volume at the close of 1926 was smaller by several hundreds of millions of dollars than at the close of the preceding year.

Wholesale and Retail Stocks.

The inventories of wholesale merchants in some lines of trade, notably shoes, hardware, and drugs, were higher in December, 1926, than a year earlier, notwithstanding the lower level of wholesale prices, while on other lines, notably dry goods and groceries, for which the price decline has been substantial, inventories were considerably smaller than a year ago. These facts are brought out by the table, which gives index numbers of wholesalers' stocks at the end of December for a series of recent years.

VALUE OF STOCKS CARRIED BY WHOLESALE FIRMS IN DECEMBER
(Index numbers, 1919 equal 100)

	1923	1924	1925	1926
Groceries.....	104	111	120	102
Meats.....	93	119	91	93
Dry goods.....	86	73	74	58
Shoes.....	98	77	58	62
Hardware.....	100	93	90	97
Drugs.....	90	91	99	103

Inventories of department stores at the end of the year were also affected by the decline in prices. They were slightly smaller than at the end of 1925, when all departments are included, increases in some departments, notably musical instruments and radios, furniture, and furs, being offset by large reductions in inventories of clothing and most lines of dry goods.

Industrial Stocks.

Stocks of industrial commodities in a number of cases were somewhat larger in quantity at the end of 1926 than at the same time in 1925 or 1924. This is notably true of metals, building materials, and rubber in various forms, while stocks of paper, petroleum, and especially leather, were smaller at the end of December than at the same time in other recent years. A table showing stocks of about 40 industrial commodities in 1924, 1925, and 1926 is shown at the end of this review.

Estimates of the value of the stocks of these commodities, based on prices prevailing at the end of 1925 and 1926, indicate that the value of reported stocks was smaller in December than a year ago for all of the principal groups except building materials. The larger value of stocks of building materials is due primarily to their larger quantity, while the smaller value of stocks in the textile and rubber industries reflects lower prices for larger stocks.

Agricultural Stocks.

Commercial stocks of agricultural commodities were also of considerably smaller estimated value at the end of 1926 than at the end of either of the two preceding years. For about 15 commodities for which comparable figures are available, the decrease in value of reported stocks, as compared with 1925, approximates \$200,000,000 and, as compared with 1924, \$300,000,000. The difference is due principally to the lower price of cotton. The reported stocks of these agricultural commodities at the end of each of the last three years, as measured in physical units, are given in the table, which indicates that stocks were larger for cotton, wheat, corn, beef, frozen poultry, and apples, and smaller for oats, cottonseed, and eggs.

REPORTED STOCKS OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES IN DECEMBER.

Commodity.	1924	1925	1926
Cotton (bales).....	5,937,000	7,326,000	8,245,000
Cottonseed (tons).....	1,231,000	1,416,000	1,292,000
Wheat (bushels).....	96,114,000	55,024,000	68,125,000
Corn (bushels).....	19,693,000	19,095,000	36,412,000
Oats (bushels).....	76,343,000	66,762,000	46,341,000
Cheese (pounds).....	49,187,000	58,457,000	54,495,000
Apples (barrels).....	5,232,000	7,051,000	9,282,000
Butter (pounds).....	65,694,000	52,785,000	34,355,000
Frozen poultry (pounds).....	133,990,000	111,501,000	144,230,000
Beef (pounds).....	142,862,000	84,996,000	101,016,000
Pork (pounds).....	642,981,000	472,219,000	475,576,000
Lard (pounds).....	60,243,000	42,478,000	49,498,000
Eggs (cases).....	1,050,000	1,683,000	1,111,000
Tobacco (pounds).....	1,714,000,000	1,819,000,000	1,842,000,000

Prices.

The general level of wholesale commodity prices in the United States, as well as in many other countries, declined during 1926. In this country the price index in December was about 6% lower than a year earlier and at the lowest level since the middle of 1922, excepting a few months in the middle of 1924. The decline affected almost all classes of commodities, both agricultural and nonagricultural, but was greatest in agricultural commodities, for which wholesale prices were in November and December at the lowest level in more than two years. Prices received by farmers, as computed by the Department of Agriculture, were in December at the lowest level in four years. Non-agricultural prices declined about 3% during the year and were in December close to the lowest level in four years. The lower level of agricultural prices reflects primarily the lower prices for grain and for cotton, while prices of livestock, after marked fluctuations during the year, were at about the same level as at the end of 1925. Among the non-agricultural commodities chiefly responsible for the lower level at the end of 1926 are rubber and silk, among the raw materials, yellow-pine flooring, coke, and zinc. Certain highly fabricated articles not included in the price index, such as automobiles and tires, are also lower in price than they were a year ago.

Bank Credit and Currency.

The larger volume of trade, at a lower level of prices, that characterized the year 1926 was accompanied by a larger average volume of currency in circulation during the year and a larger volume of bank credit in use. The increase in bank credit during the year, however, was less than for any other recent year, and currency in circulation in December, as measured by the average of amounts at the beginning and at the end of the month, was \$14,658,000 less than at the same time a year ago. Net demand deposits of member banks, which represent that class of deposits of which the circulation is most active, were also lower at the end of the year than at the beginning. Time deposits, on the other hand, continued to increase at about the same rate as in other recent years.

Loans and investments of member banks, as indicated by figures for member banks in leading cities, were at the end of the year at a higher level than at any previous time. Investments and loans on securities were in about the same volume as at the end of 1925, and the increase was entirely in other loans, which had reached in November the highest level in six years and had declined after that time. This decline continued in January, during the period of the seasonal return flow of currency from circulation and the consequent decline in the demand for reserve bank credit.

Liquidation of indebtedness at the reserve banks by the use of currency released from circulation after the turn of the year, together with a considerable volume of gold imports, resulted in much easier conditions in the money market. Thus money rates, which throughout 1926 had been higher than the year before, were in January at about the same level as at the opening of the preceding year.

Continued Decline in Wholesale Prices.

A slight decline in the general level of wholesale prices in January as compared with the preceding month is shown by information collected in representative markets by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor. The bureau's weighted index number, which includes 404 commodities or price series, registered 146.9 for January compared with 147.2 for December, a decline of two-tenths of one per cent. Compared with January 1926, with an index number of 156.0, there was a decrease of more than 5 3/4%. The Bureau's advices, dated Feb. 18, add:

In all groups of commodities included in the comparison, except farm products and miscellaneous commodities, there were decreases in the price level from December to January, ranging from three-fourths of one per cent in the case of clothing materials to 4 3/4% in the case of chemicals and drugs. Farm products, owing chiefly to small increases in cattle, hogs, sheep, and poultry, also cotton, hides, and potatoes, showed a general increase of approximately 1 3/4% over prices in December 1926. Practically no change in the general price level was shown for the group designated as miscellaneous. Of the 404 commodities or price series for which comparable information for December and January was collected, increases were shown in 97 instances and decreases in 153 instances. In 154 instances no change in price was reported.

Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices by Groups and Subgroups of Commodities.
(1913=100.0)

Groups and Subgroups	1926	1926	1927
	January	December	January
Farm products.....	151.8	134.9	137.2
Grains.....	169.7	142.2	140.8
Livestock and poultry.....	129.5	128.8	135.7
Other farm products.....	163.4	136.0	135.3
Foods.....	156.2	151.0	149.6
Meats.....	150.7	146.9	147.0
Butter, cheese, and milk.....	152.8	158.7	156.6
Other foods.....	160.9	151.5	149.5
Clothing materials.....	185.5	168.6	167.3
Boots and shoes.....	186.1	184.3	184.3
Cotton goods.....	172.5	146.6	145.4
Woolen and worsted goods.....	206.7	189.3	188.8
Silk, etc.....	177.9	147.8	141.9
Fuels.....	176.5	182.9	179.8
Anthracite coal.....	x	226.6	227.2
Bituminous coal.....	203.2	222.1	213.9
Other fuels.....	148.1	148.7	147.9
Metals and metal products.....	128.9	125.7	124.4
Iron and steel.....	136.7	135.3	134.4
Nonferrous metals.....	111.7	104.5	102.2
Building materials.....	177.9	172.7	169.7
Lumber.....	191.6	184.6	181.4
Brick.....	205.5	203.9	207.5
Structural steel.....	129.1	132.4	132.4
Other building materials.....	166.0	161.3	157.7
Chemicals and drugs.....	133.2	128.2	122.1
Chemicals.....	121.6	115.4	115.6
Fertilizer materials.....	111.9	105.4	105.0
Drugs and pharmaceuticals.....	183.0	182.4	154.4
Housefurnishing goods.....	164.9	159.4	157.4
Furniture.....	144.7	139.9	137.6
Furnishings.....	230.6	223.1	222.4
Miscellaneous.....	135.3	117.8	117.9
Cattle feed.....	129.9	123.3	130.1
Leather.....	140.1	136.3	136.6
Paper and pulp.....	181.5	157.6	154.8
Other miscellaneous.....	121.2	99.5	99.4
All commodities.....	156.0	147.2	146.9
x Insufficient data.			

Somewhat Higher Trend in Building Awards in February Says Engineering News-Record.

Based on the value of contracts let the trend in large construction operations for the entire country has been slightly higher in recent weeks. The value of awards on engineering construction in the past week totaled \$50,097,000, as against \$48,952,000 in the week previous and \$38,793,000 two weeks ago, "Engineering News-Record" reports. Minimum costs observed in these totals are \$150,000 on commercial, residential, educational and other buildings, \$40,000 on industrial,

plants, and \$15,000 on public projects, including road building, etc.

Contracts let in the United States since the first of the year were valued at \$319,582,000, which compares with \$333,285,000 in the corresponding period last year. The decline in activity is confined, it is stated, to public operations only. The value of private jobs in the total from Jan. 1 to date is placed at \$222,435,000, as against \$221,179,000 in the same period last year. The "News-Record" also says that the downward movement in prices of construction materials in the principal cities, while it continues unchecked, has begun to show signs of reaching a standstill in the not distant future. Spring building demand will at least inject an element of firmness into the situation. Of the 4,524,748 carloads of revenue freight hauled by the railroads of the country during the first month of the current year, at least 1,100,000 contained building materials, it is averred. Even a rough estimate reveals a heavier volume of materials going into construction than during the corresponding periods in 1926 and 1925.

Railroad Revenue Freight Loading Still Ahead of Previous Years Because of Heavy Coal Shipments.

Revenue freight loaded the week ended on Feb. 5 totaled 970,892 cars, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. Compared with the corresponding week last year, this was an increase of 56,401 cars while it also was an increase of 41,762 cars over the corresponding week in 1925. These increases follow chiefly as the result of the heavy coal shipments arising out of a fear that there will be a strike in the bituminous regions on April 1 when the three year contract with the miners runs out. Coal loading for the week of Feb. 5 totaled 219,113 cars, an increase of 43,149 cars over the same week last year and 25,882 cars above the corresponding week in 1925. Further details regarding the week's freight loadings are as follows:

Grain and grain products loading totaled 48,174 cars, an increase of 3,489 cars over the corresponding week last year and 172 cars above the same week in 1925. In the western districts, grain and grain products loading totaled 29,860 cars, an increase of 1,937 cars above the same week last year.

Miscellaneous freight loading totaled 326,926 cars, an increase of 11,367 cars above the same week last year and 18,815 cars above the corresponding week two years ago.

Live stock loading amounted to 27,809 cars, a decrease of 1,651, cars below the same week last year and 5,000 cars below the corresponding week in 1925. In the western districts alone, live stock loading totaled 21,063 cars, a decrease of 1,538 cars below the same week last year.

Loading of merchandise and less than carload lot freight for the week totaled 257,081 cars, an increase of 8,754 cars over the corresponding week last year and 12,206 cars above the same week two years ago.

Forest products loading totaled 67,770 cars, 3,935 cars below the same week last year and 9,661 cars above the same week in 1925.

Ore loading amounted to 11,630 cars, 1,691 cars above the corresponding week in 1926 and 139 cars above the same week two years ago.

Coke loading totaled 12,389 cars, a decrease of 6,463 cars over the same week last year and 791 cars below the same week two years ago.

All districts except the Northwestern showed increases in the total loading of all commodities compared with the corresponding week in 1926 while all except the Northwestern and Centralwestern showed increases over the same week in 1925.

Loading of revenue freight this year compared with the two previous years follows:

	1927.	1926.	1925.
Five weeks in January	4,524,749	4,428,256	4,456,949
Week ended Feb. 5	970,892	914,491	929,130
Total	5,495,641	5,342,747	5,386,079

Building Construction in Illinois During January—Decrease as Compared with Preceding Month.

In its summary of building construction in Illinois during January the Bureau of Industrial Accident and Labor Research of the Illinois Department of Labor under date of Feb. 18 says:

As is usual at this time of the year, building authorized in January 1927 in 28 Illinois cities shows a marked decrease as compared with the preceding month. This decrease amounts to \$6,297,497, or 19.5%. Only 3 cities report an increase over December. Freeport gained \$128,700 in this period, Joliet \$114,600, and Rock Island \$58,913. Chicago is responsible for \$3,111,420 of the decrease for the State. Compared with January a year ago, however, the State shows a gain of \$3,917, 114 or 17.7%. The situation this January, in spite of a drop of 19.5% from December's building valuations, is more encouraging than it was in the corresponding months a year ago, when the decrease from December to January was more than 21%.

During January of this year the value of new residential building amounted to more than three times the value of new non-residential building. 772 new houses and apartment buildings were planned at an estimated cost of \$19,030,750, which are to accommodate 2,909 families.

New cities reporting this month for the first time are Glen Ellyn, Maywood and Waukegan.

Evanston leads all cities in the metropolitan area, outside Chicago, in value of January building, with a total of \$832,750, of which \$794,500 is in home-building. Berwyn is second, with a total of \$224,400; Oak Park is third, with \$186,875; Cicero fourth, with \$162,470; Highland Park, with \$151,800, and Waukegan, with \$150,375, closely follow.

Outside the metropolitan area, Rockford with \$157,735 leads all other cities in total value of buildings authorized during the month. Freeport follows with \$155,700; Joliet is third with \$152,900; Decatur is fourth with \$133,950.

In home-building in the metropolitan area, Chicago plans new house-keeping dwellings for 2,515 families. Evanston is next, with provision for 128 families. Berwyn is third with plans for 51 families; Oak Park fourth, planning for 35 families; Cicero is fifth with provision for 21 families, and Waukegan sixth with 15 families.

Outside the metropolitan area, cities rank in home-building as follows: Rockford, 34 families; Decatur, 19 families; Peoria, 14 families; East St. Louis, 10 families.

Glen Ellyn, Joliet and Rock Island are the only communities in which new non-residential building surpassed in value new residential building during January. In the latter classification, Joliet leads all cities in the State outside Chicago, with new non-residential building valued at \$110,000. Rock Island is second with \$57,200; Waukegan third, with \$35,000; Decatur fourth, with \$32,800. Cicero, with \$28,570, and Aurora, with \$27,965, are fifth and sixth, respectively.

The tables prepared by the Bureau follow:

NUMBER AND COST OF BUILDINGS AS STATED BY PERMITS ISSUED IN ILLINOIS CITIES IN JANUARY 1927, BY CITIES.

Cities.	Total.				
	January 1927.		December 1926.		Jan. 1926.
	No. Bldgs.	Estimated Cost.	No. Bldgs.	Estimated Cost.	Estimated Cost.
Whole State	1,666	\$26,038,945	2,281	\$32,336,442	\$22,121,831
Chicago	1,034	22,829,285	1,346	25,940,705	18,102,600
Outside Chicago	632	3,209,660	935	6,395,737	3,619,231
Aurora	24	84,095	45	1,077,190	63,798
Berwyn	23	224,400	73	359,100	610,600
Bloomington	4	13,000	12	140,900	86,500
Blue Island	14	35,140	27	66,470	12,300
Canton	None	None	None	None	1,775
Cicero	19	162,470	22	164,850	195,855
Danville	5	18,000	7	27,600	227,000
Decatur	54	133,950	71	144,975	184,000
East St. Louis	38	56,036	94	215,253	115,295
Elgin	23	45,100	29	178,600	211,010
Evanston	43	832,750	63	1,028,750	356,700
Freeport	4	155,700	5	27,000	24,150
Glen Ellyn	3	11,800	6	63,000	119,200
Highland Park	14	151,800	20	248,150	42,000
Joliet*	16	152,900	25	38,300	*
Maywood	26	111,000	37	151,935	451,900
Moline	24	21,501	23	97,007	17,579
Murphysboro	1	3,500	None	None	2,000
Oak Park	19	186,785	28	289,259	224,645
Peoria	48	89,825	55	153,800	92,550
Quincy	11	22,268	21	42,275	40,600
Rock Island	98	157,735	81	217,350	116,170
Rockford	32	114,600	52	55,777	88,994
Springfield	30	101,490	69	216,046	157,520
Waukegan	28	150,375	33	606,850	25,100
Winnetka	10	49,100	12	79,100	112,940
Winnepk	11	123,650	25	708,200	39,500

* No figures available before April 1926.

NUMBER AND COST OF BUILDINGS AS STATED BY PERMITS ISSUED IN ILLINOIS CITIES IN JANUARY 1927, BY CITIES, ACCORDING TO KIND OF BUILDING.

Cities.	Residential Buildings.		Non-Residential Buildings.		Additions, Alterations, Repairs, &c.	
	January 1927.		January 1927.		January 1927.	
	No. Bldgs.	Estimated Cost.	No. Bldgs.	Estimated Cost.	No. Bldgs.	Estimated Cost.
Whole State	772	\$19,030,750	2,909	\$5,685,533	479	\$1,211,062
Chicago	556	16,762,100	2,515	5,289,575	276	777,610
Outside Chicago	216	2,268,650	394	395,958	203	433,452
Aurora	9	53,100	7	27,965	8	3,030
Berwyn	19	220,500	51	7	3,200	2
Bloomington	1	3,000	1	None	3	10,000
Blue Island	4	24,700	4	5,865	5	4,575
Canton	None	None	None	None	None	None
Cicero	11	129,000	21	7	None	None
Danville	2	10,000	2	28,570	1	4,900
Decatur	19	93,500	19	25	32,800	10
East St. Louis	7	22,500	10	13	19,380	18
Elgin	7	33,400	7	10	5,250	11
Evanston	27	794,500	128	8	5,700	8
Freeport	None	None	None	3	4,500	1
Glen Ellyn	1	5,000	1	6,500	1	160,000
Highland Park	6	120,700	6	6,500	4	24,600
Joliet*	4	32,500	5	1	110,000	11
Maywood*	4	13,500	4	1,410	15	6,591
Murphysboro	1	3,500	1	None	None	None
Oak Park	11	177,500	35	4	3,185	4
Peoria	14	63,450	14	5	3,100	29
Quincy	4	20,000	4	5	868	2
Rockford	28	115,000	34	45	19,390	25
Rock Island	6	46,300	6	11	57,200	15
Springfield	7	30,000	7	12	14,675	11
Waukegan	14	102,000	15	4	35,000	10
Winnetka	5	46,000	5	3	1,400	2
Winnepk	5	109,000	5	2	3,500	4

* Detailed figures for Maywood not available.

Decrease in Employment and Wages in Pennsylvania in January—In Delaware Employment Gains but Wages Drop.

The volume of employment and wage payments in Pennsylvania decreased considerably in January, as evidenced by reports received by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. Much of the decrease, however, is probably attributable to the inclusion in this payroll period of New Year's Day in many cases and also to the regular inventory taking season, overhauling machinery and making repairs. The bank's survey, issued Feb. 17, adds:

Every group of industries shared in the decline, and for the first time since last July the textile group showed a falling off in employment and wage payments. The largest decrease in this group was reported by the silk goods industry, a strike in one of the mills, however, being partly responsible for the large decline. In the metal manufactures group the

greatest decreases were reported by the electrical machinery, heating appliances and shipbuilding industries. Building materials and construction industries all showed marked declines over December, as did the furniture industry.

Delaware industries showed slight increases in the number of men employed, but a considerable decrease in wage payments. However, in spite of this change for all industries, the food, chemicals, drugs and paints and leather products industries all advanced considerably in both employment and wage payments.

The city areas followed the general trend this month of falling behind December, the only exception being Harrisburg and Williamsport, which showed slight increases in both employment and wage payments. Both Lancaster and New Castle showed a gain in employment but a recession in wage payments. Philadelphia's percentage change from December was a decrease of 3.9% for employment and 7.3% for wage payments.

The tabulations follow:

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and the Department of Labor and Industry, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Group and Industry—	No. of Plants Reporting.	Increase or Decrease—		
		Jan. 1927 over Dec. 1926.	Total	Aver.
		Employment.	Wages.	Wages.
All Industries (46).....	872	-2.2%	-5.5%	-3.4%
Metal manufactures:	290	-1.5	-5.0	-3.5
Automobiles, bodies and parts.....	19	-0.5	-3.7	-0.1
Car construction and repair.....	20	+2.9	+2.2	-0.7
Electrical machinery and apparatus.....	19	-10.8	-18.9	-9.0
Engines, machines and machine tools.....	38	-1.1	-3.5	-2.4
Foundries and machine shops.....	57	-1.8	-5.8	-4.0
Heating appliances and apparatus.....	15	-7.4	-13.7	-6.9
Iron and steel blast furnaces.....	12	+2.0	-1.1	-3.1
Iron and steel forgings.....	12	+2.7	+4.2	+1.4
Steel works and rolling mills.....	36	+1.1	-3.3	-4.3
Structural iron works.....	17	-3.1	-8.4	-5.5
Miscellaneous iron and steel products.....	25	-1.2	-7.2	-6.0
Shipbuilding.....	3	-8.9	-14.1	-5.7
Hardware.....	8	-2.3	-5.3	-3.1
Non-ferrous metals.....	9	-7.6	-8.3	+1.0
Textile products:	166	-2.4	-5.4	-3.1
Carpets and rugs.....	8	-0.5	-4.2	-3.7
Clothing.....	32	+2.6	+1.5	-1.1
Hats, felt and other.....	4	+3.6	-4.1	-7.5
Cotton goods.....	15	+0.7	-6.5	-7.1
Silk goods.....	43	-5.6	-11.7	-6.4
Woolens and worsteds.....	14	-1.2	-2.2	-1.0
Knit goods and hosiery.....	40	-3.3	-2.9	+0.4
Dyeing and finishing textiles.....	10	-0.4	+1.5	+1.9
Food and tobacco:	114	-3.0	-5.8	-2.9
Bakeries.....	37	-3.2	-3.7	-0.5
Confectionery and ice cream.....	24	-2.1	-3.2	-1.1
Slaughtering and meat packing.....	14	-4.2	-4.6	-3.2
Cheese and tobacco.....	39	-3.6	-0.6	-6.2
Building materials:	67	-5.3	-8.3	-3.2
Brick, tile and terra cotta products.....	27	-7.7	-11.6	-4.2
Cement.....	13	-1.5	-1.6	-0.1
Glass.....	23	-8.0	-13.8	-6.3
Pottery.....	4	-1.8	-6.9	-5.2
Construction and contracting:	39	-12.8	-15.5	-3.0
Buildings.....	23	-18.1	-18.6	-0.5
Street and highway.....	3	-67.1	-55.5	+35.4
General.....	13	-5.5	-10.9	-5.7
Chemicals and allied products:	38	+1.9	-5.4	-7.2
Chemicals and drugs.....	21	-0.3	-1.6	-1.3
Explosives.....	3	+4.6	-5.2	-4.2
Paints and varnishes.....	9	-1.9	-6.5	-4.7
Petroleum refining.....	5	+2.7	-5.9	-8.4
Miscellaneous industries:	158	-2.5	-4.7	-2.3
Lumber and planing mill products.....	28	-3.4	-4.1	-0.8
Furniture.....	21	-13.3	-18.2	-5.6
Leather tanning.....	17	+2.1	+0.5	-1.6
Leather products.....	8	-6.8	-8.4	-1.7
Boots and shoes.....	22	-0.4	-3.2	-2.8
Paper and pulp products.....	19	-5.1	-6.0	-1.0
Printing and publishing.....	37	-1.9	-4.6	-2.8
Rubber tires and goods.....	3	-0.1	-2.2	-2.0
Novelities and jewelry.....	3	+1.5	-5.3	-6.7

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN THE CITY AREAS

(Compiled by Department of Statistics and Research Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.)

Areas—	Number of Plants Reporting.	Increase or Decrease—		
		Jan. 1927 over Dec. 1926.	Total	Average
		Employment.	Wages.	Wages.
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton.....	77	-2.9%	-5.1%	-2.2%
Altoona.....	14	-7.8	-9.7	-2.0
Erie.....	15	-1.8	-4.1	-2.4
Harrisburg.....	38	+0.7	+0.7	0.0
Hazleton-Pottsville.....	24	-1.1	-0.8	+0.2
Johnstown.....	13	-4.5	-4.4	+0.1
Lancaster.....	33	+1.0	-3.5	-4.5
New Castle, Pa.....	10	+6.2	-0.6	-6.4
Philadelphia.....	259	-3.9	-7.3	-3.6
Pittsburgh.....	103	-1.5	-6.0	-4.6
Reading-Lebanon.....	70	-0.8	-2.5	-1.8
Seranton.....	38	-3.7	-15.9	-12.6
Sunbury.....	27	-3.5	-6.7	-3.4
Wilkes-Barre.....	23	+0.0	-0.7	-1.7
Williamsport.....	24	+1.4	+0.0	-1.4
York.....	32	-0.8	-5.4	-4.6
York.....	46	-2.3	-5.0	-2.7

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN DELAWARE COMPILED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA.

Industry—	Number of Plants Reporting.	Increase or Decrease—		
		Jan. 1927 over Dec. 1926.	Total	Average
		Employment.	Wages.	Wages.
All Industries.....	30	+0.1%	-3.9%	-4.0%
Foundries and machinery products.....	4	+0.2	-4.8	-5.0
Other metal manufactures.....	5	-2.0	-3.9	-4.0
Food Industries.....	3	+4.7	+7.7	+2.8
Chemicals, drugs and paints.....	3	+1.5	+4.8	+3.2
Leather tanned and products.....	5	+4.8	+3.5	-1.2
Printing and publishing.....	3	0.0	-1.6	-1.6
Miscellaneous Industries.....	7	-1.6	-8.7	-7.2

Agricultural and Financial Conditions in Minneapolis Federal Reserve District—Smaller Volume of Business in January as Compared with Same Month Last Year.

In its preliminary summary of agricultural and financial conditions, issued Feb. 14, the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis states that "January business in this district was in smaller volume than during the same month of last year. The total money value, as reflected by individual debits during January at representative banks in 17 cities totaled 8% less than last year; and the total physical volume, as reflected in carloadings during the three weeks ending

Jan. 22 totaled 4% less than during the same period in the preceding year." The Bank adds:

The reasons for this decline in total business are to some extent revealed by the detailed classification of the carloadings figures, there being a decline of 16% in the movement of grain and grain products, 15% in coke, 9% in livestock and 7% in forest products. Flour shipments and linseed products shipments both registered substantial declines in January as compared with last year. According to the preliminary reports, retail trade was slightly less than in January of last year. The fact of a small increase of 3% in the loadings of less-than-carload lots of merchandise, while carload lots decreased 4%, indicates more hand-to-mouth buying than last year and reflects the cautious sentiment prevailing in general trade.

Grain receipts at terminals in this district during January were one-third less than receipts of a year ago and about one-seventh less than in the preceding month of December. The only grain showing increased terminal receipts, both as compared with last month and a year ago, was corn. The median prices for the grains during January as compared with a year ago exhibited mixed trends, the aggregate gains in price per bushel shown for durum, oats and barley being much more than offset by the aggregate declines in price per bushel shown for wheat, corn, flax and rye. As compared with the preceding month, the median prices of all varieties computed in this office declined, except for barley and rye. Total terminal stocks of the grains were less at the end of January than a year ago. This was due entirely to declines shown in holdings of oats and barley, as the holdings of all other grains increased.

Livestock receipts at terminals in this district during January exhibited gains for sheep, calves and cattle, and a decline for hogs. As compared with a year ago, the median prices for the varieties computed in this office exhibited a general downward trend, although one or two varieties were slightly higher. As compared with a month ago, the median prices for practically all varieties were higher. Feeder shipments as compared with a year ago were much greater for calves, hogs and sheep and somewhat less for cattle.

Prospective business activity based upon building operations, as reflected in the total valuation of building permits granted at 18 representative cities in this district, was 12% smaller in January than a year ago. Reports from the grain-growing sections of the district indicate that wheat of the last crop which was exposed to moisture and frost before threshing shows, under test, very poor germinating quality. Country elevators are strongly recommending testing of all such seed before it is planted and that special care be exercised in the selection of all wheat that is planted this spring, at least to the extent of testing representative samples for germination. They point out that unless care is exercised, there will be thin stands where the quality of the seed is not determined before planting.

New Models and Prices of Automobiles.

In connection with the celebration of its 75th year, the Studebaker Corporation on Feb. 16 announced price reductions ranging from \$10 to \$200 each on certain of its models. The Erskine Six line, recently introduced, remains unchanged in price. New and old prices of the seven models reduced are listed below:

Model—	New Price.	Old Price.	Reduction.
Big Six brougham.....	\$1,585	\$1,785	\$200
Big Six sport roadster.....	1,495	1,680	185
Big Six phaeton.....	1,445	1,610	165
Big Six custom Victoria.....	1,645	1,735	90
Custom sedan.....	1,335	1,385	50
Sport roadster.....	1,195	1,250	55
Custom Victoria.....	1,325	1,335	10

Prices f.o.b. factory. Four-wheel brakes, disc wheels, front and rear bumpers included.

The reductions, it is said, were made possible by the economies of one-profit manufacture, together with the success of the recently introduced custom cars.

The most complete line of cars offered by a single manufacturer in the field between one and two thousand dollars is that offered by the Buick division of General Motors with the introduction of its town brougham. The 1927 Buick line now consists of 18 body styles with three chassis lengths of 114½, 120 and 128 inches wheelbase. There are four open cars, 13 closed cars and one of the closed-open convertible type.

The Pierce Arrow Motor Car Co. has introduced a new model, known as the series 80, 5-passenger club sedan, mounted on the standard 130-inch series 80 chassis. This addition makes a total of 13 body styles now obtainable in the Pierce-Arrow series 80 line.

A new sedan, called the special all-purpose sedan, has been added to the line of Dodge Brothers, Inc. The new car is unique in that, while it is to all appearances a standard production sedan, it can be quickly made over into a commercial vehicle suitable for carrying light merchandise, salesman's samples, or tourists' luggage by opening a snug-fitting door in the rear to permit removal of the cushions. A hinged, steel-braced floor can then be dropped forward, affording perfect protection for the carpet on the sedan floor and giving a level load space 44 inches wide and 48 inches long. The false floor and aluminum skirted upholstery eliminate the possibility of marring the interior. A heavy, nickel-plated bar, mounted on the spare tire carrier brackets, protects the gasoline tank and facilitates loading and unloading heavy commodities.

Further rumors concerning the Ford mention a "medium-priced automobile, the price of which would range between that of the Ford and Lincoln cars." It is believed to be a six-cylinder car.

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report.

Seventy-four mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ended Feb. 5, manufactured 67,267,771 feet, sold 75,754,896 feet and shipped 67,078,654 feet. New business was 8,487,125 feet more than production, and shipments 189,117 feet less than production.

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

Week Ended—	Feb. 5.	Jan. 29.	Jan. 22.	Jan. 15.
Number of mills reporting	74	69	101	103
Production (feet)	67,267,771	57,625,831	89,195,478	87,877,536
New business (feet)	75,754,896	58,156,283	96,008,612	109,920,061
Shipments (feet)	67,078,654	57,189,012	91,101,817	84,267,947
Unshipped balances:				
Rail (feet)	122,207,753	113,814,275	130,772,136	130,258,404
Domestic cargo (feet)	89,237,368	70,602,590	114,133,976	113,637,490
Export (feet)	52,482,956	48,472,986	99,585,016	101,228,580
Total (feet)	263,928,082	232,889,851	344,491,128	345,124,474
First Five Weeks—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Average number of mills	90	102	118	130
Production (feet)	372,953,497	430,225,728	502,651,097	510,955,514
New business (feet)	412,602,441	495,232,160	456,868,400	515,942,040
Shipments (feet)	363,678,172	447,791,511	486,781,366	498,469,393

Burlap Market Here Hit by Indian Currency Change—Talk of Pegging Rupee One Factor Which Has Reacted Badly on Trade—Government Control Is Also Feared.

The following is from the New York "Journal of Commerce" of yesterday (Feb. 18) :

An unusual situation is developing in Calcutta, due to political and economic changes in currency standards and other governmental attempts to control business, directly or indirectly, have changed the attitude of business interests toward commerce and its opportunities, and are being reflected in burlap markets here. "There are problems in this industry that are not being given the proper amount of attention," according to the comment of an important factor in the local trade.

Discusses Calcutta.

The speaker recalled conditions in Calcutta during 1912 and 1913 when mill owners operated their plants unprofitably and asked the advice of American factors regarding the best means of remedying the adverse situation. At the time, the advice was proffered that middlemen or speculators would have to be eliminated and trading established between producers and buyers.

The war came to the assistance of mills and the previous bad trading methods "have been continued ever since. The situation is again reverting to what it was when corrective methods were being considered before the war. The present trading methods were described as uneconomic and subject to revision. To permit speculators to control the market is called demoralizing.

At this time there is said to be much agitation going on in reference to the pegging of the rupee value at 1s 6d, thus advancing the value of the country's currency and throwing out of alignment merchandising standards which have been laboriously arrived at through years of fluctuating exchanges.

Favors Monopoly.

"Nothing would be more disastrous to the Indian jute and burlap monopoly than to see the plans of certain natives go through in reference to restricting the size of the next crop," this factor said. "With high burlap costs and another bumper cotton crop and effective propaganda favoring larger consumption of cotton cloths a serious blow would be struck at jute products."

Those thinking in terms of a smaller jute yield and high cloth prices are reminded that India once had a monopoly of the indigo supply and the lower cost of synthetic dyes reduced the industry, at one time representing millions of pounds sterling value, to negligible proportions.

Recent plans to foster the production of a big jute yield are looked upon as representing the views of the progressive elements in the primary trade. By getting more jute out of the soil and lower consequent cloth prices, it is assumed, will permit mills to operate their looms on a better than four day a week schedule, as is the case at this time.

Destruction of the Futka speculative market in Calcutta removes one of the more irritating institutions where, in the past, every small buyer, from coolies to business men in other industries, found the incentive to operate in the smallest units of yardage.

In this connection it is interesting to note some recent figures of burlap consumption throughout the world, as prepared by a large Calcutta house and republished by the Chase Bag Co. this week in their house journal. The estimates of world consumption are as follows: North America, 80,000,000; South America, 22,500,000; all other ports, 12,500,000. Consumed in manufacture of wheat: Bags and other hessian bags in Calcutta, 12,500,000; internal India consumption, 3,750,000. Total, 131,250,000 yards per month.

Touches on Output.

"As the total average monthly production is only 130,000,000 yards it would seem from this that they expect stocks on the other side to diminish rather than to increase this year.

"Their estimate of consumption is quite conservative. They figure an average monthly of only 80,000,000 yards to North America, whereas shipments during 1926 exceeded 84,000,000 yards monthly. They estimate an average monthly shipment of 22,500,000 to South America, whereas during the first eleven months of 1926 shipments to that point averaged over 27,000,000 yards. Their figures for the other ports are also lower than the 1926 figures.

"Stocks of burlap throughout the United States are known to be extremely low and this fact is also known to the Calcutta fraternity. Should there be a resumption of buying on the part of the United States operators we might see rather a sharp advance in Calcutta. Burlaps at present levels seem to be a fairly safe investment and it does not look as if they can recede further, but if they do decline, in our opinion, it will be only fractionally."

British Monopoly in Rubber Denied by J. J. Broderick, Counselor to British Embassy.

Speaking in an official capacity as the representative of Great Britain, J. Joyce Broderick, commercial counselor to

the British Embassy at Washington, on Feb. 15 denied that his government encouraged or fostered a monopoly in rubber, according to the "Journal of Commerce," which goes on to say:

Mr. Broderick spoke before leaders of the American rubber industry gathered at the Hotel Roosevelt to celebrate the first anniversary of the Rubber Exchange of New York.

"The object of the British Government in enacting the Rubber Restriction Act to regulate exports was sincere," he said, "and was designed to protect its chief industry and not to create a monopoly. You are faced with a similar situation yourselves at this time in cotton and wheat. Who would find fault with an attempt to save these industries from too harsh a working of the law of supply and demand?"

"Nor was it the sole purpose to inflate the price of crude rubber to high levels, for that would have been suicidal and foolish. The supply and demand law would be interfered with. The word monopoly has been forgotten in British business anyway and has been replaced by the new school of economic belief which urges free and unhampered exchange."

A direct invitation to American capital and enterprise to invest in British plantations was made by the speaker. "The United States should not only take a consuming point of view but also the perspective of the producer," he said, "and, inversely, the British should be more of a consumer."

"Restriction may not bring about stabilization of the rubber market, but that is really its purpose. The restriction law was passed because British plantations clamored for relief, because they feared competition. It should be borne in mind that the growers were not organized. They appealed to the only tribunal that could afford protection."

Efforts on the part of the Department of Commerce and others to alleviate the distress of American consumers when rubber was selling at record high levels two years ago received the utmost respect, Mr. Broderick said. Further suggestions and criticisms will be received in the same spirit, he added. He directly suggested consultation between the British interests and the American consumer as a means of solving problems of the industry.

President Francis R. Henderson of the Exchange pointed out that in the first year of its existence, the Rubber Exchange dealt in 62,704 contracts of two and one-half tons each, equaling 156,760 tons of rubber, valued at approximately \$170,000,000. The deliveries on the Exchange, he said, amounted to 14% of the actual transactions.

Cut in Tire Prices.

An Akron (Ohio) dispatch appearing in the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 16 said:

Leading tire companies here have cut prices to manufacturers on original equipment tires on an average of 7½%, effective at once. No cuts to dealers are contemplated.

From the "Evening Post" of Feb. 16 we take the following:

Reduction in prices amounting to 7½% on original equipment orders has been effected by the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., according to reports to-day. The cut in prices does not affect sales to dealers.

Following the cut by Goodyear, the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. announced a similar reduction on original equipment business. Prices are now 35% below a year ago.

Comparison in January This Year and Last of Sales, Shipments, &c., in the Cotton Textile Industry.

Supplementing the figures of sales of standard cotton textiles in January, given in these columns last week (page 860), comparative data have been compiled by the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York showing that in January of this year the cotton textile industry registered marked advances over the same period a year ago. The Association in reporting this under date of Feb. 13 added:

With production at a slightly higher level both sales and unfilled orders were more than one-third greater this year than last year. Stocks at the end of January 1927 were almost one-fifth less than they were at the end of January 1926. This is the first time comparative figures of this kind have become available.

Sales of standard cotton textiles last month were 386,315,000 yards, an increase of 39.5% over sales in the corresponding month of last year. This increase was effected notwithstanding an increase in production of 6.8%. Sales exceeded production by 69.8% in January this year as against 29.9% in January 1926.

Shipments during January 1927 amounted to 50,482,000 yards, an increase of 13.7% over shipments during January 1926. Shipments exceeded production by 10.1% in January this year as against 3.4% in January 1926.

Stocks on hand at the end of January this year were 221,306,000 yards, a decrease of 18.5% from the stocks on hand Jan. 31 1926. During January this year stocks were reduced 10.4% as against a reduction of 2.3% in stocks during January 1926.

Unfilled orders on Jan. 31 this year amounted to 449,604,000 yards, an increase of 41.4% over unfilled orders on Jan. 31 1926. January this year showed an increase in unfilled orders of 43.2% for the month as against an increase of 21.6% for January 1926.

This analysis is based on yardage statistics of the manufacture and sale of a large part of the cotton textiles produced in the United States. The figures represent upwards of 200 classifications of standard cotton cloths.

Census Report on Cotton Consumed in January.

Under date of Feb. 14 1927 the Census Bureau issued its report showing cotton consumed, cotton on hand, active cotton spindles and imports and exports of cotton for the month of January 1927 and 1926. Cotton consumed amounted to 604,584 bales of lint and 55,149 bales of linters, compared with 582,315 bales of lint and 62,236 bales of linters in January 1926 and 605,217 bales of lint and 54,016 bales of linters in December 1926. It will be seen that there is an increase over January 1926 in the total lint and linters combined of 15,182 bales, or 2.3%. The following is the statement complete:

(The statistics of cotton in this report are given in running bales, counting round as half bales, except foreign cotton, which is in equivalent 500-pound bales.)

COTTON CONSUMED AND ON HAND IN SPINNING MILLS AND IN OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS, AND ACTIVE COTTON SPINDLES. (Linters not included).

Locality.	Year	Cotton (bales) Consumed During		Cotton on Hand Jan. 31.		Cotton Spindles Active During January (Number).
		January.	6 Months Ending Jan. 31.	In Consuming Establishments (Bales).	In Public Storage & at Compresses (Bales).	
Cotton-growing States.....	1927	437,788	2,478,298	1,272,021	5,749,740	17,482,426
	1926	411,652	2,195,698	1,125,416	4,949,597	17,189,066
New England States.....	1927	140,681	799,430	438,073	138,877	15,604,326
	1926	141,397	815,330	600,660	140,371	13,975,732
All other States.....	1927	26,115	156,252	92,893	188,403	1,486,798
	1926	29,266	169,406	91,156	191,020	1,642,510
United States.....	1927	*604,584	*3,434,040	*1,852,987	*6,070,020	32,633,550
	1926	582,315	3,180,434	1,815,232	5,180,988	32,810,303

* Includes 17,365 Egyptian, 6,971 other foreign and 1,509 American-Egyptian consumed, 48,402 Egyptian, 15,695 other foreign and 5,689 American-Egyptian in consuming estimate; and 16,427 Egyptian, 9,974 other foreign and 5,025 American-Egyptian in public storage. Six months consumption, 111,682 Egyptian, 36,664 other foreign and 11,411 American-Egyptian.

Linters not included above were 55,149 bales consumed during January in 1927 and 62,236 bales in 1926; 161,724 bales on hand in consuming establishments on Jan. 31 1927, and 160,266 bales in 1926; and 57,876 bales in public storage and at compresses in 1927, and 69,548 bales in 1926. Linters consumed during six months ended Jan. 31 amounted to 394,815 bales in 1927 and 409,045 bales in 1926.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF COTTON AND LINTERS.

Imports of Foreign Cotton (500-pound bales).				Exports of Domestic Cotton and Linters—Running Bales (see note for linters).					
Country of Production.	January.		6 Mos. Ending Jan. 31.		Country to Which Exported.	January.		6 Months Ending Jan. 31.	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.		1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
Egypt.....	32,949	48,904	95,694	119,669	U. Kingd.	282,097	219,995	1,682,550	1,588,672
Peru.....	2,276	1,474	10,866	10,985	France.....	86,729	98,499	722,771	644,553
China.....	6,425	6,642	10,767	11,397	Italy.....	87,690	69,559	496,827	409,847
Mexico.....	14,604	3,874	66,905	9,475	Germany.....	292,552	110,847	1,822,752	1,236,079
British.....					Oth. Eur.	116,816	87,724	718,914	628,097
India.....	343	767	6,948	7,457	Japan.....	161,750	122,153	891,396	726,120
All other.....	342	400	1,204	1,248	All other.....	88,168	41,190	353,802	197,077
Total.....	56,939	62,061	192,384	160,231	Total.....	1,157,927	749,967	6,689,012	5,430,445

Note.—Figures include 41,433 bales of linters exported during January in 1927 and 15,368 bales in 1926 and 102,700 bales for the 6 months ending Jan. 31 in 1927 and 48,710 bales in 1926. The distribution for January 1926 follows: United Kingdom, 12,757; Netherlands, 834; France, 590; Germany, 22,713; Belgium, 1,573; Italy, 700; Spain, 300; Canada, 1,965; Mexico, 1.

World Statistics.

The estimated world's production of commercial cotton exclusive of linters, grown in 1925, as compiled from information secured through the domestic and foreign staff of the Department of Commerce is 26,618,000 bales of 478 pounds lint, while the consumption of cotton (exclusive of linters in the United States) for the year ended July 31 1926 was approximately 23,940,000 bales of 478 pounds lint. The total number of spinning cotton spindles, both active and idle, is about 164,000,000.

Torrington Co. to Close Manchester, N. H., Plant—Torrington (Conn.) Facilities to Be Enlarged.

Special advices to the "Journal of Commerce" from Manchester, N. H., Feb. 17 state:

The Torrington Company, largest manufacturers of knitting needles in the world, to-day announced that all operations in its local factory would be suspended Saturday.

W. L. Morgan, general manager of the local plant, stated that all machinery and factory equipment will be moved to Torrington, Conn., where the capacity of the company's plants will be increased and help added.

Current business was not of sufficient volume to warrant the operations of the local plant, the management states.

The Torrington Company located in this city in August 1925, after taking over the Chauncey A. Williams Company, the Currier Needle Company, the William S. Corey Company and the Page Needle Company of Chicopee Falls, Mass.

Crude Oil Prices Show No Changes—Gasoline Steady.

Although an occasional rumor of a reduction in the price of Mid-Continent crude oil has occurred, no such change took place up to Friday evening. In fact, crude oil prices remained unchanged throughout the country.

Gasoline prices, however, showed a few minor changes, the most significant of these being a reduction announced Feb. 15 and effective at once by the Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky, making the tank wagon price of gasoline 16c. per gallon throughout Georgia and 14c. in Florida, a drop of 2c. per gallon. Service station prices fell a corresponding 2c. per gallon.

In the wholesale markets on Feb. 17 prices were reported as follows: United States motor grade gasoline, 8 1/4 @ 8 3/4 c.; kerosene, 41-43 water white, 6 1/8 @ 6 1/4 c.; 24-26 fuel oil, \$1.27 1/2 @ \$1.30.

Cottonseed Oil Production During January.

On Feb. 17 the Bureau of the Census issued the following statement showing cottonseed received, crushed and on hand and cottonseed products manufactured, shipped out, on hand and exports during the month of January 1927 and 1926:

COTTONSEED RECEIVED, CRUSHED, AND ON HAND (TONS).

State.	Received at Mills* Aug. 1 to Jan. 31.		Crushed Aug. 1 to Jan. 31.		On Hand at Mills Jan. 31.	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
Alabama.....	298,078	312,589	257,378	256,369	40,903	56,507
Arizona.....	46,569	49,197	39,111	43,837	7,503	6,530
Arkansas.....	395,937	394,426	341,680	320,619	54,827	73,988
California.....	74,792	70,423	52,659	51,641	22,133	19,156
Georgia.....	527,657	462,229	443,193	350,862	85,886	111,351
Louisiana.....	208,331	216,761	168,511	179,727	39,949	37,086
Mississippi.....	355,856	325,855	285,522	244,728	119,550	159,670
North Carolina.....	576,291	605,648	482,918	447,128	89,205	81,416
Oklahoma.....	489,923	491,407	325,855	267,172	244,704	191,550
South Carolina.....	232,407	233,610	206,434	194,834	131,781	149,814
Tennessee.....	306,959	318,874	265,048	271,673	42,832	47,648
Texas.....	1,650,498	1,271,135	1,307,271	1,013,727	354,580	278,501
All other.....	103,443	132,663	89,547	96,392	13,912	36,557
United States.....	5,266,741	4,884,817	4,260,344	3,816,300	1,029,646	1,098,364

* Includes seed destroyed at mills but not 23,249 tons and 32,276 tons on hand Aug. 1 nor 61,472 tons and 105,180 tons reshipped for 1927 and 1926, respectively.

COTTONSEED PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED, SHIPPED OUT, AND ON HAND.

Item.	Season.	On Hand Aug. 1.	Produced Aug. 1 to Jan. 31.	Shipped Out Aug. 1 to Jan. 31.	On Hand Jan. 31.
Crude oil.....	1926-27	*8,280,561	1,267,693,849	1,154,517,442	*172,358,034
(Pounds).....	1925-26	4,847,333	1,096,774,615	1,029,083,368	129,742,760
Refined oil.....	1926-27	145,670,884	2,978,934,323	2,904,332,200	3,397,432,200
(Pounds).....	1925-26	173,549,345	839,854,720	800,397,010	204,397,010
Cake and meal.....	1926-27	142,844	1,904,721	1,900,315	147,250
(Tons).....	1925-26	18,976	1,771,846	1,473,480	317,342
Hulls.....	1926-27	92,333	1,234,649	1,091,182	235,800
(Tons).....	1925-26	39,503	1,049,669	903,466	185,706
Linters (Running bales).....	1926-27	65,753	695,650	540,203	221,200
	1925-26	18,547	712,645	543,537	187,655
Hull fiber (500-lb. bales).....	1926-27	17,335	53,485	51,900	18,920
	1925-26	4,008	59,336	44,633	18,711
Grabbots, motes, &c. (500-lb. bales).....	1926-27	6,783	23,960	16,754	13,969
	1925-26	1,758	25,436	15,803	11,391

* Includes 3,532,157 and 19,410,799 pounds held by refining and manufacturing establishments and 2,972,229 and 37,994,653 pounds in transit to refiners and consumers Aug. 1 1926 and Jan. 31 1927, respectively.

x Includes 2,376,183 and 7,069,465 pounds held by refiners, brokers, agents, and warehousemen at places other than refineries and manufacturing establishments, and 2,702,114 and 11,558,034 pounds in transit to manufacturers of lard substitutes, oleomargarine, soap, &c., Aug. 1 1926 and Jan. 31 1927, respectively.

z Produced from 1,070,620,867 pounds crude oil.

EXPORTS OF COTTONSEED PRODUCTS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 31.

Item.	1927.	1926.
Oil, crude.....	11,993,777	22,808,271
Refined.....	10,181,267	16,836,884
Cake and meal.....	344,001	266,599
Linters.....	102,700	48,710

Substantial Gain Reported in Crude Oil Output.

A gain of 59,850 barrels per day was reported when the American Petroleum Institute on Feb. 16 estimated that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Feb. 12 was 2,462,250 barrels, as compared with 2,402,400 barrels for the preceding week. The daily average production east of California was 1,820,750 barrels, as compared with 1,755,900 barrels, an increase of 64,850 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts for the weeks ended as indicated:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.

In Barrels—	Feb. 12 '27.	Feb. 5 '27.	Jan. 29 '27.	Feb. 13 '26.
Oldahoma.....	692,000	637,300	607,250	449,000
Kansas.....	116,550	115,500	115,750	101,250
Panhandle Texas.....	133,100	129,300	127,450	3,100
North Texas.....	96,300	98,500	99,700	73,750
West Central Texas.....	162,950	158,650	147,000	69,900
East Central Texas.....	46,600	47,650	50,000	59,850
Southwest Texas.....	38,500	38,800	39,150	37,000
North Louisiana.....	52,600	53,250	53,350	43,400
Arkansas.....	129,650	127,900	128,950	170,150
Coastal Texas.....	149,700	146,800	147,650	81,250
Coastal Louisiana.....	11,600	12,250	12,500	9,700
Eastern.....	107,000	107,000	107,500	99,000
Wyoming.....	59,500	58,300	62,700	75,350
Montana.....	12,600	12,550	12,550	12,150
Colorado.....	7,650	7,400	7,750	7,900
New Mexico.....	4,450	4,750	3,700	4,150
California.....	641,500	646,500	647,400	606,500
Total.....	2,462,250	2,402,400	2,370,350	1,902,500

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 Feb. 12 was 1,468,250 barrels, as compared with 1,406,850 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 61,400 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, Arkansas heavy oil, was 1,365,700 barrels, as compared with 1,305,900 barrels, an increase of 59,800 barrels.

In Oklahoma, production of North Brame is reported at 8,900 barrels, against 8,550 barrels; South Brame 4,600 barrels, against 4,200 barrels; Tonkawa 26,050 barrels, against 25,500 barrels; Garber 18,700 barrels, against 18,800 barrels; Burbank 49,200 barrels, against 47,550 barrels; Bristow-Slick 27,300 barrels, against 27,350 barrels; Cromwell 13,700 barrels, against 13,250 barrels; Papoose 8,050 barrels, against 7,650 barrels; Wewoka 20,150 barrels, against 20,000 barrels; Seminole 268,400 barrels, against 226,000 barrels; Earlsboro 17,000 barrels, against 9,050 barrels.

In Panhandle Texas, Hutchinson County is reported at 116,600 barrels, against 113,400 barrels, and Balance Panhandle 16,500 barrels, against 15,900 barrels. In East Central Texas, Corsicana Powell 21,300 barrels, against 21,850 barrels; Nigger Creek 6,450 barrels, against 6,750 barrels; Reagan County, West Central Texas, 27,600 barrels, against 28,100 barrels; Brown County 30,400 barrels, against 27,600 barrels; Crane and Upton Counties 39,300 barrels, against 36,200 barrels, and in the Southwest Texas field, Luling 18,400 barrels, against 17,850 barrels; Laredo District 15,100 barrels, against 15,350 barrels; Lytton Springs 2,500 barrels, against 2,850 barrels. In North Louisiana, Haynesville is reported at 8,200 barrels, against 8,400 barrels; Urania 12,700 barrels, against 12,950 barrels; and in Arkansas, Smackover light 12,200 barrels, against 11,950 barrels; heavy

102,550 barrels, against 100,950 barrels, and Lisbon 5,200 barrels, no change. In the Gulf Coast field, Hull is reported at 16,900 barrels, against 17,850 barrels; West Columbia 10,400 barrels, against 10,750 barrels; Splendletop 74,400 barrels, against 69,300 barrels; Orange County 5,200 barrels, against 5,450 barrels, and South Liberty 4,450 barrels, no change.

In Wyoming, Salt Creek is reported at 43,250 barrels, against 42,000 barrels, and Sunburst, Montana 10,000 barrels, no change.

In California, Santa Fe Springs is reported at 45,500 barrels, no change; Long Beach 92,000 barrels, against 93,000 barrels; Huntington Beach 84,500 barrels, against 89,000 barrels; Torrance 25,000 barrels, no change; Dominguez 18,000 barrels, against 19,000 barrels; Rosecrans 12,000 barrels, against 12,500 barrels; Inglewood 38,000 barrels, no change; Midway Sunset 90,500 barrels, no change; Ventura Avenue 50,000 barrels, against 50,100 barrels, and Seal Beach 14,000 barrels, against 11,900 barrels.

Bethlehem Steel Corporation Forces Scrap Reduction.

Stating that Bethlehem Steel Corporation has purchased a sizable tonnage of No. 1 railroad steel scrap, for delivery at two of its plants, at reduction of 50 cents a ton from recently prevailing prices, and is bidding firmly only at lower level, the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 16 added:

As a result, there have been several reductions in scrap prices in local district. No. 1 railroad steel is quoted at \$11 to \$11.85 a ton, New York, and No. 1 yard steel at \$8 to \$8.50 a ton, New York, both showing reductions of 50 cents. A cut of \$1 a ton has been made in stove plate here, which is \$8.50 to \$9 a ton, New York.

Bethlehem Steel Corporation has extended its list of special sections of structural steel, and has added 14-inch and 16-inch "I" beams to its present list. New beams will be available in three weights, 14-inch at 33, 37½ and 42 pounds and 16-inch at 40, 45 and 50 pounds. Company is soliciting business in new sizes for early rolling.

Steel Operations Continue Slow Gain—Pig Iron Market Dull with Price Recession.

Buying of steel has now shown five weeks of a slow, steady gain, observes the "Iron Age" on Feb. 17 when it issued the usual weekly review of the market. "Apparently it required price concessions, as was not to clearly believed before, to start the reaction from the preceding weeks of sharp curtailment. Shipments continue to exceed bookings, and operations, which indicate a further expansion, are in excess of shipments. Possible coal strike complications do not seem to be an influence in pushing output, but rather the economy of high-scale production, though it builds up stocks of skelp, sheet bars and other forms of semi-finished steel," declares the "Age" in its summary, from which we quote:

The Steel Corporation, which is above an 85% rate of operations, put into service a South Chicago stack, and the Corrigan-McKinney Steel Co. at Cleveland has blown in two blast furnaces. Steel ingot production has increased among several independent companies. The increased demand for steel has lately been for railroad car builders, tanks, buildings, railroad structures and automobiles, in about the order named. Chicago reports specifications as 30% ahead of the first half of January and the week the largest, with one exception, since March.

Prices still are seeking equilibrium, but they are no lower than a week ago. With the continued practice of the sharply shortened purchasing, stability is held to be dependent on either further expansion in buying or better evidence than now afforded of the measure of consumption over the next few months.

The threat of the coal strike has resulted in heavier stocking of coal, but has not prevented further price recessions. Greater strength, however, has been shown by Connellsville coke and this has been reflected in the firm stand taken by Valley producers of pig iron. A purchase of 5,000 tons of basic iron for an Ohio plant failed to bring out concessions from \$18 furnace, by Valley makers. At Cleveland the market is steadier, and sales for the week totaled 37,000 tons. In some other districts prices have shown fresh weakness. Chicago foundry and malleable iron have declined 50c. a ton to \$20, base furnace, and southern Ohio foundry iron has receded \$1 a ton. In New England and New York competition has grown even more tense, and on foundry iron \$17 base Buffalo has become a commoner quotation. On sales of about 25,000 tons of basic iron in eastern Pennsylvania the market gave way 25c. a ton.

A merchant furnace in Alabama has been blown in. Structural bookings took about 37,500 tons within the week and included 8,850 tons for buildings for New York gas companies and 6,500 tons for a New York State office building at Albany. A good deal of work will soon be out for bids, including a New York building requiring about 30,000 tons. A New York church calls for 7,200 tons.

The Chesapeake & Ohio is asking for prices on 7,500 tons of steel, mostly car plates and shapes, for 500 gondola cars. An Eastern railroad has ordered 2,500 tons of tie plates. Miscellaneous rail business amounting to 7,000 tons is reported from Chicago.

Order books for large diameter pipe are well filled for the next two or three months. Last week's business included over 100 miles of 6 to 16-in. line pipe. An oil company is now inquiring for more than 400 miles of 20 and 22-in. pipe, requiring about 125,000 tons of steel.

Sheet mills are among those at a higher operating basis. Those which have bookings sufficient for two or three weeks or longer have taken a firmer price stand. From others there are such irregularities as 2.65c. Pittsburgh for black sheets for Detroit delivery, against 2.80c., the more common quotation; 2.05c. for blue annealed sheets, against 2.20c., and 3.65c. for galvanized, against 3.75c.

Heavier demand for both hot and cold-rolled strip steel has resulted in sales which compare with those of November. Delivered prices are commonly ruling. They figure back to 2c. Pittsburgh for the wide hot-rolled product, 2.20c. for the narrow, and 2.90c. for the cold-rolled.

Wire business in particular was increased by price cuts, and weakness persists. Large lots of nails have again sold at 2.50c., though 2.55c. is regarded as the market.

Offerings especially attractive from the rolling standpoint can be closed at \$1 a ton below 1.90c., Pittsburgh, in bars and shapes, and 1.85c. in plates. Specifications for semi-finished steel have been heavy and producers have fair backlogs of orders. No new price deviations are reported.

The "Iron Age" pig iron composite price has fallen to \$18 96, from \$19 13 last week. This equals the low figure of 1925 and is lower than at any other

time since the spring of 1922. Finished steel, also at the lowest point since 1922, remains at the 2.374c. per lb. reached last week, as indicated in the composite price tables below:

Finished Steel.		Pig Iron.	
Feb. 15 1927, 2.374c. Per Lb.		Feb. 15 1927, \$19 13 Per Gross Ton.	
One week ago.....	2.374c.	One week ago.....	\$19 13
One month ago.....	2.439c.	One month ago.....	19 39
One year ago.....	2.424c.	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.	
1927..2.453c., Jan. 4;	2.374c., Feb. 8	1927..\$19 71, Jan. 4;	\$18 96, Feb. 15
1926..2.453c., Jan. 5;	2.403c., May 18	1926.. 21 54, Jan. 5;	19 46, July 15
1925..2.560c., Jan. 6;	2.396c., Aug. 18	1925.. 22 50, Jan. 13;	18 96, July 7
1924..2.789c., Jan. 15;	2.460c., Oct. 14	1924.. 22 88, Feb. 26;	19 21, Nov. 3
1923..2.824c., Apr. 24;	2.446c., Jan. 2	1923.. 30 86, Mar. 20;	20 77, Nov. 20

Encouraging factors are in the ascendant in the iron and steel markets in point of both new business and production, declares the "Iron Trade Review" of Cleveland in its market summary of Feb. 17. Orders for heavy finished steel in the key districts are in excess of the January rate and compare favorably with last February. Quiet selling of pig iron for second quarter delivery has piled up a surprising tonnage. Consumers of coke, especially in the East, are purchasing more liberally in anticipation of a coal strike, and a firmer Connellsville market is one consequence, observes the "Review" in summarizing conditions affecting the trade.

From this journal we take the following:

Chicago mills must go back almost a year to ferret out as good a week in steel bar specifications. Deliveries of tubular goods have become sufficiently deferred to cause buyers to look more carefully to their requirements. Some sheetmakers have acquired a semblance of a backlog. Warehouses in all centers are meeting with increasing demand. Tin plate consumers are pressing for shipments. Operations in practically all districts are expanding, with the trend most marked at Chicago, where the Steel Corporation subsidiary lighted its third blast furnace in as many weeks. Two stacks have been added at Cleveland. The Steel Corporation subsidiaries are operating at 87% of ingot capacity.

Prices cannot be appraised as stable, but the movements are less erratic and concessions on some products are more difficult to uncover. Now in a position to lay out their schedules 10 days to two weeks in advance, sheetmakers are less precipitate with low quotations and the sheet market has a better undertone. Strip, hoops, bands and cold-finished bars have yielded \$1 to \$2 a ton under pressure.

Connellsville furnace coke now has a bottom of \$3 35, an advance of 10 cents, while the minimum spread on the foundry grade is up 25 cents to \$4.

There has been a sharp recovery by the British industry, as recorded in the "Iron Trade Review's" weekly radio report from London. Pig iron production in January was 434,600 tons, compared with 98,000 tons in December. Active blast furnace stacks on Feb. 1 numbered 152, against 78 on Jan. 1. Steel output in January was 730,700 tons, compared with 319,300 tons in December. January iron and steel imports into Great Britain amounted to 555,353 tons, a gain of 38,000 tons over December. Exports in January were 219,369 tons, compared with 158,664 tons in December.

It is not believed Germany will withdraw from the European entente, but heavy reductions in its steel quotas for the second quarter are expected.

Index of Employment in Ohio Construction Industry, Blast Furnace Industry, &c.

The status of employment in January in the Ohio construction industry, Ohio foundries, steel works, &c., with comparisons for previous months, is made available by the Bureau of Business Research of the Ohio State University. The Bureau reports as follows on employment in the Ohio construction industry:

INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT BY MONTHS.

	1926						
	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	
Average daily wage payments.....	82.0	70.2	84.8	102.2	126.9	141.9	
Number wage earners, actual.....	74.1	63.6	70.6	81.7	100.0	107.7	
Corrected for seasonal variation.....	110.1	85.0	77.1	82.3	89.9	90.6	

	1926					
	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Average daily wage payments.....	144.0	155.2	143.1	131.5	114.2	85.0
Number wage earners, actual.....	108.0	112.1	101.4	93.6	85.2	62.1
Corrected for seasonal variation.....	89.4	92.2	85.5	84.4	90.0	88.4

INDICES OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE OHIO CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.
In each series average month 1923 equals 100.

City.	Number of Reporting Firms Jan. 1927.	Avg. Daily Wage Payments Jan. 1927.	Number of Wage Earners.		
			January 1927.	January 1926.	Per Cent. Increase.*
Akron.....	17	95.6	59.2	106.4	-44.4
Canton.....	8	22.8	19.6	30.6	-35.9
Cleveland.....	22	75.3	59.4	66.2	-10.3
Columbus.....	10	100.0	91.8	97.2	-5.6
Dayton.....	7	176.9	164.9	52.6	213.5
Toledo.....	6	56.8	44.9	76.0	-40.9
Youngstown.....	5	39.1	72.2	115.6	-37.5
All State.....	95	85.0	62.1	76.0	-18.3

* Minus (-) indicates per cent decrease.

For the State of Ohio, employment in the building trades for January 1927 was 18.3% lower than in January 1926. It was lower in all the large cities of the State except Dayton. If the curve, which is corrected for seasonality, be observed, it will be found that the decline for January is not large. Since February 1926 building employment has been on a somewhat lower scale and variations since that date have been small. If seasonal fluctuations be considered, building is now on a higher scale than it was in October and November of 1926.

Its further reports follow:

OHIO BLAST FURNACE INDUSTRY.
Index of Employment by Months.

	1926						
	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	
Number of wage earners.....	100.2	100.7	102.7	103.5	110.8	110.1	
Average daily wage payments.....	100.4	103.7	102.6	104.1	108.7	109.9	

	1926					
	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Number of wage earners.....	101.6	98.7	100.3	99.1	91.9	94.2
Average daily wage payments.....	107.7	97.0	99.1	102.1	90.6	99.8

January employment in the blast furnaces of Ohio, as indicated by reports from seven co-operating furnaces, recovered some of the ground lost in December. The increase in number employed in January from December amounted to 2.6%. The reports during 1927 will be changed slightly from those of last year. The wage payments' curve for the months of 1927 will represent average daily wage payments, whereas last year the curve represented total wage payments. It is believed that this will insure greater accuracy, since the reports show the number of days worked in each month. The average daily wage payments in January show an increase of 10.1% over December.

OHIO STEEL WORKS AND ROLLING MILLS.
Index of Employment by Months.

	1926						
	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	1927.
Number of wage earners.....	106.3	104.8	102.8	98.0	99.7	100.4	
Average daily wage payments.....	105.3	108.0	102.6	91.9	97.3	94.0	

	1926					1927.
	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
Number of wage earners.....	106.6	109.9	110.6	112.9	101.3	101.1
Average daily wage payments.....	95.2	101.2	109.3	102.4	91.0	92.9

The January reports from 13 Ohio steel works and rolling mills show practically no change in number of wage earners employed as compared with December. However, the January 1927 index number shows a decrease of 4.4% from the index number for January 1926. A slight increase from December is shown in the wage payments curve. A change has been made in the computation of the wage payments curve. During the past year this has represented total wage payments. For January 1927 and thereafter this curve will represent average daily wage payments. Each report shows the number of days work during the reporting period and this enables the computation of the average daily wage payments. It is believed that this will give a more accurate record of changes in wage payments.

The employment situation in foundries and machine shops for January 1927 shows little change with respect to the preceding month, but is distinctly better than it was in January 1926.

OHIO FOUNDRIES AND MACHINE SHOPS.
Index of Employment.

	1926											
	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	1927.	
No. wage earners.....	93.7	91.5	91.1	89.8	89.7	96.2	94.9	93.5	94.7	94.6		
Average daily wage payments.....	99.6	95.6	93.6	94.1	94.6	98.6	100.9	97.4	96.3	97.4		

District.	Number of Reporting Firms Jan. 1927.	Number of Wage Earners.		
		Jan. 1927.	Jan. 1926.	Per Ct. Inc.
		Cleveland.....	16	106.5	93.2	14.3
Northeast.....	18	87.0	76.4	13.9
Northwest.....	9	95.4	93.5	2.0
Southern.....	17	96.3	91.5	5.2
All State.....	60	94.6	90.7	4.3

Demand for Bituminous Coal Is Below Expectations—Anthracite Market Quiet.

Consumers throughout the country show no great concern over the immediate future of the market for bituminous coal, declares the "Coal Age" on Feb. 16. In view of the fact that the United Mine Workers are publicly committed to a stand against lower wages, and with April 1 only six weeks off, activity fell far short of expectations, the "Age" reports in its weekly market review. The undertone of the market continues rather easy. Railroads and public utilities have been building up reserves, but industrial interests have not been so active in buying against untoward eventualities. Closing of a few Lake contracts is reported, but in general this type of business is backward, adds the "Age," from which we quote further as follows:

The "Coal Age" index of spot bituminous prices on Feb. 14 was 174 and the corresponding weighted average price was \$2 11, a decline of 5 points and 5 cents for the week. Further recessions in central Pennsylvania prices on New England shipments, dips in domestic sizes from central Illinois and Indiana and a backward tendency in West Virginia low-volatile lump were responsible for the losses.

Conditions in the anthracite market continue to be contrary to precedent—No. 1 buckwheat still is in the vanguard in demand, with rice and barley also in good position. On the domestic side pea and egg are moderately active, but stove and chestnut are lagging in favor. Mild weather conditions restricted buying interest in the domestic sizes.

No one is going to be disappointed if the end of the present week proves it to be a negative one in the history of the coal industry. We have approached Miami with something like awe and we may find it a myth, said the "Coal & Coal Trade Journal" in its Feb. 17 market review, adding:

It is a conceded fact that a new agreement between the mine operators and the union miners will not be effected upon the terms expressed in the

Jacksonville agreement. Prices and costs and other conditions do not admit of it. On the other hand, the miners are not in a humor to admit readily anything like a concession that will mean a considerable lowering of their income.

The result, apparently, is going to be a compromise. To the public, especially to the labor element of the public, it will appear to be an even concession on both sides, but in reality it may be far from this. Actual facts are going to prevail in determining the result, but the direct connection between facts and conclusion may not be obvious.

Three months ago we looked forward to the Miami meeting with many doubts. To-day we watch it with calm and assurance. We have a surplus on hand, and over half of the regular output assured. What is the correct agreement for union operators and miners to reach? Let them decide. There is little to fear. We have every reason to believe that wisdom will prevail. The public is not likely to suffer and therefore has only a moral interest in the result.

The assurance of safety in the situation rests in the fact that the meeting so fearfully looked for finds neither anger nor whimpering on either side.

The building of reserve stocks has had some attention. Indeed, there have been some unpleasant developments in the manner in which this has been accomplished; and if one organization of purchasers has tried to turn a trick upon others who must also purchase coal, it is to be deprecated. There is plenty of coal available to make up those piles that as yet are not high.

Anxiety is a long way off.

Apparently we shall have to watch the State Legislatures for the possibility of objectionable law enactments that may take the place of that attempted regulation of the coal industry happily left undone in Washington. There are 44 of these Legislatures in session, so the looking will have to be keen. The disposition to begin this process which has occurred in Connecticut should be taken with the greatest seriousness.

There was a little pick-up in anthracite during the week, but it did not last long in the face of the weather that has prevailed recently throughout the country. The winter, however, is not yet over.

Output of Bituminous Coal Again Increases as Anthracite and Coke Fall.

Production of bituminous coal during the week of Feb. 5 rose from 13,536,000 net tons to 13,600,000 net tons or 0.5%, according to the weekly statistics prepared by the U. S. Bureau of Mines. Anthracite, on the other hand, fell off by 16%, or 270,000 net tons. The production of coke also declined, according to the Bureau's record, from which we quote the following:

The production of bituminous coal continues at a high rate. The total output during the week ended Feb. 5, including lignite and coal coked at the mines is estimated at 13,600,000 net tons, a gain of approximately 64,000 tons, or 0.5% over the preceding week.

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

	1926-1927		1925-1926	
	Week.	Coal Year to Date.	Week.	Coal Year to Date.
Jan. 22.....	13,474,000	472,849,000	12,431,000	431,966,000
Daily average.....	2,246,000	1,894,000	2,072,000	1,732,000
Jan. 29.....	13,536,000	486,385,000	12,563,000	444,529,000
Daily average.....	2,256,000	1,902,000	2,094,000	1,741,000
Feb. 5.....	13,600,000	499,984,000	12,167,000	456,696,000
Daily average.....	2,267,000	1,911,000	2,028,000	1,747,000

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

ANTHRACITE.

The total production of anthracite during the week ended Feb. 5 is estimated at 1,401,000 net tons, a decrease of approximately 270,000 tons, or 16% from the output in the preceding week.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

	1926-1927		1925-1926	
	Week Ended—	Coal Year to Date.	Week.	Coal Year to Date.
Jan. 22.....	1,488,000	78,666,000	47,000	40,539,000
Jan. 29.....	1,670,000	80,336,000	34,000	40,573,000
Feb. 5.....	1,401,000	81,737,000	27,000	40,600,000

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

BEEHIVE COKE.

A falling off of 3,000 net tons occurred in the output of beehive coke, according to the Bureau of Mines, from which we take the following tabulation:

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

	1927			1926	
	Feb. 5	Jan. 29	Feb. 6	to Date.	to Date.
Pennsylvania & Ohio.....	149,000	154,000	303,000	748,000	1,404,000
West Virginia.....	17,000	16,000	21,000	82,000	82,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn. & Ga.....	6,000	6,000	21,000	33,000	110,000
Virginia.....	7,000	7,000	12,000	36,000	53,000
Colorado & New Mexico.....	4,000	3,000	5,000	24,000	28,000
Washington & Utah.....	4,000	4,000	4,000	20,000	21,000

United States total..... 187,000 190,000 366,000 943,000 1,698,000
Daily average..... 32,000 32,000 61,000 30,000 55,000

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

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on Feb. 16, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Reserve banks combined, shows an increase of \$36,500,000 in bill and security holdings, of \$67,500,000 in member bank reserve deposits, and \$9,800,000 in cash reserves, and a decline of \$8,700,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation. All classes of bill and security holdings increased during the week—discounts by \$17,400,000, acceptances purchased in

open market by \$12,500,000, and Government securities by \$7,100,000. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Discount holdings declined \$4,900,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, and increased at most of the other Reserve banks, the principal increases for the week being: Chicago, \$9,800,000; New York, \$4,700,000; St. Louis, \$3,900,000, and Richmond, \$3,500,000. Open-market acceptance holdings increased \$18,900,000 at the New York bank and declined \$3,200,000 at Chicago. The system's holdings of Treasury notes and certificates were \$5,900,000 and of United States bonds \$1,200,000 above the preceding week's totals.

The principal changes in Federal Reserve note circulation comprise decreases of \$3,200,000 and \$2,700,000, respectively, reported by the Federa

Reserve banks of San Francisco and Chicago, and an increase of \$2,500,000 reported by New York.

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 1039 and 1040. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending Feb. 16 1927 is as follows:

	Increases (+) or Decreases (—)	
	During	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves.....	+\$9,800,000	+\$217,900,000
Gold reserves.....	+9,700,000	+200,800,000
Total bills and securities.....	+36,500,000	—159,300,000
Bills discounted, total.....	+17,400,000	—141,900,000
Secured by U. S. Gov't. obligations.....	+28,900,000	—85,000,000
Other bills discounted.....	—11,500,000	—56,900,000
Bills bought in open market.....	+12,500,000	+13,300,000
U. S. Government securities, total.....	+7,100,000	—22,600,000
Bonds.....	+1,200,000	—2,600,000
Treasury notes.....	+1,400,000	—75,000,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	+4,500,000	+55,000,000
Federal reserve notes in circulation.....	—8,700,000	+24,300,000
Total deposits.....	+75,300,000	+15,800,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	+67,500,000	+26,300,000
Government deposits.....	+5,200,000	—11,400,000

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

It is not possible for the Federal Reserve Board to issue the weekly returns of the member banks as promptly as the returns of the Federal Reserve banks themselves. Both cover the week ending with Wednesday's business, and the returns of the Federal Reserve banks are always given out after the close of business the next day (Thursday). The statement of the member banks, however, including as it does nearly 700 separate institutions, cannot be tabulated until several days later. Prior to the statement for the week ending May 19 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 Feb. 7 was given out after the close of business on Monday of the present week.

The Federal Reserve Board's Condition Statement of 679 reporting member banks in leading cities, as of Feb. 9 1927, shows a decrease of \$80,000,000 in loans and discounts and of \$115,000,000 in net demand deposits, an increase of \$10,000,000 in investments, and \$16,000,000 in time deposits. Member banks in New York City reported a decrease of \$93,000,000 in loans and discounts, \$5,000,000 in investments, and \$102,000,000 in net demand deposits, and an increase of \$26,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve Bank.

Loans on stocks and bonds, including United States Government obligations, were \$86,000,000 below the total reported a week ago, the larger decline of \$92,000,000 reported for member banks in the New York District being offset by smaller increases in some of the other districts. All other loans and discounts increased \$6,000,000, the principal increases being in the Dallas and Richmond districts. Total loans to brokers and dealers secured by stocks and bonds made by reporting member banks in New York City were \$10,000,000 below the previous week's figure, loans for their own account having declined \$78,000,000, while loans for out-of-town banks and for others increased \$31,000,000, and \$37,000,000, respectively. Holdings of United States Government securities increased \$7,000,000, and of other bonds and stocks \$3,000,000. 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:

Net demand deposits declined \$111,000,000 at member banks in the New York district and \$115,000,000 at all reporting banks. An increase of \$10,000,000 was reported by member banks in the San Francisco district and of \$8,000,000 by banks in the Dallas district, as compared with decreases of \$10,000,000 and \$8,000,000, respectively, in the Boston and Chicago districts. Time deposits increased \$16,000,000, the principal increases being reported for banks in the New York, Richmond and Dallas districts, while Government deposits declined \$18,000,000, smaller figures being reported by member banks in all districts.

Borrowings from the Federal Reserve Banks remained practically unchanged from the total of \$223,000,000 reported a week ago, an increase of \$23,000,000 reported from member banks in the New York district being offset by smaller borrowings reported by member banks in other districts, particularly in the Chicago district.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 1040—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.....	—\$80,000,000	+\$142,000,000
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations.....	—2,000,000	—19,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	—84,000,000	—76,000,000
All other.....	+6,000,000	+237,000,000
Investments, total.....	+10,000,000	+80,000,000
U. S. securities.....	+7,000,000	—198,000,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	+3,000,000	+278,000,000
Reserve balances with F. R. banks.....	—16,000,000	—27,000,000
Cash in vault.....	+13,000,000	—27,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	—115,000,000	—216,000,000
Time deposits.....	+16,000,000	+487,000,000
Government deposits.....	—18,000,000	—103,000,000
Total borrowings from F. R. banks.....	+1,000,000	—134,000,000

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

CANADA.

Although general trade in January was somewhat below expectations, basic conditions are considered satisfactory and the prospects for spring and summer business are encouraging. Keen popular interest in the recent automobile shows in Montreal and Ottawa has stimulated the purchase of passenger automobiles, trucks, and accessories. Dealers are optimistic and predict an increased demand for higher-priced cars. Among the industries showing activity are steel and metal products, agricultural implements and textiles. Important orders for steam railway and street railway equipment, the latter including both street cars and motor buses, have been placed. Canadian bond sales since Jan. 1 show an increase of about 43% in comparison with the corresponding period of 1926.

It is reported that the Canadian Government Merchant Marine will soon invite tenders for the construction of five vessels to be placed in service between Canada and the West Indies, in order to carry out the provisions of the trade agreement between the Dominion and the British West Indies colonies.

The Advisory Board on Tariff and Taxation has announced public hearings on March 8 and 9 for consideration of the application of the Canadian woolen industry for an upward revision of the customs tariff. At the same time second hearings will be held upon the proposed tariff changes on leather footwear, vegetable parchment paper and embroidered cuffs for gloves.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Parliament opened on Feb. 8. An indication of the progress that British industry has made toward recovery and in filling accumulated orders is seen in the Board of Trade figures of foreign commerce for January. Exports of British goods amounted to £55,422,000 as against the December valuation of £49,707,000. While the value of last month's exports of British goods was below the January 1926 valuation by nearly £5,000,000, it was greater than for any other month of 1926 excepting February (£62,814,000), March (£66,400,000) and July (£57,264,000). Imports during January, at £113,600,000, were £288,000 in excess of the December total, and £4,088,000 less than the January 1926 import valuation. Exports of imported merchandise amounted to £9,860,000 in January, as compared with £11,501,000 for December, £11,742,000 for January 1926.

FRANCE.

The contrast between the easy conditions in public finance and the unfavorable industrial situation was again evident during January. Popular confidence has been maintained by the stability of the franc and the improvement in the current condition of the Treasury, but on the other hand, the high level of the franc has imposed a heavy strain on industry. Domestic buying has shown no improvement and the so-called buyers' strike in the retail trade has remained unbroken. Winter sales of merchandise are being prolonged beyond the usual duration of such sales. Orders for export have been small. There has been a further reduction in the output of the principal industries, particularly the leather, textile and automobile industries, although industrial stocks generally are not high. Wage adjustments to meet present adverse conditions are rendered difficult by the maintenance of high prices. Unemployment on Jan. 29 was much greater than a month before. The production of coal and coke in December maintained the high level of previous months, while the output of both products for the year 1926 set a high record. A record was also made in the production of pig iron and of steel ingots and castings in December. Conditions in the textile plants in general are still stagnant. Stocks of finished goods are increasing despite the reduction in working hours and price concessions. The markets for automobiles and tires are slack and machinery sales have dropped to almost nothing. The depression in the shoe and leather industries shows little or no change.

GERMANY

The revival in German business conditions which was manifest at the end of last year, continued throughout January, although somewhat more slowly. The rise in the stock exchange was well maintained in the expectation of increased dividends on the part of important companies, and in the provision of favorable export trade developments. A slight increase in unemployment above the December figure was attributed only to seasonal factors. The new government loan of 528,000,000 marks is now being floated and subscriptions are not yet closed. The foreign loan market in January was quiet. The steel industry is complaining of the large payments they are having to make under the clause of the European Raw Steel Agreement. It is advocating an increase in the German quota as a solution of the difficulty. Other industries, notably the textile, chemical and electrical, are well occupied but the machinery trade is depressed in spots. Automobile sales are increasing. The Ruhr coal mines are beginning to feel the revival of British competition.

ITALY.

The Council of Ministry has reaffirmed the financial policy announced last August which was based on gradual revalorization of the lira, progressive reduction of circulation, defense of the budget surplus and stimulation of productive activity. Artificial stabilization of the currency is definitely rejected on the ground that because Italy is essentially an importing country, such action would not guarantee effective stability of the lira. This must depend on the balance of international payments which is now estimated to be favorable.

The Italian budget estimates for the fiscal year 1927-1928 which have just been presented, place revenues at 18,974,000,000 lire and expenditures at 18,641,000,000 lire. The estimate for Government revenues during 1927-1928 represents an increase of 431,000,000 lire over the estimates for the present fiscal year and that for expenditures is 288,000,000 lire in excess of the 1926-1927 estimate.

SPAIN.

Marked improvement was noticeable in Spanish business in January. Bourse turnovers and bank operations were very large as a result principally of the consolidation of the internal debt and the huge peseta speculation which has been going on. Industries showed greater activity and exports of iron ore have improved. Security prices were firm with a tendency towards higher levels, especially Government issues. Government finances showed an improvement, in that collections were higher during January. Weather conditions have been favorable to cereal crops, but cold has retarded horticulture. The Spanish mining industry showed marked improvement during January. Barcelona textile industries report improved conditions owing to cheaper cotton and increased home demand. A substantial demand has been reported for chemicals for the fertilizer industry. The tanning industry is experiencing a temporary lull.

ESTONIA—LATVIA.

Negotiations continued over a considerable time have resulted in an agreement between the delegations from Estonia and Latvia for a complete customs union between those countries. A mixed commission to be appointed by the respective governments will be in charge of preparing all necessary economic measures to unify the customs tariffs within a period of one year. Within three years the economic laws of both countries (concerning customs excise, State monopolies, direct taxes, passenger and transportation traffic, protection of labor, emission of currency, banking and commercial treaties) are to be co-ordinated. As soon as the above-mentioned laws are brought into accord the customs frontier between Latvia and Estonia will be abolished, and no customs duties will be charged in trade between the two countries. This customs union is to be concluded for a term of ten years.

NORWAY.

The labor market is in a very disturbed state. Wage negotiations failed in the textile, footwear, mining, and iron and steel industries, and 12,000 workers are striking. Favorable agreements have been reached only in a few of the minor industries. The exchange rate has undergone small daily fluctuations recently and uncertainty is the keynote in this as well as the money market. Banking difficulties continue, the last manifestation being the closing of two provincial institutions—The Sannidal og Skaavej Sparbank and the Aktie Kreditbanken i Sandefjord. Foreign trade during 1926 resulted in an import surplus of 281,800,000 crowns, as against 331,400,000 crowns for 1925. The decrease was largely due to the rise in the value of the crown.

DENMARK.

There has been no change in the financial situation, scarcity of capital and rather high rates still being the outstanding factors. The exchange situation is satisfactory. An increasing number of wage agreements are being settled on the status quo basis and the outlook in several other branches is quite favorable. Mild winter weather has alleviated unemployment. There is no change in the industrial field, activity is low and operation difficult.

POLAND.

Preliminary figures of State revenues and expenditures for December, 1926, indicate a surplus of more than 12,000,000 zlotys for the month (revenues, 235,370,000 zlotys against 223,078,000 zlotys of expenditures) and of 53,500,000 zlotys for the entire year of 1926, exclusive of upward of 27,000,000 zlotys expended in 1926 for foreign debt payments which were due on Jan. 2 1927. The favorable foreign trade balance for 1926, according to preliminary data, amounts to 410,000,000 gold zlotys (equivalent to \$79,130,000), which compares with the adverse balances of 269,450,000 zlotys in 1925 and of 212,516,000 zlotys in 1924. The Bank of Poland declared a cash dividend of 10 zlotys per share of its stock of 100 zlotys par value (selling now around 95). At the same time, the Bank again reduced the discount rate for commercial paper maturing over three months from 9½ to 9%, and the interest rate on loans against securities from 11 to 10½%. This makes it the third reduction of the official discount rate since last August. Twelve banks in different Polish cities outside of Warsaw, who failed to comply with the law requiring a minimum of 1,000,000 zlotys of capital stock by Dec. 31 1926, have been ordered by the Minister of Finance to be immediately liquidated.

AUSTRIA.

The actual revenues of the Austrian Government for 1926 surpass the estimated revenues of 928,719,000 schillings by 210,000,000 schillings, representing a 7% increase over 1925, and 17% over 1924, while the customs receipts were 7% and 30% greater than in 1925 and 1924 respectively.

EGYPT.

There is no marked change in the Egyptian market and economic situation. Business conditions still are not satisfactory, because of the dull world cotton situation, and the Parliament is still considering various measures for the reduction of land rents, although considerable opposition is developing to such reduction. There has been a notable reduction in British cotton textile sales on the Egyptian market because of the increased competition from Japanese sheetings. The volume of shipping leaving the port of Alexandria showed a marked increase at the close of 1926, because of the cotton export shipments made in late November and December.

JAPAN.

Some improvement is noted in Japan's cotton piece goods market, although the silk market continues weak. Business has been curtailed as there have been a number of National holidays on account of the funeral of the late Emperor. Banks have reduced interest rates on deposits from 6% to 5%.

CHINA.

A slight improvement in the Shanghai business outlook is evident and apparently because of war threat by the Northern forces, silver has risen about 5%. However, the continued uncertainty of the political situation is reflected in the silver exchange and delays in placing orders. War risk insurance rates at Shanghai continue at 1% for three months on private dwellings to 2% per month on industrial plants. Conditions at Hankow have improved, but reluctance is still shown by buyers in placing orders. No unusual developments have marked the resumption of business in North China following the Chinese New Year holidays and the outlook is reported to be encouraging for a fair volume of business in most lines this spring. There has been a severe slump in all domestic and foreign bonds which were secured upon customs revenue.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Moderate activity continues to characterize business generally. The copra market firmed in the early part of the week, but has now slackened

somewhat. Arrivals at Manila, however, are steady and sufficient to keep all oil mills operating. The provincial equivalent of roscado (dried copra) delivered Manila has risen from last week's quotation and is now from 12 50 to 12 75 pesos per picul of 139 pounds. (1 peso equals \$0 50.) Albaca trade continues weak for United States grades, with a downward price tendency. The market for United Kingdom grades, however, is steady but there is very little trading. Current quotations are 38 pesos per picul for grade F; I, 33; JUS, 23; JUK, 22; and L, 21.

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES.

Collections, which have been retarded in the country districts, owing to the unsettled condition among the natives, are now rapidly improving and business in general is showing signs of revival. Dutch East Indian rubber exports for December, figures for which have just been released, totaled 24,857 metric tons, of which 55,106 tons were shipped from Java and Madura, 7,220 from the Sumatra East Coast, and 12,531 from all other sections. The figures are high, compared with previous months.

INDIA.

The Indian piecegoods market continues active with both imported and domestic goods moving better. Jute and hessians prices, however, show downward tendencies as the volume entering the market increases, and local mills are buying sparingly fearing further declines. All other business is generally quiet.

AUSTRALIA.

The Australian Industrial Commission sailed from Sydney on Feb. 10 and is expected to arrive in Vancouver about March 4. The party will proceed immediately to Seattle, from which point their itinerary takes them to most of the larger industrial centers of the United States. The official party which will be in this country about 3½ months is composed of four representatives of industry, four of labor, and a secretary appointed by the Australian Government. Owing to coal operators rejecting a demand in the northern coal fields of New South Wales for better pay and improved working conditions, 15,000 miners have gone out on strike, and the state ministry is seeking federal intervention. Coal stocks at Sydney are said to be sufficient for only eight weeks. Wool sales at Sydney continue strong with American buyers active.

ARGENTINA.

Argentine import markets continue to reflect the customary summer dullness but there is an unusually large movement in export commodities. The value of exports during January of this year was 25% greater and the cereal and linseed movement double that of Jan. 1926. According to the first official estimate the total area sown to corn this season is 4,310,000 hectares (10,650,000 acres), an increase of 13,000 hectares (32,100 acres) over the previous year. The Argentine cotton crop will be from 30 to 60 days late as a result of drought in the northern region at the time of planting. This year's acreage is estimated locally at 60% of the 1925-26 crop. Stocks of eggs from the United States stored in Buenos Aires have reached approximately 120,000 cases (4,320,000 dozen) and profitable retail sales are reported at 36 cents per dozen with c.i.f. quotations at \$11 00 per case (slightly more than 30 cents per dozen.)

BRAZIL.

Brazilian business in most lines is slowly improving. Exchange is remaining steady at approximately the stabilization of level of \$0.119, and the coffee markets are quiet. Santos fours have been steady throughout the week at 26.50 milreis (\$3.15) per 10 kilos, but dropped to 26.20 milreis on Feb. 11. Futures have weakened considerably. A joint conference between officials of the coffee institute and of representatives of the states of Minas Geraes and Rio de Janeiro is being planned for the purpose of determining the policy to be adopted for restricting entries of the next crop into the port of Rio de Janeiro. Falling sugar prices have resulted in another attempt to relieve the Pernambuco market by the exportation of 120,000 bags, a former similar plan having resulted in practically no exportation because of the reluctance of most firms to take the loss of shipping to foreign markets when domestic prices have been considerably higher. Now, however, that local prices are weakening, exports may be forced, it is said in Brazil. On Feb. 10, the president signed a decree abolishing the state of siege declared throughout the country.

PARAGUAY.

Business in Paraguay is at a low level. Money is scarce and there is reported to be some difficulty in effecting collections. River boats are unable to enter the port of Asuncion because of low water in the Upper Paraguay River occasioned by drought. This interruption to the main artery of low-cost transportation between Buenos Aires and Paraguayan ports will work a hardship on importers and exporters by either delaying shipments or diverting them to the railway at considerably higher freight rates.

MEXICO.

The new 5% sales tax, replacing the consular fees for the visa of consular invoices on all imports, is causing some concern in Mexican business circles. Visa fees have been 5%, so that the increased revenue, if any, derived from the new tax will be by reason of a different basis of valuation, and this it is stated will have the effect of increasing the cost of practically all imported merchandise. It is stated that business depression in Mexico has increased, and this is attributed, in part, to the new sales tax following the "health stamp" tax imposed on pharmaceutical products.

PORTO RICO.

Economic conditions in Porto Rico showed little change during the second week of February. Business was slightly better than during the same period of 1926 but retail merchants report that trade in staple lines is dull and payment of bills are slow because of the expenditures for costumes made during the carnival. Banks report that wholesale collections are slightly better. The rainfall has been slightly in excess of normal for this period of the year and is causing some anxiety in the tobacco districts. It is also delaying the sugar campaign in certain districts because of the difficulty of field operations in wet weather. In the south coast areas where irrigation is practiced the delay is slight, and business in these and in the coffee sections has been better than in other rural districts. San Juan bank clearings from Feb. 1 to Feb. 11 amounted to \$9,120,000 as compared with \$8,670,000 for the corresponding period of 1926.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.

Business is reported to be only fair in the Virgin Islands with the maritime movement declining.

Gold and Silver Imported into and Exported from the United States by Countries in January.

The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce at Washington has made public its monthly report, showing the imports and exports of gold

and silver into and from the United States during the month of January 1927. The gold exports were \$14,889,865. The imports were \$61,961,989, the greater part of which, namely \$37,974,811, came from Canada, with \$14,695,257 from France, \$3,243,232 from China, \$2,629,352 from Chile and \$2,000,000 from Japan. Of the exports of the metal, \$12,589,644 went to Germany and \$995,834 to Colombia.

GOLD AND SILVER EXPORTED FROM AND IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES, BY COUNTRIES.

Countries—	GOLD.		SILVER.			
	Total.		Refined Bullion.		Total (Includes Coin).	
	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.
	\$	\$	Ounces.	Ounces.	\$	\$
Bulgaria	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	642
France	-----	14,695,257	-----	-----	-----	6,155
Germany	12,589,644	-----	272,446	-----	150,514	109
Italy	-----	1,577	-----	-----	-----	4,353
Netherlands	-----	2,250	-----	-----	-----	2,592
Norway	-----	320	-----	-----	-----	3,981
Spain	-----	2,420	-----	-----	-----	4,028
Sweden	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	928
United Kingd.	-----	345	550,808	-----	312,582	-----
Canada	47,052	37,974,811	83,054	2,400	138,242	607,351
Costa Rica	-----	32,826	-----	1,274	-----	720
Guatemala	-----	14,564	-----	478	-----	264
Honduras	-----	12,914	-----	217,853	-----	116,627
Nicaragua	-----	31,247	-----	34	-----	2,653
Panama	-----	18,800	-----	-----	-----	1,792
Salvador	3,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Mexico	623,123	591,865	-----	4,114,144	81,099	3,266,788
Trinidad and Tobago	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	520
Other British	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	220
West Indies	-----	500	-----	-----	-----	5,000
Cuba	-----	630	-----	-----	-----	-----
Dutch W. Indies	-----	12,760	-----	-----	-----	8,419
Haiti	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	6,909
Argentina	107,000	22,326	9,759	-----	5,518	82,634
Bolivia	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Brazil	15,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	244,845
Chile	-----	2,629,352	-----	-----	-----	828
Colombia	995,834	161,031	9,073	1,358	5,216	3,577
Ecuador	-----	104,164	-----	-----	-----	-----
Dutch Guiana	-----	1,276	-----	-----	-----	-----
Peru	-----	179,070	-----	-----	-----	1,009,930
Venezuela	-----	50,140	-----	-----	-----	-----
British India	-----	-----	6,191,177	-----	3,406,610	-----
British Malaya	235,352	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
China	-----	3,243,232	5,922,636	-----	3,287,674	6,279
Hongkong	273,860	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Japan	-----	2,000,000	-----	-----	-----	1,629
Philippine Isl.	-----	149,374	-----	-----	-----	858
Australia	-----	1,520	-----	-----	-----	29
New Zealand	-----	18,293	-----	-----	-----	798
Brit. So. Africa	-----	895,000	-----	-----	-----	8,574
Mozambique	-----	8,230	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total	14,889,865	61,961,989	13,038,953	4,337,541	7,388,195	5,400,593

Proposed Plan of Currency Reform in Ireland—Central Agricultural Bank.

H. Parker Willis, Chairman of the Irish Free State Banking Commission, and editor of the New York "Journal of Commerce," furnishes in the Feb. 11 issue of his paper an outline of the currency reform plan proposed in the reports of the Banking Commission (in Ireland). In his article (which is copyrighted) Mr. Willis points out that the reports are of interest not merely in the Free State, but also in England and in the United States. In part the article says:

The Commission's Recommendations.

The Commission's recommendations can be briefly stated, if freed from all technical details. The Irish Free State has since its separate organization been working more or less informally upon a currency base furnished by Great Britain during the pre-war days.

Irish banks have retained the privilege of note issue since the period before the Bank Act of 1844 and while some of the institutions which have sprung into existence during later years do not enjoy a participation in this privilege, note issue is, nevertheless, recognized as being an individual banking function, just as has been the case in Scotland.

Great Britain's legal tender notes circulate freely in the Irish Free State and British coin, both silver and copper, constitutes the subsidiary circulation. The Bank of England note is as welcome there as it is everywhere else.

The New Irish Currency.

What is now proposed is to issue Irish Free State legal tender notes to take the place of the British legal tender notes and to enlarge the paper circulation somewhat in order to supply any deficiencies left by the withdrawal of the various forms of British notes. The Irish banks would continue, as heretofore, to issue their own notes, but these notes would now be redeemable in Irish legal tender notes instead of in British legal tenders.

Moreover, the total issue of Irish bank notes would be divided roughly, according to volume of operations, between all of the Irish banks instead of being confined to those which were note issuers in 1844. The Irish Free State has already approved a coinage plan which, when carried into operation, will provide Saorstát Eireann with its own subsidiary coinage. This may or may not be made effective before the date when the new currency system proposed by the Banking Commission is provided for, but in any case, action taken with regard to it will not affect the Commission's proposals one way or the other. The latter may as well be introduced with British silver and copper in circulation as they may with Irish coin.

Thus the effect of the recommendations of the Banking Commission, so far as they concern currency and banking in the narrow sense of those words, would be merely to substitute Irish for British legal tender notes and to divide the bank note privilege among all of the banks instead of confining it to some of them. There would be nothing to prevent British notes from being paid out and circulating just as heretofore if the public desires to use them and it is reasonable to expect that many of them may be brought into Ireland, disbursed there, and retained in circulation.

Perhaps it should be mentioned that the new or proposed plan, like that which is now in effect, will be based upon pounds, shillings and pence and will make no change whatever in the accounting system of the country. The Irish pound will be the same as the English pound.

Will the New Currency Be "Sound"?

The question whether this new currency will be sound will, of course, be raised from the very outset. As to this, it should be enough to note that the Commission's proposals call for issues of legal tender notes only against an equal amount of British Government securities, long and short term, in suitable proportions, one to another.

Such securities will be held, pound for pound, behind the legal tender notes by a currency commission which is to be appointed in such a way as to represent the banks and the public jointly. This commission, therefore, surrounded by every possible safeguard, will be the continuing custodian of the ultimate fund which protects the note currency of the country. It will keep the fund in British Government securities and it will accept the obligations laid upon it by the proposed law, if enacted, to convert Irish notes into British currency when, as and if demanded by their holders.

British Currency Is Basic.

The existence of a rate of exchange between Ireland and Great Britain or between Southern and Northern Ireland will thus be out of the question.

What of the Irish Banks?

The Irish banks have maintained themselves without shock or disturbance for many years past, and have done good service to the community. They will continue to do the same service, in the same way, under the new plan. If there are some of them which regret the loss of a part of a monopoly note issue privilege which they have so long enjoyed, the answer may very properly be made to them that they have no vested right in any such privilege, and that it is for the best interests of the community that an equitable division be effected.

The Irish banks under the new plan will be required to show the possession of liquid assets or of sound securities before they receive their notes, but in all other respects the issue to them will be unrestricted, save in the fact that a maximum limit has been set to the amount that each can have. Whether the setting of such a limit is wise or not is a large question. It has been answered in one way in various European countries, and in another in the United States. The plan of the Banking Commission at least preserves the methods and practices that have long been in vogue in Ireland.

The status of the Irish banks will in principle be nowise altered, and need not be altered in fact or technique if the new Currency Commission successfully adapts itself to the convenience of the banks and endeavors to provide them with notes in such a way as to fulfill all their several necessities, as may be most expedient for them.

Why No Central Bank.

Perhaps it will be thought a central banking institution might well have been introduced and have been given charge of the new note issue. Such action would have been expensive and unnecessary. There is no discount market in Dublin, nor is there likely to be necessity at a very early date to develop one there.

The creation of a full-fledged central bank would have been at this time the establishment of an institution of dubious future, involving an expense which would almost certainly have eaten up more than the profits to be anticipated from the change in system. A central bank may later be desirable for Ireland, and if so the experience of the new Currency Commission will have laid a foundation for it. It is not so necessary at this time.

Exactly what the Currency Commission must and shall do and how it shall operate are matters to be carefully studied and gradually worked out through experience.

Great Britain's Interest in the Matter.

Great Britain has an important interest in seeing this plan carried through to success. It would have been an easy matter to devise some scheme that would have called for the presentation of British Government notes for cashing in gold, such gold to be taken to Dublin to be there used as the basis of banking and of note issue. A central banking scheme would almost certainly have involved some reliance upon such a method of transfer of specie, whether greater or less in extent.

Nothing of the kind is involved in the new plan; no shock to British ability to go on with gold conservation and the restoration and maintenance of parity in the currency. There is nothing in the new plan that need bring any dislocation of prices or any mal-adjustment between British and Irish markets. It throws no burden upon Great Britain or the Bank of England, either in the way of furnishing gold or of protecting the new system after it has been started.

Independent of London.

The system may, and should, be wholly independent of the London financial authorities, and should constitute no draft whatever upon their assistance.

The Other Reports.

The Banking Commission has filed four reports and what has been said thus far relates only to the first of them. Of the remaining three, the only one that is of interest outside of Ireland is the second, which has to do with agricultural credit, and even this is not of much more than local concern.

It provides for the establishment of a central agricultural bank, authorized to make loans to farmers and co-operative associations, and to receive deposits, but not to carry checking accounts. Its duty is that of reorganizing the agricultural credit system of the country and of enlarging the channels through which agricultural borrowers get access to the financial markets.

It is intended to be a government institution in the sense that the government guarantees its obligations in order to make them salable, but it is to be a private institution in the sense that its personnel and officers are to be non-governmental. It is to compete in no way with existing banks, but is to supplement them. In fact, one of its purposes will be to assist existing banks by taking over from them long term or non-liquid, or "frozen," obligations which these other banks may have assumed in the course of their lending operations and which they have been obliged to "carry" because their makers could not liquidate them.

Falling Off in Industrial Profits and Savings Deposits in Great Britain Since War.

Declines in industrial profits and savings deposits in Great Britain since the war were revealed in a report issued on Feb. 16 by the Sir Arthur Balfour Committee on Industry and Trade, which was appointed by the Labor Government in 1924. A London cablegram to the New York "Times" (copyright) from which this is learned, a

The report shows a decrease in distributed trading profits of £100,000,000 a year and a drop in national savings of £150,000,000 a year. There has been no decline in workers' savings, but there has been less saving by the middle class, owing to heavy taxation. The report denies that the nation is extravagant. It says:

"The entire expenditure of the population on amusements subject to the entertainment tax is not much over £50,000,000 a year, while the consumption of alcoholic liquors declined 40% between 1913 and 1924."

It is pointed out that direct taxation increased from £84,600,000 in 1913 to £127,000,000 in 1925-26, and that local rates jumped from £79,000,000 to £166,000,000 in the same period.

On the subject of trade combinations the report says that the consolidation of businesses in this country has not proved so attractive as in the United States. The powerful and established position in Great Britain of independent merchant houses probably accounts for the fact that combinations are of slower growth here than in the United States and Germany, the report suggests.

Portugal to Levy Tax on Revolters—Instigators of Uprising to Be Sought Out.

Associated Press advices from Lisbon, Feb. 14 appeared as follows in the New York "Evening Post."

The Government intends to hold a strict investigation for the purpose of ascertaining who supplied the funds for the late revolution, for which, it is declared, preparations were going on for many months with immense expenditures.

The revolutionists, it is asserted in official circles, secured quantities of arms in Spain, which were brought to Lisbon and Oporto, and most of these arms were abandoned in the streets and hiding places.

A commission is to be appointed to estimate the amount of the material damage done by the revolution, and a heavy tax, it is understood, is to be levied on the personal fortunes and salaries of those persons directly or indirectly participating in the revolt.

H. M. Robinson of Los Angeles, Dawes Commission Member, Says Germany Can Meet Reparations Payments and Prosper—Investigation Submitted to National Foreign Trade Council.

In an investigation submitted to the National Foreign Trade Council on "Can Germany Keep Up Her Payments?" Henry M. Robinson, co-framer of the Dawes Plan and President of the First National Bank of Los Angeles, declares that the German people are now in a position to pay their full reparations annuities and still prosper under them, since careful study of Germany's present condition shows that "the reparations burden is probably less—certainly no greater—than Germany sustained in maintaining her own war establishment before 1914." Mr. Robinson says:

Comparing the full burden of the reparations collection which will come due in 1928-9—\$625,000,000 per year—we find that the actual accounted-for outlay for the maintenance of the military department of the German government for the year ending March 31 1914 was over \$407,000,000, that is, over two-thirds of the annual standard reparations payment. To this should be added the free services from the usual governmental agencies, such as free transportation of men and materials on all railroads, a certain proportion of the ship subventions, and the loss of the productive power of the men so withdrawn from industry, and we find a considerably greater burden in the support of the military than is required for reparations. Thus, although the standard annual collection for reparations may seem to constitute a heavy burden, yet when all factors are considered it is not more burdensome and is probably less so, than her own pre-war military costs.

It may be that financiers in certain European countries allow the wish to father the thought so far as German economic instability is concerned. But it is rather surprising that bankers and economists in the United States should be expressing opinions to the effect that there must be a revision of the Dawes Plan. The present attitude of Germany's business leaders does not afford any ground for doubt concerning the country's ability to pay.

All that will continue to be required of Germany, according to Mr. Robinson, is that 95% of her present income must support the full 100% of producers while the remaining 5% is applied to reparations. The annual income of Germany, Mr. Robinson points out, is about \$14,000,000,000 or more than twenty times the reparations payment, while reduced to worker's hours, a little over two hours per week out of the forty-eight per worker will produce the workers' contribution to the credit in the Reichbank. Germany is not "staggering under the Dawes Plan," Mr. Robinson maintains, but will be a great surplus exporter of goods and materials as a result of the liquidation of reparations credit. She passed France last year as the world's third exporting nation, sending abroad 65% of the volume she moved before the war, or \$2,350,000,000 worth of goods, \$200,000,000 of which came to the United States. He adds:

The United States will be facing the forced exportation of German products to the value of something more than half the standard annual payment, possibly \$350,000,000 a year. Apart from the development in new countries in "colonial enterprises" and "assisted schemes," the way by which other countries can continue to take German goods, and to absorb their share of these large German exportations, will be for America to continue making loans to and investments in these countries. Thus American bankers will have a continuing and probably increasing incentive to handle foreign loans and investments. The present outlook, all things considered, is that we shall continue these loanings in substantial amounts for some years."

Mr. Robinson adds a word of caution on the danger that still exists in extending so-called municipal loans to Germany. On this point he says:

The borrowings of the political subdivisions of Germany, state and municipal, should be watched as herein lies a danger that because of the politi-

cal pressure they may be carried entirely too far and constitute a real menace against proper payment of loans privately made. There are no definite indications at this time that the eventuality is in sight and it is to be hoped that this movement may be brought within proper control. If so, the general trend would indicate that the balancing forces that make for economy in all likelihood would be strong enough to maintain a sound international credit.

German Press Criticises Declarations of Henry M. Robinson on Germany's Ability to Meet Reparation Payments.

The statement by Henry M. Robinson, President of the First National Bank of Los Angeles, that Germany is fully capable of paying her reparation annuities under the Dawes Plan was indignantly commented on in the German press on Feb. 15. A copyright cablegram to the "Herald-Tribune" in stating this added:

"We have in Germany about 2,000,000 unemployed, and yet Mr. Robinson claims that the 100,000 men serving in the Reichswehr represent a loss to the productive forces of our industry," says "Taegliche Rundschau." "This reference suffices to reveal that Mr. Robinson is a schoolboy at figuring."

"As a member of the Dawes Commission, Mr. Robinson is trying to talk the world into the belief that revision of his own handiwork is unnecessary," the newspaper continues "Taegliche Rundschau" also attacks Mr. Robinson for saying that the nations will have to borrow from America to pay for German exports.

"So America will have an excellent market for her surplus capital, will earn much money and will become the financial master of the whole world. No wonder it is the heartfelt desire of Mr. Robinson to stabilize the Dawes Plan, if possible, for all eternity," it continues.

"Lokal Anzeiger" says that since the Treaty of Versailles forced Germany to abandon conscription for a paid army, her small army to-day is costing her more than her monster fighting machine in the pre-war days. How can Germany pay her Dawes annuities with her exports when the foreign nations are closing their markets with tariffs, it asks. It cites in this connection the ban on German pig iron that Washington has just imposed.

"Boersen Courier," a financial paper, asserts that it is not the total of the Dawes annuities which is the main issue, but the transfer question, especially deliveries by Germany without exchange by other nations.

J. E. Sterrett Proposes That Nations of World Confer to Determine Germany's Final Indemnity.

Referring to the progress of Germany as "beyond belief," J. E. Sterrett, who retired in January as American member of the Transfer Committee under the Dawes Reparations Plan, declares that payments by Germany cannot continue "for all eternity" and he proposes that the nations of the world meet to "determine Germany's final indemnity." Mr. Sterrett is quoted to this effect in a dispatch from Washington Feb. 7 to the New York "Times," his comments occurring after he had discussed with President Coolidge the economic situation in Germany and other European countries. From this dispatch we take the following:

"Two years ago the finances of Germany were in a state of utter desolation," Mr. Sterrett said upon leaving the White House. "She went on a gold basis, started saving, and this year she will be able to pay her indemnity of \$375,000,000 while raising an internal loan of \$125,000,000. Her progress has been beyond belief.

"The Dawes Plan contemplates that Germany shall pay a war debt of \$625,000,000 a year for all eternity, as long as man is on the face of the earth. That, of course, can't be done.

"Accordingly, the nations of the world, in a spirit of peace and conciliation, should sit down soon and determine Germany's final indemnity. The state of mind has prevented that in the past. All these matters are 75% state of mind and 25% economics. And that state of mind has progressively improved. The Dawes agreement was a manifestation of it. The Locarno compact was another forward step. It is a wonderful solvent.

"Passage of the Alien Property bill would be helpful. Germany knows that these problems are not settled overnight, but failure of the bill to pass was the cause of some disappointment there."

Mr. Sterrett's return from abroad was noted in our issue of Feb. 5, page 715.

German Government Loan Big Success.

A Berlin cablegram to the New York News Bureau from the Central News Feb. 14 says:

The 500,000,000 reichsmark German State 5% loan which was offered at the close on Saturday at 92 was heavily oversubscribed. The successful outcome has created widespread surprise on account of the fact that the interest is lower than on any previous loan. This is taken to demonstrate that Germany's financial position is becoming sufficiently strong to justify a break from the practice which has been in force since mark stabilization and cease borrowing from foreign countries.

Reduction of Dole Proposed in Britain—Committee Recommends That State, Employers and Employees Contribute a Third Each.

The "dole" is to be continued in Britain but on a greatly reduced scale, says a copyright cablegram, Feb. 10, to the New York "Times" from London, from which we also quote the following:

Radical changes were recommended by Lord Blanesburgh's Unemployment Insurance Committee, whose report was issued today, in benefits, contributions and administration.

The State's contribution to the scheme is to drop to one-third, the other two-thirds being contributed in equal amounts by employers and employees.

The benefits for young people between the ages of 18 and 21 will be substantially reduced—from 18 to 10 shillings a week in the case of young men

and from 15 to 8 shillings a week for young women. The contributions by both employers and workers will be reduced so that, taking the case of a man, the total contributions will be a shilling 3 pence, compared with the old contribution of a shilling 11 pence.

There will be no reduction of the adult woman's benefit, but the adult man's benefit will be reduced from 18 to 17 shillings weekly.

The committee, whose unanimous report was signed by its two Labor members, Frank Hodges and Miss Margaret Bondfield, considers that the unemployment insurance scheme should be a permanent feature of the British social code, but the hope is expressed that its recommendation will leave less temptation for the idler.

Berlin Reserve of Foreign Bills Down—Decrease of Borrowing Abroad Causes Draft on Reichsbank's Exchange Holdings—Dr. Schacht Shows That "Exchange Reserve" Fell from 1,340,000,000 Marks to 106,000,000.

Reviewing conditions on the Berlin market during the week ending Feb. 11, the Berlin correspondent of the New York "Times," in a cablegram (copyright), under date of Feb. 13, said:

Money continued plentiful last week on the Berlin market. On Friday the day-to-day rate varied between $3\frac{1}{2}$ and $5\frac{1}{2}$ %, which is very low, although above the lowest level reached in recent months. The reason why no further decline occurred was withdrawal of large sums in foreign balances as a result of the Reichsbank's latest reduction of its discount rate.

But another influence on the market has been the drying up of loans to Germany placed abroad, part of the yield of such loans. As Reichsbank President Schacht emphasizes in his new book on "Stabilization of the Mark," part of the profits of such loans is always exchanged for reichsmarks, thereby temporarily increasing the supply of cash on the home market. New foreign loans during January aggregated only 12,000,000 marks, whereas they reached 116,000,000 in December. Dr. Schacht's book also throws light on the amount of the Reichsbank's total holdings of foreign exchange. The bank's weekly return shows only that part of its exchange holdings which is tied up with the actual gold reserve for the securing of note circulation.

The book shows, however, that the total of other "non-earmarked" exchange varied in 1926 between the limits of 817,000,000 and 610,000,000 marks. It reached its recorded maximum with the 1,340,000,000 on February 1925 and its minimum of 106,000,000 in September 1925. In the last months of 1926 the amounts slightly increased and in November had reached 730,000,000.

The Reichsbank's return of last week, covering the position of Feb. 7, shows further and large decline for the week of 128,000,000 marks in the payments of holdings of legal cover exchange, which has now shrunk to 293,000,900.

Great interest is taken in the report on Germany's savings banks deposits for 1926. They increased during the year from 1,628,000,000 marks to 3,090,000,000.

Indirect Taxation in Germany Increasing—Provided 34 5-8% of Public Revenue in 1926, as Against 12 1-3% in 1924.

The following from Berlin, Feb. 13, was contained in copyright advices to the New York "Times":

The ordinary budget account of the Federal Government for the first three quarters of the current fiscal year shows a revenue of 5,619,000 marks, an expenditure of 5,548,000,000. The surplus, including the nine months' share of surpluses carried over from 1924 and 1925, is 371,000,000. The extraordinary account shows revenue of 1,600,000, an expenditure of 477,000,000.

Official analysis of taxation results since the currency stabilization at the beginning of 1924 shows notable increase in the incidence of indirect taxes. In the first quarter of 1924 taxes on property and business produced 87.69% of the total yield, and customs and excise 12.31%. In the last quarter of 1926, however, the percentages were, respectively, 65.37 and 34.63%.

The main reason for this large reduction in the proportion provided by direct taxes is the cut in the rate of the sales tax and the quadrupling of the customs yield, while the excise collections on tobacco increased five times.

Redemption of Bonds of Hungarian Reconstruction Loan of 1924.

Speyer & Co. as fiscal agents for the Hungarian $7\frac{1}{2}$ % Reconstruction Loan of 1924 have purchased for account of the Hungarian Government during the financial year 1926-1927, \$251,900 bonds of this loan for cancellation through the sinking fund.

Receipts from Revenue Pledged for Hungarian Reconstruction Loan.

The Royal Hungarian Minister of Finance in his latest report states that the receipts from the revenues pledged for the $7\frac{1}{2}$ % Reconstruction Loan for the month of December were \$5,055,000. The receipts for the calendar year 1926 were \$53,760,000, or about eight times the annual interest and sinking fund requirements of the loan.

Poles Plan to Repay American Depositors—Minister Would Reimburse All Who Lost Savings as Move to Easy Way for Loan in United States.

The following copyright message from Warsaw Feb. 16 was reported by the New York "Times":

Americans of Polish descent who deposited money in Polish savings banks and thereby incurred heavy losses through depreciation of the former national currency would receive full compensation under proposals of the Finance Ministry, which is anxious to make a good impression in America now that Warsaw is negotiating for a loan of \$100,000,000.

This move would cost Poland between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000, but it is considered a good investment as a means of swinging public opinion.

Parliament is busy preparing the way for the Loan Commission sent to America. The Finance Minister told the Sejm that negotiations were progressing favorably, for the government was aided by the encouraging reports from the Bank of Poland and the nation's success in balancing its budget.

The government is discouraging private loans and is refusing to guarantee a \$5,000,000 loan to industrialists, fearing that it might endanger the success of the government's efforts.

The break in the Polish-German trade negotiations is being severely criticized in industrial and financial quarters, since it was hoped that on account of the fluidity of money Germany's financiers would consent to act as mediators in the American loan negotiations.

Poles Coming Here for \$100,000,000 Loan—Commission Will Report That Warsaw Is to Adopt Financial Plan of Kemmerer.

It was reported in a wireless message from Warsaw under date of Feb. 7 to the New York "Times" that in connection with the departure of the Polish Government delegation to America for the purpose of negotiating a \$100,000,000 loan, it became known that every effort will be made to change the parliamentary policies of the Administration to conform with the suggestions of Professor Kemmerer, American financial expert, for putting the Treasury on a solid footing and the economic future of Poland on a basis warranting capitalists advancing funds for carrying out industrial improvements which have been planned. The message added:

The government now announces that the budget will be balanced and the Polish National Bank instructed to restrict future note issues, in conformity with Professor Kemmerer's advice, to an amount which will cause no further depreciation of the zloty.

The number of banks throughout the country will be greatly reduced, and the government intends closing those with doubtful backing or insufficient capital. Regarding the stabilization of the zloty, Poland wishes first to confer with an international group of financiers to determine ways and means and the exchange rate. The Vice-President of the Bank of Poland heads the commission.

Better Terms in New York on New South Wales Loan—Premier Says London Price Was Too High.

From Sydney Feb. 15 the New York "Times" reports the following cablegram (copyright):

Premier Lang of New South Wales, replying to criticisms in Parliament for obtaining a loan in New York, declared that he warmly resented any suggestion of disloyalty and asserted that New South Wales under his Labor Administration had given Britain a greater measure of preference than any previous government.

"I used every endeavor," he said, "to get money in London and failed. London offered a loan at 91, which I refused. When I did so I was informed that it was London's last word. I replied that better terms were essential. Only then did I go to America. If I had not done so I would have been robbing the people of New South Wales."

The bill authorizing the loan was seconded.

Canada to Call in Coins—Dominion Seeks to Gather Smaller of Two Five-Cent Pieces.

A special dispatch from Montreal, Feb. 12, to the New York "Evening Post" said:

The request of the Retail Merchants Association of Canada for the withdrawal of one or other of the Canadian five-cent coins from circulation will, it is said, result in a much more liberal interpretation being put on "worn and defaced coinage" in order that the small five-cent pieces may soon all be withdrawn from circulation and melted down for other coin. The Government is likely to retain the large nickel coin.

The large nickel coin was authorized for issue in 1921, but the issue has not been rapid owing to the large number of the small five-cent pieces in circulation since the war and the consequent lack of demand for new coinage. Efforts will be made to call in the smaller coinage.

Surcharge on Mexican Imports—Decree, Effective March 4, Abolishes Visa Fee on Shipments.

The following is from the "United States Daily" of Feb. 11. A new Mexican surcharge on imports, to be based on the value of the goods in Mexico, will replace the present visa fee on consular imports, which is based on the value of the goods at the point of shipment, the Department of Commerce stated on Feb. 10. The full text of the statement follows:

In accordance with two decrees effective March 4, the Mexican requirement for the presentation of a consular invoice and the payment of a visa fee of 5% of the value of the goods at point of shipment from the exporting country are abolished, and a duty surcharge of 5% on the value of imported merchandise is substituted for the fee, according to cables received from Acting Commercial Attache George Wythe at Mexico City.

The new surcharge is to be paid in gold pesos to the Bank of Mexico or its correspondents, after custom house formalities are completed but before the clearance of the goods. The prices shown on the commercial invoice will be taken as the value on which the surcharge will be levied, provided that this value is no less than the minimum valuation established in the second decree for each item of the tariff.

Mexican Treasury officials advise that further changes and explanations will be published before March 4. The status of the commercial invoice has not yet been affected but some change will probably be made before the decree becomes effective.

Dr. Winkler, of Moody's Investors' Service, on Source of French Gold Shipments to United States.

"If one takes into account the fact, that French loans obtained within the past five months in foreign countries, especially Switzerland, Holland, Sweden and, as seems most

probable, the United States, aggregate about \$105,000,000, the 'mystery' said to be surrounding recent shipments of gold by France to this country can be easily explained," says Dr. Max Winkler, Vice-President of Moody's Investors Service. The statement of Moody's, made public Feb. 11, goes on to say:

Towards the end of August 1926 the French State Railways controlled a loan in Switzerland to the amount of Fcs. 60,000,000, or about \$12,000,000. This issue was followed by a similar amount placed in Holland and Switzerland. In all, ten French loans were placed, including five in behalf of the State Railways, one for the Moroccan Railways, one for the Midi Railway, one for the Alsace-Lorraine Railways, one on behalf of the City of Paris, and one for a chemical company. A careful investigation made by Dr. Winkler would seem to disclose that approximately 26% of the total was supplied by America, or about \$27,500,000. Salient features of the above loans are presented hereunder:

Issue—	Amount.	Price of Issue.	Principal Places of Issue.
State Railway 7s.....	*60,000,000	94	Switzerland
State Railway 7s.....	*30,000,000	94	Holland, Switzerland
Moroccan Railway 7s.....	*20,000,000	94½	Holland, Switzerland
Alsace-Lorraine Ry. 7s.....	*75,000,000	95	Holland, Switzerland
State Railway 7s.....	*5,000,000	95½	Switzerland
State Railway 7s.....	*20,000,000	95½	Holland
State Railway 7s.....	*150,000,000	97½	Switzerland, Holland, Sweden
City of Paris 7s.....	*28,000,000	95½	Holland, Switzerland
Kuhlmann Co.....	*15,000,000	---	Switzerland
Midi Railway 6s.....	*100,000,000	---	Switzerland

* Swiss francs. x Guilders. z French francs.

French Treasury Loan Oversubscribed.

Paris Associated Press cablegrams Feb. 15 said:

The 4,000,000,000-franc Treasury issue of 7% 15-year bonds to replace the 6% issue maturing in 1926 was oversubscribed to-day before the books were opened.

Bohemian Glass Works Bonds Offered.

F. J. Lisman & Co. and First Federal Foreign Investment Trust formally offered on Thursday at 97½ and interest, to yield over 7.20%, \$1,500,000 First Bohemian Glass Works, Ltd., 7% closed mortgage secured 30-year sinking fund gold bonds. The issue was oversubscribed the day of offering. Each \$1,000 bond carries a stock purchase warrant entitling the holder to purchase ten shares of the common stock of the company at \$20 per share during 1927; \$21 during 1928 and \$22 during 1929.

In addition to security by a closed first mortgage, the bonds are secured by a first lien on all proceeds from the sales of the company's products abroad, to be collected by the Bohemian Union Bank in Prague and set aside as a special trust account. The total value of the security other than this lien is \$4,836,000, equal to \$3,224 for each \$1,000 bond. The proceeds from the sales of the company's products abroad in 1926, as reported by Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co., accountants, amounted to \$1,584,464.

The company's earnings for 1926 were equal to more than 4½ times annual interest and sinking fund charges on this loan. Capitalization on completion of this loan will consist of 75,000 shares of common stock, of which 50,000 will be outstanding, in addition to the present bond issue. The purpose of the issue is to liquidate bank loans and provide additional working capital. Further data in connection with the offering will be found in our "Investment News" Department, on page 1073.

Offering of \$4,669,500 7% Gold Bonds of City of Cordoba (Argentine Republic)—Issue Oversubscribed.

An offering of \$4,669,500 7% external sinking fund gold bonds of the City of Cordoba, Argentine Republic, was made by White, Weld & Co. and Blyth, Witter & Co. on Feb. 16 at 98¾ and accrued interest, to yield over 7.10%. It was announced the same day that the bonds had been oversubscribed. The issue will be dated Feb. 1 1927 and will mature Aug. 1 1957. As to the purpose of the issue it is announced:

The law authorizing this loan provides that the proceeds shall be applied to the redemption of existing debt of the City to the amount of \$1,939,307 and to street widening and the construction of public works.

A sinking fund will be provided calculated to retire entire issue by maturity through purchase up to 100 and interest or redemption by lot at that price. The sinking fund may be increased at the option of the City. The bonds, coupon in denominations of \$100 and \$500, will be registerable as to principal. Principal and interest (Feb. 1 and Aug. 1) will be payable at the office of White, Weld & Co., New York, Fiscal Agents, in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for any Argentine national or local taxes, present or future. Advices from Emilio F. Olmos, Mayor of the City, and other sources, state in part:

The City of Cordoba, population 199,200, is the capital and commercial and financial centre of the Province of the same name. It was founded in 1573, and is the seat of the National University of Cordoba.

These bonds will be the only external obligation of the City of Cordoba, which pledges its full faith and credit for the punctual payment of principal, interest and sinking fund. In addition, these bonds are specifically secured by a first charge on certain revenues, which for the last three years have averaged \$529,417 per annum, and for the calendar year 1926 were \$599,819. The annual service on these bonds for interest and sinking fund amounts to \$373,560.

Beginning in February of each year total pledged revenues are to be deposited daily in a special account in the Bank of Cordoba until such deposits equal a full year's service on these bonds. These deposits are applicable solely to such service, and one-twelfth of the annual service is to be remitted monthly directly to the fiscal agents.

The total receipts of the city show a steady growth. They have increased from 2,217,405 pesos in 1921 to 5,074,339 pesos in 1925. Receipts for the past three years have been in excess of the disbursements for the same period.

The Constitution of the Province of Cordoba limits the total amount of loans which any municipality may contract to an amount the service on which shall require not more than 20% of certain of the municipal revenues.

For the past 20 years there has been no record of default in payment of either principal or interest on any debt of the City.

Application will be made to list the bonds on the New York Stock Exchange. Conversion from Argentine national currency into United States dollars has been made at par of exchange, 42.45 cents to the peso. Current rate of exchange is about 41.65 cents to the peso. It is expected that delivery will be made in the form of interim receipts or temporary bonds about March 1.

Offering of \$3,000,000 7% Bonds of Agricultural Mortgage Bank of Republic of Colombia—Issue Sold.

A syndicate consisting of Hallgarten & Co., Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Lehman Brothers, Cassatt & Co., and William R. Compton Co. offered on Feb. 15 a new issue of \$3,000,000 Agricultural Mortgage Bank (Banco Agricola Hipotecario) Republic of Colombia, guaranteed 20-year 7% sinking fund gold bonds, priced at 97¾ and interest, to yield over 7.20%. It was announced on the 15th that the bonds had all been sold.

The bonds will be dated Jan. 15 1927 and will become due Jan. 15, 1947. Interest and sinking fund are unconditionally guaranteed by the Republic of Colombia by endorsement on each bond. The bank agrees to provide a semi-annual cumulative sinking fund, calculated to be sufficient to retire the whole issue by maturity, and operating through call of bonds by lot at par and accrued interest. Regarding the redemption of the bonds it is announced:

Redeemable on any interest date on 30 days' notice either (a) for account of the sinking fund, at par and accrued interest, or (b) as a whole, at 105 and accrued interest, if redeemed on or before Jan. 15 1937, thereafter at par and accrued interest.

The bonds will be in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal. Principal and interest (Jan. 15 and July 15) will be payable in United States gold coin at the office of Hallgarten & Co. and Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., fiscal agents of the loan, in New York, free of all Colombian taxes, present or future. Hallgarten & Co. and Kissel, Kinnicut & Co. are Fiscal Agents of the Loan. The National Bank of Commerce in New York is Registrar.

Information furnished by Dr. Lucas Caballero, Managing Director of the bank, says in part:

These bonds are the direct obligation of the Agricultural Mortgage Bank (Banco Agricola Hipotecario), formed in 1925 under the laws of Colombia for the sole purpose of making loans secured by first mortgages on real estate in that country. Under the law creating the bank, it may lend only up to 50% of the appraised value of the mortgaged property.

The bank was founded with an authorized capital of 2,000,000 pesos (\$1,946,600) of which the Republic paid in 1,100,000 pesos, and the departments and municipalities paid in 439,650 pesos. By Law 75 of 1926 authority was given to increase the capital by 3,000,000 pesos, i. e., to a total of 5,000,000 pesos (\$4,866,500). Pursuant to this Law, to the extent that the departments and municipalities do not subscribe such increase by April 2 1927, the national government is authorized to take and pay for the additional shares representing said 3,000,000 pesos. The Board of Directors consists of five members, two of whom are appointed by the National Government.

The law creating the Agricultural Mortgage Bank requires that 20% of the net profits shall be set aside annually as a reserve fund, until the reserve shall equal 50% of the capital; the annual reserve thereafter being 10% of the net profits. By the same law, the dividends accruing to shares owned by the Republic are permanently set aside as a special guaranty reserve fund for bonds issued by the bank; while the bonds themselves are by law also guaranteed by the Republic.

The bonds of this issue, together with the outstanding bonds of the \$3,000,000 7% Issue of 1926, constitute the total funded debt of the bank. Additional bonds may be issued from time to time in accordance with the law, to provide funds for making additional mortgages, the total amount being limited by existing laws to 25,000,000 pesos (\$24,332,500).

The total national debt, both external and internal, which in 1922 stood at the equivalent of \$46,948,000, had been reduced at June 30 1926 to \$23,407,000, a decrease of over 50%. In the current year the national government has contracted an external loan of \$10,000,000 to be devoted to development of public works.

The banking system of Colombia follows the lines of the Federal Reserve System of the United States, the Bank of the Republic having been established in 1923. This bank now has a fully paid in capital of 10,000,000 pesos, a circulation of 40,000,000 pesos and a metallic reserve exceeding 42,000,000 pesos. The currency of the country is on a gold basis, the peso, which has a gold parity of \$.9733, being now quoted at a slight premium.

Temporary bonds or interim receipts of the National Bank of Commerce in New York will be deliverable in the first instance.

Offering of \$1,000,000 5% Bonds of Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank.

William R. Compton Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and Harris, Forbes & Co. offered on Feb. 14 \$1,000,000 Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank (Raleigh, N. C.) 5% bonds, dated March 1 1927 and due March 1 1957. They are priced at 103½ and interest, to yield approximately 4.56% to the redeemable date and 5% thereafter to maturity. The bonds are redeemable at par and accrued interest on any interest date on and after ten years from the date of the issue. The bonds will be in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000 and registered bonds in denominations of \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Principal and interest (March 1 and Sept. 1) will be payable at the Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank, Raleigh, N. C. Arrangements have been made whereby the coupons may be presented for payment at the office of the New York Trust Company in New York City. The bonds are issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act and are exempt from Federal, State, municipal, and local taxation; acceptable as security for postal savings funds at their par value. The bank operates in the States of North Carolina and South Carolina, and its loans are made only in selected agricultural counties in these States. Of the total amount loaned approximately 90% is in North Carolina and 10% in South Carolina. The average amount loaned per acre to date is \$21 72, which is but 34.13% of the appraised valuation of the property. The following figures of capitalization and earnings are made available:

As of Jan. 31 1927: Capital stock \$750,000, subject to 100% assessment; and surplus, reserves, and undivided profits \$241,643. Since the date of these figures paid in capital stock has been increased to \$825,000 and paid in surplus has been increased by \$15,000 making a total surplus, reserves and undivided profits of \$256,643. Present net earnings are at the rate of 14% per annum. Dividends on the capital stock are being paid at the rate of 8% per annum. Total bonds outstanding, including this issue, \$13,600,000.

The following statement of the Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank, Jan. 31 1927 (as officially reported) is also furnished:

Acres of real estate security	635,831
Appraised value of real estate security	\$40,464,000
Total amount loaned	\$13,811,000
Average appraised value per acre	\$63 63
Average amount loaned per acre	\$21 72
Percentage of loans to appraised value	34.13%

The Bank is under private ownership and management. A. W. McLean, President. He was for over twenty-five years Pres. of the National Bank of Lumberton, North Carolina, and for four years director of the War Finance Corporation at Washington.

Offering of 5% Bonds of North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank of Durham.

At 103 and accrued interest, to net about 4.60% to the optional date and 5% thereafter to redemption or maturity, Dillon, Read & Co. and the Old Colony Corp. offered on Feb. 15 an issue of 5% farm loan bonds of the North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank of Durham. The bonds are part of an issue of \$1,000,000 dated Sept. 1 1926 and previously offered. They will become due Sept. 1 1956. The issue is redeemable as a whole, or in part by lot, on Sept. 1 1936, or any interest date thereafter, at 100 and interest. The bonds, coupon and fully registered and interchangeable, are in denominations of \$1,000 and \$10,000. Principal and interest (March 1 and Sept. 1) will be payable at the Central Union Trust Co. of New York and at the North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank of Durham, Durham, N. C. In advices under date of Sept. 1 1926 to the banking houses offering the bonds, Southgate Jones, President of the Bank, says in part:

Below are given essential statistics of outstanding loans as of Aug. 31 1926:

Total amount loaned	\$12,553,800 00
Acres covered by loans	529,874 acres
Appraised value of land	\$31,951,677 00
Appraised value of improvements	10,258,470 00
Appraised value of land and improvements	42,250,147 00
Average loan per acre	23.69
Average appraised value per acre of land only	60.30
Average appraised value per acre of land and improvements	79.73
Percentage of loans to appraised value of land only	39.29%
Percentage of loans to appraised value of land and improvements	29.71%

History and Management.

The North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank received its charter from the Federal Government in July 1922. The original capital stock was subscribed for at par or at a premium by officers and directors of the First National Bank of Durham, N. C. and by many of the leading bankers and business men of the countries in which the bank began its operations. An initial dividend at the rate of 4% per annum was paid on the capital stock of the bank on July 1 1924, on Jan. 1 1926 the rate was increased to 6% per annum and on July 1 1926, to 8% per annum.

The bank is chartered to operate in the States of North Carolina and Virginia. The territory which it now serves consists of 63 counties in North Carolina and 24 counties in Virginia. These counties are among the leading agricultural counties of the two states and are particularly well suited for raising tobacco, cotton, corn, hay and vegetables.

Hare & Chase, Inc., Affairs Watched by Bankers Here—\$4,000,000 Frozen Assets in Auto Finance Paper Cause of Firm's Difficulties.

Both editorially and in its news columns the New York "Journal of Commerce" comments on the difficulties of Hare & Chase, Inc., dealers in automobile commercial paper, for which a protective committee of preferred stock holders was formed Feb. 4. Mention of this action is made in our items this week under the head "General Investment News." With reference to the attention which has been directed by bankers to the affairs of the concern, the "Journal of Commerce" on Feb. 16 said:

Financial experts showed considerable interest yesterday in the announcement of the arrangements that had been made for taking over the frozen assets of Hare & Chase, Inc., of Philadelphia, amounting to about \$4,000,000 of automobile finance paper, and thereby continuing the operation of the corporation.

The announcement was made by the attorneys for the Royal Indemnity Co. in a letter to the preferred stockholders of Hare & Chase, Inc., and the significance of the announcement was found in the general bearing that the episode has upon the finance paper situation at large.

Several Well Known Banks Overburdened.

This significance grows out of the fact that several well known banks, both here and in neighboring cities, are overburdened with finance paper of the type referred to and are obliged to recognize it as practically frozen. One Boston bank alone has about \$13,000,000 of guaranteed paper and it was reported yesterday that what is feared is the early calling of demand or, in other cases, past due paper of this type by banks which are in need of funds as the result of hardening in money rates or of the elimination of a margin of loanable power due to general inflation and expansion. The situation is undoubtedly a very widespread one, and it was this which induced the American Bankers' Association last autumn to have an investigation of the whole matter made by a committee of their own, which rendered a report approving only partially and in a rather hesitant way the idea of installment selling, while it gave no approval whatever to installment paper as an element in bank portfolios. The paper has been attractive to a good many banks because not only of the high rate it carried but also the fact that the large service fee was usually exacted and collected.

Policy of Banks Varies.

Some of the New York City banks a few months ago passed resolutions forbidding the discounting of finance company paper, while others have been disposed to restrict their lines and in other cases the tendency has been on the part of both national and State examiners to reprimand small banks which were disposed to allow themselves to become overloaded with paper of this description. An exception has been made by some in favor of finance paper that was guaranteed by a surety company, it being the belief that in such cases the surety company would look into the credit risk sufficiently to protect itself. The truth of the matter is that in a good many instances surety companies have failed to distribute their risks sufficiently, due to the fact that the type of business was new to them and experience had been lacking to permit of adequate diversification. In other cases banks have been disposed to advance money to finance companies on the basis of collateral security, which usually consisted of actual titles to or mortgages on the goods themselves. The goodness of this collateral depends entirely on the ability to sell used articles, which has never been tested on a large scale. According to some the time is near when a test of that kind is likely to be made, and in such circumstances a good deal of such paper is believed likely to prove insufficiently protected.

Amount of Finance Paper.

There is no absolute knowledge as to the amount of finance paper which is afloat, but an authority in the motor trade recently estimated that from \$6,000,000,000 to \$8,000,000,000 of it was probably outstanding in this country at the present time. Of this, fully \$4,000,000,000 is believed to be in the banks in one way or another, and while it is very widely distributed the country over, finance companies having taken pains to get large lines at as many banks as they can, the danger that is felt to-day is that some of them will prove too heavy even for institutions that have kept their lines fairly small. In some of the Western bank failures finance paper has figured as a difficult factor.

In order to assist the liquidation a central organization of finance companies was organized a short time ago with a view to testing or rediscounting such paper, but there has been no public announcement of the situation which was found to exist in the industry or of the extent to which it will be able to bring about liquidation. Taken all in all, the existence of so large an element of long term paper based on consumable purchases, no matter whether or not guaranteed, is regarded by a large number of authorities as unquestionably a difficult factor in the present banking situation.

Exactly what surety companies will do when they find it necessary to act with regard to paper which they had guaranteed and which has been called has been in doubt for some time and this has made the action in connection with Hare & Chase, Inc., particularly interesting. In a letter to the preferred stock holders of that company, the attorneys of the Royal Indemnity Co. write as follows:

"In these arrangements it is understood that it has been necessary to turn over the control of the company to the parties providing the additional funds, and these parties will hereafter direct the operations of the company. Under the circumstances, the interest of the preferred stockholders can best be served by concerted action through a committee."

As stated in the "Journal of Commerce" last week, the well-known Philadelphia agency firm of Hare & Chase is in no wise involved in the affairs of Hare & Chase, Inc.

The editorial which appeared in the "Journal of Commerce" of Feb. 17 is reproduced herewith:

A Banking Danger.

The difficulty which has overtaken a well known finance company in Philadelphia might properly have been expected. The concern in question has practically had to transfer the management of its affairs in important particulars to a surety company which had guaranteed its paper, the reason being that banks which are the beneficiaries of the guarantees want to get their money and could not get it from the finance company. There is no reason to believe that this particular company is in any worse condition than any other company of the same general description. The harm in the whole situation lies simply in the fact that it is general.

For a long time past banks have been complaisantly lending money of their depositors to concerns who have "blown it in" in financing installment sales. No doubt a good deal of the installment selling has had a real economic value. A consumer who buys a house within his means and pays for it at so much a year is saving, not spending, his money. Within certain limits the same thing may be true of less durable possessions such as automobiles and various kinds of household equipment. But it is undoubtedly true that a vast volume of installment selling has been simply a means of anticipating consumers' incomes. They have been able to spend money extravagantly before they got it. "Paper" made to represent such sales was bad or doubtful not because the sales were made on the "installment plan" but because they never ought to have been made at all. The installment plan helped the making of the sales, but the underlying basis was unsound.

No one can doubt that if we should have a condition of widespread unemployment even though it were not very severe, a great many consumers who are overburdened with installment payment contracts would be unable to meet them. The result would be that banks which have discounted the paper representing these sales would simply have the choice of extending the accommodation until the consumer was able to pay or else of following him up and compelling the sale of the "used article," or, in other words, the second-hand goods of which he had become possessed. Should it take any such measure as the latter the country would be flooded with old articles of this description, with the result that the prices they would bring would be greatly depressed, while the prices that new articles of the same kind could command as well as their general market would likewise become disorganized or perhaps sink to dangerously low levels. Of course great pressure would be brought to bear upon the banks not to do any such thing, and if they did not their assets would in corresponding degree be "frozen." As for the companies which have guaranteed loans of this kind, they have their own problem. But, of course, a good many of them would have to fall back upon their own banks, and the question what these banks would do would be interesting.

Of course a condition of this kind was bound to supervene sooner or later in view of the profligate way in which the installment sales process has been carried on. It may well be that no "breakdown" will occur even on the part of those banks that are most seriously overburdened. Certainly it is to be hoped that they will be able to protect themselves. Some of them may have enough liquid paper to be able to get assistance from Reserve banks, while others probably will not. The installment paper is very widely diffused throughout the country. It has already played its part in contributing to Western bank failures and may easily have a similar or greater influence on Eastern banks. Plenty of warnings have been afforded with reference to this danger, and bank examiners have been urgent during the past year or two in cautioning against it. As usual, all those who talked in this way were regarded as "croakers" or undesirable citizens. Only experience will show how far they were right, but the general principles of banking cannot be violated without someone's paying the bill, though it may be the stockholders rather than the depositors of the banks that do so.

It is about time that we look carefully into this question of installment sales in their relation to banking. Every effort has been made to confuse the issue and to make it seem that the "morality" of the installment question was at stake. Nothing of the kind has been at issue. Whether the consumer ought to buy a given article on installments or not is for him to decide. Whether the banker ought to furnish the money to enable him to do it, is another matter—one which the community itself ought to decide if the banker does not. Public interest says No in emphatic terms to any such proposal.

Nebraska Labor Bill, Affecting Employment of Women, Killed.

The "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 16 announced the following from Lincoln, Neb.:

A bill reducing from nine to eight hours the lawful period for daily employment of women in industry, commerce, hotels and restaurants has been finally killed in the Nebraska house, after one of the bitterest and hardest struggles of the legislative session. The bill provided also that employment should not consist of more than two shifts a day, and amended the existing law so that no restriction would be placed upon woman employment by public service corporations. The bill was supported by labor unions and many of the city members, but was killed by the farmers who held the eight hour day is luring boys and girls from the farm.

Bid of \$11,000,000 for Realty Holdings of New York Produce Exchange Rejected—Trading in Oats.

The \$11,000,000 bid for the realty holdings of the New York Produce Exchange has been rejected by the Special Realty Committee, but another offer is being considered, it was announced on Feb. 15 in a statement made to the members of the exchange by President B. H. Wunder in behalf of the Board of Managers. The statement said:

The Committee has reported upon one proposition after having conferred with the proposer and the broker. The proposition is the one which has been described in the press as the eleven million dollar bid. It developed that the proposal fell short of meeting a substantial part of the requirements laid down in the referendum and the Special Realty Committee were unanimous in recommending that it was not acceptable. Another proposition is now receiving the consideration of the Special Realty Committee.

It was also announced in the statement that the board, by a unanimous vote of the members voting, had declined to accede to the petition signed by a number of members for the appointment of R. L. Sweet, a member of the exchange, as realty broker to negotiate the sale of the property. The resolution adopted by the board turning down the petition read in part:

The petitioning members be informed that the Board of Managers is opposed to the appointing of any individual, firm or corporation sole broker for the sale of the real estate owned by the Exchange, believing such an appointment would be contrary to the best interests of the Exchange.

The statement makes reference to a circular which accompanied the petition in which it was stated that the sale of the exchange property would make possible a substantial distribution of assets. The board makes it clear that no such distribution is contemplated, saying:

The Board had no part in the preparation or issuance of the circular and did not know of it until after it had been distributed. This statement is made because the circular contained some statements or intimations in regard to the distribution of the proceeds of the sale of the real estate. The Board, on the other hand, in their letter calling the referendum, stated and now repeat that no distribution among members is now contemplated or proposed by the Board.

The question of the disposal of the real estate holdings of the Exchange is a most difficult and important one. First of all, it affects the home of the Exchange, and therefore, to some extent, the life of the Exchange. It is a question not only of price and terms but also of the needs of the Exchange. The Board desires to say to all the members, and say it earnestly, that the most patient and deliberate study and effort are required to deal with the problem successfully. The Board of Managers will continue to give that service to the problem, confident that this course will in the end merit and receive the commendation of all members of the Exchange who have its best interests at heart.

The proposed sale of the property of the exchange was referred to in these columns Dec. 25 last, page 3274. In our issues of Dec. 18 (page 3128) and Jan. 1 (page 40), we noted the plans to inaugurate trading in oats futures on the exchange on Jan. 3.

Half a million bushels of oats changed hands on Monday Jan. 3, when initial trading in this commodity began on the Grain Futures Market of the Exchange. The market was active throughout the day and officials of the Produce Exchange were gratified at the first day's business. Axel Hansen, Chairman of the Grain Futures Committee, who was one of the active traders, said that the interest shown indicated that there was a demand for an oats futures market in New York with delivery at Buffalo. Benj. F. Schwartz, of B. F. Schwartz & Co., who was one of the heaviest traders, expressed confidence that the market for oats futures would fill a long-felt need in the grain trade. "The market was active throughout the session and it was possible at all times to trade in 50,000 to 100,000 bushels," he said. "The results of the first day's trading were most satisfactory and as soon as the Western markets broaden out, it should be reflected in the New York market in greatly increased business."

Trading was confined to the May position, which is the most active now, and the opening sale was at 53 cents, which remained the high of the day. A low of 52½ cents was reached, with a close of 52¾. The extreme fluctuation of ¾ cents compared favorably with Chicago. Prices in the New York market were around 3½ cents over Chicago. A feature of the day's trading was substantial buying by cash interests with the intention of taking delivery through to consumption.

Creditors of McCown & Co. Unanimously Accept Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co. as Trustee.

Creditors of the brokerage house of McCown & Co. of Philadelphia, whose failure on Jan. 25, brought about by a sharp decline in Estey-Welte Corporation class A stock, was reported in the "Chronicle" of Jan. 29, page 592, on Monday of this week unanimously voted to have the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co. (the institution to which McCown & Co. made an assignment on Jan. 25 for the benefit and protection of creditors) represent them in adjusting the affairs of the failed firm. The selection of the trustee had already been approved by the Court of Common Pleas, and the meeting on Feb. 14 was for the purpose of allowing the creditors to choose a co-trustee, if they so desired, to work with the trust company. One creditor's effort to have an additional assignee selected met with defeat. In its report of the meeting, the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Feb. 15 said in part:

Robert S. Bright, counsel for Thomas A. Biddle & Co., a creditor, was chosen chairman of the meeting, and Louis Busche, assistant secretary of the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Company, was elected secretary. Robert T. McCracken, of Roberts & Montgomery, counsel for the assignee, and T. Ellwood Frame, vice-president of the trust company, also took an active part in the meeting, which was attended by about 350 creditors, of whom about twenty-five were women.

Answering questions of creditors, Mr. McCracken said that, according to the assignor's preliminary statement of assets and liabilities, made to the court, the loss from the failure would be at least one-fifth, but that this depended almost entirely on preference claims. Investigations so far conducted by the assignee have disclosed a number of preference claims, which at present appear good. Preference claims are mainly those of customers of the firm whose credits exceeded their debts with McCown & Co.

The statement of assets and liabilities showed an excess of liabilities over assets of \$919,903, the liabilities being \$5,898,525.

No additional figures were presented at yesterday's meeting. Mr. McCracken stated that the Protective Committee, organized several weeks ago by banking institution and brokerage creditors, hoped to have 45,000 shares of Estey-Welte Corporation A stock placed with trustees under a plan recently adopted. It was a sharp drop in the price of Estey-Welte stock, in which McCown & Co. had a large interest, that led to the assignment.

Call Money Market.

The following are the daily statements issued during the past two weeks by the New York Stock Exchange regarding the call money market:

CALL LOANS ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7.

- Feb. 7—Renewal, 4%; high, 4%; low, 4%; last, 4%. Moderate turnover. Money in supply at close.
- Feb. 8—Renewal, 4%; high, 4%; low, 4%; last, 4%. A moderate turnover with free supply of funds.
- Feb. 9—Renewal, 4%; high, 4%; low, 4%; last, 4%. Moderate turnover. Money in supply.
- Feb. 10—Renewal, 4%; high, 4%; low, 4%; last, 4%. Volume small; abundance of funds all day.
- Feb. 11—Renewal, 4%; high, 4%; low, 4%; last, 4%. Demand light; supply large.

CALL LOANS ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14.

- Feb. 14—Renewal, 4%; high, 4%; low, 4%; last, 4%. Moderate calling of loans for out-of-town accounts caused increased activity, but with ample funds available throughout the day.
- Feb. 15—Renewal, 4%; high, 4½%; low, 4%; last, 4½%. A fair volume of business, but further withdrawals caused an advance in rate to 4½% at which figure funds were in free supply.
- Feb. 16—Renewal, 4%; high, 4%; low, 4%; last, 4%. Moderate turnover at 4%. Money in supply at close.
- Feb. 17—Renewal, 4%; high, 4%; low, 3¾%; last, 3¾%. A small turnover and an abundance of funds, necessitating a reduction in rate from the renewal of 4%.
- Feb. 18—Renewal, 4%; high, 4%; low, 3¾%; last, 3¾%. Light turnover owing to heavy offerings, rate reduced to 3¾% and remained at that rate until close.

Statements of previous weeks have appeared weekly in our issues since July 10 1926; the last statement will be found on page 724 of our issue of Feb. 5.

Governor Moody of Texas Signs Bill Repealing All Forms of Bank Deposit Guaranty in State.

According to the Dallas "News," signed on Feb. 11 and filed in the office of Secretary of State Senate Bill No. 115, repealing all forms of bank guaranty. The "News" adds:

The bill became effective immediately after the Governor filed it for record, it having passed both branches of the Legislature by a vote that carried the emergency clause, which declared that "the importance of this act and the fact that the many recent changes of the states governing state banks heretofore are somewhat confusing and hard to be complied with, create an emergency and an imperative public necessity."

Under the provisions of the bill, bonds executed and securities deposited by state banks before the passage of the act as members of the bond security system are not to be affected by the repeal until the lapse of one year from the time of approval of the bonds or deposit of the securities with the Banking Commissioner under existing statutes. It is further provided that the statutes repealed shall remain in full force and effect for the purpose of liquidating all failed banks in the hands of the Banking Commissioner at the time the new act takes effect, and that the passage of the act shall not affect the liability of state banks for assessments to the guaranty fund as such liability existed at the time the act takes effect, nor shall any state bank be permitted to withdraw its interest in the guaranty fund until all lawful demands existing at that time the act takes effect have been fully satisfied.

Only Twenty-five Banks Left.

When the repealing act became effective Friday there were only twenty-five state banks left in the bank guaranty fund, which at one time contained more than 900 state banks. There are 746 state banks in existence now and 721 were using the bond plan. The number of state banks has been growing less for several years, once having reached almost 1,000.

There is now no form of guaranteeing deposits in banks in operation in Texas. The law providing for guaranteeing deposits was enacted at the second called session of the Legislature in 1909 and became effective Jan. 1 1910.

During that time the member banks in the guaranty fund were called on to put up approximately \$20,000,000 to pay depositors in failed state banks. These insolvent banks possessed assets of only about \$4,000,000 and thus cost the other state banks net about \$16,000,000.

The burden became so heavy that state banks clamored for a change and two years ago the Thirty-Ninth Legislature enacted a law making it easy for a state bank to change from the guaranty fund to the bond plan of guaranteeing deposits and there was a landslide to the latter plan. Before the law was passed only about fifty state banks were using the bond plan, they having adopted it from their organization, and when the guaranty law passed out of existence Friday less than that number remained in the guaranty fund.

Fund Is Insolvent.

Banking Commissioner Charles O. Austin said Friday that depositors in state banks that closed since Sept. 29 will not be paid in full, but only to the extent that the assets of the failed banks will provide funds. The few banks in the fund can not be assessed to the extent of paying these late claims. The bank guaranty fund is thus insolvent.

A clause in the repealing act provides that it shall not destroy any liabilities heretofore accruing, but shall preserve them until legally satisfied.

R. L. Thornton Elected President of Dallas Clearing House Association.

R. L. Thornton, President of the Mercantile National Bank of Dallas, was elevated from the vice-presidency to the presidency of the Dallas Clearing House Association at the annual banquet of the organization on Jan. 25. Mr. Thornton succeeds J. B. Adoue as President of the Association, says the Dallas "News," which also states:

Everett S. Owen, President of the North Texas National Bank, was elected Vice-President. J. M. Hadra, Assistant Cashier of the Republic National Bank, was elected Secretary to succeed O. C. Bruce. Benton E. Joyner, Vice-President of the North Texas National Bank, was re-elected Treasurer and Manager.

Gross Earnings of Federal Reserve Banks in 1926 \$47,600,000—Net Earnings \$20,249,000.

In its February Bulletin the Federal Reserve Board reports that gross earnings of the Federal Reserve banks in 1926 were \$5,800,000 above the preceding year, aggregating \$47,600,000, as compared with \$41,800,000 in 1925, \$38,300,000 in 1924, and about \$50,000,000 in 1923 and 1922.

Current net earnings (the excess of gross earnings over current operating expenses) amounted to \$20,249,000. We give as follows the full statement carried in the Bulletin:

Earnings and Expenses of Federal Reserve Banks.

Gross earnings of the Federal Reserve banks in 1926 were \$5,800,000 above the preceding year, aggregating \$47,600,000, as compared with \$41,800,000 in 1925, \$38,300,000 in 1924 and about \$50,000,000 in 1923 and 1922. The larger earnings during 1926 were the result of a higher average rate of return on and increased holdings of bills and securities, as shown by the accompanying table.

HOLDINGS OF BILLS AND SECURITIES AND EARNINGS THEREFROM.

	Bills Discounted.	Bills Bought in Open Market.	United States Government Securities.	All Other Bills and Securities.	Total.
Daily avge. hold'gs	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1923	738,114,000	226,548,000	185,823,000	85,000	1,150,570,000
1924	374,834,000	172,428,000	401,365,000	1,690,000	950,317,000
1925	481,515,000	287,329,000	358,962,000	11,701,000	1,139,507,000
1926	570,613,000	281,386,000	849,790,000	7,520,000	1,209,309,000
Avg. rates of earn'gs—	%	%	%	%	%
1923	4.46%	4.14%	4.01%	4.50%	4.33%
1924	4.25%	3.31%	3.67%	3.61%	3.83%
1925	3.67%	3.17%	3.56%	3.59%	3.51%
1926	3.95%	3.55%	3.60%	4.21%	3.76%
Earnings—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1923	32,956,000	9,371,000	7,444,000	4,000	49,775,000
1924	15,943,000	5,710,000	14,712,000	61,000	36,426,000
1925	17,680,000	9,104,000	12,783,000	419,000	39,986,000
1926	22,552,000	10,003,010	12,589,000	316,000	45,460,000

Holdings of discounted bills averaged \$571,000,000 in 1926 as compared with \$482,000,000 in 1925, the higher level of discounted bills being partly offset, however, by somewhat smaller holdings of purchased bills. United States Government securities and miscellaneous bills and securities, the average of which was \$20,000,000 below average holdings the year before. The average rate of earnings on total bill and security holdings was 3.76% in 1926, as compared with 3.51% in 1925, 3.83% in 1924 and 4.33 in 1923, while the rate of return on discounted bills was 3.95% in 1926, as compared with 3.67% the year before. The table shows daily average holdings of each class of bills and securities of all Federal Reserve banks combined, earnings therefrom, and annual rates of earnings during the past four years.

Current operating expenses of the Federal Reserve banks, exclusive of the cost of Federal reserve currency and of fiscal agency expenses reimbursable by the United States Treasury, aggregated \$25,636,000 in 1926, as compared with \$25,725,000 in 1925. Salary payments to clerical employees, which constitute the largest single item of current expense, declined \$394,000, and rent \$81,000, but these and other smaller reductions were largely offset by increases in insurance premiums on currency and security shipments, taxes and repairs and alterations on banking houses, legal fees, postage and expressage, and miscellaneous expenses. The cost of Federal reserve currency amounted to \$1,714,000 in 1926, or \$89,000 less than in 1925. Total current expenses of the Federal Reserve banks, including the cost of Federal reserve currency, were \$27,350,000 in 1926, about \$178,000 less than in 1925.

Current net earnings (the excess of gross earnings over current operating expenses) amounted to \$20,249,000, against which amount the Federal Reserve banks made net charges of \$3,638,000, of which \$2,096,000 represented depreciation charges on bank premises, \$1,210,000 additions to reserves for probable losses on paper of failed banks, and \$533,000 furniture and equipment purchased during the year. This left a balance of \$16,612,000, of which \$7,329,000 was paid to member banks as dividends, \$8,465,000 transferred to surplus account, and \$818,000 paid to the United States Government as franchise taxes.

E. W. Clark & Co. (Philadelphia) Ninety Years Old.

Feb. 15 was the ninetieth anniversary of the investment banking firm of E. W. Clark & Co., 321 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of that date. The business was established on South 3d St., then the centre of the city's financial district, Feb. 15, 1837, by Enoch W. Clark and his brother-in-law, Edward S. Dodge. The present partners are Edward W. Clark, Clarence M. Clark, Herbert L. Clark, George L. Estabrook, Edward W. Clark, 3d, and Sydney P. Clark. In addition to its banking activities, the firm specializes in the management of traction properties.

Old Colony Corporation Absorbs Edmunds Bros.

According to the Boston "Herald" of Feb. 15, the partnership of Edmunds Bros., investment bankers of that city, was dissolved on Feb. 14, and has been succeeded by the Old Colony Corporation of Boston, a subsidiary institution of the Old Colony Trust Co. of that city. The executive officers of the Old Colony Corporation, the "Herald" stated, would be as follows:

E. R. Marshall, President; B. W. Guernsey, F. S. Battershall, E. I. Cowell, William Edmunds and J. W. Edmunds, Vice-Presidents; J. A. Howe, H. T. C. Wilson and T. R. Pierce, Assistant Vice-Presidents; W. W. Higgins, Treasurer; Harry N. Brown, Assistant Treasurer, and A. A. Gerade, Assistant Treasurer and Comptroller.

Herbert S. Downs Appointed Assistant Federal Reserve Agent in New York.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York announced on Feb. 15 that Herbert S. Downs has been appointed an Assistant Federal Reserve Agent, in addition to his duties as Manager of the Bank Relations Department of the Bank. Owen D. Young, Deputy Chairman of the board of the Bank, will act as Chairman until May 1, when Gates W. McGarrah will actively assume the duties of Chairman of the Board and Federal Reserve Agent. W. Randolph Burgess, Assistant Federal Reserve Agent, is at present

acting as Federal Reserve Agent. Mr. McGarrah's appointment as Chairman was reported in our issue of Saturday last, page 877.

Forthcoming Treasury Offering.

Notice of a forthcoming Treasury issue is made public by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in the following circular addressed to banks in the district under date of Feb. 15:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.
[Circular No. 766, Feb. 15 1927.]

New Treasury Issue.

Preliminary Notice of Offering and Methods of Filing Subscriptions. To all Member Banks, State Banks, Trust Companies and Savings Banks in the Second Federal Reserve District:

From advices received from the Treasury Department of the United States, we are enabled to transmit to you the following information:

1. That a Treasury offering may be expected shortly.
2. That the subscription books may be closed by the Treasury without advance notice, and therefore,
3. That each subscribing bank, upon receipt of information as to the terms of the Treasury offering (either in the press, through the mails or by telegram) should promptly file with the Federal Reserve Bank any subscriptions for itself and its customers. This is important, as no guarantee can be given as to the period the subscription books may remain open, and subscribing banks, even before receipt of official subscription blanks, may file their subscriptions by telegram or by mail with the Federal Reserve Bank. Any subscriptions so filed by telegram or mail in advance of receipt by subscribing bank of subscriptions blank furnished for the particular issue should be confirmed immediately by mail, and on the blank provided, when such blank shall have been received.

4. That if the terms of the offering when announced provide for both cash subscriptions and subscriptions for which payment may be tendered in other securities, the subscribing bank should prepare its subscriptions in such manner as to indicate the method by which it proposes to make payment and the respective par amounts of securities, if any, to be tendered in payment.

Also with regard to issues subscriptions to which the Treasury determines for the purpose of allotment shall be considered as on a cash basis irrespective of whether or not payment is to be made in cash or in securities, the following classification will be required of subscriptions made for account of customers, stating the number of subscriptions in each class.

- Class A—Subscriptions for \$1,000 or less for any one subscriber;
- Class B—Subscriptions for over \$1,000, but not exceeding \$10,000;
- Class C—Subscriptions for over \$10,000, but not exceeding \$50,000;
- Class D—Subscriptions for over \$50,000, but not exceeding \$100,000;
- Class E—Subscriptions for over \$100,000, but not exceeding \$500,000;
- Class F—Subscriptions for over \$500,000, but not exceeding \$1,000,000;
- Class G—Subscriptions for over \$1,000,000.

Subscription(s) for the bank's own account should not be included in the above classification of subscriptions for account of customers but should be clearly indicated as for the bank's own account and in addition to such subscriptions.

Where, however, under the terms of an offering or under instructions accompanying an offering, the Treasury agrees to allot new securities in full for any of its securities maturing on the date of the new issue or on any later date, subscriptions to be paid for in such securities should not be classified. Where the maturing securities are not by the instructions accompanying the offering given a preference they shall be treated as cash and subscriptions to be paid for in such securities should be included in the classification.

When the terms of the offering, preliminary notice of which is given above, are announced, notice thereof, together with subscription blanks will be mailed to you promptly by this bank. Should notice and subscription blanks for any reason be delayed in reaching you, this bank will nevertheless receive your subscriptions either by letter or telegraph and suggests that your subscriptions be promptly transmitted to this bank in order that delayed receipt of them may not mitigate against your receiving due allotment.

If you find it necessary to telegraph your subscriptions please confirm immediately either by letter or on subscription blank, setting forth the classifications indicated above and method of payment, clearly identifying the fact that it is a confirmation and not an original subscription that duplication may be avoided.

Very truly Yours,
BENJ. STRONG, Governor.

Senate Passes McFadden Branch Banking Bill as Previously Agreed to by House.

By a vote of 71 to 17 the U. S. Senate on Feb. 16 accepted the McFadden Pepper Branch Banking bill as agreed to in the conference report in which the Hull amendments were eliminated. The action of the Senate completes Congressional action on the bill since the House had on Jan. 24 (as noted in our issue of Jan. 29, page 596) given its approval to the conference report. The proceedings on the bill in the Senate on Feb. 16 were followed by charges of lobbying activities in connection with the bill and a resolution was presented calling for an investigation of the charges, the statement being made at the same time that an investigation of the American Bankers Association and its activities was proposed. The resolution is given in another article in this issue. The Senate vote on Feb. 16 agreeing to the conference report on the McFadden bill was as follows:

IN FAVOR OF THE REPORT—71.

Republicans—40.

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| Bingham, | Gillett, | Pepper, | Shortridge, |
| Cameron, | Goff, | Lenroot, | Smoot, |
| Capper, | Gould, | McLean, | Stanfield, |
| Couzens, | Greene, | McNary, | Wadsworth, |
| Curtis, | Hale, | Means, | Warren, |
| Dale, | Harreld, | Metcalf, | (Ind.), |
| Edge, | Johnson, | Moses, | Sackett, |
| Ernst, | Jones (Wash.), | Oddie, | Schall, |
| Fess, | | | Willis. |

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| Ashurst, | Edwards, | Hawes, | Pittman, | Smith, |
| Bayard, | Fletcher, | Kendrick, | Ransdall, | Stephens, |
| Bratton, | George, | McKellar, | Robinson, | Swanson, |
| Broussard, | Gerry, | Mavfield, | (Ark.), | Tyson, |
| Bruce, | Glass, | Neely, | Sheppard, | Underwood, |
| Caraway, | Harris, | Overman, | Simmons, | Walsh (Mass.). |
| Copeland, | Harrison, | | | |

AGAINST THE REPORT—17.

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| Deneen, | Gooding, | La Follette, | Norris, | Stewart. |
| Frazier, | Howell, | McMaster, | Nye, | |

Democrats—7.

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| Blease, | Heflin, | Trammell, | Walsh (Mont.), | Wheeler. |
| Dill, | Steck, | | | |

Farmer-Labor—1.

Shipstead.

On motion of Senator Pepper the McFadden bill was made the unfinished business of the Senate on Feb. 12, the motion having been agreed to by a vote of 58 to 9. This was followed by a petition for closure, signed by 58 Senators, which would limit debate and bring an early vote if adopted. The New York "Times" in referring to this action in its Washington advices Feb. 12 said:

To-day's action was another evidence of the working ability of the powerful coalition formed by the advocates of the McNary-Haugen farm relief measure passed by the Senate yesterday and of the Branch Banking bill. It followed precisely the program of log-rolling agreed upon several weeks ago except that the closure petition was not presented on the farm bill, although it was held as a club in the background should there have been prolonged opposition.

The presentation of the petition to-day was a surprise and was provoked by an exceedingly tense situation marked by a near fist-fight between Senators Glass and Wheeler, and by a filibuster threat from Senator La Follette, Republican, of Wisconsin, which indicated that the Senate may witness once more some filibustering tactics such as only his father, "Fighting Bob," was a master in engineering.

The vote to take up the Branch Banking bill was supported by 27 Democrats and 31 Republicans, and opposed by four Democrats, four Republicans, and Senator Shipstead, the Farmer-Labor member.

Detailed Vote on the Bill.

The detailed vote on the taking up of the bill was as follows:

FOR TAKING UP THE BILL—58.

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| Bingham, | Goff, | Johnson, | Means, | Schall, |
| Cameron, | Gooding, | Jones (Wash.), | Oddie, | Stanfield, |
| Capper, | Gould, | Keyes, | Pepper, | Stewart, |
| Couzens, | Greene, | McLean, | Phipps, | Warren, |
| Curtis, | Harreld, | McMaster, | Pine, | Watson, |
| Dale, | Howell, | McNary, | Reed (Pa.), | Willis, |
| Gillett, | | | | |

Democrats—27.

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| Ashurst, | Ferris, | Kendrick, | Robinson, | Steck, |
| Bayard, | Fletcher, | King, | (Ark.), | Stephens, |
| Blease, | George, | McKellar, | Sheppard, | Trammell, |
| Bratton, | Glass, | Mayfield, | Simmons, | Tyson, |
| Bruce, | Harris, | Overman, | Smith, | Walsh (Mass.). |
| Caraway, | Hawes, | Ransdall, | | |

AGAINST TAKING UP THE BILL—9.

Republicans—4.

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| Frazier, | LaFollette, | Norris, | Nye, |
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Democrats—4.

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| Dill, | Heflin, | Neely, | Wheeler, |
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Farmer-Labor—1.

Shipstead.

Of the 29 Senators not voting, it was believed all would have been in the affirmative.

La Follette Sounds a Threat Which Leads to Closure.

Senator La Follette, objecting to some tactics that had been followed preceding the voting, said when the roll-call was over:

"In order to save time, I desire to state to the Senate that I shall object to all unanimous consent agreements that may be proposed during the remainder of this session of Congress and I shall also insist that all of the rules with regard to parliamentary procedure affecting the consideration of bills shall be carried out, including the first reading of each bill."

This brought the Democratic leader, Senator Robinson, to his feet with the suggestion that in a short time it would be a good idea to apply closure, and without a moment's delay Senator Pepper, who had charge of the banking bill, passed up to Vice-President Dawes the closure petition, remarking that he thought it should be presented now in view of what Senator La Follette had said. It contained the names of thirty-two Republicans and twenty-six Democrats.

The Vice-President read it to the Senate instead of having the reading clerk do it. This was the second time since Mr. Dawes inveighed in his inaugural speech against the lack of rules in the Senate to close debate that closure has been proposed, the other being on the World Court.

The closure motion on the McFadden bill was agreed to on Feb. 15 by a vote of 65 to 18. Regarding the Senate action that day we quote the following from the "Times" account:

For the third time in its history the Senate applied the closure rule today and thus restricted debate on the conference report on the branch banking bill. The closure plan was approved by a vote of 65 to 18, or about double the margin necessary.

Half of those voting against closure included independents on both sides of the chamber—Senators Borah, Frazier, La Follette, McMaster, Norris, Wheeler, Dill, Blease and Nye.

This created a peculiar situation, for while a combination of farm and banking interests actually imposed the closure, the nine mentioned are agrarians who have no use for the banking bill. Senator Nye said in debate he would rather have the McNary-Haugen bill defeated than the banking bill enacted into law.

Application of closure will bring a vote on the conference report tomorrow, and it is confidently expected, for no Senator can speak more than one hour and some time was exhausted this afternoon by the bill's opponents.

Following the vote, the afternoon was devoted to speeches, Senator Howell leading off in continuation of his argument against the bill. Senator Lenroot, who opposed closure, spoke for the bill, but Senators Nye and Heflin argued against it.

At one time, when the opposition seemed to have no speaker ready, Senator McLean pressed for a vote on the report, but Senator Wheeler moved that the Senate adjourn. This motion was defeated by 64 to 5, only Senators Heflin, La Follette, Neely, Nye and Wheeler voting affirmatively.

"I resent the false information lately broadcast alleging that the friends of honest farm legislation entered into a deal with the banking interests to secure preferred places for the two bills," said Senator Nye. "I resent it because I had no hand in such a deal. As one who believes in the intent of the international banker to crush and pauperize the American farmer and the farmers of the world, I could not have brought myself to help such a deal."

"Frankly, I should prefer to see the McNary-Haugen bill defeated than to see this banking bill made into law. Every advantage gained under the McNary-Haugen bill will be offset many times by the McFadden Banking bill, which extends the privileges of the Federal Reserve System and condemns its damnable activities of 1920 and 1921.

"Where restrictions should now be written on the system we find, instead, that Congress is extending an invitation to the system to engage in another murderous program, at will, with the assurance that it will not be seriously molested for sixty years."

When the Senate approves the conference report the bill will go to the President, as it already has passed the House. The measure whose purpose is to place national banks on a parity with State banks, and remove the advantage State banks enjoy in some States, would permit national banks to establish branches in States now allowing State banks to have branches. No branch could be established in a city of less than 25,000 population.

An important section of the bill extends the charters of the twelve Federal Reserve Banks for an indeterminate period. Because the charters of these banks do not expire for eight years there was severe criticism of this provision by opponents of the Federal Reserve System, but its advocates evidently considered they had a better chance to pass it through the present Congress than later, when Congress might be controlled by enemies of the system.

On the preceding day (Monday, Feb. 14) declarations were made by Senator Wheeler (Democrat of Montana) to the effect that the bill was being rushed through by banking interests; further reference to this appears in our item relative to the charges of lobbying. The following is from the account of the Senate action Feb. 16 appearing in the "Journal of Commerce":

Before the final vote was taken, Senator Wheeler made ineffectual efforts to have the McFadden bill amended, to which Senator McLean of Connecticut, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, objected. Senator Wheeler entered into quite an extended "quiet" debate with Senator Glass.

Senator Wheeler took exception to the inclusion of sub-division (b) of Section 5155 of the words "converted into or" and "such converted or" because, he said, they would permit State banks to convert into national banks and retain their branches in the event that any present branch banking State should amend its statutes as to forbid branch banking.

Glass Accuses Wheeler.

Senator McLean stated "undoubtedly amendments will be necessary at the next session." "This law," he added, "has been amended at every session of Congress." Senator Glass stated that he did not exactly agree with him, believing that Senator McLean had reference to the McFadden Act, whereas he was referring to the Federal Reserve Act. Senator Glass added that sub-section (b) does not in any way alter existing law. Senator Wheeler agreed with him that "under it, that thing may be done to-day," suggesting, however, that it ought to be amended because it is claimed that the McFadden bill is a measure to restrict branch banking.

The Hull amendments would forever preclude from engaging in branch banking, national banks in present non-branch banking States even though the respective State Legislatures should later enact permissive branch banking legislation favorable to State institutions.

Senator Glass further pointed out that Dr. Willis is opposed to the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill, holding that Senator Wheeler was forable to that measure. Senator Wheeler declared that Senator Glass was also opposed to McNary-Haugen bill and that he doubted its economic value, but was for the measure since the country was committed to a protective tariff policy.

Senators opposed to the bill and who to-day spoke on the subject stated that they realized the futility of trying to defeat the motion. It is indicated, however, that to-day's action will be reflected in the next Congress in active moves to revamp the Federal Reserve Act.

In referring to the bill as finally passed the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" on Feb. 17 said:

The McFadden bill as it was finally adopted by the Senate and House had a number of ragged edges that could only be smoothed out by the consent of the membership of the two houses. Since that was not sought, unless some other means are found to insert commas and change words, the bill will become a law on the signature of the President with technical errors uncorrected. To seek to make these changes in Senate and House, it was indicated here to-day, might subject the whole bill to other amendment and even jeopardize the legislation. That is something the proponents of the measure would not willingly undertake.

From the "United States Daily" of Feb. 17 we take the following:

The bill [H. R. 2], as its number indicates, was the second legislative measure presented to the House of Representatives during the Sixty-ninth Congress which convened in December 1925. It was passed by both the Senate and the House at the first session of the present Congress.

In the original House draft of the bill were the so-called Hull amendments, which would have prohibited national banks establishing branches in States which do not by their State laws, at the time of approval of the present act, accord such privileges to State banks. The Senate struck out these amendments in favor of provisions allowing the same privileges with regard to branches for national banks as may at any time be accorded State banks by the legislation of their respective States.

The Senate also inserted an amendment which persists in the final draft of the bill as approved by both Houses, which grants indeterminate charters to Federal Reserve Banks.

Senator Frazier (Rep.), of North Dakota, speaking against the bill, declared its enactment would tend to make the Federal Reserve System a central banking system such as those systems which the country has rejected on earlier occasions. The Federal Reserve System, he said, has become "practically a Federal Banking System."

Senator Shipstead (Farmer-Labor), of Minnesota, said the framers of the bill enlisted the support of the small banks for the bill only to take out later

some of the provisions the small bankers wanted and to insert others they did not want. It is especially inimical to the interests of the agricultural sections, Senator Shipstead said.

Upon the Federal Reserve Banking System, whose charter would be extended by the banking bill, the Senator laid the blame for the present "deflated" condition among the farmers.

Senator Wheeler (Dem.), of Montana, opposed provisions of the bill which, he said, will permit state banks having branches under existing state laws to convert themselves into national banks and retain all those branches even though the State in which they operate may hereafter prohibit branch banking. He proposed amendments designed to correct this feature, but the amendments were ruled out of order under the Closure rule when objection was made by Senator McLean (Rep.), of Connecticut, Chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency.

Senator Wheeler also criticized the provision giving national banks authority to deal in investment securities.

Senator Trammel (Dem.), of Florida, declared that he would vote against the bill because a vote for it could not be construed as anything other than a vote for the extension of branch banking in the United States. Other features of the bill, he said, he would like to vote for but the general purpose was one with which he was not in sympathy.

It is pointed out in the "United States Daily" that the Bank of Italy was made the subject of inquiries by Senators Borah (Rep.) of Idaho and Norris (Rep.) of Nebraska, in the debate on the bill on Feb. 12 following the motion for closure. The "Daily" went on to say:

The question of its expansion privileges under the proposed law was answered by Senator Pepper with a statement that the bank will have no further opportunities to expand under the new law than it has at present.

Senator Lenroot pointed out that the House bill would have prevented the Bank of Italy from becoming nationalized, and asked why a provision circumventing expansion of that type of bank was not included. Senator Pepper replied there is some difference prevailing between the House and Senate on the score of possible mergers and consolidations that, under existing State laws might lead to nationalization.

In explaining, in the Senate on Feb. 12, what the bill does in the way of endorsing the principle of branch banking, Senator Pepper said:

Mr. President, this bill was originally passed in the House, was messaged to the Senate, and the Senate made 39 amendments. Conferees were appointed, and the conference resulted in disagreement, because the House has passed an over-riding resolution instructing the House conferees on certain points upon which the Senate had expressed itself so clearly that the Senate conferees did not feel that they could recede. The conference having resulted in disagreement, the House, instead of asking for a further conference or withdrawing specifically its over-riding instruction, passed a resolution in which the House expressed its recession from the majority of the points of difference covered by the Senate amendments, concurred with the Senate in those cases, adhered to a few of the original provisions of the House in spite of Senate amendments, and proposed amendments to a few of the Senate amendments, and, as amended, approved them.

That resolution having come to the Senate, the parliamentary situation was that in substance we had before us a conference report; the legislation was all but perfected; but in form it was not a conference report, because the conferees had disagreed, and the thing before us was a resolution of the House of Representatives receding from certain of its original objections to Senate amendments, insisting upon certain of the points in disagreement, and amending others. The motion, therefore, that was made was not a motion that had to do with a conference report, but it was a motion that the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to the Senate amendments, and that the Senate recede on the points upon which the House stood firm.

Specifically, the matters involved were these:

Thirty-nine amendments were made by the Senate. On 26 of these the House yielded to the Senate by the resolution I have just described. In the case of six points of difference the House insisted on its position, and in the case of the remaining seven the House proposed amendments to the Senate amendments. The pending resolution, if it shall be passed, will have the effect of concurrence by the Senate in those seven House amendments to Senate amendments, and of yielding to the House on the six points upon which the House stands firm.

The subject matter which is brought before the Senate by this resolution is, for the most part, unimportant. With the exception of, say, five of the 13 points, all of them have to do with mere numerical changes of sections, section numbers, the arrangement of paragraphs, and matters of that sort which can not give rise to debate.

Of the remaining matters, only three are of capital importance. Two, while matters of substance, are of minor importance.

The capital matters are these: The Senate, by amendment, added to the bill as it passed the House a provision modifying those terms of the Clayton Act which place a limitation upon interlocking directorates. The Senate proposed and passed an amendment, which, if acquired in by the House, would have liberalized the system of interlocking directorates as between State and national banks. The House refused to accept the Senate proposition, preferred the law as it stands upon the statute books to-day; and if the pending motion prevails, and this bill becomes law, no change will be made in the existing law respecting interlocking directorates.

The second matter of capital importance was this: Under the terms of the bill as it passed the House, as amended by the Senate—the amendment of the Senate in that particular having now been concurred in by the House—it is provided that national banks in cities having not less than a certain number of inhabitants may have branches in the same city in which the parent bank is located.

In some cases, notably the case of the City of Cleveland, the metropolitan area is larger than the political area of the city, and the Senate approved of a proposal to allow branch banks to be established in the same metropolitan area as that in which the parent was situated and gave to the Comptroller of the Currency, under certain restrictions that were specified, the right to define that metropolitan area, which was a little larger in extent than the technical political area.

That provision of the Senate amendment was disagreed to by the House; and if this measure shall pass and become a law, the right to establish branch banks will be limited strictly within the political limits of the municipality in which the parent is situated, without the contiguous-territory provision.

There can not be any branch in a city with less than 25,000 population. There may be two, I think it is, branches up to 50,000, and possibly three up to 100,000, and beyond that at the discretion of the Comptroller of the Currency; but there is a carefully worked out scale of limitation.

When I said to the Senator from Nebraska a few moments ago that this bill will not authorize national banks to establish branches in States which do not extend such privileges to their own institutions, I did not

want to be understood as meaning that the question as to the policy of the State in that regard might be settled as of the date of the passage of this Act. On the contrary, the principal point of contention between the House and the Senate had to do with whether the situation should be frozen by the so-called Hull amendments, which, if adopted, would have had the effect of making it impossible for a national bank hereafter to establish a branch in a city of the law applicable to State banks as passed in the State after the date of the approval and signature of the pending bill.

Because both Houses are in concurrence on that subject, and it is removed from the realm of controversy here as it now stands, if a State does not to-day or in the immediate future authorize its own institutions to have branches, then no privileges are conferred by this bill upon national banks. If a State at any given time adopts a provision applicable to its own banks, then the national banks may take advantage of the provisions of the State law, but only in so far as concerns branches within the restricted municipal areas I have described.

We also quote the following from the Record:

Mr. Borah. What would be the effect of a State which now gives authority for branch banking, under its law, should withdraw that authority.

Mr. Pepper. Mr. President, that subject has been a good deal considered. My own judgment is that since this measure is designed to promote equality of opportunity for national banking associations and State banking associations, if a State were to pass a law providing that thereafter no branches should be established, it is perfectly clear to me that under this proposed law no branch bank could thereafter be established by national banks. If the State were to undertake to close up existing branches in the State, giving rise to all sorts of questions of vested rights and confiscation, it would be for the Comptroller of the Currency to decide what was the fair thing to do in exercising his power to close down branches, which is very widely given to him under this measure.

Mr. Borah. The Senator will pardon me for asking another question—
Mr. Pepper. I hope the Senator will ask such questions as occur to him.

Mr. Borah. I am more interested in this question of branch banking than in any other matter contained in the bill. As I understand, the bill is designed to give national banks authority to establish branch banks in cities where the parent bank is located in States where the States permit branch banking.

Mr. Pepper. Yes; either now or hereafter.

Mr. Glass. And it leaves to the States, I may add, the right to determine whether they will have branch banks.

Mr. Pepper. I thank the Senator from Virginia for that suggestion. It operates to call attention to the reason why the Senate and the Senate conferees were opposed to the Hull amendment. We thought they represented an unwarranted attempt on the part of the Federal Government to determine for the individual States what their branch-banking policy should be.

Senator Howell in his comments on the measure in the Senate on Feb. 15 said in part:

Mr. President, for years branch banking has been quietly, subtly advancing in this country, already having peacefully penetrated 20 States, although in a large majority thereof it has not as yet consolidated its positions.

The pending bill is branch banking's latest offensive, and if enacted into law will mark the beginning of disintegration in the ranks of opposing bankers; and from thence on, in my opinion, the ultimate triumph of branch banking will be as certain as if decreed by Congress to-day.

I realize that this declaration will be pooh-poohed as excessive, even by some independent bankers secure in their confidence and a feeling that they have not really begun to fight yet. However, history is not wanting in examples of superior armies being maneuvered out of position and beaten without a battle.

Again, this pending bill, heralded at the beginning as a mere proposal for justice to national banks, has been subtly seized upon to serve a purpose of such moment that justice to national banks become merely an incident in connection with the measure. By a mere rider, never contemplated by the House of Representatives in which this bill originated, it is proposed to accomplish so tremendous a thing as to anticipate by some eight years the expiration of the charter of the Federal Reserve banks and afford them a perpetual charter in the form of an indeterminate grant. And, mind you, this momentous proposal appears in this bill, apparently, as an afterthought.

Further, this measure, instead of limiting the tremendous powers granted the Federal Reserve banks and their members during the Great War, amplifies and extends such powers on a manner which challenges prudence; in fact, to such an extent that an alarm has been sounded from sources whose views and conclusions are regarded with the highest respect by economists and bankers throughout the country.

It is with no little diffidence that I have undertaken to address the Senate in connection with these matters involving as they do the technique of banking. However, the more I have delved into this proposed legislation and the comments thereon from authoritative sources, the more I have felt that the members of the Senate are inclined to accept this measure without proper consideration.

Charges of Alleged Lobbying in Connection with McFadden Bill—Resolution Proposing Investigation—Denial of Undue Influence by T. B. Paton of A. B. A.—Statement by E. N. Baty.

Final Congressional action on the McFadden Branch Banking Bill this week was followed by the introduction in the Senate on Feb. 16 by Senator Glass of a resolution calling for an "investigation of alleged lobbying activities in connection with the banking bill." The resolution was referred to the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate. In response to an inquiry by Senator Wheeler, Senator Glass indicated that it was the purpose of the resolution to investigate the American Bankers Association "from top to bottom." Before presenting the resolution Senator Glass read a telegram from Thomas B. Paton, General Counsel of the American Bankers Association, with reference to criticisms by Senator Wheeler regarding a circular issued by the Association's Federal Legislative Committee in behalf of the bill, and the Senator's intimations that

the General Counsel of the Association was trying to unduly influence Representative Hull. In his telegram Mr. Paton declared that "any inference of undue or improper influence is entirely unfounded." The telegram follows:

New York, N. Y., Feb. 15 1927.

Hon Carter Glass,

United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

Learned through Associated Press last night that Senator Wheeler yesterday in Senate criticised a circular issued by committee on Federal legislation of the American Bankers' Association urging support of the banking bill, which stated that certain Senators who were trying to filibuster against the bill should be reached specifically, and also that the general counsel of the association has written a letter to Representative Hull offering to give him legal business, the plain inference from which was that the association was trying to unduly influence Mr. Hull when he was fighting for the Hull amendments. Permit me, first, to defend the circular and secondly to deny not only the inference but that any personal letter was ever written to Congressman Hull, the letter referred to being an identical hooverized form letter forwarded to 20,000 attorneys throughout the United States. The sending of the circular to members of our Federal Legislative Council in each State informing them of the situation in Washington and asking them to urge Senators to take immediate action was an open and legitimate method of calling upon members of the association to do what they could legitimately in support of the association's legislative policy, which method is similar to that adopted by many other organizations and the request that three Senators should be reached specially, simply meant that members should endeavor by honest argument to induce such Senators to allow the bill to come to a vote. Any inference of undue or improper influence is entirely unfounded. Concerning the alleged letter to Congressman Hull, our legal department as a valuable service to members who frequently write or wire asking for recommendation of an attorney to prosecute a claim in a certain city, has established a list of reliable bank attorneys whom it can recommend, and in the compilation of this list 20,000 identical form letters were issued to attorneys, one of which it now appears was addressed to M. D. Hull. This fact I ascertained only this morning. It is regrettable that an unjust imputation of undue influence should be based upon a mere form letter.

THOMAS B. PATON,

General Counsel, American Bankers' Association.

In presenting the resolution for an investigation of alleged lobbying Senator Glass said:

Aside from the suggestion that Judge Paton, General Counsel of the American Bankers' Association, was guilty of attempting unduly to influence members of the Senate, there have been persistent rumors about the Capitol of lobbying activities of an illicit and culpable nature. They have gone so far as to assert that a sum considerably in excess of \$100,000 has been expended by a certain group of bankers in behalf of what were known as the Hull amendments. They have gone so far as to suggest that a paid lobbyist of this group, who, to my certain knowledge, has haunted the corridors and the doors of this Senate chamber for months, had employed members of the Congress identified with this legislation to go out and make speeches in behalf of certain provisions of the bill. In view of these persistent reports, some of which I have good reason to believe, I am offering this resolution because I think that the Senate owes it to its own integrity to have such matters investigated and determined.

The following is the resolution proposing the investigation:

Resolved, that the Committee on Banking and Currency, or any duly authorized sub-committee thereof, is authorized and directed to conduct a thorough investigation of alleged lobbying activities in connection with the banking bill (H. R. 2, 69th Congress). For the purposes of this resolution such committee or sub-committee is authorized to hold such hearings, to sit at such times and places, to employ such clerical, stenographic and other assistance, to require the attendance of such witnesses and the production of such books, papers, and documents, to administer such oaths and to take such testimony and to make such expenditures as it deems advisable. The cost of stenographic services to report such hearings shall not be in excess of 25 cents per hundred words. The expenses of such committee or sub-committee which shall not exceed the sum of \$2,500, shall be paid from the contingent fund, of the Senate. Such committee or sub-committee shall report to the Senate on or before Jan. 1 1928, with such recommendations as it deems advisable.

We give herewith the discussion which followed the presentation of the resolution.

Mr. Wheeler. Mr. President, I want to say that, with reference to the letter which was introduced in the "Record" the other day from Mr. Thomas B. Paton, first of all, I do not take it that in the resolution offered by the Senator from Virginia he intended to implicate me in any way in the investigation.

Mr. Glass. Of course not. The resolution would have been offered—indeed it was prepared tentatively before I received the telegram.

Mr. Wheeler. This is what I was going to say: I introduced in the "Record" the other day a telegram that was sent out by the American Bankers' Association to people throughout the country suggesting that they should get in touch with Senators and that they particularly should try to "reach Senators Howell, Dill and myself." I commented upon the language which was used at that time and I asked what they meant when they used the word "reach." At the same time I received a copy of a letter which was given to me by Mr. Hull's office, addressed to Mr. M. D. Hull, in which it was said:

We frequently have requests from banks in different parts of the country for names of reliable attorneys. Your name has been given to us and we will be glad to recommend to you any business called to our attention.

This letter was written on Oct. 16, 1926. If it is a form letter, I certainly could not detect that it is. It was signed by Thomas B. Paton, Jr., assistant General Counsel. The Associated Press carried a reply from Mr. Paton saying that he had never written any such letter and that his son had never written any such letter. I hold the letter in my hand, and it purports to be signed by Thomas B. Paton, Jr. Now, they say that it is a form letter. It is a significant fact, if it is a form letter, that it should have been sent to Martin D. Hull, member of Congress, who has not practiced law for a number of years, at least, I am informed. They say to him that he has been recommended to them by some bank as an attorney who will be glad to get their business. Either it was sent to him through the grossest kind of ignorance, as I said the other day, or else it was sent to him for some other purpose.

I am glad to have the explanation from the attorney for the American Bankers' Association. I had the letter put in the "Record" the other day, and said we ought to have an explanation. I am glad to get the explanation.

With reference to the statement which has been made by the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Glass) concerning delegates having their way paid to the con-

vention in Los Angeles, I do not know whether that is so at all, because I have not any connection with the American Bankers' Association, but am satisfied that those bankers who went from the State of Montana, among them being a man by the name of Mr. Stone, who wrote me concerning the matter, never had their way paid. Mr. Stone never had his way paid, and he was not influenced by anything or by anybody in his actions at such convention. I stand here to-day to say that, while I personally know Mr. Stone, he has not always been a supporter of mine; but he is one of the highest class, most honorable, and able men in the State of Montana, and I should hate to hear anybody say that he had had his mind influenced in any way, shape, or form, or that he would permit anybody to pay his way to a bankers' convention.

While we are investigating the bankers' association convention held in the city of Los Angeles I think it would be well to go into the entire subject of paying the way of American Bankers' Association delegates. I would like to see the matter gone into to find out who paid the way of the delegates when they went to New York, when they went to Georgia, when they went to Florida, and when they have taken these other trips, because, if my understanding is correct, the American Bankers' Association have been paying the way of a lot of little bankers throughout the country whenever they wanted to put through some kind of a resolution. If we are going to have an investigation, let us go into the whole subject. Let us investigate the American Bankers' Association from top to bottom. That is what I would like to see done.

Mr. Glass. That is the purpose of the resolution.
Mr. Wheeler. I sincerely hope that the resolution will be adopted and I sincerely hope that the committee will go into the whole subject in the investigation of the American Bankers' Association and their activities.

Senator Wheeler's criticisms of activities by bankers with respect to the McFadden bill were made before the Senate on Feb. 14, the Washington correspondent of the "Times" on that date reporting him to the following effect:

President Coolidge was attacked as an enemy of the farmer but a friend of the banker by Senator Wheeler of Montana in a Senate speech this afternoon on the conference report on the Branch Banking bill.

"Talk about a strong man," Mr. Wheeler exclaimed. "He'll veto a farm bill for the benefit of the poor, little unfortunate man seventy miles from a railroad, but he will not have the courage to stand up like Andrew Jackson and veto a bill for the benefit of the bankers."

In face of Senate intent to apply closure tomorrow for the first time this session in order to end debate on the branch banking bill Mr. Wheeler continued a vigorous fight against the measure.

He characterized D. R. Crissinger, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, as "one of the Ohio gang," and declared George B. Hayes, the New York witness who appeared against Wheeler in Montana, was Crissinger's "buddy," and had not been prosecuted for "premeditated perjury" because he "knew too much."

Henry M. Dawes, former Controller of the Currency, and the present occupant of that office, Joseph S. McIntosh, had both "flopped" on the branch banking question under "threat" of the American Bankers' Association, the Montana Senator declared. He produced a letter from Thomas B. Paton, general counsel of the American Bankers' Association, offering legal business to Representative Morton D. Hull of Illinois, author of the Hull amendments to restrict branch banking, but which have been eliminated from the bill.

Reads Letter Sent to Hull.

Senator Wheeler read a recent telegram from the Legislative Committee of the American Bankers' Association, advising bankers to write to Senators and try to "reach" Senators Wheeler, Howell and Dill. Then he read the following letter to Representative Hull:

Oct. 16 1926.

Office of Thomas B. Paton, General Counsel, American Bankers' Association, 110 East Forty-second Street, New York City.

Dear Mr. Hull:—We frequently have requests from banks in different parts of the country for the name of a reliable attorney.

Your name has been given to us, and we will be glad to recommend to you any business called to our attention.
In this connection we should like you to send this letter back to us with any notation correcting your name and address for our files, and also please state what bank you represent.

To attorneys who have been properly recommended to us we are sending the American Bankers' Association new 1920 compilation of legal opinions, &c. Next week we are making shipment to attorneys in your section. Incidentally, as a subscriber we will be glad to send your complimentary notice of the legal service bulletin.

THOMAS B. PATON.

P. S.—Do not bother to write. If you will sign and return this letter to me in the stamped envelope enclosed for your convenience it will come directly to my desk, and I shall personally see that the work goes forward for your examination.

Mr. Wheeler wished to know if the American Bankers' Association was trying to "reach" Representative Hull at the time "he was making the fight of his life" for his amendments.

"I don't see," he asserted, "how the letter could be read in any other sense, because they are writing and suggesting that they will give him legal business."

In its account of the declarations of Senator Wheeler on Feb. 14, the "Journal of Commerce" stated:

Reading into the record letters and telegrams from officials of the association, banks and other sources to show the extent of the movement, Senator Wheeler charged that not 20% of the members of the Senate knew what was in the bill, not 20% who have read it in full and know the provisions it contains.

"Gentlemen seek passage of the bill in the closing days of the session, when it is not understood by the people of the country, by the members of the Senate or understood by some of the members of the banking committee itself," declared Senator Wheeler. "It is so apparent that when statements are made on the floor of the Senate as to provisions it contains and you read them for yourself you find they are not in accordance with what has been said."

Wheeler Shows Telegram.

How the alleged propaganda was operated, Senator Wheeler indicated, was shown in a telegram the text of which is as follows:

This night letter to all State chairmen Federal Legislative Council. McFadden bill passed House last Monday with Hull amendments eliminated and containing recharter Federal Reserve banks in accordance with Los Angeles resolution. Serious situation has however, developed in Senate as conference report has not privileged status and three attempts to have bill considered have been blocked by objection to unanimous consent. Letters and telegrams should go immediately to Senators asking for immediate action.

Opponents are trying to build up filibuster, and Senators Wheeler (Montana), Dill (Washington), Howell (Nebraska), who oppose bill, should be reached specially. Majority of Senate favor bill, but this cannot be made effective unless bill is brought up. Senators should be urged to do everything in their power to help leaders pass bill. Explanatory circular quoting

this telegram will be mailed from headquarters office to all members your committee.

(Signed) EDMUND S. WOLFE,
Chairman Committee on Federal Legislation.

A circular letter embodying this telegram was sent out to State chairmen and others interested by Thomas B. Paton, general counsel for the Bankers' Association.

Sees a Campaign Issue.

Senator Wheeler discussed the branch banking features of the bill at considerable length. He declared that the measure was objectionable on the ground that it permits branch banking and constitutes an "opening wedge of a little group in this country who have been seeking by every means known to extend their grasp upon the people of the country through the medium of branch banking."

The "Journal of Commerce" in announcing that E. N. Baty of Chicago welcomes the proposed investigation had the following to say in advices from Washington, Feb. 17:

E. N. Baty, Secretary of the Chicago and Cook County Bankers' Association and of the Committee of One Hundred, the two organizations which have been most active in behalf of the Hull amendments proposed to the McFadden National Bank bill, to-day accepted the challenge of Senator Carter Glass of Virginia for a show-down on the alleged lobby back of the amendments.

Baty's Statement.

The Virginia Senator did not mention the names of those of the Congress who were employed as this rumor had apparently stated and it is quite possible, it was stated here to-day, that efforts will be made to get to the bottom of that assumption.

In a statement to-day, Baty found a ray of sunshine through his dis-appointment in the charge that the opposition to the measure should be dignified as "a powerful lobby." He added, however, that he felt indignant over the reference to these activities as of an "illicit and culpable nature."

"I most emphatically deny," he said, "the charges of Senator Glass as far as they may relate to any activities of myself or the two organizations I represent. The charges are untrue, and if the Senator from Virginia is unable to get the expense of the investigation authorized by the proper committee of the Senate I shall be glad to get 250 officers of the small banks of the country to each contribute \$10 to the \$2,500 fund specified by the resolution introduced. We, the bankers I represent and myself, welcome such an investigation, especially so since the Senator from Virginia has agreed to the suggestion of Senator Wheeler that the activities of both the proponents and opponents of the branch bank provisions of the bill be investigated. We pledge Senator Glass our fullest co-operation in any investigation authorized by the Senate in this matter. Such an investigation will demonstrate the untruthfulness of his charges concerning our activities, and in addition should throw some light upon the methods employed by those who are succeeding in their effort to extend the monopolistic branch banking system throughout the country. We have been fighting for a principle. We have lost the fight but we do not regret having made it, nor are any apologies necessary."

The Senate action this week on the McFadden bill is referred to in another item in this issue.

McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Bill Passes House in Form Passed by Senate.

The McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Bill in the form in which it passed the Senate on Feb. 11 was passed by the House of Representatives on Feb. 17 by a vote of 214 to 178. The adoption of the bill by the Senate was noted in our issue of last week, Feb. 12, page 872. The House on Feb. 17, in passing the bill, refused to permit any amendments to be made to it, thus, says the "Journal of Commerce," putting the finishing touches upon a piece of legislation which is destined to be disapproved by President Coolidge. The Washington correspondent of that paper also had the following to say regarding the action of the House on the 17th:

The final vote followed a motion to recommit the bill to the Agricultural Committee with instructions to substitute therefor the Aswell bill, which was lost, 214 to 175.

The session of the House was a disorderly one, with every indication that the agricultural bloc not only was using the steam roller process to secure the passage of the bill but would not countenance any movement to change them from their course.

Leaders Lose Control.

House Republican leaders who follow the Administration had no control over their colleagues, nor would the Democrats listen to the plea of their own leader, Representative Finis J. Garrett of Tennessee, who sought a two-year delay in the application of the equalization fee on cotton. This was defeated by a teller vote of 114 to 139.

Republican leader John Q. Tilson sought to bring about an adjournment of the House prior to the passage of the bill. This motion was defeated by a roll call vote of 198 to 170. In a speech attacking the measure, Mr. Tilson condemned it as a bill which "leads in the direction of sovietism, and is in fact a considerable step in that direction."

"This means," he declared, "that a particular class of our citizens, acting through representatives of their own choosing, are to be clothed with tremendous powers over the very means of life itself, affecting vitally the lives and fortunes of the whole people."

Mr. Tilson spoke on the provisions which would limit the President in appointing members of the proposed farm board to nominees of the farm associations and co-operative marketing organizations, which, he claimed, represent only a fraction of the farmers of the United States and an even smaller fraction of the whole people.

Aswell Bill Voted Down.

The Aswell bill, which does not contain the equalization fee provision, offered as a substitute, was defeated by a division vote of 144 to 160, and the Curtis-Crisp bill, sometimes considered to be the Administration's choice, was beaten by a teller vote of 157 to 177.

Amendments were offered in wholesale quantities but were summarily dealt with. It was not possible to pierce the defense of the bill. Little opportunity was given the to opposition to make an attack. Respectfully the House listened to Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers, who represents one of the large cotton mill districts of Massachusetts, while she pleaded against the passage of the bill, which, she said, would ruin the mill industry of New England, but her pleadings were in vain.

Representative Garrett favored the Aswell bill, which, he said, would offer immediate aid to the farmers.

"Admittedly," said Mr. Garrett, "the Senate bill does not offer any immediate relief. The pity of the situation to me is that advantage has been taken of the distress in the agricultural industry of the country for theorists to convince a sufficient number of farmers that this is what they desire or should have as to cause them in turn to bring pressure here upon sincere and earnest representatives in Congress that is causing them to subvert their own judgment.

"Mr. Chairman, if this scheme of an equalization fee goes into the law and begins to work within the next decade we will see a complete revolution in the relation of agriculture to all other industries. You will see agriculture put upon the plane of a public service corporation. The inevitable evolution will be that there will come government regulation of the farm as marked as now exists with reference to your public utilities affairs."

In commenting on the features of the bill which the President disapproves the Washington dispatch Feb. 17 to the "Times" said:

Has Features Coolidge Condemned.

In all substantial respects the bill contains provisions that have been condemned by President Coolidge and on two occasions assailed as unworkable and economically unsound by Secretary Mellon of the Treasury.

It appropriates \$250,000,000 to assist the Farm Board which it creates to dispose of surplus and to keep up the domestic price. The Farm Board is to carry out its work through co-operative agricultural associations. An equalization fee, to be assessed on producers of corn, wheat, rice, hogs, cattle, cotton and tobacco, is proposed as a medium of reimbursement to the Treasury. Tobacco was added to the bill for the benefit of raisers in Southern States. Attempts made by Eastern members to add potatoes, apples, boots and shoes, textiles and other commodities were unavailing.

It had virtually been known since early in the week that the House would fall in line with the Senate and pass the McNary-Haugen bill. Opponents of the legislation looked in vain to the White House for help in fighting the measure. They were cheered to some extent by Secretary Mellon's memorandum, printed Tuesday morning, in which he attempted to show that the bill would not operate as its authors contended, but beyond this statement no other authorized word on the subject came from high Administration quarters.

The memorandum presented this week by Secretary Mellon will be found elsewhere in this issue of our paper, and we also give in another item the text of the bill as accepted by the Senate and House.

With reference to action taken on Feb. 12 by proponents of the McNary-Haugen type of farm relief legislation in the House to expedite enactment of the legislation, the "United States Daily," said:

Representative Haugen (Rep.) of Northwood, Iowa, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture of the House, announced orally, Feb. 12, that he had asked the Committee on Rules to report a special rule to substitute the McNary bill (Senate Bill No. 4808), passed by the Senate, for the Haugen bill (House No. 15,474), now under consideration by the House.

A favorable report on the special report substituting the Senate bill for the one pending in the House was reported out on Feb. 14 by the Committee on Rules and on Feb. 15 the House agreed to the substitution, adopting the rule by a standing vote of 201 to 62. A record vote on the question of substitution was not taken.

Text of McNary Farm Relief Bill As It Passed Senate and House.

We are giving below the text of the McNary farm relief bill as it passed the Senate on Feb. 11 and the House on Feb. 17. The Senate action on the measure was noted in our issue of a week ago, page 872. In another item in this issue we refer to the action of the House in accepting on Feb. 17 the bill as amended and passed by the Senate, in lieu of the House (Haugen) bill which had followed the lines of the McNary bill before the Senate amendments were incorporated. The following is the text of the bill in the form in which it was adopted by both branches of Congress:

[S. 4808.]

AN ACT to establish a Federal Farm Control Board to aid in the orderly marketing and in the control and disposition of the surplus of agricultural commodities.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Declaration of Policy.

Section 1. It is hereby declared to be the policy of Congress to promote the orderly marketing of basic agricultural commodities in Inter-State and foreign commerce and to that end to provide for the control and disposition of surpluses of such commodities, to enable producers of such commodities to stabilize their markets against undue and excessive fluctuations, to preserve advantageous domestic markets for such commodities, to minimize speculation and waste in marketing such commodities, and to encourage the organization of producers of such commodities into co-operative marketing associations.

Federal Farm Board.

Sec. 2. (a) A Federal Farm Board is hereby created which shall consist of the Secretary of Agriculture, who shall be a member ex officio, and twelve members, one from each of the twelve Federal Land Bank districts, appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from lists of eligibles submitted by the nominating committee for the district, as hereinafter in this section provided.

(b) There is hereby established a nominating committee in each of the twelve Federal Land Bank districts, to consist of seven members. Four of the members of the nominating committee in each district shall be elected by the bona fide farm organizations and co-operative associations in such district at a convention of such organizations and associations, to be held at the office of the Federal Land Bank in such district, or at such other place, in the city where such Federal Land Bank is located, to which the

convention may adjourn. Two of the members of the nominating committee in each district shall be elected by a majority vote of the heads of the agricultural departments of the several States of each Federal Land Bank district, at a meeting to be held in the same city and at the same time of the meeting of the convention of the bona fide farm organizations and co-operative associations in each district. One of the members of the nominating committee in each district shall be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(c) The Secretary of Agriculture shall, within thirty days after the approval of this Act and biennially thereafter, with the advice of such farm organizations and co-operative associations as he considers to be representative of agriculture in any district, (1) fix the date on which a convention in such district shall be held, (2) designate the farm organizations and co-operative associations in the district eligible to participate in such convention, and (3) designate the number of representatives and the number of votes to which each such organization or association in the district shall be entitled. The date fixed for the first convention in each district shall be not later than forty-five days after the approval of this Act, and the date fixed for subsequent conventions in the district shall be, as nearly as practicable, two years after the preceding convention. The Secretary of Agriculture shall mail, at least fifteen days prior to the date on which a convention is to be held, to each organization and association eligible to participate in such convention, notice of the date and place of such convention. The Secretary of Agriculture shall prescribe uniform regulations for the procedure, at the conventions and for the proper certification of election of the members of each nominating committee.

(d) The term of office of each member of a nominating committee first elected or appointed shall expire two years from the date of his election or appointment, and the term of office of a successor shall expire two years from the date of the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was elected or appointed. Any member of a nominating committee in office at the expiration of the term for which he was elected or appointed, may continue in office until his successor takes office.

(e) The members of each nominating committee shall serve without salary but may be paid by the Federal Farm Board a per diem compensation not exceeding \$20 for attending meetings of the committee. Each member shall be paid by the board his necessary traveling expenses to and from the meetings of the nominating committee and his actual expenses while engaged upon the business of the committee.

(f) Each nominating committee shall, as soon as practicable after the approval of this Act, meet, organize, select a chairman, secretary, and such other officers as it deems necessary, and submit to the President a list of three individuals from its district eligible for appointment to the board.

(g) Whenever a vacancy occurs in the board, or whenever in the opinion of the chairman of the board, a vacancy will soon occur, in the office of a member from any Federal Land Bank district, the chairman of the board shall notify the nominating committee in such district. The nominating committee shall, as soon as practicable thereafter, meet and submit to the President a list of three individuals from such district, eligible for appointment to the board.

Qualifications and Terms of Board Members.

Sec. 3. (a) The terms of office of the appointed members of the board first taking office after the approval of this Act shall expire, as designated by the President at the time of nomination, four at the end of the second year, four at the end of the fourth year, and four at the end of the sixth year, after the date of the approval of this Act. A successor to an appointed member of the board shall be appointed in the same manner as the original appointed members, and shall have a term of office expiring six years from the date of the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed.

(b) Any person appointed to fill a vacancy in the board occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed, shall be appointed for the remainder of such term.

(c) Any member of the board in office at the expiration of the term for which he was appointed, may continue in office until his successor takes office.

(d) Vacancies in the board shall not impair the powers of the remaining members to execute the functions of the board, and a majority of the appointed members in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the board.

(e) Each of the appointed members of the board shall be a citizen of the United States, shall not actively engage in any other business, vocation, or employment than that of serving as a member of the board, and shall receive a salary of \$10,000 a year, together with necessary traveling expenses and expenses incurred for subsistence or per diem allowance in lieu thereof, within the limitations prescribed by law, while away from the principal office of the board on business required by this Act, or if assigned to any other office established by the board, then while away from such office on business required by this Act.

General Powers.

Sec. 4. The board—

(a) Shall annually designate an appointed member to act as chairman of the board.

(b) Shall maintain its principal office in the District of Columbia and such other offices in the United States as it deems necessary.

(c) Shall have an official seal which shall be judicially noticed.

(d) Shall make an annual report to Congress.

(e) May make such regulations as are necessary to execute the functions vested in it by this Act.

(f) May (1) appoint and fix the salaries of a secretary and such experts and, in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923 and subject to the provisions of the civil service laws, such other officers and employees, and (2) make such expenditures (including expenditures for rent and personal services at the seat of government and elsewhere, for law books, periodicals, and books of reference, and for printing and binding) as may be necessary for the execution of the functions vested in the board.

Special Powers and Duties.

Sec. 5. (a) The board shall meet at the call of the chairman, or of the Secretary of Agriculture, or of a majority of its members.

(b) The board shall keep advised, from any available sources, of crop, prices, prospects, supply and demand, at home and abroad, with especial attention to the existence or the probability of the existence of a surplus of any agricultural commodity or any of its food products.

(c) The board shall advise co-operative associations, farm organizations, and producers in the adjustment of production and distribution, in order that they may secure the maximum benefits under this Act.

Control and Disposition of Surplus.

Sec. 6. (a) For the purposes of this Act, cotton, wheat, corn, rice, tobacco, and swine shall be known and are referred to as "basic agricultural commodities," except that the board may, in its discretion, treat as a separate basic agricultural commodity one or more of such classes or types of

tobacco as are designated in the classification of the Department of Agriculture.

(b) Whenever the board finds that the conditions of production and marketing of any other agricultural commodity are such that the provisions of this Act applicable to a basic agricultural commodity should be made applicable to such other agricultural commodity, the board shall submit its report thereon to Congress.

(c) Whenever the board finds, first, that there is or may be during the ensuing year either (1) a surplus above the domestic requirements for wheat, corn, rice, tobacco, or swine, or (2) a surplus above the requirements for the orderly marketing of cotton, or of wheat, corn, rice, tobacco, or swine; and, second, that both the advisory council hereinafter created for the commodity and a substantial number of co-operative associations or other organizations representing the producers of the commodity favor the full co-operation of the board in the stabilization of the commodity, then the board shall publicly declare its findings and commence, upon a date to be fixed by the board and published in such declaration, the operations in such commodity authorized by this Act: *Provided*, That in any State where not as many as 50 per centum of the producers of the commodity are members of such co-operative associations or other organizations, an expression from the producers of the commodity shall be obtained through a State convention of such producers, to be called by the head of the Department of Agriculture of such State, under rules and regulations prescribed by him. Such operations shall continue until terminated by the board. Any decision by the board relating to the commencement or termination of such operations shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the appointed members in office, and the board shall not commence or terminate operations in any basic agricultural commodity unless members of the board representing Federal Land Bank districts which in the aggregate produced during the preceding crop year, according to the estimates of the Department of Agriculture, more than 50 per centum of such commodity, vote in favor thereof and until the board shall become satisfied that a majority of the producers of such commodity favor such action.

(d) During the continuance of such operations in any basic agricultural commodity, the board is authorized to enter into agreements, for the purpose of carrying out the policy declared in section 1, with any co-operative association engaged in handling the basic agricultural commodity, or with a corporation created by one or more of such co-operative associations, or with processors of the basic agricultural commodity.

(e) Such agreements may provide for (1) removing or disposing of any surplus of the basic agricultural commodity, (2) withholding such surplus, (3) insuring such commodity against undue and excessive fluctuations in market conditions, and (4) financing the purchase, storage, or sale or other disposition of the commodity. The moneys in the stabilization fund of the basic agricultural commodity shall be available for carrying out such agreements. In the case of any agreement in respect of the removal or disposal of the surplus of a basic agricultural commodity, the agreement shall provide both for the payment from the stabilization charges, arising out of the purchase, storage, or sale or other disposition of the commodity or out of contracts therefor, and for the payment into the stabilization fund for the commodity of profits (after deducting all costs and charges provided for in the agreement) arising out of such purchase, storage, or sale or other disposition, or contracts therefor. In the case of agreements insuring such commodity against undue and excessive fluctuations in market conditions, the board may insure any co-operative marketing association against decline in the market price for the commodity at the time of sale by the association, from the market price for such commodity at the time of delivery to the association.

(f) If the board is of the opinion that there is no such co-operative association or associations, or corporation created by one or more co-operative associations, capable of carrying out any such agreement, the board may enter into such agreements with other agencies.

(g) If the board is of the opinion that there are two or more co-operative associations capable of carrying out any such agreement, the board in entering into such agreement shall not discriminate unreasonably against any such association in favor of any other such association.

(h) During any period in which the board is engaged under this Act in operations in any basic agricultural commodity other than cotton, or tobacco, the provisions of sub-divisions (d), (e), and (f) of this section shall have the same application in respect of the food products of the commodity as they have in respect of the commodity.

Commodity Advisory Councils.

Sec. 7. (a) The board is hereby authorized and directed to create for each basic agricultural commodity an advisory council of seven members fairly representative of the producers of such commodity. Members of each commodity advisory council shall be selected annually by the board from lists submitted by the heads of the agricultural departments of the several States within the Federal Land Bank district and from lists submitted by co-operative marketing associations and farm organizations determined by the board to be representative of the producers of such commodity. Members of each commodity advisory council shall serve without salary but may be paid by the board a per diem compensation not exceeding \$20 for attending meetings of the council and for time devoted to other business of the council and authorized by the board. Each council member shall be paid by the board his necessary traveling expenses to and from meetings of the council and his expenses incurred for subsistence, or per diem allowance in lieu thereof, within the limitations prescribed by law, while engaged upon the business of the council. Each commodity advisory council shall be designated by the name of the commodity it represents, as, for example, "The Cotton Advisory Council."

(b) Each commodity advisory council shall meet as soon as practicable after its selection at a time and place designated by the board and select a chairman. The board may designate a secretary of the council, subject to the approval of the council.

(c) Each commodity advisory council shall meet thereafter at least twice in each year at a time and place designated by the board, or upon a call duly signed by a majority of its members at a time and place designated therein.

(d) Each commodity advisory council shall have power, by itself or through its officers, (1) to confer directly with the board, or to make oral or written representations concerning matters within the jurisdiction of the board, (2) to call for information from the board and to make representations to the board in respect of the commodity represented by the council in regard to the time and manner of operations by the board, the amount and methods of collection of the equalization fee, and all matters pertaining to the interest of the producers of the commodity, and, (3) to co-operate with the board in advising producers and co-operative associations and farm organizations in the adjustment of production in order to secure the maximum benefits under this Act.

Equalization Fee.

Sec. 8. In order that each marketed unit of a basic agricultural commodity may contribute ratably its equitable share to the stabilization fund

hereinafter established for such commodity, in order to prevent any unjust discrimination against, any direct burden or undue restraint upon, and any suppression of commerce with foreign nations in basic agricultural commodities in favor of Inter-State or Intra-State commerce in such commodities; and in order to stabilize and regulate the current of foreign and Inter-State commerce in such commodities—there shall be apportioned and paid as a regulation of such commerce an equalization fee as hereinafter provided.

Amount Equalization Fee.

Sec. 9. Prior to the commencement of operations in respect of any basic agricultural commodity, and thereafter from time to time, the board shall estimate the probable advances, losses, costs, and charges to be paid in respect of the operations in such commodity. Having due regard to such estimates, the board shall from time to time determine and publish the amount for each unit of weight, measure, or value designated by it, to be collected upon such unit of such basic agricultural commodity during the operations in such commodity. Such amount is hereinafter referred to as the "equalization fee." At the time of determining and publishing an equalization fee the board shall specify the period during which it shall remain in effect, and the place and manner of its payment and collection.

Payment and Collection of Equalization Fee.

Sec. 10. (a) Under such regulations as the board may prescribe there shall be paid, during operations in a basic agricultural commodity and in respect of each unit of such commodity, an equalization fee upon one of the following: The transportation, processing, or sale of such unit. No more than one equalization fee shall be collected in respect of any unit. The board shall determine in the case of any class of transactions in the commodity, whether the equalization fee shall be upon transportation, processing, or sale.

(b) The board may by regulation require any person engaged in the transaction, processing, or acquisition by sale of a basic agricultural commodity—

(1) To file returns under oath and to report, in respect of his transportation, processing, or acquisition of such commodity, the amount of equalization fees payable thereon and such other facts as may be necessary for their payment or collection.

(2) To collect the equalization fee as directed by the board, and to account therefor.

(3) In the case of cotton, to issue to the producer a serial receipt for the commodity which shall be evidence of the participating interest of the producer in the equalization fund for the commodity. The board may in such case prepare and issue such receipts and prescribe the terms and conditions thereof. The Secretary of the Treasury, upon the request of the board, shall have such receipts prepared at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

(c) Every person who, in violation of the regulations prescribed by the board, fails to collect or account for any equalization fee shall be liable for its amount and to a penalty equal to one-half its amount. Such amount and penalty may be recovered together in a civil suit brought by the board in the name of the United States.

Stabilization Funds.

Sec. 11. (a) In accordance with regulations prescribed by the board, there shall be established a stabilization fund for each basic agricultural commodity. Such funds shall be administered by and exclusively under the control of the board, and the board shall have the exclusive power of expending the moneys in any such fund. There shall be deposited to the credit of the stabilization fund for a basic agricultural commodity, advances from the revolving fund hereinafter established, premiums paid for insurance under section 12, and the equalization fees and profits in connection with operations by the board in the basic agricultural commodity or its food products.

(b) The board, in anticipation of the collection of the equalization fees and the payment of premiums for insurance under section 12, and in order promptly to make the payments required by any agreement under section 6 or by the insurance contracts under section 12 and to pay salaries and expenses of experts, may in their discretion advance to the stabilization fund for any basic agricultural commodity, out of the revolving fund hereinafter established, such amounts as may be necessary.

(c) The deposits to the credit of the stabilization fund shall be made in a public depository of the United States. All general laws relating to the embezzlement, conversion, or to the improper handling, retention, use, or disposal of public moneys of the United States, shall apply to equalization fees collected by any person and to profits payable to the credit of a stabilization fund, whether or not such fees or profits have been credited to the appropriate stabilization fund, as well as to moneys deposited to the credit of the fund or withdrawn therefrom but the custody of any officer or employee of the United States.

(d) There shall be disbursed from the stabilization fund for any basic agricultural commodity only (1) the payments required to be made by any agreement under section 6 or by an insurance contract under section 12, (2) the salaries and expenses of such experts as the board determines should be payable from such fund, and (3) repayments to the revolving fund of any amounts advanced in respect of the agricultural commodity from the revolving fund to the stabilization fund and remaining unpaid, together with interest on such amounts at the rate of 4 per centum per annum.

(e) When the amount in the equalization fund for cotton is, in the opinion of the board, in excess of the amount adequate to carry out the requirements of this Act in respect of such commodity, and the collection of further equalization fees thereon is likely to maintain an excess, the board may retire in their serial order as many as practicable of the outstanding receipts evidencing a participating interest in such fund. Such retirement shall be had by the payment to the holders of such receipts of their distributive share of such excess as determined by the board. The amount of the distributive share payable in respect of any such receipt shall be an amount bearing the same ratio to the face value of such receipt as the value of the assets of the board in or attributable to the fund bear to the aggregate face value of the outstanding receipts evidencing a participating interest in such fund, as determined by the board.

Loans and Insurance.

Sec. 12. (a) The board is authorized, upon such terms and conditions and in accordance with such regulations as it may prescribe, to make loans out of the revolving fund to any co-operative association engaged in the purchase, storage, or sale or other disposition of any agricultural commodity (whether or not a basic agricultural commodity) for the purpose of assisting such co-operative association in controlling the surplus of such commodity in excess of the requirements for orderly marketing.

(b) For the purpose of developing continuity of co-operative services, including unified terminal marketing facilities and equipment, the board is authorized, upon such terms and conditions and in accordance with such regulations as it may prescribe, to make loans out of the revolving fund to any co-operative association engaged in the purchase, storage, sale, or

other disposition, or processing of any agricultural commodity, (1) for the purpose of assisting any such association in the acquisition, by purchase, construction, or otherwise, of facilities to be used in the storage, processing, or sale of such agricultural commodity, or (2) for the purpose of furnishing funds to such associations for necessary expenditures in federating, consolidating, or merging co-operative associations, or (3) for the purpose of furnishing, to any such association funds to be used by it as capital for any agricultural credit corporation eligible for receiving rediscounts from an intermediate credit bank. In making any such loan the board may provide for the payment of such charge, to be determined by the board from time to time, upon each unit of the commodity handled by the association, as will within a period of not more than twenty years repay the amount of such loan, together with interest thereon. The aggregate amounts loaned under this sub-division and remaining unpaid shall not exceed at any one time the sum of \$25,000,000.

(c) Any loan under subdivision (a) or (b) shall bear interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum.

(d) The board may at any time enter into a contract with any co-operative marketing association engaged in marketing any basic agricultural commodity, insuring such association for periods of twelve months against decline in the market price for such commodity at the time of sale by the association from the market price for such commodity at the time of delivery to the association. For such insurance the association shall pay such premium, to be determined by the board, upon each unit of the basic agricultural commodity reported by the association for coverage under the insurance contract, as will cover the risks of the insurance.

Examinations of Books and Accounts of Board.

Sec. 13. Expenditures by the board for loans and advances from the revolving fund and expenditures by the board from the appropriation under subdivision (b) of section 16 shall be allowed and paid upon the presentation of itemized vouchers therefor, approved by the chairman of the board. Expenditures by the board, including loans and advances, from the stabilization funds shall be made by the authorized officers or agents of the board upon receipt of itemized vouchers therefor, approved by such officers as the board may designate. Vouchers so made for expenditures from the revolving fund or any stabilization fund shall be final and conclusive upon all officers of the government; except that all financial transactions of the board (including the payments required by any agreement under section 6 or by the insurance contracts under section 12) shall, subject to the above limitation, be examined by the General Accounting Office, at such times and in such manner as the Comptroller General of the United States may by regulation prescribe. Such examination in respect of expenditures from the revolving fund or from any stabilization fund shall be for the sole purpose of making a report to the Congress and to the board of expenditures and contracts in violation of law, together with such recommendations as the Comptroller General deems advisable concerning the receipt, disbursement, and application of the funds administered by the board.

Co-operation With Executive Departments.

Sec. 14. (a) It shall be the duty of any governmental establishment in the executive branch of the government, upon request by the board, or upon Executive order, to co-operate with and render assistance to the board in carrying out any of the provisions of this Act and the regulations of the board. The board shall, in co-operation with any such governmental establishment, avail itself of the services and facilities of such governmental establishment in order to avoid preventable expense or duplication of effort.

(b) The President may by Executive order direct any such governmental establishment to furnish the board with such information and data pertaining to the functions of the board as may be contained in the records of such governmental establishment. The order of the President may provide such limitations as to the use of the information and data as he deems desirable.

(c) The board may co-operate with any State or Territory, or department, agency, or political subdivision thereof, or with any person.

Definitions.

Sec. 15. (a) As used in this section and in section 10 (relating to the equalization fees)—

(1) In the case of wheat, rice, or corn, the term "processing" means milling of wheat, rice, or corn or the first processing in any manner for market (other than cleaning or drying) of wheat, rice, or corn not so milled, and the term "sale" means a sale or other disposition in the United States of wheat, rice, or corn for milling or other processing for market, for resale, or for delivery by a common carrier—occurring after the beginning of operations by the board in respect of wheat, rice, or corn.

(2) In the case of cotton, the term "processing" means spinning, milling, or any manufacturing of cotton other than ginning; the term "sale" means a sale or other disposition in the United States of cotton for spinning, milling, or any manufacturing other than ginning, or for delivery outside the United States; and the term "transportation" means the acceptance of cotton by a common carrier for delivery to any person for spinning, milling, or any manufacturing of cotton other than ginning, or for delivery outside the United States; occurring after the beginning of operations by the board in respect of cotton.

(3) In the case of swine, the term "processing" means slaughter for market by a purchaser of swine and the term "sale" means a sale or other disposition in the United States of swine destined for slaughter for market without intervening holding for feeding (other than feeding in transit) or fattening—occurring after the beginning of operations by the board in respect of swine.

(4) In the case of tobacco, the term "sale" means a sale or other disposition to any dealer in leaf tobacco or to any registered manufacturer of the products of tobacco.

(5) The term "transportation" means the acceptance of a commodity by a common carrier for delivery.

(6) The term "sale" does not include a transfer to a co-operative association for the purpose of sale or other disposition by such association on account of the transferor; nor a transfer of title in pursuance of a contract entered into before, and at a specified price determined before, the commencement of operations in respect of the basic agricultural commodity. In case of the transfer of title in pursuance of a contract entered into after the commencement of operations in respect of the basic agricultural commodity, but entered into at a time when, and at a specified price determined at a time during which, a particular equalization fee is in effect, then the equalization fee applicable in respect of such transfer of title shall be the equalization fee in effect at the time when such specified price was determined.

(a) As used in this Act—

(1) The term "person" means individual, partnership, corporation, or association.

(2) The term "United States," when used in a geographical sense, means continental United States.

(3) The term "co-operative association" means an association of persons engaged in the production of agricultural products, as farmers, planters, ranchers, dairymen, or nut or fruit growers, organized to carry out any purpose specified in section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize association of producers of agricultural products," approved Feb. 18 1922, if such association is qualified under such Act.

(4) The term "tobacco" means leaf tobacco, stemmed or unstemmed.

Revolving Fund and Appropriation.

Sec. 16. (a) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$250,000,000, which shall be administered by the board and used as a revolving fund, in accordance with the provisions of this Act. The Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit in the revolving fund such amounts, within the appropriations therefor, as the board from time to time deems necessary.

(b) For expenses in the administration of the functions vested in the board by this Act, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$500,000, to be available to the board for such expenses (including salaries and expenses of the members, officers, and employees of the board and the per diem compensation and expenses of members of the commodity advisory councils and the nominating committees) incurred prior to July 1 1928.

Separability of Provisions.

Sec. 17. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or the applicability thereof to any person, circumstance, commodity, or class of transactions in respect of any commodity, is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Act and the applicability of such provision to other persons, circumstances, commodities, and classes of transactions shall not be affected thereby.

Short Title.

Sec. 18. This Act may be cited as the "Surplus Control Act."
Passed the Senate Feb. 9 (calendar day, Feb. 11) 1927.

Secretary Mellon Presents to Congress Statement on Impracticability of Administering McNary-Haugen Bill—Difficulties in Way of Collection of Equalization Fees—Attendant Cost.

The cost of administering the McNary-Haugen Farm bill and the difficulties in the way of the collection of the equalization fee are the subject of a memorandum prepared by the Bureau of Internal Revenue at the instance of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon. According to the memorandum, the estimated cost of the maintenance of the administrative organization would be \$790,338 per year. It is pointed out that "the bill provides that the equalization fee may be collected under such regulations as the board may prescribe during operations in a basic agricultural commodity, and that fee shall be paid upon any of the following: The transportation, processing or sale of such unit. It also provides that no more than one equalization fee shall be collected in respect to any unit. Regardless of which of the three mediums of collection is adopted, says the memorandum, a force of investigating agents must be organized for the purpose of ascertaining whether the collection medium has filed correct returns and paid the full amount of the fee. The memorandum also states that "in addition to the fact that the equalization fee is a sum authorized by law which must be collected for the rehabilitation of the revolving fund, it can be seen that the collecting agency that does not make proper report is in effect withholding Government funds." The impossibility of definitely ascertaining the various sources of acquisition by sale prompts the suggestion that the medium of collection at this source must be dismissed as impracticable unless we are to depend entirely upon the honesty and integrity of the acquirer in the collection of the fee," says the memorandum. It further states that if all the "commodities were under operation of the Federal board at the same time, collection would be required from an aggregate of 16,034,466,679 units. This, it is added, is true, regardless of which medium of collection is adopted." The statement is also made that "it is reasonable to assume that regardless of the desire of the framers of the proposed legislation it will not be possible to return to the revolving fund the entire amount withdrawn therefrom for the reason that experience in collecting taxes has established the fact that taxes are never collected 100%." Last year when the McNary-Haugen bill was before Congress, Secretary Mellon expressed it as his opinion that the principles contained in it would prove neither workable nor beneficial to agriculture and that the bill would defeat "the very purpose which it seeks to accomplish." The views advanced by Mr. Mellon at that time were given in our issue of June 19 1926, page 3407. The present memorandum on the measure was furnished in response to a request made to Secretary Mellon by Representative Chindblom of Illinois, a Republican member of the House Ways and Means Committee. In his letter to Mr. Chindblom, Secretary Mellon said:

My dear Mr. Chindblom:—I have your letter of Feb. 9 requesting my views on the administrative features of H. R. 15,474, more particularly with reference to the cost of administration of the provisions of the bill. In compliance with your request I have asked the Bureau of Internal Revenue to prepare a memorandum as to the administrative costs of collecting the equalization fee, which in many respects as to administration is similar

to our excise taxes. I inclose herewith a copy of the estimate prepared by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Sincerely yours,
A. W. MELLON, Secretary of the Treasury.

The following is the text of the Internal Revenue Bureau memorandum forwarded by Secretary Mellon:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C., Feb. 11 1927.

Office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Memorandum on the cost of administration of H. R. 15474.

You have asked for comment as to the administrative features involved in complying with the provisions of H. R. 15474 "to establish a Federal Farm Board to aid in the orderly marketing and in the control and disposition of the surplus of agricultural production." You also asked for an estimate of the cost of administration.

The two major factors involved in the administration of the proposed legislation are:

- A. Administrative organization and expense thereof.
- B. Collection of equalization fee.

Administrative Organization and Expense Thereof.

The following statement indicates the organization and the estimated annual cost of maintenance thereof:

FEDERAL FARM BOARD.

<i>Personnel.</i>	
Board members, salaries \$10,000 each	\$120,000
One secretary (average salary Grade CAF-12)	5,800
One chief clerk (average salary Grade CAF-11)	4,400
Experts, five at average salary of \$5,800 (one for each basic commodity)	29,000
Twelve secretaries to members (\$2,100 each)	25,200
One chief statistician	5,800
One assistant statistician	4,400
Five Grade 10 employees, \$3,600 each average	18,000
Ten stenographers, CAF-2, average salary \$1,500	15,000
Five clerks, average \$1,320 each, Grade 22	7,500
Ten typists, average \$1,500 each, Grade I	13,200
Ten clerks, average \$1,680, Grade III	16,000
Five messengers at \$1,140 each	7,500
Five messengers at \$1,140 each	5,700
100 field investigators, at \$2,100 average salary, to be assigned to auditing and investigating accounts covering equalization fees	210,000
<i>Travel and Subsistence.</i>	
Board members, \$600 per member	\$7,200
Experts, five at \$1,000 each	5,000
Secretaries, twelve at \$600 each	7,200
Field investigators, average \$1,800 each	160,000
<i>Miscellaneous Expenses.</i>	
Rent, 20,000 square feet at \$2 per square foot	\$40,000
Mechanical equipment	3,600
Furniture	11,800
Stationery and periodicals	3,000
Total	\$746,000
<i>Nominating Committee.</i>	
Salaries, sixty members at \$20 a day for five days	\$6,000
Travel and subsistence (average subsistence \$10 per day for eleven days); transportation average \$100 per member	12,600
Total	\$18,600
<i>Advisory Council.</i>	
Salaries, thirty-five members, \$20 per day for twenty days per year	\$14,000
Secretary to each of five councils, \$16 1/2 a day for twenty-five days	2,015
Travel and subsistence (twenty-five days at \$7 per day for each of the thirty-five members); transportation, \$100 a man for two trips each year	9,625
Total	\$25,636
Grand total	\$790,338

Provision for Collection of Equalization Fee.

The first important factor to be considered in this connection is the method to insure the filing of correct returns and the collection from various designated agencies of the equalization fee for each unit of basic commodity on which such fee is levied.

The bill provides that the equalization fee may be collected under such regulations as the board may prescribe during operations in a basic agricultural commodity, and that fee shall be paid upon any of the following: The transportation, processing or sale of such unit. It also provides that no more than one equalization fee shall be collected in respect to any unit. The board shall determine in the case of any class of transaction in the commodity whether the equalization fee shall be upon transportation, processing or sale.

The board may require any person engaged in the transportation, processing or acquisition by sale of a basic commodity.

1. To file returns under oath, and to report, in respect of his transportation, processing or acquisition of such commodity, the amount of equalization fees payable thereon and such other facts as may be necessary for their payment or collection.

2. To collect the equalization fee as directed by the board and to account therefor.

3. In the case of cotton, to issue to the producer a serial receipt for the commodity, which shall be evidence of the participating interest of the producer in the equalization fund for the commodity. The board may in such case prepare and issue such receipts and prescribe the terms and conditions thereof. The Secretary of the Treasury, upon the request of the board, shall have such receipts prepared at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Discussing the general terms of the bill, it is understood that its purpose is to provide methods to dispose of the surplus of any one of the five basic agricultural commodities, and that the method of disposing of such surplus will be either by sale to foreign markets at the best price possible, or by withholding such surplus pending more advantageous conditions. The loss incurred as a result of such action will be apportioned and assessed upon each unit of the particular commodity as the commodity moves in commerce. As set forth above, the board may require either the person engaged in the transportation thereof, the proceedings or acquisition by sale to file the return and pay the assessment.

Force of Investigating Agents.

Regardless of which of the three mediums of collection is adopted, a force of investigating agents must be organized for the purpose of ascertaining whether the collection medium has filed correct returns and paid the full amount of the fee. The investigating body might be compared with the present force of revenue agents employed under the supervision of the Internal Revenue Bureau. The impossibility of collecting every cent of the equalization fee is apparent. In addition to the fact that the equalization fee is a sum authorized by law which must be collected for the rehabilitation of the revolving fund, it can be seen that the collecting agency that does not make proper report is, in effect, withholding Government funds.

The collection of the equalization fee will be difficult. So much will depend upon the honesty and alertness of the collection agency that it can be seen that many units of the proper commodity as it passes through commerce will fail to pay the equalization fee provided by law. An unscrupulous processor or purchaser or carrier will find that ability to evade the return of the equalization fee to the board will result in his profit. It must be realized that the ingenuity of the Government representatives must be vigorously applied to adequately meet, in so far as possible, the requirements of the proposed legislation.

It has been pointed out above that a corps of investigators will of necessity be employed to protect the interests of the Government. It will only be by the most intensive training, experience and study on the part of these men that this important duty can be efficiently performed. They should be specialists in their particular line of endeavor.

The collection of the equalization fee from any one of the three mediums provided has so many disadvantages that it is not possible to say which would be the least difficult. Of course, the board should determine which of the three mediums would be selected at any given time for any given commodity.

In the case of collection from the carrier, there are 1,614 steam and electric railways, two express companies and 1,730 steamship lines doing an inter-State and intra-State business. It would be difficult to estimate or to ascertain the number of motor freight companies or freight vehicles making short hauls. The possibility of shipping a commodity by unregistered vehicles and the resultant difficulty in collecting a fee is apparent. The possibility of definitely ascertaining various sources of acquisition by sale prompts the suggestion that the medium of collection at this source must be dismissed as impracticable, unless we are to depend entirely upon the honesty and integrity of the acquirer in the collection of the fee.

From the latest figures available, it is estimated that there are in the United States the following number of processors who operate in the basic commodities involved: Cotton ginners, 551; packers, 1,252; millers, 3,629.

There is also to be taken into consideration the number of factories throughout the United States engaged in the business of canning corn. If collection is to be made by the processor, the above number would be involved.

As a further evidence of the magnitude of the task, attention is called to the fact that in 1925 the wheat crop of the United States was estimated by the Department of Agriculture at 676,429,000 bushels, the corn crop at 2,916,961,000 bushels, the rice crop at 33,309,000 bushels, the cotton crop at 16,103,679 bales, and it was also estimated that a total of 55,568,000 head of swine, weighing 12,391,664,000 pounds, was produced in 1925.

In all these commodities were under operation of the Federal Farm Board at the same time, collection would be required from an aggregate of 16,034,466,679 units. This is true regardless of which medium of collection is adopted.

Provision must also be made for the proper and most available place where the returns may be filed and where there may be turned over to the Government the amount collected.

Unless it should be determined to fix this place of filing returns and making payment at some collection agency of the Government already established, collectors of equalization fees must be created in each of the twelve Federal Land Banks during the periods of operation. Adequate accounting methods must be created to provide for crediting the amount paid and proper means instituted to see that the payments made are promptly deposited to the credit of the revolving fund.

It is reasonable to assume that, regardless of the desires of the framers of the proposed legislation, it will not be possible to return to the revolving fund the entire amount withdrawn therefrom, for the reason that experience in collecting taxes has established the fact that taxes are never collected 100%.

The estimate does not take into consideration the actual filing of the returns or the collection of the fees. Nor does this memorandum cover those features of the bill covering contracts to be made with processors, co-operative associations or other persons, guaranteeing them against losses.

To carry out these provisions and to protect the integrity of the stabilization fund, the board will necessarily have to employ a large force of accountants and technical experts. In addition, our experience in the collection of internal revenue taxes has indicated that it is necessary to maintain a large legal staff to deal with the many complicated questions that necessarily arise in the collection of large sums of money and in the auditing of vast business enterprises.

The time available has been too short to furnish even an estimate as to these administrative costs.

President Wunder of New York Produce Exchange Says McNary-Haugen Bill Is More Dangerous to Nation than Bolshevistic Propaganda.

Characterizing the attitude of certain legislators in supporting the Farm Relief bill "on purely political grounds," as more dangerous to the welfare of the nation than Bolshevistic propaganda, B. H. Wunder, President of the New York Produce Exchange, on Feb. 17 attacked the McNary-Haugen measure as unjust, probably unconstitutional and in defiance of natural economic laws. Mr. Wunder declared that enactment of the measure would, in his opinion, place the farmer in a far worse condition than he is to-day. Agriculture, he said, must bring itself to a "peace basis" the same as other business had, in order to solve its problem. Mr. Wunder's statement follows:

It is doubtful whether at any time during the existence of this country that an effort has been made by Congress to enact such radical class legislation as the McNary-Haugen bill. It is doubtful, in the first place, if the bill is constitutional; and in the second place, it is unjust in principle; third, it is purely class legislation; and fourth, it defies all the laws of supply and demand.

The farmers' problem will never be worked out through coddling by politicians. Even as business, in general, following the deflation period after the close of the World War, was forced to bring itself to a peace basis, and through co-operation and concerted effort solve its problems, just so must those engaged in agriculture who spread out during the period of inflation bring themselves also down to a peace basis, and through co-operation among themselves help to solve their own problem.

Aside from the general objectionable features of this farm relief bill from an economic standpoint, it seems to me that a far more dangerous feature is the fact that apparently many of our legislators at Washington have voted for this bill in the Senate and are evidently disposed to vote for it in the House on purely political grounds. The economic features of the

bill they have apparently lost sight of entirely in their efforts to build up their own political fences, or worst of all, to pass the bill and leave it up to President Coolidge to make his individual decision as to signing or vetoing it, believing thereby that irrespective of what attitude he may take on the bill it will react against his political future.

If this be true, as it appears to be, it seems to me that such an attitude on the part of our legislators is far more dangerous to the very life of our country than the Bolshevistic propaganda we have heard so much about in late years.

The action of any legislator in voting for any bill, not on its merits but for political reasons, strikes at the very heart of the nation, and is certainly not in accord with the true principles of democracy.

Mr. Wunder concluded with the hope that President Coolidge would veto "this piece of class legislation." A previous statement by Mr. Wunder in opposition to the bill appeared in our issue of Feb. 12, page 873.

Message of President Coolidge to Congress and Memorandum to Foreign Governments Urging Further Limitation of Naval Armaments.

Elsewhere in our issue to-day will be found the reply made by France to the proposal by President Coolidge for a conference anew having for its object the further limitation of naval armament by the Allied Nations. In a message to Congress on Feb. 10 the President made known the submission of a memorandum to the Governments of Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan in which he suggested that they empower their delegates at the forthcoming meeting of the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference at Geneva "to negotiate and conclude at an early date an agreement further limiting naval armament, supplementing the Washington treaty on that subject, and covering the classes of vessels not covered by that treaty." The memorandum is given elsewhere in this issue. In this memorandum the President says:

The conviction that the competitive augmentation of national armaments has been one of the principal causes of international suspicion and ill will, leading to war, is firmly held by the American Government and people. Hence the American Government has neglected no opportunity to lend its sympathy and support to international efforts to reduce and limit armaments.

Admitting reluctantly that the existing political situations in certain parts of the world may render the problem of universal limitation incapable of immediate solution as a whole, the American Government believes that it is entirely practicable for the nations of the world to proceed at once to the isolation and separate solution of such problems as may appear susceptible of such treatment, meanwhile continuing to give sympathetic consideration and discussion to comprehensive proposals aimed at the simultaneous limitation of land, sea and air armaments by a general agreement when such an agreement may be warranted by existing world conditions.

The American Government feels that the general principles of the Washington treaty offer a suitable basis for further discussion among its signatories.

Although hesitating at this time to put forward rigid proposals as regards the ratios of naval strength to be maintained by the different powers, the American Government, for its part, is disposed to accept, in regard to those classes of vessels not covered by the Washington treaty, an extension of the 5-5-3 ratio as regards the United States, Great Britain and Japan, and to leave to discussion at Geneva the ratios of France and Italy, taking into full account their special conditions and requirements in regard to the types of vessels in question. Ratios for capital ships and aircraft carriers were established by that treaty which would not be affected in any way by an agreement covering other classes of ships.

The President in his memorandum adds that "the American representatives at the forthcoming meeting at Geneva will, of course, participate fully in the discussions looking to the preparation of an agenda for a final general conference for the limitation of armament," and that "they will have full powers to negotiate definitely regarding measures for further naval limitation." In his message advising Congress of the transmission of this memorandum the President points out that "the Washington treaty provided a specific tonnage limitation upon capital ships and aircraft carriers, with certain restrictions as to size and maximum caliber of guns for other vessels. Every nation has been at complete liberty to build any numbers of cruisers, destroyers and submarines. Only size and armament of cruisers were limited. The signatories of the Washington treaty have fulfilled their obligations faithfully and there can be no doubt that that treaty constitutes an outstanding success in its operation." He adds that "it has been the hope of the American Government, constantly expressed by the Congress since the Washington conference, that a favorable opportunity might present itself to complete the work begun here by the conclusion of further agreements covering cruisers, destroyers and submarines." The message follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to my instructions, the American Ambassadors at London, Paris, Rome and Tokyo will today present to the Governments of Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan a memorandum suggesting that they empower their delegates at the forthcoming meeting of the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference at Geneva to negotiate and conclude at an early date an agreement further limiting naval armament, supplementing the Washington treaty on that subject, and covering the classes of vessels

not covered by that treaty. I transmit herewith, for the information of the Congress, a copy of this memorandum.

I wish to inform the Congress of the considerations which have moved me to take this action.

The support of all measures looking to the preservation of the peace of the world has been long established as a fundamental policy of this Government. The American Government and people are convinced that competitive armaments constitute one of the most dangerous contributing causes of international suspicion and discord and are calculated eventually to lead to war. A recognition of this fact and a desire as far as possible to remove this danger led the American Government in 1921 to call the Washington conference.

At that time we were engaged in a great building program which, upon its completion, would have given us first place on the sea. We felt then, however, and feel now, that the policy we then advocated—that of deliberate self-denial and limitation of naval armament by the great naval powers—promised the attainment of at least one guarantee of peace, an end worthy of mutual adjustment and concession.

At the Washington Conference we found the other nations animated with the same desire as ourselves to remove naval competition from the list of possible causes of international discord. Unfortunately, however, it was not possible to reach agreements at Washington covering all classes of naval ships. The Washington Treaty provided a specific tonnage limitation upon capital ships and aircraft carriers, with certain restrictions as to size and maximum calibre of guns for other vessels. Every nation has been at complete liberty to build any number of cruisers, destroyers and submarines. Only size and armament of cruisers were limited. The signatories of the Washington Treaty have fulfilled their obligations faithfully and there can be no doubt that that treaty constitutes an outstanding success in its operation.

It has been the hope of the American Government, constantly expressed by the Congress since the Washington Conference, that a favorable opportunity might present itself to complete the work begun here by the conclusion of further agreements covering cruisers, destroyers and submarines. The desirability of such an agreement has been apparent, since it was only to be expected that the spirit of competition, stifled as regards capital ships and aircraft carriers by the Washington Treaty, would, sooner or later, show itself with regard to the other vessels not limited under the treaty. Actually, I do not believe that competitive building of these classes of ships has begun. Nevertheless, far-reaching building programs have been laid down by certain powers, and there has appeared in our own country, as well as abroad, a sentiment urging naval construction on the ground that such construction is taking place elsewhere. In such sentiments lies the germ of renewed naval competition.

I am sure that all governments and all peoples would choose a system of naval limitation in preference to consciously reverting to competitive building. Therefore, in the hope of bringing about an opportunity for discussion among the principal naval powers to ascertain whether further limitation is practicable, I have suggested to them that negotiations on this subject should begin as soon as possible.

The moment seems particularly opportune to try to secure further limitation of armament in accordance with the expressed will of the Congress. The earnest desire of the nations of the world to relieve themselves in as great a measure as possible of the burden of armaments and to avoid the dangers of competition has been shown by the establishment of the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference, which met in Geneva last May, and which is continuing its work with a view to preparing the agenda for a final general conference. For more than six months, representatives of a score or more of nations have examined from all points of view the problem of the reduction and limitation of armaments. In these discussions it was brought out very clearly that a number of nations felt that land, sea and air armaments were interdependent and that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to agree upon the limitation of one type or armament without simultaneously limiting the other types.

The consequence to be feared is that a deadlock will be reached, should even partial progress in the reduction of armaments to conditioned upon acceptance of some universal plan covering land, sea and air forces together. If the prospective deadlock can not be broken, it is probable that little progress will be made for the time being. It appears to me to be the duty of this Government, which has always advocated limitation of armaments, to endeavor to suggest some avenue by which concrete results may be achieved even though such results may be short of an ultimate ideal solution for the three-fold problem of land, sea and air armament.

Our delegates at Geneva have consistently expressed the view that under conditions as they exist in the world today the problems of land and air armaments are most susceptible of solution by regional agreements covering regions within which the land or air armaments of one country could constitute a potential threat to another country. Geographical continents have been suggested as regions appropriate for land and air limitation agreements.

The American land and air forces constitute a threat to no one. They are at minimum strength; their reduction has been suggested by no one as a necessary condition precedent to general arms limitation. This reduction of our land forces has been rendered possible by our favored geographical position. I realize that the problems of armaments on land and in the air in Europe are beset with difficulties which in all justice we must recognize and, although this Government will always be ready to lend its assistance in any appropriate way to efforts on the part of European or other governments to arrive at regional agreements limiting land and air forces, it would hesitate to make specific proposals on this subject to European nations.

The problem of the limitation of naval armament, while not regional in character or susceptible of regional treatment, has been successfully treated, in part, by an agreement among the five leading naval powers, and, in my opinion, can be definitely dealt with by further agreements among these powers.

It will be a contribution to the success of the preliminary work now going on at Geneva should the great naval powers there agree upon a further definite limitation of naval armament.

It is my intention that the American representatives at Geneva should continue to discuss with the representatives of the other nations there the program for a general limitation of armaments conference. If such a conference should be possible in the future, on a basis generally acceptable, this Government would, of course, be highly gratified. Pending the formulation of the plan for a general conference, however, I believe that we should make an immediate and sincere effort to solve the problem of naval limitation, the solution of which would do much to make the efforts toward more general limitation successful.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

The White House, Feb. 10 1927.

In its reference to the President's action on Feb. 10 the "Herald-Tribune" Washington correspondent said in part:

To-day's move was forecast by the President when he appealed to the House at the outset of its consideration of the naval bill not to appropriate money for the immediate construction of the three cruisers authorized last year. He told members of the committee he was willing to authorize the construction of ten cruisers, providing no definite date was set for construction to start and no money appropriated.

At that time the President said he hoped for an agreement with the other naval powers to apply the 5-5-3 ratio to other types of naval vessels.

Leaders in Congress in the fight for immediate construction of three cruisers were just as much in favor of the President's message as the Middle West pacifist group. The item in the appropriation bill passed the Senate was beaten in the House and is now in conference. The cruiser advocates took the ground, however, that immediate construction of three would not interfere in the slightest degree with the president's program for further naval limitation. They pointed out that Britain now has fifty-four cruisers built or building Japan twenty-five, while this Government has only fifteen.

Text of Memorandum of President Coolidge to Foreign Powers Proposing Conference on Naval Disarmament.

In another item we are giving the text of a message sent to Congress by President Coolidge on Feb. 10 regarding a memorandum addressed to the Governments of Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, proposing a new conference to conclude an agreement for the further limitation of naval armament. We give herewith the memorandum to these Governments:

MEMORANDUM.

The American Government has followed with close attention the proceedings of the preparatory commission for the disarmament conference, and after the most careful deliberation has concluded that it can helpfully make certain observations at this time which, it hopes, may contribute materially to the success of that commission—a success earnestly desired by the Government and people of the United States.

The conviction that the competitive augmentation of national armaments has been one of the principal causes of international suspicion and ill-will, leading to war, is firmly held by the American Government and people. Hence the American Government has neglected no opportunity to lend its sympathy and support to international efforts to reduce and limit armaments.

The success of the Washington conference of 1921-22 demonstrated that other powers were animated with a similar desire to do away with this dangerous source of international discord. The Washington conference made a beginning, however, and it has been the continued hope of the American Government since 1922 that the task undertaken at Washington by the group of naval powers could be resumed and completed.

For this reason, the American Government was happy to observe that the efforts looking toward the holding of a general international conference for the limitation of armament, which had been in progress for several years under the auspices of the League of Nations, had reached, in December 1925, a stage sufficiently advanced, in the opinion of the Council of the League of Nations, to warrant the establishment of the preparatory commission, to meet in 1926, to prepare the ground for an international conference at an early date. The American Government, pursuant to its policy of co-operation with all efforts calculated to bring about an actual limitation of armament, accepted the invitation of the council to be represented on the preparatory commission. The American representatives on that commission have endeavored to play a helpful part in its discussions, and they will continue to be guided by that policy.

The American Government believes that the discussions of the commission have been most valuable in making clear the views of the various Governments as to the problems presented, and in demonstrating the complexity and diversity of the obstacles to be overcome in the preparation and conclusion of a general agreement for the limitation of all armament.

At the same time, these very complexities and difficulties, as brought out in the preparatory commission, have clearly pointed out that a final solution for the problem of armament may not be immediately practicable. Indeed, at the latest meeting of the Council of the League of Nations several distinguished statesmen, leaders in the movement for the limitation of armament, sounded a note of warning against too great optimism of immediate success.

American Government Anxious for Concrete Results.

The American Government is most anxious that concrete results in the limitation of armament may be achieved. The discussions of the preparatory commission have emphasized the fact that a number of governments consider that one of the chief present obstacles to the general reduction and limitation of armaments lies in the interdependence of land, sea and air armaments, and in the consequent impossibility of reducing or limiting one of these categories without dealing simultaneously with the others.

On the other hand, the discussions have demonstrated even more emphatically that, should all effort to bring about the reduction or limitation of armament be conditioned upon the acceptance by all the world of a comprehensive plan covering all classes and types of armament, there would be little, if any, prospect of actual progress toward arms limitation in the near future.

The above difficulties must be frankly recognized. The American Government believes that they can be overcome and that they must be overcome, since the consequences of a failure to overcome them, and to make some definite, if only partial, agreement for the limitation of armament, would constitute a setback to the cause of international peace too great to deserve serious contemplation as a possibility.

Admitting reluctantly that the existing political situations in certain parts of the world may render the problem of universal limitation incapable of immediate solution as a whole, the American Government believes that it is entirely practicable for the nations of the world to proceed at once to the isolation and separate solution of such problems as may appear susceptible of such treatment, meanwhile continuing to give sympathetic consideration and discussion to comprehensive proposals aimed at the simultaneous limitation of land, sea and air armaments by a general agreement when such an agreement may be warranted by existing world conditions. The American Government believes that the adoption of such a course is the duty of the governments represented on the Preparatory Commission and that by so doing they will insure the achievement by the commission and by the general conference of concrete, even though perhaps only partial results, thus facilitating progress toward the final solution of the general problem.

Land and Air Problems.

The American Government, as its representatives on the Preparatory Commission have repeatedly stated, feels that land and air armaments con-

stitute essentially regional problems to be solved primarily by regional agreements. The American army and air force are at minimum strength. Agreement for land and air limitation in other regions of the world would not be dependent upon the reduction or limitation of American land and air forces. Therefore the American Government does not feel that it can appropriately offer definite suggestions to other powers in regard to the limitation of these categories of armament.

The problem of the limitation of naval armament, while not regional in character, can be dealt with as a practical matter by measures affecting the navies of a limited group of powers. This has been clearly established by the success of the Washington Treaty limiting naval armament. The United States, as the initiator of the Washington conference, and as one of the principal naval powers, has a direct interest in this question, and, being both ready and willing to enter into an agreement further limiting naval armament, feels itself privileged to indicate a course of procedure which will, in his opinion, lead to such an agreement.

The discussions over a period of six months in Geneva have been most useful in the opportunity afforded for an exchange of views as to the general problem of naval limitation, and on the basis of these discussions it is felt that there is a possibility of reconciling many of the divergent views which have been expressed in such a manner as to meet the requirements of the naval powers and enable them to decide upon acceptable measures of limitation.

Further Limitation of Naval Armament.

In order to advance definitely toward a limitation agreement, the Government of the United States takes this method of addressing an inquiry to the Government signatories of the Washington Treaty limiting naval armament as to whether they are disposed to empower their representatives at the forthcoming meeting of the Preparatory Commission to initiate negotiations looking toward an agreement providing for limitation in the classes of naval vessels not covered by the Washington Treaty.

The American Government is not unmindful of the fact that the Preparatory Commission is not specifically charged with the duty of concluding international agreements, and that its task is primarily that of preparing the agenda for a conference to be called at a later date. Nevertheless, being sincerely desirous of the success of the preparatory commission, the American Government makes this suggestion in the firm belief that the conclusion at Geneva, as soon as possible, among the powers signatories of the Washington Treaty, of an agreement for further naval limitation, far from interfering with or detracting from the success of the Preparatory Commission's aims, would constitute a valuable contribution to the sum of achievement attributable to that commission and would facilitate the task of the final conference in dealing with the particularly complex problems of land or air armament, perhaps capable of solution for the present only by regional limitation agreements.

It seems probable that under any circumstances the final conference will not be able to meet during this calendar year. The coming into effect of agreements reached by it might be delayed for a considerable period for a multitude of causes. Therefore the American Government believes that those powers which may be able to arrive at an agreement for further naval limitation at an earlier date would not be justified in consciously postponing that agreement and thereby opening the way for a recrudescence of a spirit of competitive naval building—a development greatly to be deplored by all governments and peoples.

The American Government feels that the general principles of the Washington Treaty offer a suitable basis for further discussions among its signatories.

Although hesitating at this time to put forward rigid proposals as regards the ratios of naval strength to be maintained by the different powers, the American Government, for its part, is disposed to accept, in regard to those classes of vessels not covered by the Washington Treaty, an extension of the 5-5-3 ratio as regards the United States, Great Britain and Japan, and to leave to discussion at Geneva the ratios of France and Italy, taking into full account their special conditions and requirements in regard to the types of vessels in question. Ratios for capital ships and aircraft carriers were established by that treaty which would not be affected in any way by an agreement covering other classes of ships.

The American representatives at the forthcoming meeting at Geneva will, of course, participate fully in the discussions looking to the preparation of an agenda for a final general conference for the limitation of armament. In addition, they will have full powers to negotiate definitely regarding measures for further naval limitation, and, if they are able to reach agreement with the representatives of the other signatories of the Washington Treaty, to conclude a convention embodying such agreement, in tentative or final form, as may be found practicable.

The American Government earnestly hopes that the institution of such negotiations at Geneva may be agreeable to the Governments of the British Empire, France, Italy and Japan, and that comprehensive limitation of all types of naval armament may be brought into effect among the principal naval powers without delay.

The reply of the French Government is noted under a separate head in this issue of our paper.

French Government Not in Accord with Proposal of President Coolidge for New Conference on Naval Armament—Favors Action by League of Nations.

France this week replied to the proposal of President Coolidge for a new conference with a view to the further limitation of naval armament. The French Government contends that the proposal has "the practical effect of divesting the preparatory Commission [of the League of Nations] of an essential question which figures on its program and constitutes on the side a special conference in which only a few Powers would participate and whose decisions must at least in their principles be recognized later as valid by the Powers not admitted to discuss them." The note also says:

To decide to-day without consulting the League of Nations and determining methods, and to seek a partial solution of the problem while preoccupied more with maintaining the actual existing situation, than in determining the conditions proper to ensure the security of each one; to limit, besides, this effort to a few Powers would be both to weaken the authority of the League of Nations so essential to the peace of the world and to injure the principle of the equality of the States which is at the very base of the Covenant of Geneva, and to which, on its part, the French Government remains firmly attached. . . .

The French Government, having envisaged the different aspects of the American proposal, conscious of the duties imposed on it as a member of the League of Nations, fearing any undermining of the authority of the latter and convinced that no durable work of peace can be built without the common consent of all the Powers called on the same grounds to defend their rights and interests, thinks that it is at Geneva and by the preparatory commission itself, in which we have been so happy to see the delegates of the United States participate, that the American proposal can be effectually examined.

The proposal of President Coolidge, which was made on Feb. 10 to the Governments of Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, is referred to further in another item in this issue. The reply of the French Government, signed by Foreign Minister Briand, was delivered to the American Embassy at Paris on Feb. 15. Its chief points were summarized as follows by the Washington correspondent of the "Herald Tribune":

1. The League of Nations is already working on armament limitation.
2. For a group of Powers on the side to take up one phase of armament limitation would be a reflection on the work of the League and jeopardize its success.
3. The suggestion of regional agreements which may be made on land and air forces, as suggested by President Coolidge, is impossible because no agreements can be made which do not take into consideration questions affecting all nations.
4. To treat all naval armaments on the same basis that the Washington treaty handled battleships would be to assign preponderance of the seas to the strongest nation, which to the French is unthinkable.
5. The smaller nations must be allowed to participate in any consideration of limitation of types of vessels other than big ships.
6. It is impossible to consider limitation of naval strength without reference to land and air strength.
7. France cannot recede from her position that resources must be measured as military strength in computing what each nation shall be allowed under any ratio allotment.

The same paper gives as follows the text of the French note, as translated by the American Embassy in Paris:

The American Government has been good enough to address to the signatories of the Naval Convention of Washington of 1922, and as one of them to the French Government, a memorandum proposing to negotiate at Geneva between the five Powers, disinterested themselves from the general work of the reduction of armaments carried on for the last ten months by the Preparatory Commission of Disarmament, an agreement with a view to limiting from now on naval armament for the categories of vessels which are not included in the Treaty of Washington.

The French government wishes first of all to say how much it appreciates the lofty aim of the American note. The generous idealism which inspires it is in accordance with its own views. No power could be more appreciative of the noble initiative of President Coolidge than France, which never ceases to give proofs of her resolutely pacific will.

It desires equally to show how much it has appreciated the friendly attention of the Federal government in leaving its proposals flexible in an endeavor to take into account the special conditions and requirements of the Continental powers. The American government has thus shown that it is quite aware of the very clear position taken by the French government in the question of naval disarmament. It will therefore not be astonished to see French opinion preoccupied with its duties as a member of the League of Nations and with its moral obligations toward all the powers which form part of it.

Sees Main Task Compromised.

On its part the government of the Republic would have been happy to be able to adhere to these proposals without reserve and the entire French nation would have congratulated itself on seeing the two countries again associated in an enterprise so consistent with their common traditions. But an attentive study of the American proposals has convinced the government of the Republic that in their present form they risk compromising the success of the task already commenced at Geneva with the active help of the representatives of the American Government.

Article 8 of the Covenant of the League of Nations has made the general limitation of armaments one of the essential duties of the league. Without doubt in 1921 the powers to whom the United States are to-day appealing already united their efforts to realize by themselves a limitation of naval armaments. At the time it took place the calling of the Washington conference was fully justified, but circumstances to-day are different. The League of Nations has begun its task—the conclusion of an arms traffic convention, the elaboration of a convention on the private manufacture of war materials, the convocation finally of a preparatory commission with a view to the meeting of a conference for the general limitation of armaments, a commission to which all the countries of the world have been invited and in which the greater part of them participate, mark so many decisive stages towards the aim fixed by the covenants. Without doubt the American government is not thinking of withdrawing from the task undertaken. The efficient collaboration of which for nearly a year its delegates have contributed. It promises on the contrary to continue it. But its proposal has, nevertheless, the practical result of divesting the preparatory commission of an essential question which figures on its program and constitutes on the side a special conference in which only a few powers would participate and whose decisions, under penalty of being vain, must at least in their principles be recognized later as valid by the powers not admitted to discuss them.

Adheres to Geneva Covenant.

To decide to-day without consulting the League of Nations and determine methods, and to seek a partial solution of the problem while preoccupied more with maintaining the actual existing situation, than in determining the conditions proper to ensure the security of each one; to limit, besides, this effort to a few powers would be both to weaken the authority of the League of Nations so essential to the peace of the world and to injure the principle of the equality of the states which is at the very base of the Covenant of Geneva, and to which, on its part, the French Government remains firmly attached.

The principle of the equality of the powers, great or small, is one of the recognized rules of the League of Nations. Technical committees have met, all the maritime powers have participated in their labors, they have pointed out the necessities for their defense. How could one admit that at the moment when the Preparatory Commission is called upon to formulate the conclusion of its discussions the five most important maritime powers should take cognizance of the question and as far as it concerns them give it a definite solution of a nature to prejudice the final decisions for the entire naval powers.

In fact, besides the categories to which the new limitation should apply are those which for the majority of powers present the greatest interest.

An agreement limited to a few navies could be explained for battleships; practically they are the only ones to possess any. It is otherwise when the question of light vessels is considered. All the navies of the world have an interest in being associated with the deliberations on this important problem.

Links All Armaments.

As for the French government which, in the question of limitation of armaments, is only interested from the defensive point of view as Mr. Briand declared to Mr. Hughes on Dec. 18 1921 and which in this respect must interest itself both in the protection of its coasts and in the safety of its maritime communications, its delegates at Geneva have defended and caused to prevail in the technical commissions two general principles—on the one hand that one cannot undertake to limit naval armaments without taking into consideration the solutions proposed for land and air armaments; on the other hand, especially from the naval point of view, that the limitation of armaments can only result from the attribution to any one power of a global tonnage that it remains free to divide according to the sense of its necessities.

The American proposal sets aside immediately these two principles which would have for consequence that the French government, which has taken its stand before all the nations represented at Geneva, could only adopt it by abandonment of its point of view. It would thus contradict itself while publicly recanting.

The method proposed would it be at least of a kind to obtain the looked-for result. The precedent of the Rome conference in 1924 does not permit of hoping so. This conference in fact did not succeed in having adopted by the powers not represented at Washington the principles which there had been established for battleships, still less in having them extended to the other categories of vessels. These powers would not be less mindful of their own interests if they were asked again to accept principles resulting from decisions which would have been decided upon without them.

Hopes for General Disarming.

This last objection has without doubt been considered by the American government and if it has thought necessary to set it aside it is by reason of its opinion that if the problems of disarmament are not dissociated there is no hope for a practical result in the near future. The French government thinks, on the contrary, that in the present state of the surveys with which the preparatory commission is charged the latter can at its next session, and on condition that the nations represented bring like itself a firm resolve to succeed, make the decisions which would permit the meeting with serious chances of success of the general conference on disarmament.

The French government, having envisaged the different aspects of the American proposal, conscious of the duties imposed on it as a member of the League of Nations, fearing any undermining of the authority of the latter and convinced that no durable work of peace can be built without the common consent of all the powers called on the same grounds to defend their rights and interests, thinks that it is at Geneva and by the preparatory commission itself, in which we have been so happy to see the delegates of the United States participate, that the American proposal can be effectually examined.

Secretary of State Kellogg Thinks France Misunderstood Arms Conference Proposal.

Secretary of State Kellogg, in a statement given out by the State Department at Washington on Feb. 16 has expressed the view that from the reply made by the French Government to the Naval Armament Conference proposed by President Coolidge it would appear that there was a misunderstanding as to the purpose of the proposal. The statement follows:

I have had no chance to study the French Government's reply carefully. There appears, however, to be several points in it which must be caused by a misunderstanding of the full purpose of the proposal made by this Government.

The President clearly stated that the United States intends to continue its participation in the Preliminary Disarmament Commission, and will make every effort to contribute helpfully to the final success of that body. Indeed, the President specifically expressed the belief that our proposal would be a distinct contribution to such success. There can be no question of our desire to see the efforts toward disarmament produce actual results.

Our proposal is made because we recognize that the disarmament problem is exceedingly difficult to solve; and if naval, land and air disarmament are to be considered as one problem applying to all the nations of the world a solution will hardly be reached for years to come. It is true that Article 8 of the Covenant entrusted the problem of disarmament to the League. Nothing was done, however, except at the Washington Conference.

The limitation of naval armament is a concrete proposition applying to the five powers and can be disposed of at the Geneva conference without interfering at all with the work and without in any way binding other powers. It was the desire of the President to remove the incentive to competitive naval building by such a limitation agreement and at the same time to continue unabated the common effort toward the more general reduction and limitation of armaments.

It seems to me that the postponement to the indefinite future of all efforts to grapple with the problem of competitive naval building would strike a serious blow to the whole cause of disarmament.

I very much hope that before the Geneva conference is ended the French Government will lend its aid toward the consummation of such an agreement.

Rate of Return Earned by the Railroads During the Calendar Year 1926.

Class I railroads in 1926 had a net railway operating income of \$1,231,494,000 which was a return of 5.13% on their property investment, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Bureau of Railway Economics and made public Feb. 11. Their net railway operating income in 1925 was \$1,138,696,000 or 4.85% on their property investment. Property investment is the value of road and equipment as shown by the books of the railways, including materials, supplies and cash. The net railway operating income is what is left after the payment of operating expenses, taxes, and equipment rentals, but before interest and other fixed charges are paid. This compilation as to earnings in 1926 is

based on reports from 186 Class I railroads representing a total mileage of 237,471 miles.

Gross operating revenues of the Class I railroads in 1926 amounted to \$6,451,148,000 compared with \$6,189,268,000 in 1925 or an increase of 4.2%. Operating expenses in 1926 totaled \$4,717,590,000 compared with \$4,584,600,000 in 1925 or an increase of 2.9%. Total maintenance expenditures of the Class I railroads in 1926 amounted to \$2,167,679,000, an increase of \$73,385,000 or 3.5% above those for 1925. Of the total maintenance bill of the railroads during the past year, \$875,216,000 went for maintenance of way expenses. This was an increase of \$50,184,000 or 6% above similar expenditures in 1925. Expenditures for maintenance of equipment in 1926 amounted to \$1,292,463,000, an increase of \$23,201,000 or nearly 2% above the preceding year.

Class I railroads in 1926 paid \$394,370,000 in taxes, an increase of \$30,780,000 or 8.5% above the total tax bill of the Class I railroads in 1925. Sixteen Class I railroads operated at a loss in 1926, of which six were in the Eastern, one in the Southern and nine in the Western District. Net railway operating income by districts in 1926 with the percentage of return based on property investment follows:

New England region	\$45,397,000	5.06%
Great Lakes region	222,785,000	5.49
Central Eastern region	256,567,000	5.24
Pocahontas region	90,453,000	9.21
Total Eastern district	615,202,000	5.68
Total Southern district	162,659,000	5.48
Northwestern region	131,002,000	3.84
Central Western region	221,547,600	4.86
Southwestern region	101,084,000	4.54
Total Western district	453,633,000	4.45
United States	\$1,231,494,000	5.13%

Owing to the fact that railway business and earnings fluctuate from year to year, only the showing of results over a period of years, it is pointed out, can indicate the real trend of railway returns. The rate of return property investment for the five years ending with 1926 has averaged 4.50% per year.

For the month of December, the net railway operating income of the Class I railroads amounted to \$81,017,000 which was at the annual rate of return of 4.03% on their property investment. In Dec. 1925, their net railway operating income was \$94,686,000 or 4.82% on their property investment.

Gross operating revenues for the month of December amounted to \$526,725,000, compared with \$524,394,000 in December 1925, or an increase of 4-10ths of 1%. Operating expenses in December totaled \$407,413,000, compared with \$389,763,000 in the same month the year before, or an increase of 4.5%.

Eastern District.

The net railway operating income for the Class I railroads in the Eastern District in 1926 totaled \$615,202,000, which was at the rate of a return of 5.68% on their property investment. In 1925 their net railway operating income was \$555,960,000, or 5.24% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues of the Class I railroads in 1926 totaled \$3,234,341,000, an increase of 5.7% over 1925, while operating expenses totaled \$2,384,522,000, an increase of 4% over 1925.

Class I railroads in the Eastern District for the month of December had a net railway operating income of \$37,213,000 compared with \$41,988,000 in December 1925.

Southern District.

Class I railroads in the Southern District in 1926 had a net railway operating income of \$162,659,000, which was at the rate of return of 5.48% on their property investment. In 1925 the net railway operating income amounted to \$168,184,000, which was a return of 5.93%. Gross operating revenues of the Class I railroads in the Southern District in 1926 amounted to \$876,162,000, an increase of 2.9% over 1925, while operating expenses totaled \$647,737,000, an increase of 4.5%.

The net railway operating income of the Class I roads in the Southern District in December amounted to \$12,779,000, while in the same month in 1925 it was \$15,698,000.

Western District.

Class I railroads in the Western District in 1926 had a net railway operating income of \$453,633,000, which was a return of 4.45% on their property investment. In 1925 the railroads in that district had a net railway operating income of \$414,552,000, or a return of 4.13% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues of the Class I railroads in the Western District in 1926 amounted to \$2,340,645,000, an increase of 2.7% over the year before, while operating expenses totaled \$1,685,331,000, an increase of 9-10ths of 1% compared with 1925.

For the month of December the net railway operating income of the Class I railroads in the Western District amounted to \$31,025,000. The net railway operating income of the same roads in December 1925 totaled \$37,000,000.

CLASS I RAILROADS—UNITED STATES.

	1926.	1925.
<i>Month of December—</i>		
Total operating revenues	\$526,725,000	\$524,394,000
Total operating expenses	407,413,000	389,763,000
Taxes	30,103,000	32,070,000
Net railway operating income	\$1,017,000	94,686,000
Operating ratio—per cent.	77.35	74.33
Rate of return on property investment—per cent.	4.03	4.82
<i>12 Months Ended Dec. 31—</i>		
Total operating revenues	\$6,451,148,000	\$6,189,268,000
Total operating expenses	4,717,590,000	4,584,600,000
Taxes	394,370,000	363,590,000
Net railway operating income	1,231,494,000	1,138,696,000
Operating ratio—per cent.	73.13	74.07
Rate of return on property investment—per cent.	5.13	4.85

Advisory Council of Institute of International Finance Formed by Investment Bankers' Association of America.

Dr. George Edwards, director of the Institute of International Finance, an organization formed by the Investment Bankers Association of America and New York University for the purpose of gathering and disseminating information on America's foreign investments, announced on Feb. 14 the personnel of the Institute's advisory council. This council will constitute for the first time an official body representing the American investment market in its international aspect, including in its membership men recognized as leaders in the field of international finance. It will direct the policy of the Institute in its effort to spread official information on foreign securities and study the development of government and private finance abroad in the interests of American security holders. The advisory council comprises the following members:

- Howard F. Beebe, of Harris, Forbes & Co., Chairman of the Executive Committee and of the Advisory Council.
- John Foster Dulles, of Sullivan & Cromwell.
- Jerome J. Hanauer of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.
- Rudolph S. Hecht, President of Hibernia Bank & Trust Co.
- Pliny Jewell, President of the Investment Bankers Association of America.
- Grosvenor Jones, Chief of the Investment Division of the U. S. Department of Commerce.
- Alvin W. Krech, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Equitable Trust Co.
- Ray Morris of Brown Brothers.
- George Murnane, Vice-President of the New York Trust Co.
- Henry M. Robinson, President of the First National Bank of Los Angeles.
- Charles H. Sabin, Chairman of the Board of Guaranty Trust Co.
- E. H. H. Simmons, President of the New York Stock Exchange.
- Melvin A. Traylor, President of First Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago.
- Paul M. Warburg, Chairman of the Board of the International Acceptance Bank.

New York University will be represented on the Council by Chancellor Elmer Ellsworth Brown, Professor Major B. Foster, and Dean A. W. Taylor.

The purpose of the Institute of International Finance was the subject of an address by Dr. Edwards at the annual meeting in October last of the Investment Bankers' Association. The address was given in these columns Oct. 23, page 2089. Dr. Edwards announces that the Institute is now in full operation. It has a staff of fourteen members engaged in analyzing the credit position of the leading borrowing nations which have come to the American market. In addition, extensive research is being undertaken in connection with certain problems and policies of particular importance at the present time. The Institute already has issued two studies, one on the credit position of France and the other on the position of Colombia. A financial library having current information on foreign finance is maintained in New York City, to which local members have full access. Requests for information from out-of-town members are handled by correspondence and telegraph. Subscription to the Institute is open not only to members of the Investment Bankers Association, but also to banks and trust companies as well as business houses interested in foreign investment. The study of Dwight W. Morrow of J. P. Morgan & Co. has shown the widespread distribution of foreign investments among the smaller investors and interior banks. These often have no statistical department of their own, and are expected to find the Institute of particular help in obtaining reliable data on foreign investments. Because of the public nature of the undertaking the subscription fees have been placed at a nominal figure by the Investment Bankers Association of America which has underwritten the cost of maintaining the Institute for a period of years. Its headquarters are in the Wall Street Division Building of New York University at 90 Trinity Place.

Annual Convention of Investment Bankers Association of America to Be Held in Seattle.

The Convention Committee of the Investment Bankers Association of America announced this week that the annual convention of the Association will be held this year in Seattle. The exact date has not yet been determined upon, but it is planned to hold the convention the last week of September or the first week of October.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, & C.

Announcement that the Hanover National Bank of New York had after an existence extending over a period of seventy-five years entered the branch banking field was made on Feb. 16. This departure is brought about through the acquisition of control by the Hanover of the Greenwich

Bank, which with its ten branches will be continued under the name of the Hanover National Bank. With regard to the merger we quote the following from the "Times":

Unlike some consolidations effected in recent years, the present transaction does not represent an exchange of stock, but is a direct purchase. The Hanover has acquired more than two-thirds of the capital stock of the Greenwich Bank and is making an offer for the minority holdings. As it is a straight purchase, there will be no new issuance of stock by the Hanover. The combined institution will be known as the Hanover National Bank, the Greenwich's name being dropped. For the present the personnel conducting the various offices of the Greenwich Bank will remain as it has been.

The price paid for the Greenwich Bank stock already acquired was \$525 a share, and the same price will be offered to the minority holders. This offer will remain open until March 1. The offer for the minority stock has been transmitted to the directors of the Greenwich Bank and will be recommended to the holders for acceptance. It is expected that the process of effecting actual consolidation of the two banks will require several months.

The consolidation brings together two of the oldest banks in New York City. The Greenwich Bank was established in 1830 and its various offices serve widely diversified lines of industry. Control of the Greenwich Bank has rested with the Hanover for years, but it was only recently that the decision was reached to buy in additional stock and effect a formal consolidation.

The Hanover National Bank, as of Dec. 31 1926, reported total resources of \$195,018,107. Its capital is \$5,000,000; surplus fund, \$15,000,000, and undivided profits, \$11,605,077, giving it more than \$31,000,000 of capital funds. The latest statement of the Greenwich Bank lists capital as \$1,000,000, surplus as \$2,600,000, and total resources as \$32,527,026. Its deposits are \$28,470,247.

The shareholders of the Discount National Bank and the Bowery and East River National Bank at meetings held Feb. 18 unanimously ratified the agreement consolidating the former with the latter institution. Announcement was made that the three offices of the Discount National located at 399 Broadway, 363 East 149th St. and at 2254 First Ave. will be operated under the name and charter of the Bowery and East River National Bank, while the officers and personnel of the branches will remain the same. This consolidation gives the Bowery and East River fifteen offices in Greater New York and increases its deposits to more than \$75,000,000, while resources amount to over \$85,000,000. The controlling interests will continue as before with the Bancitaly Corporation. Reference to the proposed merger was made in our issue of Feb. 12, page 880.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, will be the guest of honor at a luncheon of the Bond Club of New York, to be held at the Bankers Club on Tuesday, March 1, at 12:15, according to an announcement by Medley G. B. Whelpley, President of the club.

At the regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the National City Bank of New York on Feb. 15, Gordon J. Campbell was appointed an Assistant Vice-President and Charles E. Carter, Jr., was made an Assistant Manager of the Kings Highway Branch in Brooklyn.

President Walter S. Bucklin and Vice-President Frank C. Nichols of the National Shawmut Bank of Boston sail from New York (Feb. 19) on the "S.S. Orizaba" for a business trip to Cuba. They expect to be gone three or four weeks.

Edgar S. Chappellear was this week elected a Vice President of the Bankers Trust Co. of New York. Mr. Chappellear was born in Zanesville, Ohio, prepared for college at Exeter and was graduated from Dartmouth with the class of 1909. He spent the next two years at the Harvard School of Business Administration and from there came to the Bankers Trust Co. in 1911. Mr. Chappellear after service in the Trust, Foreign Exchange and Audit departments went to Paris in 1920 to help organize the Paris office of the Bankers Trust Co. He was appointed Auditor of the Bankers Trust Co. in 1921 and Comptroller in 1923.

John J. Raskob, Vice-President and a Director of the General Motors Corporation, member of its Executive Committee and Chairman of its Finance Committee, has been elected a Director of the Bankers Trust Co.

On Feb. 14, Victor A. Lersner was elected President of the Bowery Savings Bank of this city, to succeed the late William E. Knox. Mr. Lersner had been Executive Vice-President of the bank since 1922. He began his banking career forty years ago as a clerk in the Williamsburg Savings Bank; he became Assistant Cashier and finally Comptroller of that bank, from which he resigned in 1923 to become Executive Vice-President of the Bowery Savings Bank.

At a regular meeting of the directors of the County Trust Co. of New York held this week John J. Raskob, Vice-President of the General Motors Corporation, was elected a director.

The Chase National Bank, the second largest financial institution of its kind in the United States, will expand its activities through the opening about May 1 of its nineteenth New York City branch in the new Graybar Building. George D. Graves, Vice-President, will be in charge of the new Grand Central branch, which is the second to be established by the Chase National Bank in this zone. All forms of banking service now available in the main office of the bank will be offered in the new location. The new branch will occupy spacious quarters on the main floor of the Graybar Building, which is the largest office structure in the world above ground. In explaining the bank's expansion program, Albert H. Wiggin, Chairman of the Board of the Chase, said:

"The business of New York City can no longer be served adequately by large banks in Wall Street and small unit banks uptown. The City of New York now has several important business centers, and there is business of great magnitude, particularly in the Forty-second St. and Sixtieth St. districts, which needs contact with the largest banks and which yet finds it inconvenient to do its banking in Wall Street. Our uptown branches are necessary to provide Chase Service in convenient form."

The annual dinner-dance of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of New York was held at the Park Lane Thursday evening, Feb. 10, and was attended by upwards of 360 members of the company's staff and guests. President John W. Platten made a short address and Vice-President H. L. Servoss awarded prizes to new business contest winners. A feature of the entertainment was the hobby exhibit, entries in which were made under the headings of art, craft, needlework and food.

At the board meeting of the Union Discount Co., Inc., Feb. 15, the following officers were elected: John C. Watson, Chairman of the board; Henry C. Wylie, President; Stanley A. Sweet, Vice-President; Bernard P. Moora, Treasurer, and Theodore Crane, Secretary.

The Elmhurst National Bank of New York began business on Feb. 5 at Hampton St. and Corona Ave., Elmhurst, Queens. The bank, which received its charter Jan. 28 1927, has been organized with a capital of \$200,000 and surplus of \$100,000. Its officers are: Albert H. Hansen, President; William F. Babor, Herman C. Drewes, Theodore J. Groh and Theodore E. Hergert, Vice-Presidents; E. G. Watson, Cashier.

On Feb. 15 the stockholders of the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston approved the proposed increase in the bank's capital from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 (referred to in the "Chronicle" of Feb. 5, page 744) through the issuance of \$3,000,000 additional stock at \$175 a share. The plan calls for the offering of the new stock in the proportion of one share of new for every four shares of old stock to shareholders of record Feb. 24, payment to be made on or before March 17, when rights expire.

Announcement was made on Feb. 7 by Henry L. Wilcox, President of the National Bank of Commerce of Providence, that his institution, acting upon authority granted by the Federal Reserve Board at Washington and at the request of its customers, had opened a trust department, according to the Providence "Journal" of Feb. 8. William P. Chapin, Jr., a Vice-President and a director of the institution, and Edward B. Fessenden, an Assistant Cashier, were elected Trust Officer and Assistant Trust Officer, respectively, at a meeting of the directors on Jan. 31, it was stated. The "Post" further stated that the National Bank of Commerce was the first National bank in Providence and the first in the State of Rhode Island to inaugurate a trust business.

According to the Newark "News" of Feb. 9, application has been made to the Comptroller of the Currency for a charter for the Hamilton National Bank of Newark, N. J. The authorized capital is \$300,000. The organizers of the proposed bank are Otto Bernz, 183 South Seventh St., Newark, President and Treasurer of the firm of that name; Joseph Stern, 43 Girard Place, who is associated with the Fabian moving picture interests; Charles Brown, 36 Brenner St.; Joseph J. Manger, 600 South Tenth St.; Harry Kenarik, 1011 Sanford Ave., Irvington, department store proprietor, and Edward M. McDonough, insurance, 184 Montague Place. It is planned, it is said, to establish the bank at 1269 Springfield Ave., between Fairmount and Littleton Aves. The capital will be \$300,000, surplus \$150,000 and equipment and reserve fund \$50,000.

Deposits of the new East Orange Trust Co. of East Orange, N. J., on the opening day (Dec. 18) exceeded \$400,000.

The officers of the institution are: President, William H. Kelly; Vice-President, Robert J. Barnett; Secretary, Edward R. McGlynn; Treasurer, Harry C. Griffith; Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, Clarendon Campbell. The institution has a capital of \$200,000, surplus of \$50,000, and undivided profits of \$50,000. It is located at the northwest corner of Main St. and Arlington Ave. Its organization was noted in our issue of July 3, page 44.

The incorporators of the Central Trust Co. of Essex County have taken action toward increasing the capital stock from \$100,000 to \$250,000 and the surplus from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The stock is issued at \$100 par value, and will be sold at \$150 per share, \$100 to be devoted to capital, \$40 to surplus, and \$10 to equipment reserve. The stock, we learn, was greatly oversubscribed, and will be issued March 1. The Central Trust Co. is to be located at the corner of Harrison St. and Central Ave., East Orange.

Albert L. Earle, who continues as Treasurer of the Guardian Trust Co. of New Jersey at Newark, has in addition been elected Secretary to succeed William Harris and James N. Newbury, Assistant Treasurer, has become Assistant Secretary. Peter J. Grace was promoted to the post of Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. The resignations of William Harris as Secretary and Samuel Leber as a director of the Guardian Trust Co. of New Jersey were accepted by the directors at a meeting on Jan. 20. Mr. Harris resigned as Secretary in order to devote his time to his law practice.

An application to organize the City National Bank of Elizabeth, N. J., was received by the Comptroller of the Currency on Feb. 5. The institution will have a capital of \$200,000 and surplus of \$160,000.

The Moorestown National Bank of Moorestown, N. J., was placed in voluntary liquidation effective Feb. 1. The bank had a capital of \$50,000. We are advised that the Burlington County Trust Co., Moorestown, N. J., purchased all of the stock of Moorestown National Bank and assumed all of the liabilities of the bank. A statement of the Burlington County Trust Co. as of Feb. 1 1927 (after the taking over of the Moorestown National Bank), shows capital stock of \$300,000, surplus fund of \$500,000, profit and loss account of \$221,687, deposits of \$3,380,316 and total resources of \$4,428,938. The institution also reports trust funds of \$4,248,127.

A charter was issued on Jan. 26 to the Town Trust Co. of Montclair, N. J. The trust company will have a capital of \$100,000 and surplus of \$25,000 and will locate at 95-97 Walnut St., Montclair. The stock is in shares of \$100. The institution expects to open for business during the first week in March.

On Feb. 1 the capital of the Broad Street National Bank of Red Bank, N. J., was increased from \$100,000 to \$150,000 by placing \$50,000 of new stock (par value \$100 a share) with the present stockholders at the price of \$280 a share, \$50,000 of the amount thus obtained being added to capital and \$90,000 to surplus, making the latter account equal to the capital, namely, \$150,000. As of Dec. 31 1926 the total deposits of the institution were \$3,330,048 and its total resources \$3,733,068. The officers of the bank are as follows: Henry Campbell, President; Daniel S. Ely, Vice-President; Edwin R. Conover, Cashier, and Kenneth H. McQueen and Gilbert S. Reckless, Assistant Cashiers.

The proposed amalgamation of the People's Bank & Trust Co. and the Colonial Trust Co., both Philadelphia institutions, under the name of the latter, to which reference was last made in our issue of Feb. 12, page 880, became effective Feb. 14. The new institution, which has a combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$4,000,000, deposits of \$36,000,000 and total resources in excess of \$42,000,000, has in addition to a complete banking department for the handling of commercial and savings business, trust, title insurance, safe deposit, investment, foreign exchange and travelers departments. The head office of the trust company is at 20 South Fifteenth St. and it maintains branch offices in the following locations: Thirteenth and Market Sts., Seventeenth and Walnut Sts., Seventh St. and Girard Ave., Fifth and Bainbridge Sts., and Seventh and Wolf Sts. Wm. Fulton Kurtz heads the institution. The Colonial Trust Co.

was founded in 1899, while the People's Bank & Trust Co. had its beginning in 1915.

Special meetings of the respective stockholders of the new Colonial Trust Co. and the Excelsior Trust Co. (a majority of whose shares before the merger were owned by the People's Bank & Trust Co. and are now owned by the enlarged Colonial Trust Co.) will be held on March 14 to vote on a proposed consolidation of the Excelsior Trust Co. with the Colonial Trust Co. The directors of both banks have already given their consent to the plan. The exchange of stock will be on a share for share basis. According to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of yesterday (Feb. 18) a new bank building now in course of erection for the Excelsior Trust Co., at Lehigh and Germantown Aves., will be opened as the Excelsior office of the Colonial Trust Co.

That the William Penn Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia, with combined capital and surplus of \$312,500, had assumed control of the Pilgrim Title & Trust Co. at 2411 North Broad St., that city, was reported in the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Feb. 14. Officers of the William Penn Title & Trust Co. are as follows: Aaron Berman, President; Joseph G. Esmonde, Vice-President; A. R. McCullough, acting Secretary and Treasurer, and William S. Atchison, Title and Trust Officer.

John Amoroso has been elected a director of the Sixty-third Street Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Feb. 14.

Thomas J. Mellon was recently appointed Title Officer of the Manheim Trust Co. of Philadelphia (Germantown), according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Feb. 14, which also reported the election of Anthony Hausser as a director of the company.

The Provident Trust Co. of Philadelphia is about to erect a new building for its main office at the southeast corner of Seventeenth and Chestnut Sts. at a cost of approximately \$3,000,000. Demolition of the old building will be started immediately, it is understood, and it is expected the new building will be ready for occupancy by March 15 1928. The following brief description of the proposed structure is taken from the Philadelphia "News Bureau" of Feb. 14:

The new building, which will be eleven stories high, will have a frontage of sixty-two feet on Chestnut St. and a depth of one hundred and forty-five feet to Ionic St. It will have a distinctive colonial character, similar to the company's present mid-city office at 1508 Chestnut St., and will be built of red brick, with white marble trimmings. The design of much of the detail follows closely that of some of the finest old colonial buildings in Philadelphia, such as Christ Church and Independence Hall. The main entrance door on Chestnut St. has been influenced by an old doorway in Salem, Massachusetts. The Provident Trust Co. will occupy the first three floors, having its main banking quarters on the first floor, the trust department on the second floor, and its vaults and safe deposit department in the basement. The remaining floors will be rented.

The vaults will be furnished and built by the York Safe & Lock Co. of York, Pennsylvania, which has built some of the most important vaults in the world, including the vaults of the Federal Reserve banks in New York and Philadelphia.

The Paoli National Bank, Paoli, Pa., went into voluntary liquidation on Jan. 31 and has been succeeded by the Paoli Bank & Trust Co. According to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Feb. 1, the new bank has a combined capital and surplus of \$200,000 and its officers are as follows: President, E. T. Conroy; Vice-Presidents, R. J. McDermott and A. G. Dickson (the latter in charge of trusts); Secretary and Treasurer, Frank W. Coffman; Assistant Treasurer, M. E. Sumnerell; Real Estate Officer, George A. Craig.

As a preliminary step in the proposed merger of the County Savings Bank of Scranton with the First National Bank of that city (noted in the "Chronicle" on Jan. 22, page 466) a charter has been granted the former by the Comptroller of the Currency under the title of the County National Bank of Scranton. It is expected the consolidation will go into effect April 1. As stated in our previous item, the respective affiliated institutions of the First National Bank and the former County Savings Bank, namely, the Lackawanna Trust Co. and the Scranton Trust Co., are also to be consolidated to form a new trust company, which will probably be known as the Lackawanna-Scranton Trust Co. The enlarged First National Bank will be capitalized at \$2,250,000, with surplus and undivided profits of \$3,880,000; deposits of over \$45,000,000 and total resources of upward of \$50,000,000. Charles S. Weston, President of the First National Bank since 1913 and a director since September 1905, and also head of the Lackawanna Trust Co., will be President of the enlarged First National Bank, while Colonel

Louis A. Watres, President of the (now) County National Bank and the Scranton Trust Co., which latter institution he helped to organize in 1905, will head the enlarged trust company.

G. A. Schriever, Manager of the Foreign Bureau of the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh, and connected with that institution for nearly twenty-three years, tendered his resignation, effective Feb. 5, according to the Pittsburgh "Post" of Feb. 6. Advices from Pittsburgh on Feb. 8 stated that B. W. Lewis and H. S. Zimmerman, heretofore Cashier and Assistant Cashier, respectively, of the Mellon National Bank, had been promoted to Vice-Presidents.

As of Jan. 31, the Citizens' National Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati went into voluntary liquidation. The institution has been consolidated with the Fourth & Central Trust Co., of Cincinnati under the title of the Central Trust Co., as noted in our issue of Feb. 5, page 746.

Organization of a new financial institution in Indianapolis, to be known as the Inland Bank & Trust Co., together with a subsidiary under the title of the Inland Investment Co., was announced in that city on Feb. 14, according to the Indianapolis "News" of that date. A long lease on the property at the northeast corner of Delaware and Market Sts., formerly the home of the City Trust Co. of Indianapolis, had been procured, it is stated, for the new institutions, which would begin business about March 15. Leonard G. Wild, who has just completed the organization of the companies with a capitalization of \$250,000, will be President of both institutions. The Inland Bank & Trust Co., besides a general banking department, will include real estate, insurance, trust service and safe deposit departments, while the Inland Investment Co. will handle a complete and diversified line of investment offerings, specializing in high grade Indiana securities. Mr. Wild, the head of the new institutions, was formerly associated with the J. F. Wild & Co. State Bank of Indianapolis, but resigned from that institution on Aug. 1 1925 to give his entire time to outside interests. He was born in Noblesville, Ind., and after being graduated from Wittenburg College attended a banking and investment school in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Shortly after the formation of the J. E. Wild Co. he became connected with that institution and served as Cashier and active head of the Bond Department. The directors of the new bank, together with Mr. Wild, are as follows: Fred C. Gardner, Treasurer of E. C. Atkins & Co.; James P. Smith, President of the J. P. Smith Lumber companies; W. S. Johnson, of Johnson & Johnson, real estate dealers; E. C. Shireman, President of the Grassy Forks Fisheries; Robert S. Wild, formerly Manager of the business extension department of J. F. Wild & Co.; Harry L. Craig, First Vice-President of the Citizens State Bank, of Noblesville; Fletcher Johnson, of Johnson & Johnson, and William Bartlett Jr., President of the Bartlett Tea & Coffee Co.

The Secretary of State for Illinois recently granted a charter to the Capital Trust Co. of Chicago, an institution affiliated with the Capital Mortgage Co. of that city, its officers, directors and stockholders being identical. The combined capital, surplus and reserves of the new bank approximate \$700,000. Louis Kahn heads the institution, with Morris Levinkind, Vice-President, and Patrick J. Murphy, Treasurer.

The Chicago "Post" of Feb. 7 stated that the Midland National Bank, a newly organized institution capitalized at \$200,000 with a surplus of \$40,000, had opened for business in temporary quarters at 4191 Archer Ave., that city, and that "the new three-story flatiron-shaped home for the bank will be directly across the street from the present quarters and will occupy the site at Archer, Sacramento and Forty-second Sts." Officers of the new institution are: David E. Shanahan, Chairman of the Board; H. F. Wuehrmann, President; Frank L. Webb, Vice-President; V. I. Vanicek, Cashier, and C. G. Kilkis, Assistant Cashier.

Philip P. Edwards, heretofore Manager of the Purchasing Department of the First Wisconsin Trust Co. of Milwaukee, was on Feb. 10 elected a Vice-President of that institution in charge of investments. Mr. Edwards entered the employ of the First Wisconsin Trust Co. in January 1921. He was born in Ohio and after being graduated from Oberlin College attended the Columbia School of Business

Administration, following which he was engaged for about a year with the New York Citizens' Bureau. Upon the entry of the United States into the World War, Mr. Edwards joined the army and served overseas, returning with the rank of First Lieutenant. Following his discharge he went to Milwaukee and affiliated himself with the Citizens' Bureau, where he was engaged in the work of salary revisions of city and county employees and the reorganization of the business administration of the county institutions. Subsequently (January 1921) he joined the First Wisconsin Trust Co.

Effective Feb. 1 the capital of the Central State Bank of Minneapolis was increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000, giving the bank total capital resources in excess of \$200,000. As of Feb. 1 the institution had total deposits of \$1,491,592 and total assets of \$1,691,851. According to the Minneapolis "Journal" of Feb. 2 a new \$100,000 bank building is now in course of erection by the Central State Bank across the street from its present location at 2338 Central Ave. and is expected to be ready for occupancy early in March. E. L. Forsythe, Vice-President of the institution, has been in active charge of the bank since 1912. The institution was organized in 1907 with a capital of \$25,000, and as of Aug. 15 1908 had deposits of \$111,069.

Effective Jan. 27 the City National Bank of Lincoln, Neb. (capitalized at \$500,000), went into voluntary liquidation and has been succeeded by the City National Bank in Lincoln, which institution also assumes liability for circulation of the liquidating bank.

The National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis, which was granted a charter on Feb. 14 1857, under the name of the St. Louis Building and Saving Association, celebrated the seventy years of its existence during the week of Feb. 14. Full page advertisements were published in newspapers, picturing the first home of the institutions and the customs of this period. The bank also had an unusual window display showing in miniature the four homes in which the institution has been housed, with a silhouette pageant above these that paraded in review figures and objects that characterized the various styles and developments from 1857 to 1927. Inside the bank were exhibits of old coins and bank notes used in the early days of St. Louis banking, in addition to other relics of that period. The charter of the St. Louis Building and Savings Association provided it might engage in banking as well as the building and loan business. But the banking appeal was the strongest, so the new institution decided from the very start to confine itself to banking activities. It is interesting to note that in those early days loans were limited to \$1,000 and that the salary of the first President was only \$750 a year. It is pointed out that it was this cautious attitude of the founders that enabled the institution to emerge safely through the panic of 1857, the first year of its founding, and later through the trying days of the Civil War. The name was changed to "The Bank of Commerce" on Nov. 3 1868 and the word "National" was added on Dec. 14 1889 when the institution voted to take advantage of the National Bank Act and became a national banking organization. When the bank officially opened its doors for business on July 6 1857 its paid-up capital was only \$8,500. Now it is \$10,000,000, additions having been made from time to time in the seventy years to meet continued growth. John G. Lonsdale has been President of the National Bank of Commerce since 1915. Under his guidance such departments as Savings, Trust, Investment, Foreign, Advertising and Central File have been added until the institution is now one of the large banks of the country, with service connections throughout the world.

The County National Bank of Lincolnton, N. C., with capital of \$100,000, has been absorbed by the Commercial Bank & Trust Co. of Gastonia, N. C., the former going into voluntary liquidation as of Feb. 8.

A special dispatch from Petersburg, Va., to the Richmond "Dispatch" under date of Feb. 9 reported a proposed consolidation of the Petersburg Savings & Trust Co. and the American Bank & Trust Co. of that place to form a new organization under the title of the Petersburg Savings & American Trust Co. The new bank, with resources in excess of \$6,000,000, will occupy the present quarters of the Petersburg Savings & Trust Co. at the corner of Sycamore

and West Tabb Sts. Samuel W. Zimmer, for a number of years President of the Petersburg Savings & Trust Co. and a former Mayor of Petersburg, will head the new institution, while P. M. Pollard, Vice-President of the Petersburg Savings & Trust Co., will be Chairman of the board. Plans for the consolidation of the banks were formally endorsed by the stockholders of both institutions at a meeting held on Feb. 7.

The Birmingham "Age-Herald" of Feb. 16 stated that a proposed increase of \$1,250,000 in the capital stock of the American Trust & Savings Bank of that city was announced on Feb. 15, following the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the institution. The announcement stated that the directors had unanimously approved the action of the Chairman and Finance Committee in accepting a proposal by Lindley C. Morton of Birmingham (President of the Phoenix Portland Cement Co.), made in behalf of himself and associates, for the underwriting of a \$1,000,000 increase in the capital stock of the bank. This stock, the announcement continued, will be sold to the underwriters at \$200 per share after declaration in favor of present stockholders, as of record of April 1 1927, of a stock divided of 25%. The approval of the stockholders will result in the increase of the present capital stock from \$1,000,000 par value to \$2,250,000 par value and an increase of \$1,000,000 in surplus resulting from the premium paid the bank by the underwriters of the proposed new issue. The quarter-million dollar stock dividend to be declared will be charged to the present undivided profits of more than \$500,000, thus bringing the total of capital and surplus to a figure in excess of \$4,000,000.

Acquisition of control of the First National Bank of Ocean Park, Cal., by the California Bank of Los Angeles was announced on Feb. 3 by A. N. Kemp, Chairman of the executive committee of the latter, according to the Los Angeles "Times" of Feb. 4. The acquisition of this bank, with resources of more than \$1,000,000, rounds out the activities of the California Bank, it is said, in the Santa Monica Bay district, the bank having offices at present in Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades, and now, Ocean Park. Five officers of the California Bank, including Mr. Kemp, have been elected to the directorate of the First National Bank of Ocean Park, but the personnel of the institution, it is understood, will remain the same as heretofore.

A press dispatch from Ventura, Cal., on Jan. 31, printed in the Los Angeles "Times" of Feb. 1, reported that controlling interest in the Fillmore State Bank at Fillmore, Ventura Co., with a branch at Piru in the same county, had been acquired by the newly organized Liberty Bank of America, formed by the union of the Liberty Bank of San Francisco and the American Bank of Los Angeles. Assets of the Fillmore State Bank, the dispatch stated, amounted to \$1,136,000 and its officers were George W. Tighe, President; C. C. Elkins, Vice-President, and Glen Harmonson, Secretary and Cashier. L. M. McDonald, Vice-President and Chairman of the executive committee of the Liberty Bank of America, was quoted in the dispatch as saying:

"In acquiring control of the Fillmore State Bank we are completing a program of acquiring those banks which have been instrumental in developing the citrus industry. George W. Tighe, and his co-workers, will continue to be in active charge of the bank's interests. The bank is in excellent condition, due to their management. We hope to bring to the community the assets of the Liberty Bank of America and render valuable service thereby."

The failure on Feb. 7 of the Hayes & Hayes State Bank of Aberdeen, Wash., said to be the largest bank in that place and the second largest State bank in Washington, was reported in a special dispatch from Aberdeen on that date to the Portland "Oregonian." The institution, it was stated, had been placed in the hands of State bank authorities, who took charge when it was found that the bank was insolvent, and a reorganization committee has been appointed to take immediate steps in devising a plan of action. Old obligations and frozen assets that could not be converted into liquid resources, together with the recent depression in the lumber market, were given as the causes of the bank's embarrassment. Continuing the dispatch said:

A careful examination of the institution's resources has been under way for the last ten days and revealed yesterday that recent failures in lumber and logging operations, including the H. P. Brown interests, Markham Shingle Co., the Independence Logging Co., the River Logging Co. and the Humptulips Logging Co. had left the bank with a shortage of approximately \$1,300,000. Unsuccessful efforts were made Sunday to raise the necessary \$1,500,000 in actual cash that bank examiners deemed necessary to carry the institution over the crisis.

A series of conferences yesterday and last night convinced H. C. Johnson, State Supervisor of Banking, that the best interests of depositors would be served by closing the institution's doors until resources could be liquidated or the bank reorganized. No official statements have been made of the percentage of return to depositors, but bankers have expressed opinion that between 50 and 75 cents on the dollar will be paid.

The reorganization committee is composed of Fred Hulbert, C. A. Pitchford, Neil Cooney, F. G. Foster, A. L. Paine and William Donovan. The committee will attempt to arrange a plan whereby other city banks will honor Hayes & Hayes deposit certificates at a rate of 40 cents on the dollar. This, it is believed, will greatly ease the money shortage. No definite plan has been proposed as yet. However, the bank probably will be ready to pay depositors within 90 days, it was said.

The Hayes & Hayes bank was organized in 1890 and became a State institution in 1893. It was capitalized at \$300,000 with a surplus of \$250,000. The dispatch further stated that \$1,000,000 sent to Aberdeen by the Seattle Clearing House on the day of the failure was not needed, the other banks of the place showing a large gain in deposits during the day.

The Washington "Post" of Feb. 15 stated that announcement had been made the previous day by Victor B. Deyber, President of the Second National Bank of Washington, that the directors of the institution had recommended an increase in the bank's capital of \$250,000, raising it from \$500,000 to \$750,000, and that the stockholders would be asked to ratify the same at a meeting to be held on March 15. Under the plan, shareholders of record will have the privilege of subscribing for the additional stock at \$175 per share in the proportion of one share for each two shares held by them, and any stock not subscribed for by the stockholders in the proportion set forth will be disposed of by the directors at or in excess of \$175 per share. The "Post" went on to say that the price at which the additional stock will be offered to the stockholders is at approximately the book value of the present stock, the market value as indicated by recent sales on the Washington Stock Exchange being \$275 per share. The Second National Bank was organized in July 1872, with an authorized capital of \$200,000. Since March 1 1906 the capital has stood at \$500,000. The bank's personnel is as follows: Samuel J. Prescott, Chairman of the Board; Victor B. Deyber, President; John C. Eckloff and Jacob Scharf, Vice-Presidents; Walter H. Klopfer, Secretary; Alexander Wolf, Trust Officer; W. W. Marlow, Cashier, and M. D. Esch and J. K. Seyboth, Assistant Cashiers.

The semi-annual statement of the Standard Bank of South Africa, Limited (head office London), has just recently come to hand. The statement covers the six months ended Sept. 30 1926 and shows on that date total assets of £64,307,366, of which the principal items are: Bills discounted, advances to customers and other accounts, £32,335,648; cash in hand and at bankers, £9,579,856; customers' bills for collection, per contra, £7,962,185; bills of exchange purchased and current at this date (Sept. 30 1926), £6,245,145, and investments, £5,002,030. On the liabilities side of the statement: Deposit, current, and other accounts (including profit and loss account and provision for contingencies) are given at £48,458,659. The bank has a paid-up capital of £2,229,165 and a reserve fund of £2,893,335. The directors, the report tells us, have declared an interim dividend of 7s. per share (being at the rate of 14% per annum), subject to income tax, out of the profits of the half year under review. And further states that the bank's investments stand in the books at less than the market value as at Sept. 30 1926, and all usual and necessary provisions have been made. The New York Agency of the institution is at 67 Wall Street.

The balance sheet of the Union Bank of Switzerland (Union De Banques Suisses) as of Dec. 31 1926 has just been received. It shows net profits for the year (including balance to credit of profit and loss brought forward from the preceding year of 665,017 Swiss francs and after the deduction of general expenses and administration, taxes, employees' pension fund, premiums for debts and reduction of premises account) of 6,890,717 francs, as compared with net profits of 6,145,017 francs in 1925. Out of the profits for 1926 the directors have proposed that the following allocations be made: 4,900,000 francs to pay a dividend of 7%; 1,000,000 francs added to reserve fund, and 100,000 francs to cover bonus to board and local commissions, leaving a balance of 890,717 francs to be carried forward to the current year's profit and loss account. The bank's capital (fully paid) is 70,000,000 francs and its reserves (not including the 1,000,000 francs before mentioned) 17,000,000 francs. The head office is in Zurich and numerous branches and agencies are maintained throughout Switzerland.

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Trust Company Returns

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We furnish below complete comparative statements of the condition of all the trust companies in Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Brooklyn, Baltimore and St. Louis, and many of the companies in Chicago. This is in continuation of a practice begun twenty-five years ago, the compilation having been enlarged ten years ago by the addition of Baltimore's institutions, and in 1921 being further enlarged by the inclusion of the Chicago companies. The statements occupy altogether twenty pages.

The dates selected for comparison are December 31 1926, December 30 1925 and December 31 1924. In the case of the Boston, the Philadelphia, the Baltimore, the Chicago and the St. Louis companies, we have sought to get figures for these dates and have largely succeeded. As, however, returns for these dates are not required in all the States, a few of the companies have not found it convenient to compile statistics for December 31, but have furnished instead the latest complete figures available.

In the matter of the New York companies we take the returns under the call of condition nearest the close of the year. Formerly it was the practice of the State Banking Department to require the trust companies to render a statement of their condition, showing resources and liabilities for the last day of December, and also to furnish certain supplementary statistics for the twelve months of the calendar year. But in December 1911 this time-honored practice was abandoned, and the Superintendent instead now calls on the companies for a statement of their condition for some date towards the end of the year (Nov. 15 on the present occasion), and waives entirely the requirement as to the supplementary items of information. As these supplementary statistics, dealing with earnings, expenses, dividends, &c., constituted a most valuable feature of the annual returns and the record extended back a quarter of a century or more, we have not felt satisfied to let the record be broken. Accordingly we have made direct application to the companies in each instance and in not a few of the cases we have been successful in obtaining the supplementary statistics, though the number of companies supplying such data has been greatly reduced as compared with the original number. As regards the resources and liabilities, we use the November 15 figures just as shown in the returns of the Banking Department.

NEW YORK COMPANIES

American Trust Co. (New York).			
	Nov. 15 '26.	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.
Resources—			
Stock and bond investments	\$4,776,217	\$6,948,601	\$4,575,609
Bonds and mortgages owned	11,275,350	6,610,035	6,575,626
Loans & disc'ts sec. by bond & mtg.	1,675,547	1,383,280	1,109,096
Loans & disc'ts sec. by other collateral	16,451,522	21,081,044	19,375,807
Loans, disc. & bills pur. not sec. by coll	9,248,688	7,485,368	4,063,500
Overdrafts	4,321	9,583	5,942
Due from Fed. Res. Bank, N. Y.	7,099,018	1,668,898	1,168,256
Due from app. res. depositaries		1,921,068	1,633,081
Due from other bks., tr. cos. & b'kers	1,007,615	265,882	202,134
Specie	35,956	41,355	31,818
Other curr. auth. by laws of U. S.	696,875	1,011,427	754,403
Cash items	96,472	107,256	35,992
Customers' liability on acceptances	498,152	446,741	42,788
Other assets	175,393	230,019	159,295
Total	\$53,041,126	\$49,210,557	\$39,733,347
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$4,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$2,500,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits	3,415,409	2,248,813	1,589,748
Preferred deposits—			
Due New York State savings banks	1,854,861	1,533,525	2,087,809
Due as executor, administrator, &c.	2,087,411	2,281,480	2,050,191
Deposits by State of New York	346,650	288,398	145,000
Deposits secured by pledge of assets	185,763	99,433	51,465
Deposits otherwise preferred	227,600	365,800	593,300
Due deposits (not preferred)	38,272,760	37,643,345	29,789,375
Due trust cos., banks and bankers	1,698,090	1,012,623	662,240
Acceptances	498,152	446,741	42,788
Other liabilities	454,430	310,399	221,251
Total	\$53,041,126	\$49,210,557	\$39,733,347
Amt. of dep. on which int. is paid	\$34,673,350	\$38,660,738	\$29,000,400

*Banca Commerciale Italiana Trust Co. (New York).			
	Nov. 15 '26.	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.
Resources—			
Specie	\$546	\$1,254	\$539
Other currency auth. by laws of U. S.	67,184	98,379	57,537
Cash items			15,183
Due from approved res'v depositaries	67,138	19,814	21,865
Due from other banks and trust cos.	4,593,638	7,164,081	3,661,500
Stock and bond investments	2,320,551	1,625,744	1,060,084
Loans & disc'ts sec. by bond & mtg.	535,805		
Loans & disc'ts sec. by other collateral	1,578,309	1,165,637	953,733
Loans, disc. & bills pur. not sec. by coll.	1,159,556	483,404	185,038
Overdrafts	159	3,054	
Customers' liability on acceptances	753,921	466,492	214,442
Other assets	10,449,506	6,926,502	891,094
Total	\$21,526,813	\$17,954,361	\$7,061,015
Liabilities—			
Capital	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus and undivided profits	766,934	584,332	500,000
Due N. Y. State savings banks	100,460		
Due as executor, administrator, &c.	1,416		
Due to trust cos., banks and bankers	8,222,950	8,725,653	4,443,375
Due to depositors not preferred	290,899	273,861	66,487
Acceptances	773,758	487,276	214,442
Other liabilities	10,370,396	6,883,239	836,711
Total	\$21,526,813	\$17,954,361	\$7,061,015
Amt. of dep. on which int. is being paid	\$8,277,329	\$8,429,003	\$4,426,366

* Began business June 16 1924.

Anglo-South American Trust Co. (New York).			
	Nov. 15 '26.	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.
Resources—			
Specie	\$481,350	\$113,792	\$207,807
Other currency authorized by laws of United States	29,870	32,983	82,379
Cash items	8,302		1,303
Due from approved reserve depositaries	713,632	138,870	359,763
Due from other banks and trust companies	1,307,816	2,760,501	2,283,871
Stock and bond investments	2,629,773	3,336,185	4,320,242
Loans and discounts, see by bond and mortgage	50,000	30,000	
Loans and discounts secured by other collateral	4,474,071	3,345,620	2,558,756
Loans, discounts and bills purchased not secured by collateral	1,024,076	1,231,197	4,499,013
Own acceptances purchased	341,688	384,140	271,919
Overdrafts	31	665	325
Customers' liability on acceptances	2,239,323	2,313,523	1,844,155
Other assets	725,216	862,728	1,825,124
Total	\$14,025,148	\$14,550,204	\$18,254,657
Liabilities—			
Capital	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits	646,358	584,061	543,351
Deposits by the State of New York	75,000	100,000	200,000
Due to trust companies, banks and bankers		1,306,772	1,400,639
Due as executor, administrator, &c.	10,293	480	
Due to depositors, not preferred	8,997,872	7,856,822	9,753,235
Bills payable	113,856	177,087	157,695
Rediscouunts			1,900,971
Acceptances	2,435,528	2,735,540	2,343,173
Other liabilities	746,241	789,442	955,593
Total	\$14,025,148	\$14,550,204	\$18,254,657
Amount of deposits on which interest is paid	\$8,059,100	\$7,572,797	\$9,163,300

*Banco de Sicilia Trust Co. (New York).			
	Nov. 15 '26.	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.
Resources—			
Specie	\$1,323	\$1,058	
Other currency authorized by laws of United States	44,056	23,266	
Cash items	139,678	35,532	
Due from approved reserve depositaries	183,600	131,310	
Due from other banks, trust cos. and bankers	879,951	299,451	
Stock and bond investments	1,403,352	816,906	
Loans & disc. sec. by bond & mtg. or other coll.	31,000	6,000	
Loans and discounts secured by other collateral	2,886,318	633,951	
Loans, discounts and bills purch. not sec. by coll.	907,539	188,818	
Overdrafts	6,712	2,250	
Own acceptances purchased	16,785		
Customers liability on acceptances	232,136	30,622	
Other assets	90,043	86,008	
Total	\$6,822,493	\$2,248,209	
Liabilities—			
Capital	\$600,000	\$500,000	
Surplus and undivided profits	197,708	15,133	
Due deposits not preferred	5,310,333	1,652,852	
Due to trust companies, banks and bankers	425,144	28,945	
Acceptances	232,136	35,286	
Other liabilities	57,172	15,993	
Total	\$6,822,493	\$2,248,209	
Amount of deposits on which int. is being paid	\$5,371,074	\$1,563,239	

* Began business April 29 1925.

Bankers Trust Co. (New York).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Liabilities, Capital stock, Surplus fund and undivided profits. Rows include Stock and bond investments, Real estate, Bonds and mortgages owned, etc.

*Bronx County Trust Co. (New York).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Liabilities, Capital stock, Surplus fund and undivided profits. Rows include Other currency authorized by laws of United States, Cash items, Due from approved reserve depositaries, etc.

*Bank of Athens Trust Co. (New York).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Liabilities, Capital, Surplus including undivided profits. Rows include Specie, Other currency authorized by laws of United States, Cash items, etc.

Central Union Trust Co. (New York).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Liabilities, Capital stock, Surplus fund and undivided profits. Rows include Stock and bond investments, Real estate, Bonds and mortgages owned, etc.

*Bank of Europe Trust Co.

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Liabilities, Capital, Surplus including undivided profits. Rows include Specie, Other currency authorized by laws of United States, Cash items, etc.

Corporation Trust Co. (New York).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Liabilities, Capital stock, Surplus fund and undivided profits. Rows include Stock and bond investments, Due from trust cos., banks & bankers, Specie, etc.

Bank of New York & Trust Co. (New York).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Liabilities, Capital, Surplus fund and undivided profits. Rows include Specie, Other currency authorized by laws of U. S., Cash items, etc.

*County Trust Co. (New York).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Liabilities, Capital, Surplus including undivided profits. Rows include Specie, Other currency authorized by laws of United States, Due from Federal Reserve Bank of New York, etc.

* Began business Feb. 23 1926.

Empire Trust Co. (New York).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Nov. 15 '26, Nov. 14 '25, Nov. 15 '24. Rows include Stock and bond investments, Real estate, Bonds and mortgages owned, etc.

* Hudson Trust Company was merged into the Empire Trust Co. as of July 1 1924. The above statement is the combined statement of both companies for all the years.

*Equitable Trust Co. (New York).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Nov. 15 '26, Nov. 14 '25, Nov. 15 '24. Rows include Stock and bond investments, Real estate, Bonds and mortgages owned, etc.

Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. (New York).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Nov. 15 '26, Nov. 14 '25, Nov. 15 '24. Rows include Stock and bond investments, Real estate, Bonds and mortgages owned, etc.

Federation Bank & Trust Co. (New York).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Nov. 15 '26, Nov. 14 '25, Nov. 15 '24. Rows include Specie, Other currency authorized by laws of United States, Cash items, etc.

* Formerly Federation Bank. Began business as a trust co. Apr. 15 1926.

*Fidelity Trust Co. (New York).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Nov. 15 '26, Nov. 14 '25, Nov. 15 '24. Rows include Stock and bond investments, Bonds and mortgages owned, Real estate, etc.

* Coal & Iron merged in Fidelity-International Trust Co. and name changed as above as of Feb. 27 1926.

Fulton Trust Co. (New York).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Nov. 15 '26, Nov. 14 '25, Nov. 15 '24. Rows include Stock and bond investments, Bonds and mortgages owned, Loans and disc. secured by collateral, etc.

Guaranty Trust Co. (New York).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Nov. 15 '26, Nov. 14 '25, Nov. 15 '24. Rows include Stock and bond investments, Real estate, Bonds and mortgages owned, etc.

*International Acceptance Securities & Trust Co. (New York).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Nov. 15 '26, Nov. 14 '25, Nov. 15 '24. Rows include Specie, Other currency authorized by laws of United States, Cash items, etc.

* Began business March 9 1926.

***Interstate Trust Co. (New York).**

Resources—	*Nov. 15 '26.
Specie	\$3,052
Other currency authorized by laws of United States	33,413
Due from Federal Reserve Bank of New York	324,068
Due from other banks, trust companies and bankers	777,306
Stock and bond investments	2,786,053
Loans and discounts secured by collateral	3,506,380
Loans, discounts and bills purch. not secured by collateral	527,500
Other assets	95,088
Total	\$8,052,860
Liabilities—	
Capital	\$3,000,000
Surplus including undivided profits	900,000
Preferred deposits—	
Deposit by State of New York	250,000
Other deposits secured by pledge of assets	100,090
Due depositors not preferred	3,475,717
Due to trust companies, banks and bankers	263,406
Other liabilities	63,647
Total	\$8,052,860
Amount of deposits on which interest is being paid	\$3,780,042

*Began business Oct. 14, 1926.

Irving Bank & Trust Co. (New York).

Resources—	*Nov. 15 '26.	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24
Specie	\$344,345	238,716	264,386
Other currency authorized by laws of United States	2,301,166	2,266,114	2,730,506
Cash items	39,140,821	15,896,175	17,184,069
Due from Fed. Res. Bank of N. Y.	48,674,266	43,452,698	42,974,013
Due from other banks, trust cos. and bankers	12,647,070	15,570,959	16,531,004
Stock and bond investments	67,247,128	58,000,959	74,633,767
Loans & discs. by bonds & mtg. deed or other real estate collateral	5,780,320	2,347,863	888,210
Loans & discs. sec. by other collat.	129,705,128	134,240,234	118,184,949
Loans discounted & bills purch. not secured by collateral	88,907,639	90,655,150	100,623,513
Own acceptances purchased	202,050	1,733,677	3,908,944
Overdrafts	55,271	30,920	54,485
Bonds and mortgages owned	7,420,270	4,978,276	4,521,217
Real estate	242,979	583,839	762,292
Customers' liability on acceptances	27,346,498	22,551,922	21,178,951
Other assets	2,882,123	2,364,520	2,175,418
Total	\$432,897,074	394,912,022	406,615,724
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$22,000,000	17,500,000	17,500,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits	19,949,436	13,732,146	12,417,381
Preferred deposits—			
Due N. Y. State savings banks	4,939,137	4,341,253	5,749,444
Due N. Y. State savings and loan associations, &c.	189,172	266,452	227,111
Due as executor, admin., guard., &c.	2,524,020	9,711,605	8,905,718
Deposits by State of New York	503,600	236,386	68,571
Other dep. sec. by pledge of assets	1,643,547	561,413	2,921,770
Deposits otherwise preferred	60,031	184,130	19,467
Due depositors (not preferred)	275,853,437	249,054,256	257,440,839
Due to trust cos., banks & bankers	70,069,956	69,617,283	74,591,540
Acceptances	29,333,665	25,670,206	23,254,827
Other liabilities	5,831,073	4,036,892	3,519,056
Total	\$432,897,074	394,912,022	406,615,724
Amount of deposits on which interest is being paid	\$215,293,677	231,659,644	242,911,752

*National Butchers & Drovers Bank merged into Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. and name changed as above, effective Sept. 20, 1926.

Italian Discount & Trust Co. (New York).

Resources—	Nov. 15 '26.	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.
Stock and bond investments	\$1,198,769	\$1,351,986	\$1,450,404
Loans & disc. sec. by bond & mtg.	314,250	132,768	51,507
Loans & disc. secured by collateral	2,358,026	2,787,256	3,588,810
Loans disc. & bills pur. not sec. by coll	3,586,930	3,706,793	2,797,951
Bonds and mortgages owned	30,000	30,000	—
Overdrafts	3,492	607	153
Own acceptances purchased	53,887	133,404	321,935
Due from Fed. Res. Bank of N. Y.	197,767	160,981	329,948
Due from approved res. v. depositories	855,910	364,152	153,199
Due from other trust cos., banks and bankers	1,564,969	3,142,290	2,811,152
Specie	5,874	3,639	2,535
Other curr. auth. by laws of U. S.	172,221	101,101	152,719
Customers' liability on acceptances	597,512	687,136	\$75,173
Other assets	8,646,028	7,719,444	109,513
Total	\$19,585,635	\$20,321,557	\$12,644,999
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits	659,021	569,189	566,010
Preferred deposits—			
Due as executor, adm., guard., &c.	5,998,602	6,333,181	6,628,426
Due depositors (not preferred)	2,217,310	1,729,729	2,880,883
Due to trust cos., banks and bankers	356,858	2,156,452	511,741
Bills payable	619,714	769,116	882,694
Acceptances	8,734,130	7,763,890	169,746
Other liabilities	—	—	—
Total	\$19,585,635	\$20,321,557	\$12,644,999
Amount deposits on which int. is paid	\$6,572,729	\$6,688,445	\$7,611,895

***Lawyers' Trust Co. (New York).**

Resources—	Nov. 15 '26.	*Nov. 14 '25.	*Nov. 15 '24
Stock and bond investments	\$5,570,266	\$6,550,954	\$5,790,634
Real estate	3,654,560	3,052,060	3,582,401
Bonds and mortgages owned	1,201,500	763,300	5,565,387
Loans on bond & mtg. or oth. r. e. coll.	9,254,605	9,929,367	9,159,045
Loans & disc. sec. by other collateral	2,593,147	2,497,081	3,145,709
Overdrafts	67	632	1,525
Due from Fed. Res. Bank of N. Y.	838,576	842,032	793,479
Due from approved res. depositories	1,344,106	1,171,725	1,802,711
Due from oth. trust cos., bks. & b'kers	13,216	17,516	15,000
Specie	848,775	807,593	799,526
Other currency auth. by laws of U. S.	984,477	675,135	615,263
Cash items	151,724	158,039	612,197
Other assets	—	—	—
Total	\$26,455,019	\$26,465,434	\$32,022,698
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$6,000,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits	3,429,519	3,204,540	6,311,716
Preferred deposits—			
Due N. Y. State savings banks	274,173	264,125	318,764
Due N. Y. State sav. & loan ass'n.	31,176	43,620	38,111
Due as executor, administrator, &c.	1,085,824	1,496,830	914,133
Deposits by State of N. Y.	566,919	500,000	88,943
Dep. secured by pledge of assets	113,211	124,673	138,083
Deposits otherwise preferred	—	—	477,891
Due depositors (not preferred)	17,646,703	17,600,606	16,921,717
Due to trust cos., banks and bankers	103,033	91,304	88,426
Other liabilities	204,461	139,736	724,914
Total	\$26,455,019	\$26,465,434	\$32,022,698

***Lawyers' Trust Co. (New York) Concluded.**

Supplementary—For Cal. Year—	1926.	†1925.	†1924.
Total int. & comm. rec'd during year	\$1,565,060	\$1,132,503	\$1,360,570
All other profits rec'd during year	69,092	67,347	3,560,189
Charged to profit and loss—			(30,000)
On account of depreciation	182,547	59,185	138,544
On account of losses	424,367	346,833	318,068
Int. credited to depositors during year	467,040	424,981	2,085,921
Expenses during year, exclud. taxes	—	—	—
Amount of divs. declared on capital stock	240,000	135,000	600,000
Taxes paid during year	120,000	70,000	325,113
Amt. deposits on which int. is paid	21,407,000	17,900,000	16,815,000

* Business of the Lawyers' Title & Trust Co. divided into two corporations as of Feb. 28 1925, the title and mortgage business to be conducted by the Lawyers' Title & Guaranty Co. and the banking and trust business by the Lawyers' Trust Co. The above statement for Nov. 14 1925 is for the latter company; previous year for the two institutions. † 1925 represents 10 months' operations of trust company; previous year for both trust and title and guaranty companies.

Manufacturers' Trust Co. (New York).

Resources—	*Nov. 15 '26.	*Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.
Stock and bond investments	\$55,462,403	\$52,822,115	\$21,134,971
Real estate	6,543,776	3,828,416	2,857,199
Bonds and mortgages owned	13,847,807	9,643,444	7,234,112
Loans on bond & mtg. or oth. r. e. coll.	428,799	253,569	342,186
Loans & disc. sec. by other collateral	37,404,922	29,197,998	20,697,638
Loans disc. & bills pur. not sec. by coll.	81,492,175	90,107,092	51,423,121
Own acceptances purchased	337,305	514,149	304,072
Overdrafts	61,103	12,106	3,464
Due from Fed. Res. Bank of N. Y.	27,380,113	27,580,233	17,107,966
Due from approved res. depositories	1,986,200	1,516,937	1,491,099
Due from other tr. co's, bks. & bankers	841,307	1,032,413	544,408
Specie	313,076	370,291	254,541
Other currency auth. by laws of U. S.	3,311,227	2,879,668	1,736,370
Cash items	8,215,906	5,043,289	3,669,062
Customers' liability on acceptances	3,861,367	3,507,554	2,413,645
Other assets	586,008	537,076	303,004
Total	\$242,073,394	228,846,350	131,516,888
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$5,000,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits	14,782,338	12,441,837	5,315,783
Prof. deposits—N. Y. State sav. bks.	2,537,785	1,797,285	2,006,164
Due N. Y. Statesav. & loan assns., &c.	631,043	413,100	2,811,180
Due as executor, administrator, &c.	5,066,520	676,528	470,262
Deposits by State of New York	1,506,366	700,000	731,468
Depos. secured by pledge of assets	408,930	438,724	609,317
Deposits otherwise preferred	147,306	420,683	303,556
Due depositors (not preferred)	196,165,135	187,593,356	111,175,377
Due to trust companies & banks	2,000,000	2,575,153	1,845,092
Bills payable	2,000,000	5,500,000	—
Acceptances	4,109,800	4,223,429	2,687,277
Other liabilities	2,329,829	2,066,225	1,091,412
Total	\$242,073,394	228,846,350	131,516,888
Supplementary—For Cal. Year—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Total int. & comm. rec'd during year	\$9,491,599	\$7,693,703	\$5,073,146
All other profits received during year	3,992,659	2,290,044	1,258,160
Amt. of divs. declared on capital stk.	2,000,000	1,520,000	800,000
Amt. deposits on which int. is allowed	147,000,000	125,000,000	80,000,000

* Includes Yorkville Bank since April 1 1925 and Fifth National Bank and Gotham National Bank since June 1 1925.

***Murray Hill Trust Co. (New York).**

Resources—	*Nov. 15 '26.		*Nov. 15 '24.
Specie	\$3,981		\$3,981
Other currency authorized by laws of United States	40,296		40,296
Cash items	207,895		207,895
Due from Federal Reserve Bank of New York	419,676		419,676
Due from other banks, trust companies and bankers	292,876		292,876
Stock and bond investments	1,171,427		1,171,427
Loans and disc. sec. by bond and mtg. or other r. e. col.	35,000		35,000
Loans, discounts and bills purch. not sec. by coll.	1,115,140		1,115,140
Bonds and mortgages owned	342,700		342,700
Other assets	203,469		203,469
Total	\$5,037,034		\$5,037,034
Liabilities—			
Capital	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
Surplus including undivided profits	1,022,597		1,022,597
Prof. deposits—due as executor, administrator, guardian, &c.	387		387
Deposits by State of New York	150,000		150,000
Due depositors (not preferred)	2,736,537		2,736,537
Due to trust companies, banks and bankers	62,746		62,746
Other liabilities	64,767		64,767
Total	\$5,037,034		\$5,037,034
Amount of deposit on which interest is being paid	\$2,501,771		\$2,501,771

* Began business Sept. 7 1926.

New York Trust Co. (New York).

Resources—	Nov. 15 '26.	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.
Stock and bond investments	\$19,533,372	\$36,918,992	\$54,086,924
Real estate	321,935	321,935	321,935
Bonds and mortgages owned	600,420	223,600	1,073,104
Loans on bond & mtg. or oth. r. e. coll.	5,267,577	4,938,588	2,780,000
Loans & disc. sec. by other collateral	89,541,917	85,473,432	79,237,079
Loans disc. & bills pur. not sec. by coll.	49,679,282	44,595,164	50,453,957
Own acceptances purchased	614,144	1,579,424	81,737
Overdrafts	75,110	62,116	69,573
Due from Fed. Res. Bank of N. Y.	21,323,749	20,282,741	23,908,921
Due from trust cos., banks & bankers	417,095	3,467,010	7,292,562

***Terminal Trust Co. (New York).**

Resources—	Nov. 15 '26.	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.
Specie	\$195,634	\$8,827	\$12,435
Other currency auth. by laws of U. S.	248,764	131,538	131,538
Cash items	110	5	5
Due from approved res'vd depositaries	954,207	885,069	1,028,043
Due from other banks and trust cos.	64,424	27,899	37,032
Stock and bond investments	724,574	405,074	931,996
Loans and discounts secured by bond and mtge. or other r. e. coll.	74,000	211,500	—
Loans & disc. sec. by other coll.	977,116	1,414,559	768,807
Loans, disc. & bills pur. not sec. by coll.	2,633,360	3,223,425	2,447,464
Own acceptances purchased	23,313	—	—
Overdrafts	194	8,050	158
Bonds and mortgages owned	657,683	488,527	663,750
Real estate	4,180	255,181	—
Customers' liability on acceptances	363,643	—	508,132
Other assets	163,377	138,363	183,443
Total	\$6,835,705	\$7,315,348	\$6,712,803
Liabilities—			
Capital	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000
Surplus and undivided profits	292,320	259,958	253,528
Deposits preferred—			
Due N. Y. State sav. & l'n assns. &c.	18,062	2,339	—
Due as exec., admin., guardian, &c.	561	646	—
Deposits by the State of New York	125,000	175,000	108,000
Due depositors not preferred	5,175,544	5,775,794	5,110,301
Due trust cos., banks and bankers	115,765	108,847	—
Acceptances	363,643	255,181	508,132
Other liabilities	44,810	37,583	32,842
Total	\$6,835,705	\$7,315,348	\$6,712,803
Amt. of deposits on which int. is paid	\$2,871,800	\$3,109,200	\$2,259,500

* Name changed from Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Co-operative Trust Co. to Terminal Trust Co. as of Sept. 1 1926.

***Times Square Trust Co. (New York).**

Resources—	Nov. 15 '26.
Specie	\$5,735
Other currency authorized by laws of United States	75,148
Cash items	184,155
Due from Federal Reserve Bank of New York	290,515
Due from banks, trust companies and bankers	103,511
Stock and bond investments	1,673,591
Loans and discounts secured by collateral	1,373,388
Loans, discount & bills purchased not secured by collateral	1,105,492
Customers' liability on acceptances	16,366
Other assets	281,213
Total	\$5,108,114
Liabilities—	
Capital	\$2,000,000
Surplus including undivided profits	542,290
Due to depositors	2,514,837
Due to trust companies, banks and bankers	10,000
Acceptances	16,366
Other liabilities	24,621
Total	\$5,108,114
Amount of deposits on which interest is being paid	\$1,200,000

* Began business Oct. 16 1926.

Title Guarantee & Trust Co. (New York).

Resources—	Nov. 15 '26.	Nov. 15 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.
Stock and bond investments	\$15,398,599	\$17,268,281	\$18,557,528
Real estate	4,325,397	3,888,805	3,418,732
Bonds and mortgages owned	18,118,117	19,220,994	10,434,749
Loans on bond & mtg. or oth. r. e. coll.	4,077,022	1,332,086	854,296
Loans & disc. sec. by other collateral	9,780,564	15,335,024	18,319,616
Loans dis. & bills pay. not sec. by coll.	12,954,490	8,823,930	6,878,877
Overdrafts	1,883	3,991	7,391
Due from Fed. Res. Bank of N. Y.	2,225,010	3,009,397	2,282,007
Due from approved res. depositaries	2,955,013	3,871,195	4,238,607
Due from other tr. cos., bks., bkrs. &c.	97,404	87,390	282,705
Specie	687,271	439,240	383,447
Other currency auth. by laws of U. S.	1,076,024	825,326	921,846
Cash items	2,947,971	861,595	1,351,401
Customers' liability on acceptances	363,041	558,115	16,950
Other assets	1,534,466	1,774,520	1,124,057
Total	\$76,542,272	\$76,799,889	\$69,072,239
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits	19,506,750	17,233,424	15,908,330
Pref. deposits due N. Y. State savs. bks.	970,047	1,312,349	1,209,193
Due as executor, administrator, &c.	1,541,572	1,923,950	3,739
Deposits by New York State	61,000	61,000	81,000
Deposits secured by pledge of assets	72,750	72,750	72,750
Due depositors (not preferred)	41,500,287	43,807,443	38,539,248
Due trust co's, banks and bankers	370,628	180,265	225,257
Acceptances	363,041	558,115	16,950
Other liabilities	2,156,197	1,650,593	1,342,386
Total	\$76,542,272	\$76,799,889	\$69,072,239
Supplementary—For Cal. Year—			
1926.	1925.	1924.	
Total int. & comm. rec'd during year	\$3,416,539	\$3,172,533	\$2,936,676
All other profits received during year	11,243,395	9,952,766	7,757,224
Charged to profit and loss—			
On account of depreciation	153,600	203,600	200,000
On account of losses	305,092	157,100	124,786
Int. credited to depositors during year	731,981	749,608	756,699
Expenses during year, excluding taxes	6,706,480	5,913,106	4,938,228
Amt. of divs. declared on cap. stock	3,600,000	2,900,000	2,800,000
Transferred to surplus	3,000,000	—	—
Taxes paid during the year	1,024,855	852,065	784,517
Amt. deposits on which int. is paid	38,546,404	45,132,651	37,631,050

***Trust Company of North America (New York).**

Resources—	Nov. 15 '26.	Nov. 14 '25.	*Nov. 15 '24.
Specie	\$875	\$1,730	\$765
Other currency auth. by laws of U. S.	207,750	366,366	53,014
Cash items	1,732	5,967	5,537
Due from approved res. depositaries	572,855	167,932	173,053
Due from other bks., trust cos. & bkrs	131,837	121,624	105,611
Stock and bond investments	422,801	619,243	737,056
Loans & discounts secured by collateral	620,127	576,202	367,307
Loans, disc's & bills purch. not sec. by collateral	2,026,671	1,128,878	558,326
Own acceptances purchased	152,129	17,672	4,000
Overdrafts	114	894	1,739
Bonds & mortgages owned	115,550	115,250	—
Customers' liability on acceptances	348,519	93,295	29,817
Other assets	318,195	577,497	16,667
Total	\$4,918,855	\$3,792,550	\$2,052,892
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus fund & undivided profits	205,998	224,100	215,793
Prof. dep.—Due N. Y. State savs. bks	29,242	21,516	35,330
Due as executor, admin., guard., &c	17,007	—	—
Deposits by State of New York	200,000	130,000	197,215
Deposits otherwise preferred	—	202	1,350
Due depositors, not preferred	2,904,383	1,536,011	757,424
Due to trust cos., banks & bankers	43,183	157,198	213,921
Bills payable	250,000	500,115	88,029
Acceptances	454,392	96,795	36,330
Other liabilities	314,650	566,613	7,500
Total	\$4,918,855	\$3,792,550	\$2,052,892
Amt. of dep. on which int. is being pd.	\$1,614,500	\$1,066,445	\$889,611

* Began business March 11 1924.

United States Mortgage & Trust Co. (New York).

Resources—	Nov. 15 '26.	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.
Stock and bond investments	\$12,127,607	\$10,666,858	\$17,203,610
Real estate	1,139,875	1,120,817	529,582
Bonds and mortgages owned	4,103,671	3,353,119	3,473,376
Loans on bond & mtg. or oth. r. e. coll.	521,140	175,310	69,775
Loans & disc. sec. by other collateral	36,387,950	35,599,258	32,278,114
Loans, disc. & bills pur. not sec. by coll.	5,200,381	5,984,591	5,301,633
Overdrafts	3,147	8,485	5,956
Due from Fed. Res. Bank of N. Y.	7,172,267	7,999,445	7,255,052
Due from approved res'vd depositaries	722,024	376,958	501,690
Due from other tr. cos., bks. & bkrs.	737,020	933,252	540,731
Specie	63,301	59,626	49,818
Other currency auth. by laws of U. S.	690,541	652,426	670,679
Cash items	5,869,865	1,405,230	985,913
Customers' liability on acceptances	721,561	272,517	757,029
Other assets	376,234	309,128	327,672
Total	\$75,836,584	\$68,917,320	\$69,960,630
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits	4,964,966	4,750,937	4,619,127
Preferred deposits—			
Due N. Y. State savings banks	536,349	625,229	650,217
Due as executor, administrator, &c.	1,182,344	1,356,507	1,388,078
Deposits by State of New York	150,000	100,000	150,000
Dep. secured by pledge of assets	690,572	532,502	1,326,694
Deposits otherwise preferred	119,793	—	—
Due depositors (not preferred)	59,903,015	52,991,527	52,522,595
Due trust cos., banks and bankers	3,625,803	4,478,954	4,253,514
Acceptances	834,377	289,517	757,629
Other liabilities	829,365	801,119	1,283,376
Total	\$75,836,584	\$68,926,320	\$69,950,630
Amt. deposits on which int. is paid	\$57,963,755	\$54,496,954	\$54,703,343

United States Trust Co. (New York).

Resources—	Nov. 15 '26.	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.
Stock and bond investments	\$14,034,607	\$15,153,747	\$14,941,711
Real estate	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Bonds and mortgages owned	5,633,228	4,516,358	3,774,865
Loans on bond and mortgage	25,000	36,250	45,250
Loans & disc. secured by other collat.	37,750,000	44,689,400	45,368,568
Loans, disc. & bills pur. not sec. by coll.	3,277,617	2,538,344	3,322,030
Other currency auth. by laws of U. S.	—	100,000	100,000
Due from Fed. Reserve Bank of N. Y.	3,700,000	4,500,000	4,500,000
Due from approved res'vd depositaries	3,802,230	4,496,649	4,396,233
Other assets	386,536	414,039	353,327
Total	69,610,118	\$77,444,787	\$77,801,990
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Surplus fund & undivided profits	19,819,293	18,789,497	18,167,282
Preferred deposits—			
Due N. Y. State savings banks	1,874,105	2,005,275	2,850,826
Due as executor, administrator, &c.	18,201,679	22,690,757	27,247,744
Dep. secured by pledge of assets	1,684,484	1,836,196	2,087,163
Due depositors (not preferred)	24,778,121	28,733,327	24,195,727
Due trust cos., banks and bankers	237,889	179,604	149,208
Other liabilities	1,015,477	1,210,131	1,104,040
Total	\$69,610,118	\$77,444,787	\$77,801,990
Supplementary—For Cal. Year—			
1926.	1925.	1924.	
Total int. & comm. rec'd during year	\$4,624,287	\$4,393,887	\$3,852,753
All other profits received during year	461,078	46,308	107,690
Int. credited to depositors during year	1,196,358	1,251,770	1,169,102
Expenses during year, excluding taxes	931,720	723,082	620,163
Amt. of divs. declared on capital stock	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
Taxes paid during the year	556,337	538,376	425,325
Amt. deposits on which int. is paid	51,483,406	54,221,114	55,952,802

BROOKLYN COMPANIES

Brooklyn Trust Co. (Brooklyn).

Resources—	Nov. 15 '26.	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.
Stock and bond investments	\$18,743,560	\$16,545,525	\$23,368,696
Real estate	1,755,738	1,368,585	1,202,996
Bonds and mortgages owned	6,280,656	5,415,880	3,815,414
Loans on bonds & mtg. or oth. r. e. coll.	211,868	283,165	135,600
Loans and disc. sec. by other collateral	22,434,755	20,342,774	11,083,459
Loans, disc. & bills pur. not sec. by coll.	3,123,263	3,845,338	5,061,922
Overdrafts	4,307	5,930	4,013
Due from Fed. Res. Bank of N. Y.	5,382,670	5,768,601	9,450,743
Due from approved res. depositaries	707,272	589,547	1,052,908
Due from other banks & trust cos.	—	16,170	—
Specie	346,269	260,956	292,566
Other currency auth. by laws of U. S.	410,281	327,103	293,853
Cash items	2,389,894	720,267	523,013
Customers' liability on acceptances	582,708	502,143	396,264
Other assets	—	—	—
Total	\$62,383,304	\$55,991,984	\$56,681,451

Kings County Trust Co. (Brooklyn).

Resources—	Nov. 15 '26.	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.
Stock and bond investments	\$8,278,834	\$9,142,704	\$9,817,479
Real estate	210,000	210,000	210,000
Bonds and mortgages owned	1,579,165	1,438,075	1,137,755
Loans on bond & mtg. or oth. r.e.coll.	653,763	624,630	403,980
Loans & disc. sec. by other collateral	18,777,242	16,853,651	18,295,543
Loans disc. & bills pur. not sec. by coll.	2,437,504	1,914,945	1,797,015
Overdrafts	609	344	497
Due from approv'd res'vdepositories	4,367,729	5,444,548	4,530,166
Due from other tr.cos., bks. & bankers	39,237	72,889	89,521
Specie	23,776	18,838	19,983
Other currency auth. by laws of U. S.	2,005,304	1,748,104	1,949,066
Cash items	121,078	136,439	139,399
Other assets	131,007	163,499	178,790
Total	\$38,625,248	\$37,768,666	\$38,569,194
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits	5,031,462	4,634,884	4,440,131
Preferred deposits—			
Due N. Y. State savings banks	5,757,545	2,984,673	3,959,643
Due savings and loan associations	1,000	1,000	1,000
Due as executor, administrator, &c	2,350,441	1,689,736	1,889,133
Deposits by State of New York	450,000	650,000	486,000
Deposits sec. by trust co. assets	560,905	570,456	492,163
Due depositors (not preferred)	23,494,358	26,015,381	25,960,883
Due trust co's, banks and bankers	145,150	393,391	512,574
Other liabilities	334,387	329,145	327,667
Total	\$38,625,248	\$37,768,666	\$38,569,194
Amt. of deposits on which Int. is paid	\$31,298,800	\$30,527,900	\$31,683,800

Midwood Trust Co. (Brooklyn).

Resources—	Nov. 15 '26.	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.
Stock and bond investments	\$1,345,876	\$1,199,341	\$1,259,036
Real estate	424,280	233,248	200,514
Bonds and mortgages owned	1,341,344	1,195,244	969,440
Loans on bond & mtg. or oth. r.e.coll.	568,066	501,432	146,091
Loans and disc. sec. by other collateral	1,495,611	1,226,621	721,224
Not secured by collateral	4,981,807	3,688,946	2,351,588
Overdrafts	1,369	16,549	2,384
Due from Fed. Res. Bank of N. Y.	819,413	923,423	561,363
Due from other tr. cos., bks. & b'kers.	108,146	85,780	127,382
Specie	36,788	41,437	18,624
Other currency auth. by laws of U. S.	215,044	142,264	104,974
Cash items	498,341	332,103	286,500
Customers' liability on acceptances	3,913	1,013	—
Other assets	50,382	41,171	28,153
Total	\$11,980,380	\$9,628,572	\$6,777,277
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$1,000,000	\$700,000	\$700,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits	546,824	379,965	382,556
Prof. deposits: due N. Y. State savs. bks	406,975	133,840	120,700
Due by sav. & loan ass'ns, &c	25,000	—	—
Deposits sec. by pledge of assets	122,000	—	—
Due as exec. admin., guard., &c	64,935	13,995	2,160
Deposits by State of New York	200,495	135,000	24,000
Due depositors (not preferred)	8,785,523	7,989,480	5,413,785
Due trust cos., banks and bankers	12,046	27,500	—
Bills payable	750,000	200,000	—
Acceptances	—	—	1,013
Re-discounts	8,323	—	100,000
Other liabilities	58,259	37,779	34,076
Total	\$11,980,380	\$9,628,572	\$6,777,277
Amount of dep's on which nt. is paid	\$5,410,000	\$6,915,000	\$2,729,000

BOSTON COMPANIES

American Trust Co. (Boston).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Railroad and other bonds	\$3,144,447	\$2,376,563	\$2,738,253
Time loans	17,521,240	16,759,341	16,884,333
Our real estate	—	—	45,041
Bank acceptances sold with endorse't	—	—	245,357
Customers' liabls. under acceptances	199,455	333,116	410,244
Demand loans	6,502,967	5,628,371	4,644,509
Cash on hand in banks	5,543,289	5,828,560	6,134,467
Other assets	—	—	—
Total	\$32,911,398	\$30,925,952	\$31,102,175
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Surplus fund	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Undivided profits	808,332	768,682	742,044
Reserve for taxes, &c	302,303	229,708	—
Bills payable	1,150,000	—	—
General deposits	26,951,308	26,094,446	26,200,680
Acceptances	199,455	333,116	414,093
Endorsements on bank acceptances	—	—	245,358
Total	\$32,911,398	\$30,925,952	\$31,102,175

Charlestown Trust Co. (Boston).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
United States & Massachusetts bonds	\$94,572	\$94,572	\$94,572
Other stocks and bonds	319,388	219,938	219,809
Loans on real estate	275,956	249,888	183,584
Time loans	304,305	373,271	420,831
Demand loans	106,162	71,604	78,793
Banking house and vaults	53,836	53,836	53,641
Due from banks	187,904	200,052	155,656
Cash on hand	69,488	74,251	53,047
Other resources	—	30	92
Total	\$1,411,611	\$1,337,442	\$1,260,025
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus fund	23,000	20,000	17,000
Undivided profits	2,721	5,101	3,775
Commercial deposits	1,182,640	1,109,165	1,036,088
Miscellaneous dividends unpaid	3,250	3,176	3,162
Total	\$1,411,611	\$1,337,442	\$1,260,025

Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. (Boston).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
United States bonds	\$528,192	\$477,154	\$307,912
Other stocks and bonds	127,410	112,450	65,155
Loans on real estate	936,050	683,526	800,372
Demand loans	1,437,679	1,193,685	1,236,909
Time loans	3,129,540	2,834,883	1,901,783
Furniture and fixtures	42,500	45,000	47,500
Cash in reserve banks	655,311	683,101	616,934
Checks on other banks	108,853	299,954	108,655
Cash in vaults	131,232	140,989	86,030
Customers' liability acct. acceptances	26,975	3,160	39,922
Total	\$7,123,742	\$6,473,902	\$5,211,172
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$750,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits	3,758,650	185,421	166,683
Demand deposits	3,755,631	4,061,925	3,217,708
Time deposits	1,858,153	1,545,328	787,536
Due to banks	149,332	78,898	87,129
Bills payable	325,000	—	310,000
Acceptances	26,976	3,160	42,117
Total	\$7,123,742	\$6,473,902	\$5,211,172

Beacon Trust Co. (Boston).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Time loans	\$15,914,656	\$14,645,436	\$11,643,299
Demand loans	8,895,241	8,330,123	6,988,876
Investments	504,065	925,086	826,883
Cash in office and banks	5,507,398	5,794,732	5,815,997
Safe deposit vaults	292,910	305,000	320,000
Real estate by foreclosure	146,337	122,792	122,598
Customers' liability under letters of credit and acceptances	1,252,927	1,799,576	1,650,603
Other assets	40,805	39,912	74,588
Total assets	\$32,554,339	\$31,962,657	\$27,342,844
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus	2,000,000	1,800,000	1,800,000
Earnings undivided	282,264	130,367	141,054
Letters of credit and acceptances	1,252,927	1,799,576	1,650,603
Reserve for taxes and interest	99,355	11,480	18,840
Notes and bills rediscounted	1,890,000	1,879,000	874,500
Deposits	25,619,793	25,342,234	21,857,847
Total	\$32,554,339	\$31,962,657	\$27,342,844

Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. (Boston).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Bonds and stocks	\$2,082,510	\$2,494,395	\$2,493,426
Loans	15,522,946	16,238,265	13,598,479
Cash in office	706,494	686,415	654,361
Cash in banks	2,433,024	2,064,813	2,572,912
Exchanges for clearing house	820,045	560,164	—
Overdrafts and accrued interest	35,812	26,842	16,021
Cash items	2,196	7,358	1,745
Real estate	1,745,331	1,745,331	1,745,332
Stk. B. S. D. & T. Co. held for distrib'n	—	—	—
Total	\$23,348,358	\$23,823,583	\$21,082,276
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Profit and loss	977,110	871,527	768,180
Deposits	18,279,651	18,862,854	16,230,154
Int. reserved for certifs. of deposit	—	—	4,066
Reserved for taxes	91,597	89,202	79,876
Total	\$23,348,358	\$23,823,583	\$21,082,276
Trust department (additional)	\$118,044,538	105,035,192	\$92,596,194
Rate of interest paid on deposits	1926. 2%	1925. 2%	1924. 2%
Dividends paid in calendar year	32% 2%	32% 2%	32% 2%

Columbia Trust Co. (Boston).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
United States bonds	\$85,350	\$100,750	\$100,750
Other stocks and bonds	294,224	264,408	262,437
Loans	2,765,805	2,628,998	2,307,542
Cash in office	30,683	52,721	69,743
Cash in banks	110,786	167,789	149,369
Total	\$3,286,848	\$3,214,666	\$2,889,841
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Surplus and profits	239,481	203,571	174,320
Deposits	2,947,367	2,947,498	2,615,521
Total	\$3,286,848	\$3,251,069	\$2,889,841

Exchange Trust Co. (Boston).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 30 '24.
Stocks and bonds	\$3,901,948	\$3,655,075	\$4,490,947
Cash in offices and banks	2,239,938	1,604,806	1,806,185
Safe deposit vaults, furn. & fixtures	40,000	40,000	40,000
Demand loans	1,815,498	259,520	922,616
Time loans	4,368,714	4,497,039	4,323,650
Loans on real estate	7,904,884	8,734,239	8,190,161
Real estate owned	328,000	328,000	328,000
Total	\$20,598,982	\$19,118,679	\$20,101,759
Liabilities—			
Capital	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Profit and loss	320,615	131,492	288,605
Deposits	18,278,367	16,987,187	17,813,153
Total	\$20,598,982	\$19,118,679	\$20,101,759
Rate of int. pd. on dep. of \$500 & over	1926. 2%	1925. 2%	1924. 2%
Dividends paid in calendar year	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000

Jamaica Plain Trust Co. (Boston).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
State of Massachusetts bonds	\$237,416	\$4,789	\$4,789
Other stocks and bonds	1,221,001		

Liberty Trust Co. (Boston).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
Other investments	\$1,448,868	\$1,095,865	\$1,173,648
Loans on real estate	3,827,216	4,138,313	4,230,235
Demand loans	993,872	482,095	612,279
Time loans	5,866,732	6,307,281	5,962,983
Banking rooms	96,332	95,975	95,000
Cash on hand and in banks	1,658,562	2,231,200	2,102,064
U. S. bonds	130,473	169,881	164,940
Other resources	68,775	88,371	72,371
Total	\$14,100,831	\$14,608,981	\$14,413,520
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
Surplus fund	750,000	750,000	750,000
Undivided profits	30,237	21,110	28,503
Deposits	11,720,951	12,292,343	12,182,973
Dividends unpaid	22,629	22,500	22,674
Bills payable	701,000	153,000	454,450
Notes rediscounted	—	525,595	125,000
Uncompleted loans	3,187	2,880	7,020
Foreign currency certificates	—	—	3,380
Guaranty fund	74,000	60,000	47,000
Other liabilities	48,826	31,553	42,520
Total	\$14,100,831	\$14,608,981	\$14,413,520

New England Trust Co. (Boston).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
Stocks and bonds	\$2,974,359	\$3,010,252	\$3,133,031
Real estate	1,825,000	1,825,000	1,825,000
Demand and time loans	17,208,248	19,363,963	20,185,342
Cash in bank and office	4,739,296	5,447,319	5,145,572
Other assets	78,398	79,586	76,640
Total	\$26,825,301	\$29,726,120	\$30,365,585
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Guarantee account	879,746	884,310	585,163
Undivided profits	136,965	225,112	300,000
Reserved for taxes	22,314,383	24,146,585	25,341,249
Deposits	350,000	750,000	—
Bills payable	—	565,000	1,139,173
Mortgage loans	144,207	155,114	—
Other liabilities	—	—	—
Total	\$26,825,301	\$29,726,120	\$30,365,585

Old Colony Trust Co. (Boston).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
Investments	\$24,265,185	\$31,410,839	\$18,583,447
Demand and time loans	136,665,536	125,074,874	112,472,931
Banking offices	6,563,219	6,081,120	5,475,263
Customers' liability under letters of credit and acceptances	7,083,070	4,883,800	6,999,720
Due from banks	29,291,306	28,498,673	27,289,588
Cash	1,826,183	1,829,909	1,439,020
Exchanges for clearing house	5,335,086	7,205,965	6,308,616
Total	\$211,029,585	\$204,986,180	\$178,568,585
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$12,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$7,000,000
Surplus	10,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000
Undivided profits	3,296,887	3,609,893	785,811
Reserved for taxes and interest	1,165,259	708,383	1,087,870
Reserved for depreciation	508,428	508,428	508,429
Acceptances and letters of credit	7,181,283	5,022,659	7,319,156
Deposits	169,855,011	170,636,817	150,467,319
Rediscounts	7,022,717	5,500,000	2,400,000
Total	\$211,029,585	\$204,986,180	\$178,568,585

Revere Trust Co. (Revere, Mass.).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
U. S. and State of Mass. bonds	\$15,203	\$23,456	\$72,456
Other stocks and bonds	79,476	110,448	91,107
Loans on real estate	78,128	58,034	32,722
Demand loans with collaterals	44,072	30,870	23,040
Other demand loans	36,377	40,097	37,050
Time loans with collateral	87,663	104,555	106,787
Other time loans	191,782	205,382	106,665
Safe dep. vaults, furniture & fixtures	10,000	10,000	10,000
Due from reserve banks	60,742	58,784	97,721
Cash and cash items	26,313	36,509	19,100
Other assets	—	138	259
Total	\$629,756	\$678,273	\$596,907
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Surplus fund	10,000	10,000	10,000
Undiv. prof., less exp., int. & taxes paid	17,171	10,402	1,121
Deposits (demand)—			
Subject to check	488,416	503,948	415,613
United States Government	—	32,600	—
Certificates of deposit	—	3,000	11,750
Certified checks	1,105	1,208	2,193
Treasurer's checks	4,064	12,115	330
Deposits (time)—			
Cts. dep. not pay. within 30 days	5,000	5,000	5,000
War loan account	—	—	50,900
Notes and bills re-discounted	4,000	—	—
Total	\$629,756	\$678,273	\$596,907

Aldine Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
Real estate mortgages	\$209,795	\$274,733	\$107,728
Stocks and bonds	752,650	973,717	788,104
Loans on collateral	2,483,966	2,398,410	3,126,246
Loans on commercial paper	2,344,808	1,308,820	1,571,698
Customers' liability letters of credit	21,195	31,955	961
Banking house & fixtures	156,023	50,000	50,000
Cash on hand	130,171	73,312	132,645
Cash on deposit	93,816	48,362	480,344
Due from Federal Reserve account	227,351	194,767	—
Transit account	127,742	211,119	—
Suspense account	46	—	—
Interest earned & uncollected	3,531	—	—
Total	\$6,551,094	\$5,565,936	\$6,257,726
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus fund	85,616	76,080	131,971
Undivided profits	4,038,244	3,443,216	4,093,575
Deposits	873	555	1,036
Dividends unpaid	384,768	—	—
Bills payable	22,195	31,955	961
Letters of credit	19,398	14,130	30,183
Reserve for taxes and misc. liabilities	—	—	—
Total	\$6,551,094	\$5,565,936	\$6,257,726
Trust department (additional)	\$7,665,800	\$2,182,046	\$4,276,267

Roxbury Trust Co. (Boston).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	June 30 '24.
Resources—			
Stocks and bonds	\$342,967	\$546,102	\$336,910
Loans on real estate	690,494	702,114	434,270
Demand and time loans	733,007	399,084	912,150
Furniture, fixtures and vault	54,772	53,444	48,095
Due from banks	204,424	115,050	151,063
Cash	53,918	52,103	72,996
Other resources	106,687	25,913	11,691
Total	\$2,186,269	\$1,893,810	\$1,967,175
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus fund	12,185	9,311	1,275
Undivided profits	32,113	20,426	7,861
Deposits	1,875,971	1,575,880	1,751,446
Uncompleted loans	—	88,193	—
Bills and accounts payable	66,000	—	—
Other liabilities	—	—	6,593
Total	\$2,186,269	\$1,893,810	\$1,967,175

State Street Trust Co. (Boston).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
Loans on real estate	\$1,516,015	\$28,634,166	\$24,378,060
Time loans	30,179,704	23,474,038	14,125,706
Demand loans	21,962,883	23,474,038	14,125,706
Investments	1,334,462	1,703,984	1,259,084
Due from Federal Reserve Bank	7,256,666	7,849,402	4,358,974
Cash in office and banks	5,777,210	6,769,852	4,529,018
Real estate and safe deposit vaults	906,999	864,667	392,431
Bankers' acceptances, purch. or disc. interest & rent accrued, not collected	134,272	395,574	—
Customers' liability on account acceptances and letters of credit	2,544,884	2,110,075	2,854,356
Acceptances of other banks end. & sold	1,292,812	1,231,830	1,089,691
U. S. bonds and cts. of indebtedness	—	40,858	241,200
Other assets	40,858	38,137	134,626
Total	\$73,117,833	\$73,257,245	\$53,363,146
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$2,000,000
Surplus and undivided profits	3,962,218	3,948,499	3,376,689
Reserve for expenses & contingencies	43,874	100,746	—
Reserve for interest, &c.	81,568	84,809	—
Acceptances	2,235,046	2,072,620	2,166,820
Acceptances of other banks end. & sold	1,792,695	1,483,374	1,089,691
Notes and bills re-discounted	800,000	—	—
Acceptances and letters of credit issued and guaranteed	—	—	353,262
Deposits	61,067,503	62,398,863	43,921,433
Other liabilities	134,929	168,334	455,251
Total	\$73,117,833	\$73,257,245	\$53,363,146

United States Trust Co. (Boston).

	Dec. 31 '26.	June 30 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
U. S. and State of Mass. bonds	\$1,659,095	\$8,181,948	\$2,204,043
Other stocks and bonds	5,191,403	—	4,678,289
Loans on real estate	6,267,864	10,049,737	6,654,722
Demand and time loans	3,773,523	—	3,746,830
Due from banks	1,132,477	2,345,371	2,909,313
Cash on hand	1,634,623	141,229	228,437
Other assets	14,379	94,536	79,898
Total	\$19,673,364	\$20,812,821	\$20,201,532
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Undivided profits	533,052	443,760	345,659
Deposits	16,912,844	18,274,525	17,855,766
Other liabilities	227,468	94,536	107
Total	\$19,673,364	\$20,812,821	\$20,201,532

Winthrop Trust Co. (Winthrop, Mass.).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
U. S. and State of Mass. bonds	\$269,552	\$203,322	\$133,630
Other stocks and bonds	473,745	340,939	334,938
Demand loans with collateral	216,171	165,481	312,979
Other demand loans	49,420	37,825	49,450
Loans on real estate	1,317,285	1,226,938	1,023,472
Time loans with collateral	57,492	42,233	57,230
Other time loans	117,065	218,019	164,001
Banking house and vaults	18,000	23,000	27,000
Due from Reserve banks	121,579	147,130	128,998
Cash, currency and specie	32,856	45,236	35,155
Other assets	—	2	—
Total	\$2,673,165	\$2,450,127	\$2,266,855
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Surplus fund	75,000	65,000	50,000
Undivided profits	44,667	39,330	26,495
Deposits subject to check	966,950	1,012,145	1,025,108
Certified checks	303	10,253	754
Treasurer's checks	5,921	2,050	1,132
United States Government deposits	3,220	—	—
Due to Reserve banks	16,385	16,062	14,868
Time deposits	1,438,069	1,184,210	1,031,297
Reserved for taxes and interest	22,649	21,077	17,202
Total	\$2,673,164	\$2,450,127	\$2,266,855

PHILADELPHIA COMPANIES

Allegheny Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

American Bank and Trust Co. (Philadelphia),

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash and notes	\$167,831	\$190,150	\$145,100
Due from reserve agents	259,719	380,092	264,788
Legal reserve security at par	150,000	150,000	100,000
Nickels and cents	1,144	633	1,213
Check and cash items	4,061	4,466	639
Commercial paper on one name	422,144	409,734	409,159
Commercial paper on two names	402,670	544,133	480,940
Time loan with collateral	47,500	76,872	72,100
Call loans with collateral	787,775	644,368	579,487
Loans secured with bonds and mtges.	270,700	260,000	210,400
Stocks and bonds	1,056,740	1,011,911	1,037,792
Mortgages and judgments	1,328,050	1,081,371	809,559
Real estate and building	65,791	65,791	65,791
Furniture and fixtures	22,000	22,000	7,000
Overdrafts	255	558	559
Other resources	—	—	9,566
Total	\$4,986,378	\$4,842,079	\$4,194,093
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$300,000
Surplus	600,000	500,000	300,000
Undivided profits	44,991	94,434	58,115
Deposits subject to check	2,247,991	2,435,845	2,164,480
Demand certificates of deposit	5,924	6,898	7,613
Deposit by Commonwealth of Pa.	50,000	30,000	15,000
Certified checks	4,825	7,025	7,924
Treasurer's checks	5,556	11,421	7,650
Saving fund deposits	1,369,873	1,249,601	1,226,547
Dividends unpaid	718	355	264
Bills payable on demand	150,000	—	100,000
Other liabilities	6,500	6,500	6,500
Total	\$4,986,678	\$4,842,079	\$4,194,093
Trust department (additional)	\$139,226	\$42,023	\$44,658

***Bank of North America & Trust Co. (Philadelphia)**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand	\$455,032	\$525,494	\$814,076
Due from approved reserve agents	3,948,792	3,600,697	3,193,754
Due from other banks, trust cos., &c.	5,868,583	6,546,248	6,217,804
Checks and cash items	4,498,343	4,812,761	3,162,391
Commercial paper purchased	11,918,848	10,962,894	13,948,852
Time loans	6,881,410	14,756,624	6,464,579
Call loans	19,512,911	13,549,427	9,925,169
Bonds and mortgages owned	462,500	552,500	12,000
Bonds and stocks	7,479,969	8,909,742	21,991,617
Office building and lot	300,000	300,000	300,000
Other real estate	90,900	562,500	562,500
Furniture, fixtures and vaults	119,000	125,000	130,000
Customers' liability on letters of credit	72,439	76,595	80,172
Other assets	2,231,112	2,191,740	389,686
Total	\$63,839,839	\$67,472,131	\$67,192,600
Liabilities—			
Capital	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Surplus fund	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Undivided profits	1,603,510	1,246,718	919,623
Reserve for interest and taxes	328,253	262,680	267,825
Demand deposits	40,054,707	40,364,854	33,386,796
Time deposits	2,385,245	3,255,391	5,174,958
Due to banks and trust companies	7,029,885	8,785,644	13,905,369
Dividends unpaid	182,123	187,925	188,974
Acceptances	72,439	13,393	80,172
Letters of credit	—	63,201	—
Bills payable	—	1,200,000	3,000,000
Other liabilities	2,177,677	2,092,324	268,873
Total	\$63,833,839	\$67,472,131	\$67,192,600
Trust department (additional)	\$41,675,767	\$41,657,526	\$32,340,083

***Bankers Trust Co.**

Resources—	*Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Jan. 31 '25.
Cash, specie and notes	\$88,587	\$83,065	\$101,400
Due from approved reserve agents	333,812	148,694	164,966
Due from other banks, trust cos., &c.	10,000	—	—
Legal reserve securities, at par	76,000	71,000	76,000
Nickels and cents	2,718	949	2,060
Cash items	9,268	3,079	680
Bills discounted, upon one name	436,785	463,983	274,841
Bills disc., upon two or more names	196,835	185,645	274,463
Time loans with collateral	118,237	132,487	194,986
Call loans with collateral	284,592	27,372	302,470
Loans on call, upon one name	178,000	195,000	232,950
Loans secured by bonds and mtges.	209,400	161,600	111,834
Bonds	647,166	691,057	727,736
Stocks	5,000	5,000	5,000
Bonds and mortgages owned	141,050	218,900	59,000
Office building and lot	500,000	417,896	416,728
Furniture and fixtures	43,385	53,000	51,511
Other real estate	—	24,462	—
Overdrafts	14	368	791
Book value of legal res. sec. above par	585	347	409
Other assets not incl. in the above	707,145	28,470	20,173
Total	\$3,988,579	\$2,912,374	\$3,017,999
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,000,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Surplus fund	250,000	135,000	135,000
Undivided profits	6,990	34,899	83,744
Less current expenses and taxes paid	—	—	58,697
Reserved for int., taxes and expenses	12,189	9,441	8,155
Deposits subject to check	1,397,809	1,357,388	1,316,398
Demand certificates of deposit	400	1,910	1,630
Deposits, Commonwealth of Penna.	96,250	50,000	65,000
Certified checks	27,317	35,127	49,101
Cashier's or treasurer's checks	93,021	6,135	19,640
Special time deposits	11,531	17,907	11,185
Time savings fund deposits	852,762	789,773	778,330
Dividends unpaid	7,509	77	7,514
Other liabilities not incl. in above	232,801	230,718	233,605
Total	\$3,988,579	\$2,912,375	\$3,017,999

* The Bankers Trust Co., a newly organized institution, was consolidated with the Bank & Trust Co. of West Philadelphia as of Dec. 31 1926. The Bank & Trust Co. of West Philadelphia began business April 17 1924, succeeding the West Philadelphia Bank.

Belmont Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand and due from banks	\$475,302	\$320,957	\$330,112
Commercial & other paper purchased	267,573	227,209	165,191
Loans on collateral	1,056,578	900,974	918,911
Loans on bonds and mortgages	850,114	869,330	407,600
Stocks, bonds, &c.	524,443	693,021	807,752
Mortgages	510,863	424,369	302,025
Furniture and fixtures	25,000	34,938	30,427
Banking house and other real estate	87,200	96,191	89,996
Loans to building & loan associations	154,550	—	—
Miscellaneous assets	81,023	243,254	30,642
Total	\$4,032,646	\$3,810,243	\$3,082,656
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$250,000	\$187,500	\$187,500
Surplus	250,000	162,500	137,500
Undivided profits	50,994	54,462	54,843
Deposits	3,408,468	3,330,412	2,642,612
Special reserve account	72,150	70,151	25,659
Other liabilities	1,034	5,218	24,549
Total	\$4,032,646	\$3,810,243	\$3,082,656
Trust department (additional)	\$31,971	\$31,892	\$76,348

Banca d'Italia & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	*Dec. 31 '25.
Cash, specie and notes	\$20,532	\$25,351
Due from approved reserve agents	32,538	21,625
Due from banks, excluding reserve	11,375	8,166
Nickels and cents	426	388
Check and cash items	14,073	2,648
Commercial paper purchased—Upon one name	16,513	7,960
Upon two or more names	2,018	3,262
Time loans with collateral	806	700
Call loans with collateral	12,026	11,664
Bonds, stocks, &c.	113,682	112,709
Mortgages and judgments of record	240,337	216,150
Office building and lot	21,500	21,500
Other real estate	80,100	83,600
Furniture and fixtures	2,503	2,037
Miscellaneous	1,763	1,221
Total	\$570,186	\$518,981
Liabilities—		
Capital stock	\$125,000	\$125,000
Surplus fund	75,000	75,000
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	353	154
Deposits subject to check	111,605	130,489
Deposits U. S. Postal Savings	243,840	177,012
Special time deposits	4,053	10,000
Due to banks, trust companies, &c., excl. reserve	10,335	—
Miscellaneous	—	—
Total	\$570,186	\$518,981

* Began business in 1925.

Broad Street Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash, specie and notes	\$79,102	\$94,734	\$62,813
Due from approved reserve agents	246,783	264,426	168,422
Notes purchased	661,634	727,149	513,387
Loans secured by bonds & mortgages	270,559	549,400	136,780
Loans on collateral	734,079	466,363	339,354
Building and loan paper	330,800	404,475	338,570
Bonds and stocks	613,515	520,334	363,515
Mortgages & judgments of record	159,300	196,800	125,800
Furniture and fixtures	31,061	33,150	25,089
Miscellaneous resources	—	150	359
Total	\$3,126,833	\$3,256,981	\$2,074,291
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$500,000	\$500,000	250,000
Surplus and undivided profits	328,604	299,094	170,393
Deposits subject to check	1,595,048	1,644,131	1,135,528
Certified checks	34,496	27,328	30,210
Special time deposits	643,161	561,428	408,573
Bills payable	—	200,000	50,000
Reserve for depreciation, &c.	—	25,000	29,236
Other liabilities, dividends unpaid	—	524	351
Total	\$3,126,833	\$3,056,981	\$2,074,291
Trust department (additional)	\$17,031	\$6,636	—

***Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	*Dec. 31 '25.
Cash, specie and notes	\$46,427	\$28,662
Due from approved reserve agents	101,128	54,988
Legal reserve securities at par	45,000	35,000
Nickels and cents	31	76
Due from banks, trust cos., &c., excluding reserve	6,394	3,654
Bills discounted—Upon one name	276,183	135,475
Upon two or more names	210,130	67,259
Time loans with collateral	101,436	56,375
Call loans with collateral	278,552	181,854
Loans on call upon one name	49,000	51,500
Loans secured by bonds and mortgages	595,701	436,200
Bonds	295,792	448,812
Bonds and mortgages owned	32,400	32,400
Furniture and fixtures	12,051	12,553
Book value of legal reserve securities above par	1,388	312
Other assets not included in above	—	17,100
Total	\$2,051,612	\$1,566,820
Liabilities—		
Capital fund	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus fund	250,000	250,000
Undivided profits	7,495	—
Reserves for interest and title insurance	7,116	—
Deposits subject to check	791,750	492,803
Deposits Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	75,000	75,000
Certified checks	1,057	1,746
Treasurer's checks	2,710	5,085
Time certificates of deposit	28,300	5,000
Special time deposits	1,124	446
Savings fund deposits	339,172	217,146
Due to banks, trust companies, &c.	7,888	18,684
Other liabilities, bills payable	40,000	910
Total	\$2,051,612	\$1,566,820
Trust department (additional)	\$33,145	—

* Began business April 18 1925.

Central Trust & Savings Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Stock investments	\$901,829	\$961,505	\$787,593
Commercial & other paper purchased	6,162,113	6,489,131	6,193,060
Amount loaned on collaterals	5,080,872	4,502,990	3,876,230
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	531,546	524,952	553,161
Cash on hand	578,257	667,665	558,917
Cash on deposit	1,432,753	2,215,462	2,458,946
Miscellaneous	46,308	80,934	84,742
Total	\$14,733,678	\$15,442,639	\$14,512,650
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
Surplus fund	1,350,000	1,250,000	1,100,000
Undivided profits	84,573	79,954	120,576
Deposits	12,266,063	13,090,951	12,280,376
Other liabilities	283,042	271,734	261,698
Total	\$14,733,678	\$15,442,639	\$14,512,650
Trust department (additional)	\$7,162,394	\$5,543,048	\$5,211,715

Chelton Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Real estate mortgages	\$485,050	\$694,653	\$689,000
Loans on collateral, &c.	2,028,953	2,640,012	2,358,233
Notes and acceptances discounted	412,227	—	—
Office building and lot	401,583	358,005	260,012
Other real estate	—	7,540	105,506
Cash on hand	455,377	179,823	194,064
Cash on deposit	—	273,945	169,114
Bonds, stocks, &c.	1,633,406	1,157,767	1,025,898
Other assets	58	34,390	34,660
Total	\$5,416,654	\$5,346,135	\$4,836,487
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$400,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Surplus fund	285,000	235,000	

Chestnut Hill Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
Cash, specie and notes	\$54,749	\$41,023	\$53,546
Due from approved reserve agents	49,954	88,474	32,892
Legal reserve securities at par	30,000	25,551	20,000
Commercial paper purchased	141,420	252,531	85,445
Loans on collateral	436,406	263,206	235,079
Bonds and stocks	264,790	263,289	326,217
Mortgage and judgments of record	276,122	134,600	133,344
Office building and lot	56,310	56,310	56,310
Other real estate	45,619	45,619	45,619
Furniture and fixtures	23,198	23,022	21,017
Other assets	1,389	133	226
Total	\$1,379,957	\$1,193,758	\$1,009,692
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Surplus fund	25,000	12,500	12,500
Undivided profits	23,428	29,986	13,791
Reserve for depreciation	3,980	1,661	—
Demand deposits	577,704	526,567	388,745
Time deposits	624,845	498,044	354,656
Bills payable to banks	—	—	115,000
Total	\$1,379,957	\$1,193,758	\$1,009,692
Trust department (additional)	423,727	\$28,700	1,111

Cobb's Creek Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
Cash, specie and notes	\$44,975	\$33,644	\$32,020
Due from approved reserve agents	83,523	102,667	95,364
Legal reserve securities at par	55,000	45,000	35,000
Nicks and cents	915	1,130	754
Comm'l paper purch. upon one name	66,725	62,304	52,400
Upon two or more names	79,619	84,931	57,070
Demand loans with collateral	96,160	79,375	182,455
Time loans with collateral	154,383	129,349	105,360
Loans on bonds and mortgages	198,302	70,459	18,363
Bonds, stocks, &c.	425,991	454,435	377,826
Mortgages and judgments of record	290,950	268,500	227,850
Office building and lot	75,863	74,967	74,967
Furniture and fixtures	10,763	9,983	9,142
Overdrafts	21	56	70
Book value of legal res. sec. above par	1,570	1,608	1,394
Other assets	21,482	17,106	15,660
Total	\$1,606,242	\$1,429,714	\$1,285,695
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Surplus fund	25,000	12,500	12,500
Undivided profits	26,245	25,025	26,044
Reserve for depreciation	12,064	9,612	5,791
Reserve for interest, taxes, &c.	3,430	1,677	—
Deposits subject to check	756,363	716,434	626,931
Cashier's and certified checks	4,898	1,795	17,824
Savings fund deposits	510,760	531,881	456,962
Time certificates of deposit	850	100	5,000
Special time deposits	6,573	5,690	7,248
Bills payable on demand	135,000	—	—
Other liabilities	59	—	2,395
Total	\$1,606,242	\$1,429,714	\$1,285,695

The Colonial Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
Real estate mortgages	\$1,107,525	\$1,038,800	\$505,300
Stocks and bonds	2,241,348	2,452,240	2,927,313
Loans on collateral	7,599,561	4,927,531	3,232,635
Furniture and fixtures	104,957	100,037	39,445
Cash on hand and in banks	2,012,764	1,955,685	1,011,964
Commercial and other paper owned	3,205,101	4,500,518	3,287,400
Other assets	245,541	273,673	241,810
Total	\$16,516,797	\$15,248,484	\$11,245,507
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
Surplus and undivided profits	1,275,289	1,245,354	735,969
General deposits	13,463,625	12,214,476	9,522,858
Bills payable and rediscounts	575,000	600,000	375,000
Reserve for taxes, etc.	164,077	71,415	14,108
Other liabilities	38,806	117,239	97,572
Total	\$16,516,797	\$15,248,484	\$11,245,507
Trust funds	\$990,497	\$4,310,889	\$3,382,812

Columbia Avenue Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
Cash on hand and due from banks	\$933,393	\$713,589	\$829,696
Commercial and other paper owned	793,456	813,950	556,588
Loans on collateral	2,793,994	2,331,351	1,851,909
Loans on bonds and mortgages	204,540	201,340	196,211
Stocks, bonds, &c.	2,564,285	2,825,940	2,966,137
Mortgages	532,778	401,403	229,662
Banking house, furniture, &c.	291,004	303,007	216,912
Other real estate	55,000	51,000	51,000
Miscellaneous assets	23,368	19,428	16,969
Total	\$8,191,818	\$7,664,008	\$6,915,084
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$500,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Surplus and undivided profits	1,001,588	870,408	753,406
Deposits	6,639,744	6,355,313	5,726,232
Dividend unpaid	30,402	24,000	24,000
Miscellaneous liabilities	20,084	14,287	11,446
Total	\$8,191,818	\$7,664,008	\$6,915,084
Trust department (additional)	\$3,319,717	\$4,411,624	\$2,418,774

Columbus Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
Cash, specie and notes	\$74,208	\$73,407	\$82,026
Due from approved reserve agents	162,947	384,155	67,612
Due from banks, trust companies, &c.	98,970	10,916	60,065
Legal reserve securities	65,000	65,000	53,791
Commercial paper purchased	60,378	12,189	950
Loans on collateral	416,878	121,850	192,974
Loans on bonds and mortgages	285,309	360,323	440,933
Bonds and stocks	293,713	343,097	365,240
Judgments	546,528	340,009	455,953
Furniture and fixtures	38,283	35,785	33,538
Other resources	58,524	60,490	1,597
Total	\$2,100,735	\$1,807,221	\$1,754,679
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Surplus fund	50,000	—	—
Undivided profits	60,995	75,390	56,633
Reserve for dep., int., taxes, &c.	14,751	8,612	7,749
Demand deposits	642,182	657,485	723,102
Savings fund deposits	1,152,817	880,625	705,424
Bills payable	—	—	100,000
Other liabilities	54,990	60,109	36,771
Total	\$2,100,735	\$1,807,221	\$1,747,679

Commonwealth Title Ins. & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
Real estate mortgages	\$6,037,485	4,710,945	\$4,081,035
Bonds and stocks	2,701,189	2,903,447	3,143,006
Loans on collateral	6,404,830	7,003,056	6,187,964
Real estate	1,667,082	1,617,356	1,598,685
Cash on hand	524,086	577,236	535,866
Cash on deposits	572,306	482,012	459,464
Other assets	209,350	175,977	156,566
Total	\$18,118,319	\$17,470,029	\$16,162,585
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,451,575
Surplus and reserve fund	4,350,000	3,750,000	3,201,575
Undivided profits	250,910	500,519	277,808
Deposits	10,779,590	11,503,436	10,728,674
Bills payable	1,000,000	—	300,000
Other liabilities	237,819	216,074	202,953
Total	\$18,118,319	\$17,470,029	\$16,162,585
Trust department (additional)	\$33,056,825	\$31,116,814	\$30,430,981
Rate of int. pd. on dep. of \$200 & over	1926. 2%	1925. 2%	1924. 2%
Dividends paid in calendar year	16%	16%	16%

Continental-Equitable Title & Tr. Co. (Philadelphia).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
Real estate mortgages	\$3,986,200	\$3,916,307	\$2,800,750
Stocks and bonds	5,726,762	5,550,867	4,707,654
Loans on collateral	11,108,987	8,428,989	7,183,510
Cash on hand and in banks	1,734,827	1,688,511	1,177,585
Other assets	83,330	243,671	245,319
Total	\$22,640,106	\$19,826,338	\$16,114,818
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus fund	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Undivided profits	746,861	595,250	314,613
General deposits	17,193,552	15,687,962	12,869,940
Dividends unpaid	7,035	11,192	5,313
Bills payable	1,050,000	800,000	200,000
Other liabilities	1,142,658	230,935	224,952
Total	\$22,640,106	\$19,826,338	\$16,114,818
Trust department (additional)	\$12,234,997	\$12,256,332	\$11,214,716
Rate of interest paid on deposits	1926. 2% sight; 4% time	1925. 2%	1924. 2%
Dividends paid in calendar year	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$160,000

Empire Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
Cash on hand	\$125,894	\$178,179	\$146,457
Due from banks and bankers	56,638	—	72,531
Loans	519,566	556,737	496,190
Stocks, bonds, &c.	1,009,305	867,883	837,974
Mortgages	448,220	352,145	319,750
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	151,389	151,071	106,271
Vault	21,989	—	—
Reconstruction	14,225	—	—
Miscellaneous	314	1,207	1,370
Total	\$2,347,540	\$2,107,222	\$1,980,542
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$240,600	\$239,170	\$221,225
Surplus fund	74,670	72,900	61,925
Undivided profits	57,465	50,803	38,583
Deposits	1,849,275	1,569,111	1,380,586
Reserve for depreciation	5,000	5,000	18,000
Miscellaneous	242	2	1
Unpaid dividends	288	236	—
Bills payable	75,000	125,000	60,000
Mortgage 5946 Market St.	45,000	45,000	—
Total	\$2,347,540	\$2,107,222	\$1,980,542
Trust department (additional)	\$36,643	\$56,593	\$42,073

Excelsior Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
Cash on hand	\$38,572	\$55,353	\$163,587
Due from banks, &c.	672,442	484,686	574,921
Stocks and bonds	853,528	1,141,235	1,858,298
Loans on collateral	1,633,326	1,183,413	2,702,048
Loans (unsecured)	1,373,902	1,952,650	—
Mortgages	750,290	707,660	295,250
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	255,705	102,251	93,997
Other assets	40,091	19,623	25,283
Total	\$5,617,856	\$5,646,871	\$5,713,384
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Surplus fund	657,409	576,853	475,222
Undivided profits and reserve fund	4,660,148	4,769,233	4,938,027
Deposits	299	736	135
Miscellaneous	199	—	—
Total	\$5,617,856	\$5,646,871	\$5,713,384
Trust department (additional)	\$65,000	\$111,124	\$96,158

Fairhill Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
Cash, specie and notes	\$29,081	\$47,343	\$28,741
Due from approved reserve agents	47,651	66,290	87,093
Legal reserve securities at par	32,093	33,202	33,643

***Fern Rock Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.
Cash, specie and notes	\$9,186
Due from approved reserve agents	30,951
Legal reserve securities at par	10,000
Bills discounted—Upon one name	22,370
Upon two or more names	10,365
Time loans with collateral	1,325
Call loans with collateral	98,300
Loans secured by bonds and mortgages	56,000
Bonds	112,981
Mortgages on judgments of record	18,560
Office building and lot	100,100
Furniture and fixtures	2,687
Book value of legal reserve securities above par	313
Other assets not included in above	211
Total	\$473,349
Liabilities—	
Capital stock	\$185,180
Surplus fund	33,727
Deposits subject to check	144,682
Time certificates of deposit	10,000
Special time deposits	2,223
Time savings fund deposits	86,859
Due to banks, trust companies, &c., excluding reserve	10,241
Other liabilities, not included in above	437
Total	\$473,349

* Began business about July 15 1926.

Franklin Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Bonds and mortgages and real estate	\$310,523	\$688,504	\$746,018
Stocks and bonds	16,224,355	13,156,164	10,539,002
Amt. loaned on coll. & personal sec.	21,317,337	16,859,912	13,496,847
Cash on hand	1,164,879	1,253,224	1,081,310
Cash on deposit	2,540,063	1,889,100	1,224,445
Furniture and fixtures	231,915	229,118	196,818
Other assets	255,178	185,351	247,879
Total	\$42,047,250	\$34,261,373	\$27,532,319
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Surplus and undivided profits	2,937,866	2,469,324	2,064,718
Dividends unpaid	370	198	173
Deposits	32,475,838	29,314,053	21,835,069
Bills payable	3,750,000	500,000	1,600,000
Unearned interest	300,402	77,395	16,849
Reserved for deprec'n & contingencies	1,034,525	400,402	515,510
Subscriptions to additional capital stk.	48,249	—	—
Other liabilities	—	—	—
Total	\$42,047,250	\$34,261,373	\$27,532,319
Trust department (additional)	—	\$755,436	\$728,590

Germantown Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand, due from banks, &c.	\$1,759,505	\$1,643,015	\$1,691,132
Loans on collateral	8,065,776	8,112,877	6,963,780
Loans on bonds and mortgages	2,594,925	2,181,335	847,850
Stocks, bonds, &c.	7,383,275	7,934,319	7,931,761
Commercial paper	209,994	253,004	375,646
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	654,222	536,608	453,441
Other assets	980,105	130,032	122,844
Total	\$21,647,802	\$20,791,190	\$18,386,454
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus and profits	2,159,886	1,851,867	1,698,111
Deposits	18,487,916	17,939,322	15,688,343
Total	\$21,647,802	\$20,791,190	\$18,386,454
Trust department (additional)	\$32,363,435	\$30,892,844	\$30,203,056
Rate of int. paid on dep. of \$200 & ove	1926. 2%	1925. 2%	1924. 2%
Dividends paid in calendar year	19%	16%	16%

***Gimbel Bros. Bank & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.*	Dec. 31 '25
Cash, specie and notes	\$57,091	\$67,206
Due from approved reserve agents	222,996	318,179
Legal reserve securities at par	80,000	—
Nickels and cents	191	140
Cash items	577	357
Exchanges for Clearing House	4,886	598
Time loans with collateral	15,293	9,706
Call loans with collateral	600,000	175,000
Bonds	2,433,157	2,745,648
Bonds and mortgage owned	225,500	125,000
Furniture and fixtures	6,877	6,332
Overdrafts	1,664	26
Customers' liability on letters of credit & accept'ce	15,000	—
Other assets	46,198	35,792
Total	\$3,707,930	\$3,483,985
Liabilities—		
Capital	\$125,000	\$125,000
Surplus fund	75,000	75,000
Undivided profits	48,934	23,454
Reserve for interest, taxes, expenses and deprec'n.	9,041	6,259
Deposits subject to check	737,721	680,461
Certified checks	1,205	5,095
Treasurer's checks	6,370	5,115
Savings fund deposits	2,661,200	2,546,201
Special time deposits	28,351	20,930
Acceptances and letters of credit	15,000	—
Other liabilities	108	70
Total	\$3,707,930	\$3,483,985

* Began business Feb. 2 1925.

***Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

(Combined results for all years.)

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Mortgages	\$3,007,910	\$3,189,600	\$3,383,166
Stocks, bonds, &c.	45,925,020	46,259,086	49,986,844
Loans	53,537,691	46,552,442	35,785,563
Real estate, office building and lot	3,248,099	3,248,096	3,251,982
Cash on hand	463,505	185,874	161,439
Cash on deposit	445,199	3,000,013	3,362,623
Accrued interest	12,150,613	9,761,710	9,845,863
Miscellaneous	1,037,550	703,043	820,842
	174,596	499,140	371,911
Total	\$119,990,182	\$113,399,007	\$106,970,233
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$6,700,000	\$6,200,000	\$6,200,000
Surplus and profits	24,262,512	24,253,268	23,743,980
Deposits	82,242,479	79,293,700	74,993,032
Bills payable	4,000,000	—	—
Reserve fund	988,823	824,811	400,000
Accrued interest	649,567	422,511	330,966
Letters of credit issued	463,506	185,874	161,439
Ground rents	150,000	150,000	150,000
Mortgages	250,000	250,000	250,000
Other liabilities, accrued taxes	472,119	1,838,843	740,816
Total	\$119,990,182	\$113,399,007	\$106,970,233
Trust department (additional)	\$625,154,326	\$584,453,188	\$554,286,816

* Fidelity Trust Co. and Philadelphia Trust Co. consolidated as of July 10 1926 under name of Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co. Above are combined results for all years.

Finance Co. of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand	\$98,269	\$71,597	\$55,596
Due from banks, &c.	359,343	366,793	437,599
Commercial and other paper owned	500	200,000	50,000
Loans on collateral	342,499	199,758	328,180
Stocks, bonds, &c.	3,984,253	4,501,063	4,671,846
Mortgages	985,441	1,050,442	953,242
Real estate	4,175,525	2,840,185	2,691,501
Other assets	58,509	64,523	57,350
Total	\$10,004,319	\$9,294,361	\$9,245,314
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$2,500,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Undivided profits	4,776,995	4,412,935	3,665,279
Reserve for depreciation	436,003	390,837	373,522
Deposits	1,220,984	1,378,256	1,117,811
Bills payable	1,000,000	100,000	1,075,000
Miscellaneous liabilities	70,337	12,333	13,702
Total	\$10,004,319	\$9,294,361	\$9,245,314

*** Fox Chase Bank & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.*	Dec. 31 '25.
Cash, specie and notes	\$80,211	\$80,091
Due from approved reserve agents	168,941	81,228
Legal reserve securities at par	72,750	75,400
Nickels and cents	830	468
Checks and cash items	221	2,718
Commercial paper purchased: Upon one name	454,866	515,200
Upon two or more names	142,482	144,564
Time loans	75,465	66,910
Demand loans	322,485	77,345
Loans secured by bonds and mortgages	509,647	411,665
Bonds, stocks, &c.	563,345	537,940
Mortgages and judgments of record	252,288	178,773
Office building and lot	121,736	119,088
Other real estate	50,813	43,441
Furniture and fixtures	35,077	1,967
Overdrafts	154	429
Other assets not included in above	140	977
Total	\$2,851,451	\$2,338,204
Liabilities—		
Capital stock	\$125,000	\$125,000
Surplus fund	300,000	225,000
Undivided profits	81,826	107,662
Deposits subject to check	1,343,559	1,243,271
Time deposits	957,193	608,613
Bills payable on demand	25,000	—
Other liabilities	18,874	28,658
Total	\$2,851,451	\$2,338,204
Trust department (additional)	\$8,595	—

* Formerly Fox Chase Bank; name changed as of May 5 1925.

Frankford Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Real estate mortgages	\$1,705,520	\$1,877,595	\$1,612,672
Stocks and bonds	3,715,578	3,799,045	3,490,391
Loans on collateral	1,945,768	1,490,965	1,025,663
Loans on personal securities	1,631,927	1,525,678	1,417,311
Real estate	380,000	386,486	371,989
Cash on hand and reserve bonds	519,590	485,835	469,054
Cash on deposit	536,020	474,736	378,676
Other assets (incl. vault, furn. & fixt.)	58,260	56,232	13,118
Total	\$10,492,663	\$10,096,572	\$8,778,874
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Surplus and reserve fund	905,000	905,000	655,000
Undivided profits	132,985	68,956	256,885
Gen. dep. payable on demand & time	9,146,333	8,833,013	7,584,668
Other liabilities	58,345	30,603	30,301
Total	\$10,492,663	\$10,096,572	\$8,778,874
Trust department (additional)	\$4,251,949	\$4,044,704	\$3,765,628

Girard Avenue Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Real estate mortgages	\$1,087,081	\$814,450	\$624,651
Stocks and bonds	996,460	877,699	859,684
Loans on collateral	1,881,549	2,240,584	2,259,080
Commercial paper	494,554	318,371	182,237
Real estate	46,000	77,918	75,399
Cash on hand	133,262	161,968	150,001
Cash on deposit	243,845	204,578	241,600
Furniture, fixtures and vault	15,053	12,950	12,097
Miscellaneous	5,099	3,732	2,334
Total	\$4,901,903	\$4,712,250	\$4,407,083
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus fund	400,000	300,000	200,000
Undivided profits	59,562	95,273	137,114
Deposits, saving fund	2,451,414	2,304,410	2,115,216
General deposits, payable on demand	1,638,926	1,810,588	1,752,764
Bills payable on demand	150,000	—	—
Other liabilities	2,001	1,979	1,989
Total	\$4,901,903	\$4,712,250	\$4,407,083
Trust department (additional)	\$206,490	\$72,659	\$64,846

Girard Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash and reserve	\$5,319,221	\$5,807,867	\$9,480,162
Due from banks & clear. house exchs.	3,715,710	5,024,365	—
Loans	27,905,186	23,532,194	16,791,529
Securities	41,663,319	38,080,197	38,899,468
Banking house	2,880,050	2,880,050	3,368,433
Other real estate	185,816	186,235	—
Customers, liability on letters of credit	288,753	270,492	310,486
Other resources	675,588	21,447	21,406
Total	\$82,633,643	\$75,802,847	\$68,871,484
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$3,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Surplus fund	9,000,000	7,500,000	7,500,000
Undivided profits	2,743,936	4,271,330	3,405,306
Reserve for taxes	279,317	225,230	—
Deposits	59,271,637	60,785,795	54,905,692
Dividend	300,000	250,000	250,000
Bills payable on time	7,750,000	—	—
Letters of credit issued	288,753	270,492	310,486
Total	\$82,633,643	\$75,802,847	\$68,871,484
Trust dept., excl. of corp. trusts	\$460,225,684	\$415,320,368	\$373,585,306

Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 30 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand	\$2,508,917	\$2,456,417	\$491,519
Due from banks and bankers	9,344,523	8,681,880	1,032,281
Loans on collateral	2,882,173	2,359,563	5,916,428
Loans on bonds and mortgages	300,000	300,000	1,555,980
Stocks, bonds, &c.	495,336	591,292	2,546,517
Legal securities, reserve	484,053	484,053	300,000
Mortgages and mandamus	97,483	94,672	640,691
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	39,535	44,505	515,685
Interest accrued	62,967	60,277	104,203
Customers' liability on letters of credit	—	—	7,061
Overdrafts	—	—	27,349
Other assets	—	—	—
Total	\$15,914,987	\$15,072,659	\$13,137,715
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus fund	900,000	600,000	600,000
Undivided profits	377,052	336,812	243,535
Reserve	31,772	214,957	75,523
Deposits	13,416,548	12,714,987	11,077,824
Interest payable to depositors	140,205	135,492	116,728
Letters of credit issued	39,535	44,505	—
Other liabilities	9,875	25,906	24,105
Total	\$15,914,987	\$15,072,659	\$13,137,715
Trust department (additional)	\$25,242,836	\$24,497,668	\$23,443,858

Haddington Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Bonds, stocks, &c.	\$1,070,575	\$937,172	\$1,001,779
Mortgages	537,100	444,548	487,016
Loans on collateral & bonds & mtgs.	1,245,954	1,256,940	1,162,162
Commercial paper	310,509	368,183	298,952
Cash on hand	87,983	93,739	100,386
Cash on deposit	228,667	225,943	194,138
Office building, furniture & fixtures	195,596	181,710	132,091
Other assets	30,255	26,516	52,850
Total	\$3,706,639	\$3,534,751	\$3,429,824
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Surplus fund	203,121	186,080	164,560
Undivided profits	3,376,853	3,223,180	3,133,532
Deposits	1,665	491	6,732
Other liabilities	—	—	—
Total	\$3,706,639	\$3,534,751	\$3,429,824
Trust department (additional)	\$19,518	\$18,869	\$17,667
Rate of interest paid on deposits	2% check; 4% Saving	1925.	1924.
Dividends paid in calendar year	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000

Hamilton Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand	\$162,678	\$167,853	\$237,812
Checks and due from banks, &c.	394,102	347,169	327,712
Reserve bonds	112,800	168,300	361,400
Commercial and other paper owned	871,989	800,229	638,631
Loans on collateral	1,253,047	1,362,241	864,557
Loans on bonds and mortgages	522,327	310,572	295,859
Stocks, bonds, &c.	711,514	847,931	954,242
Mortgages	570,700	523,180	393,760
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	266,163	267,027	266,974
Other assets	42,706	36,782	37,634
Total	\$4,908,026	\$4,831,284	\$4,378,581
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus fund	200,000	200,000	200,000
Undivided profits	137,919	121,294	93,878
Reserve for depreciation	—	—	12,000
Deposits	4,357,844	4,298,762	3,856,778
Dividends unpaid	8	—	15,917
Other liabilities	12,255	11,228	—
Total	\$4,908,026	\$4,831,284	\$4,378,581

Holmesburg Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand	\$53,436	\$63,376	\$55,947
Due from banks and bankers	185,794	188,755	134,868
Commercial and other paper owned	179,755	119,586	102,150
Loans on collateral	19,286	302,458	279,338
Bonds and stocks	806,197	768,942	760,426
Mortgages	658,112	460,052	398,782
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	46,392	47,000	47,911
Miscellaneous assets	126,778	61,665	13,319
Total	\$2,247,750	\$2,011,834	\$1,792,741
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Surplus fund	150,000	125,000	100,000
Undivided profits	23,228	36,253	16,049
Deposits	1,947,120	1,725,371	1,522,411
Dividends unpaid	1,945	164	236
Miscellaneous liabilities	457	46	29,445
Total	\$2,247,750	\$2,011,834	\$1,792,741
Trust department (additional)	\$224,766	\$206,350	\$147,245

Industrial Trust, Title & Savings Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Jan. 3 '27.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash and reserve	\$1,052,667	\$859,764	\$1,676,965
Loans on collateral	6,386,129	5,957,894	5,024,152
Commercial paper purchased	355,383	374,499	250,588
Mortgages and ground rents	1,692,940	2,076,875	2,176,580
Stocks, bonds, &c.	3,901,078	3,685,906	3,760,066
Banking house	114,821	122,240	130,866
Customers' liability on letters of credit	1,000	—	—
Other res., int. earned, uncollected	53,184	62,751	—
Total	\$13,557,202	\$13,140,019	\$13,019,197
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus	1,650,000	1,550,000	1,450,000
Undivided profits (net)	361,048	354,464	350,525
Set aside for taxes accrued	111,700	95,100	66,100
Dividends unpaid	33	65,000	65,000
Treasurer's checks outstanding	14,458	19,213	73,975
Reg. & extra div. payable Jan. 15 1927	75,000	—	—
Deposits	10,812,830	10,552,681	10,510,838
Other liabilities	32,133	5,562	3,759
Total	\$13,557,202	\$13,140,019	\$13,019,197
Trust funds (additional)	\$8,041,800	\$9,989,069	\$7,912,467

Integrity Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Real estate mortgages	\$215,696	\$1,308,776	\$684,486
Stocks and bonds	3,747,001	3,706,066	3,433,121
Loans on coll. & com. paper purch.	16,487,670	15,499,422	13,574,717
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	712,052	713,264	714,041
Cash on hand and on deposit	1,794,096	1,569,330	1,472,807
Other assets	30,620	18,546	18,425
Total	\$22,987,135	\$22,815,404	\$19,902,597
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
Surplus fund	3,750,000	3,500,000	3,000,000
Undivided profits	320,509	394,448	536,849
Deposits	17,466,626	18,132,516	15,095,217
Other liabilities	700,000	38,440	520,532
Total	\$22,987,135	\$22,815,404	\$19,902,597
Trust department (additional)	\$9,974,247	\$7,753,006	\$6,138,528

Jefferson Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	1926.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash specie and notes	\$39,048	\$33,136	\$36,156
Due from approved reserve agents	102,462	86,199	50,120
Legal reserve securities	44,912	44,913	45,000
Commercial paper purchased	202,702	198,603	259,335
Loans on collateral	392,777	409,352	267,032
Loans on bonds and mortgages	—	—	158,283
Bonds and stocks	751,548	475,100	393,502
Mortgages and judgments of record	222,800	305,778	205,106
Office building, furniture and fixtures	89,300	93,000	94,729
Overdrafts	30	49	—
Other resources	53,584	8,058	—
Total	\$1,899,163	\$1,654,138	\$1,509,263
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus fund	60,000	35,000	30,088
Undivided profits	16,155	38,263	8,543
Reserve for deprec., int., taxes, &c.	6,000	14,041	—
Demand deposits	663,274	567,305	599,765
Time deposits	918,734	774,528	659,367
Bills payable	35,000	25,000	—
Other liabilities	—	—	11,500
Total	\$1,899,163	\$1,654,138	\$1,509,263
Trust department additional	\$14,717	\$6,168	\$5,427

Kensington Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Real estate mortgages	\$2,125,227	\$2,120,362	\$1,558,775
Loans on collateral & personal secur.	8,752,731	9,271,845	7,797,339
Stocks, bonds, &c.	2,521,552	2,788,009	2,282,050
Cash on hand and on deposit	1,340,418	1,007,732	2,014,513
Banking house	253,655	253,554	174,916
Other assets	30,839	16,749	5,420
Total	\$15,024,422	\$15,458,251	\$13,833,013
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus and undivided profits	1,405,533	1,201,590	1,071,978
Contingent fund	55,000	55,000	75,000
Deposits	12,993,515	13,873,914	12,153,854
Dividends payable Dec. 31	50,000	40,000	30,000
Miscellaneous liabilities	20,374	287,747	2,181
Total	\$15,024,422	\$15,458,251	\$13,833,013
Trust Department (additional)	\$586,737	\$579,278	\$533,473

***Lancaster Avenue Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash, specie and notes	\$78,445	\$87,191	\$56,792
Due from approved reserve agents	131,043	73,271	24,971
Legal reserve securities at par	60,000	39,000	39,000
Comm'l paper purchased, one name	159,657	87,510	78,770
Upon two or more names	92,561	83,758	51,732
Time loans with collateral	24,926	19,468	20,539
Loans secured by bonds & mortgages	173,656	167,150	107,050
Call loans with collateral	184,896	274,731	199,255
Call loans on one name	187,958	—	—
On two names	11,000	—	—
Bonds, stocks, &c.	249,061	224,640	235,034
Mortgages	368,600	228,350	170,600
Office building and lot	107,867	107,867	107,854
Other real estate	10,221	10,220	21,220
Furniture, fixtures and vault	31,772	27	68
Overdrafts	—	—	13,288
Other assets not included in above	21,782	13,368	—
Total	\$1,893,513	\$1,505,670	\$1,140,928
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$199,500
Surplus fund	50,000	40,000	24,900
Undiv. profits, less exp. & taxes paid	9,717	1,457	18
Reserve for depreciation	7,040	3,391	—
Treasurer's checks outstanding	2,861	201	4,030
Deposits subject to check	949,285	730,413	537,326
Special deposits	—	79,457	57,960
Certified checks	5,983	1,709	1,567
Savings fund deposit	534,693	358,514	217,406
Special time deposits	—	8,906	5,416
Bills payable on demand	120,000	75,000	90,000
Other liabilities	4,056	6,622	2,805
Total	\$1,893,513	\$1,505,670	\$1,140,928
Trust department (additional)	\$73,695	\$27,809	\$3,920

* Began business Jan. 2 1924.

The Land Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand	\$1,132,272	\$1,259,892	\$997,311

Logan Bank & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash, specie and notes	\$50,362	\$27,547	\$36,063
Due from approved reserve agents	94,061	137,092	156,147
Commercial paper purchased	273,046	234,541	165,194
Loans on collateral	76,485	121,370	148,640
Loans on call on one or more names	71,380	—	—
Loans on bond and mortgages	7,250	9,950	11,600
Bonds and stocks	305,230	307,570	234,426
Mortgages and judgments of record	189,400	196,850	162,250
Office building, furniture and fixtures	117,727	119,529	117,622
Overdrafts	317	287	15
Other resources	1,127	3,381	5,324
Total	\$1,186,385	\$1,158,117	\$1,037,284
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Undivided profits	40,000	43,645	35,262
Res'v for interest, taxes and expenses	12,610	—	—
Demand deposits	615,899	636,206	597,522
Time deposits	314,021	274,694	201,834
Other liabilities	3,855	3,572	2,666
Total	\$1,186,385	\$1,158,117	\$1,037,284

Manayunk Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Real estate mortgages	\$643,986	\$633,133	\$563,148
Stocks and bonds	1,427,553	1,463,253	1,350,034
Loans	1,468,462	1,332,903	1,297,399
Real estate and fixtures	158,191	133,863	118,174
Cash on hand	186,710	96,014	123,177
Cash on deposit	268,378	400,731	270,510
Other assets	6,135	5,807	15,433
Total	\$4,159,415	\$4,065,704	\$3,737,875
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Surplus fund	500,000	400,000	250,000
Undivided profits	64,360	87,749	135,665
Reserve for deprec'n, int., taxes, &c.	36,214	33,840	37,009
General deposits, payable on demand	1,270,443	1,427,820	1,293,351
Time deposits	1,940,876	1,849,716	1,711,436
Bills payable	75,000	—	50,000
Other liabilities	22,522	16,579	10,413
Total	\$4,159,415	\$4,065,704	\$3,737,875
Trust department (additional)	\$2,152,477	\$1,995,534	\$1,960,111

Manheim Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand	\$21,192	\$17,201	\$14,002
Due from banks, trust companies, &c.	26,830	28,895	33,980
Commercial paper purchased	103,575	232,867	27,975
Loans on collateral	135,544	—	76,460
Loans on call on one name	48,125	—	—
Bonds and stock	127,631	188,354	82,885
Mortgages and judgments of record	117,920	—	68,190
Office building, furniture and fixtures	108,644	108,173	107,963
Other resources	4,060	3,454	13,857
Total	\$693,521	\$579,145	\$425,312
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Surplus fund	10,000	7,500	6,893
Undivided profits	4,234	1,585	—
Demand deposits	306,000	418,883	154,963
Time deposits	221,648	113,137	113,137
Other liabilities	639	1,177	319
Total	\$693,521	\$579,145	\$425,312

***Manufacturers Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia.)**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.*	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash, specie and notes	\$18,299	\$15,621	—
Due from approved reserve agents	60,092	42,037	—
Legal reserve securities at par	10,000	10,100	—
Commercial paper purchased	214,458	117,809	—
Loans on collateral	106,082	95,857	—
Loans on call on one name	38,800	—	—
Loans secured by bonds and mortgages	6,000	—	—
Bonds	70,056	29,575	—
Judgments of record	—	5,550	—
Office building and lot	161,619	56,578	—
Furniture and fixtures	12,867	5,258	—
Book value of legal reserve securities above par	—	155	—
Total	\$697,973	\$384,541	—
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$251,100	\$154,245	—
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	4,404	4,797	—
Demand deposits	267,878	165,569	—
Savings fund deposits	92,478	58,671	—
Special time deposits	2,113	1,259	—
Other liabilities	80,000	—	—
Total	\$697,973	\$384,541	—

* Began business Jan. 24 1925.

Market Street Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand	\$376,626	\$374,960	\$408,968
Due from banks and bankers	906,989	1,195,500	943,445
Loans on collateral	3,174,125	2,809,135	2,565,943
Loans on bonds and mortgages	4,210,546	3,242,777	2,860,168
Bonds, &c.	6,570,427	5,709,518	5,198,489
Mortgages	2,169,920	2,189,650	2,371,400
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	440,449	368,971	411,126
Miscellaneous assets	351,071	289,987	149,542
Total	\$18,200,153	\$16,180,498	\$14,909,082
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus fund	1,800,000	1,150,000	1,000,000
Undivided profits	379,041	211,273	317,570
Deposits	13,288,584	13,094,053	12,658,859
Reserve for taxes, contingencies, &c.	767,060	615,866	310,338
Bills payable	300,000	500,000	—
Unearned mortgage coll. fees	165,093	109,306	—
Other liabilities	375	—	122,315
Total	\$18,200,153	\$16,180,498	\$14,909,082
Trust department (additional)	\$2,287,851	\$2,087,903	\$1,139,470

Metropolitan Trust Co. of Philadelphia.

(Combined results for all years.)

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand	\$111,576	\$129,373	\$107,217
Due from approved reserve agents	438,898	482,163	452,250
Commercial paper	1,094,109	1,158,332	919,209
Loans on call with one or more names	127,934	—	—
Call loans with collateral	67,120	—	—
Time loans with collateral	1,566,658	2,186,272	1,591,133
Loans on bonds and mortgages	312,215	—	—
Mortgages	300,386	384,419	429,222
Bonds, stock, &c.	970,285	744,964	806,981
Office bldg. & lot and other real estate	235,311	279,549	279,549
Furniture and fixtures	73,000	75,596	62,655
Other assets	831	32,589	4,621
Total	\$5,298,323	\$5,474,253	\$4,652,837

Metropolitan Trust Co. (Philadelphia) Concluded.

Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Capital stock	\$500,000	\$625,000	\$625,000
Surplus fund	200,000	262,500	227,500
Undivided profits	27,210	24,695	31,482
Demand deposits	2,045,536	2,181,496	1,920,675
Time deposits (savings)	1,422,280	1,317,065	1,098,703
Bills payable	30,000	12,000	217,000
Mortgage on bank building	150,000	150,000	150,000
Reserve for depreciation	22,100	17,000	13,000
Dividends unpaid	15,000	12,560	12,500
Notes & bills rediscounted or guar.	886,197	869,439	352,360
Other liabilities	—	2,502	4,610
Total	\$5,298,323	\$5,474,253	\$4,652,837
Trust department (additional)	\$10,118	\$9,012	\$8,920

* Metropolitan Trust Co. took over the Sons of Italy Bank & Trust Co. as of May 1926 (V. 122, p. 2603). Above is combined statement for all years.

***Mitten Men & Management Bank & Trust Co. (Phila.).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash specie and notes	\$11,197	—	—
Due from approved reserve agents	2,325,541	—	—
Commercial paper	100,000	—	—
Time loans on collateral	352,451	—	—
Call loans on collateral	567,138	—	—
Call loans on collateral (brokers')	5,060,000	—	—
Bonds and stocks	2,483,287	—	—
Bonds and mortgages owned	5,000	—	—
Office building and lot	306,000	—	—
Furniture and fixtures	5,362	—	—
Other assets	38,575	—	—
Total	\$11,251,551	—	—
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$800,000	—	—
Payments on account new stock subscriptions	5,748	—	—
Surplus fund	100,000	—	—
Undivided profits	146,969	—	—
Reserve for interest and taxes	7,477	—	—
Demand deposits	1,865,870	—	—
Time deposits	8,322,088	—	—
Other liabilities	6,399	—	—
Total	\$11,251,551	—	—

* Began business July 1 1926.

***Mortgage Security Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.*	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash, specie and notes	\$22,142	\$17,000	\$7,503
Due from approved reserve agents	47,241	79,600	107,073
Legal reserve securities at par	14,550	—	5,000
Commercial paper	—	94,000	8,730
Time loans	343,071	41,500	9,600
Call loans	—	110,000	12,400
Loans on bonds and mortgages	67,000	14,000	15,000
Bonds	97,332	60,400	22,587
Mortgages	76,500	48,500	15,000
Office building	124,231	124,600	115,872
Furniture and fixtures	9,330	8,800	6,477
Other resources	9,425	4,800	10,276
Total	\$810,822	\$603,200	\$335,518
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Surplus fund	17,500	12,300	25,000
Undivided profits	3,513	—	497
Demand deposits	369,859	305,500	93,352
Time deposits	258,657	127,200	56,669
Other liabilities	36,293	33,200	35,000
Total	\$810,822	\$603,200	\$335,518

* Began business Dec. 1 1924.

***Mutual Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand	\$233,620	\$214,112	\$325,172
Due from banks and bankers	691,437	803,024	472,709
Commercial and other paper owned	2,776,363	2,804,240	1,385,964
Loans on collateral	2,722,264	3,249,397	1,991,804
Loans on call on one name	903,850	—	—
Stocks, bonds, &c.	2,694,145	1,875,697	1,119,286
Mortgages	1,134,422	943,172	625,387
Furniture and fixtures	85,318	135,473	113,520
Real estate	37,795	37,795	34,497
Office building and lot	—	647,228	578,000
Cust'rs liab. on accep. & letters of cred.	50,484	37,667	—
Other assets	59,663	50,343	—
Total	\$11,389,361	\$10,798,148	\$6,644,339
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$451,200
Surplus	600,000	575,000	100,000
Undivided profits	179,370	111,556	166,882
Deposits	9,412,906	8,728,876	5,501,257
Bills payable	—	200,000	250,000
Mortgage	—	—	175,000
Acceptances executed for Customers	50,484	37,667	—
Interest received, not earned	—	23,597	—
Other liabilities	113,890	83,345	—
Reserved for taxes	32,710	38,107	—
Total	\$11,389,361	\$10,798,148	\$6,644,339
Trust dept. (additional)	\$1,396,395	\$478,611	\$105,522

* Middle City Bank consolidated with the Mutual Trust Co. as of March 21 1926.—V. 120, p. 1702.

Ninth Bank & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Northeast-Tacony Bank & Trust Co. (Phila.)

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand	\$44,694	\$37,969	\$34,615
Cash on deposit	141,066	108,331	78,080
Exchange for Clearing House	28,480		17,355
Commercial paper	308,789	343,646	204,755
Loans on collateral	165,879	154,311	139,933
Loans on bonds and mortgages	280,550	414,850	386,469
Loans on call upon one or more names	132,576	113,997	111,127
Bonds and mortgages owned	128,300	118,000	
Bonds, stocks, &c.	577,593	458,161	466,447
Office building and lot	36,000	36,000	36,682
Other real estate	26,500	19,485	19,484
Furniture and fixtures	17,500	15,500	17,000
Other resources	2,596	10,785	274
Total	\$1,890,524	\$1,858,035	\$1,512,221
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Surplus fund	125,000	100,000	100,000
Undivided profits	23,754	30,485	13,303
Reserve for depreciation	2,500	1,500	500
Demand deposits	607,154	569,020	451,293
Time deposits	876,284	794,835	639,589
Bills payable		70,000	50,000
Dividends unpaid	5,832	7,195	7,536
Notes and bills rediscounted or guar.		35,000	
Total	\$1,890,524	\$1,858,035	\$1,512,221
Trust dept. (additional)			\$989

Northeastern Title & Trust Co. (Phila.)

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand	\$168,686	\$141,765	\$120,042
Due from approved reserve agents	123,861	127,181	190,978
Commercial paper purchased	368,783	336,314	577,073
Loans on collateral	210,163	526,955	287,094
Loans on call on one or more names	319,125		
Bonds, stocks, &c.	1,181,124	1,074,287	780,379
Office building, furniture and fixtures	101,124	101,124	99,997
Other real estate	82,216	73,000	73,000
Other assets	5,337	12,509	48,351
Total	\$2,540,419	\$2,393,135	\$2,176,914
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus fund	70,000	68,876	50,000
Undivided profits	12,479		13,257
Deposits	2,178,524	2,024,249	1,720,676
Bills payable	75,000	100,000	150,000
Other liabilities	4,416	10	42,981
Total	\$2,540,419	\$2,393,135	\$2,176,914
Trust dept. (additional)	\$22,136	\$21,618	\$15,986

***Northern Central Trust Co. (Philadelphia)**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand	\$127,847	\$121,417	\$125,856
Cash on deposit	245,194	162,477	103,227
Commercial paper purchased	515,371	590,917	358,550
Loans on collateral	1,224,446	1,700,338	1,391,293
Loans on call on one name	14,920		
Bonds, stocks, &c.	1,041,856	654,272	611,618
Mortgages	715,100	451,761	254,760
Office building and lot	407,700	395,700	395,085
Furniture and fixtures	47,949	41,396	38,373
Other resources	34,522	32,419	22,179
Total	\$4,374,905	\$4,150,697	\$3,300,941
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Surplus fund	150,000	150,000	100,000
Undivided profits	33,317	11,260	48,936
Demand deposits	1,932,725	1,951,451	1,811,304
Saving fund deposits	1,834,980	1,614,061	1,252,520
Reserves	23,826	16,063	11,112
Other liabilities	57	7,772	6,368
Total	\$4,374,905	\$4,150,697	\$3,300,941
Trust dept. (additional)	\$141,702	\$146,824	\$143,154

* The Phoenix Trust Co. and Northern Central Trust Co. have since Dec. 31 1926 been consolidated under name of Northern Central Trust Co. (actually effective Jan. 31 1927). V. 124, p. 745.

Northern Trust Co. (Philadelphia)

Resources—	Jan. 3 '27.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Real estate mortgages	\$2,127,000	\$2,432,505	\$2,492,850
Bonds and investment securities	6,989,232	7,035,455	7,274,670
United States Liberty bonds	430,350	430,350	444,345
Loans on collateral	6,344,718	4,891,500	3,697,530
Commercial paper	125,514	167,243	75,800
Real estate	354,737	349,963	349,625
Cash on hand and in bank	1,397,501	1,028,259	952,228
Accrued interest	46,658	23,606	44,002
Total	\$17,815,710	\$16,358,881	\$15,331,650
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus fund	3,250,000	3,000,000	2,750,000
Undivided profits	157,748	238,564	196,729
Deposits	13,907,962	12,620,317	11,884,921
Total	\$17,815,710	\$16,358,881	\$15,331,650
Trust department (additional)	\$28,663,307	\$26,613,735	\$23,214,735

North Philadelphia Trust Co. (Philadelphia)

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Stocks and bonds	\$2,420,589	\$2,323,868	\$2,608,252
Mortgages	2,865,552	3,100,843	2,686,308
Amount loaned on collaterals	4,119,280	3,683,694	2,996,400
Amount loaned on personal securities	412,321	381,498	353,841
Cash on hand	380,330	309,640	394,433
Cash on deposit with banks	624,415	489,419	805,443
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	216,889	210,000	264,111
Other assets	635	1,038	4,582
Total	\$11,040,011	\$10,500,000	\$10,113,370
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus fund	950,000	850,000	700,000
Undivided profits	108,568	115,542	155,244
Reserve for interest and taxes	81,673	74,704	70,210
Title insurance reserve	66,913	65,707	58,908
Gen. dep. pay. on demand & time	9,332,857	8,894,047	8,629,008
Total	\$11,040,011	\$10,500,000	\$10,113,370
Trust department (additional)	\$2,304,922	\$1,260,185	\$1,220,013

Northwestern Trust Co. (Philadelphia)

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand	\$346,938	\$367,699	\$379,220
Cash on deposit	890,935	1,010,276	962,280
Commercial paper purchased	3,753,291	3,325,564	2,663,316
Loans on collateral	2,078,916	2,445,096	2,269,777
Loans on call on one name	17,500		
Loans on bonds and mortgages	1,693,800	2,594,628	1,912,200
Stocks, bonds, &c.	2,622,276	2,297,954	1,920,910
Mortgages	1,058,100	798,350	848,900
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	223,600	225,000	229,000
Total	\$12,684,756	\$13,064,567	\$11,125,603
Liabilities—			
Capital	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Surplus fund	1,000,000	1,000,000	800,000
Undivided profits	262,625	125,574	164,528
Demand deposits	5,295,154	6,343,741	5,236,593
Savings fund deposits	5,826,977	5,445,252	4,774,483
Bills payable on demand	150,000		
Total	\$12,684,756	\$13,064,567	\$11,125,603
Trust dept. (additional)	\$293,826	\$350,923	\$457,168

***Oak Lane Trust Co. (Philadelphia)**

(Combined results for all years.)

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash, specie and notes	\$86,051	\$103,543	\$99,700
Due from approved reserve agents	271,303	348,355	190,444
Legal reserve securities	85,847	82,175	40,000
Commercial paper purchased	766,240	492,998	402,797
Loans on collateral	286,472	300,963	175,279
Loans on bonds and mortgage	506,475	565,627	345,230
Bonds and stocks	357,846	313,778	201,432
Mortgages and judgments of record	781,674	623,313	444,972
Office building and lot	332,572	198,076	198,076
Furniture and fixtures	35,826	32,775	25,924
Overdrafts	401	1,663	822
Other resources	25,233	19,588	686
Total	\$3,535,940	\$3,082,054	\$2,125,363
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$500,000	\$375,000	\$250,000
Surplus fund	300,000	150,000	30,500
Undivided profits	76,510	41,827	41,340
Reserves	42,289	11,588	2,759
Demand deposits	1,378,949	1,514,093	1,093,949
Time deposits	888,262	805,457	562,364
Bills payable		85,000	75,000
Other liabilities	349,930	79,889	69,461
Total	\$3,535,940	\$3,082,054	\$2,125,363

*Acquired by purchase the business of the Lawndale Bank & Trust Co. in Aug. 1926. V. 123, p. 946. Above are combined results of both companies for all years.

Olney Bank & Trust Co. (Philadelphia)

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand	\$165,229	\$178,988	\$221,618
Due from approved reserve agents	410,508	380,918	344,351
Legal reserve securities	237,000	255,300	213,500
Commercial paper purchased	275,743	281,395	355,235
Loans on collateral	2,061,065	2,610,144	1,787,648
Loans on call on one or more names	1,021,727		
Loans on bonds and mortgages	1,175,260	1,164,990	686,158
Bonds	1,385,830	1,406,990	1,268,484
Mortgages and judgments of record	790,534	750,349	848,303
Office building	238,061	203,347	204,018
Other real estate	46,557	32,024	32,024
Furniture and fixtures	63,334	58,866	51,723
Other assets	96,384	108,819	68,597
Total	\$7,967,232	\$7,432,130	\$6,081,659
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Surplus fund	325,000	275,000	250,000
Undivided profits	122,542	115,711	68,199
Reserve for deprec., int., taxes, &c.	252,583	222,913	153,831
Demand deposits	2,916,672	2,780,039	2,476,461
Time deposits	4,098,994	3,561,365	2,866,007
Bills payable		225,000	
Other liabilities	1,441	2,102	17,161
Total	\$7,967,232	\$7,432,130	\$6,081,659
Trust department (additional)	\$119,217	\$35,184	\$5,604

Oxford Bank & Trust Co. (Philadelphia)

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash, specie and notes	\$156,045	\$157,899	\$138,028
Due from approved reserve agents	457,825	693,695	383,330
Legal reserve securities	24,000	24,000	37,000
Due from banks, trust companies, &c.	41,224	28,464	14,058
Commercial paper purchased			1,735,451
Loans on collateral	2,853,574	3,208,668	1,757,034
Loans secured by bonds & mortgages	725,174	600,759	590,950
Bonds and stocks	1,507,775	1,029,598	818,215
Mortgages and judgments of record	883,020	658,810	582,611
Office building and lot	515,484	380,695	102,436
U. S. certificates of indebtedness		105,000	65,000
Other real estate		42,271	42,271
Furniture and fixtures	80,184	91,899	68,031
Custom. liability under letters of cred	8,462	29,622	
Other resources	56,803	42,857	30,806
Total	\$7,369,033	\$7,094,233	\$5,365,222
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus fund	450,000	350,000	300,000
Undivided profits	72,081	76,167	97,877
Demand deposits	2,431,567	2,531,146	1,815,053
Saving fund deposits	3,631,040	3,048,763	2,342,578
War Loan deposits		105,000	65,000
Bills			

Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives & Granting Annuities (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand	\$316,641	\$279,519	\$384,497
Due from banks and bankers	17,288,411	12,462,274	10,668,799
Loans on collateral	48,671,160	39,128,380	34,697,697
Stocks, bonds, &c.	20,117,926	16,942,870	19,072,431
Mortgages	101,609	81,609	1,983,099
Commercial paper purchased	3,151,275	2,764,424	2,090,857
Reserve fund for protection of tr. bal.	7,111,056	8,089,948	6,083,343
Interest accrued	550,744	499,320	480,955
Other assets	2,371,456	2,376,900	1,887,462
Total	\$99,680,278	\$82,625,244	\$77,349,080
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$3,964,990
Surplus fund	15,000,000	14,540,000	14,381,672
Undivided profits	2,296,165	2,889,226	2,933,539
Reserve for depreciation	981,366	150,000	150,000
Deposits	71,294,637	57,998,210	55,303,811
Interest payable to depositors	252,094	220,964	212,330
Bills payable Federal Reserve Bank	5,050,000	-----	-----
Loans & comm. paper re-discounted	795,000	-----	-----
Other liabilities	11,016	2,826,844	402,652
Total	\$99,680,278	\$82,625,244	\$77,349,080
Trust department (additional)	\$402,727,534	\$363,054,277	\$330,536,292

Pennsylvania Warehousing & Safe Deposit Co. (Phila.).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand	\$23,819	\$52,295	\$46,241
Due from banks and bankers	125,623	144,614	129,774
Accrued storage charges	39,295	45,545	33,374
Loans on collateral	426,041	457,928	420,614
Investment securities owned	413,243	946,115	896,465
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	1,464,199	1,467,798	1,473,506
Other assets	38,503	52,079	19,987
Total	\$2,530,724	\$3,166,374	\$3,019,961
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$800,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus and undivided profits	471,607	372,877	372,877
Deposits	759,718	1,028,708	832,870
Reserve for deprec., int., taxes, &c.	251,914	208,530	192,711
Bills payable	150,000	410,000	550,000
Other liabilities	97,485	146,259	71,503
Total	\$2,530,724	\$3,166,374	\$3,019,961

Peoples Bank & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand	\$266,091	\$211,593	\$161,379
Due from banks and bankers	1,515,662	1,535,357	1,201,181
Commercial & other paper purchased	5,908,172	7,316,828	6,337,662
Loans on collateral	4,928,142	3,712,086	2,291,024
Loans on call on one or more names	402,219	-----	-----
Bonds and stocks	5,431,096	3,722,746	3,153,358
Mortgages	610,520	469,120	945,578
Real estate	963,883	962,507	800,583
Furniture and fixtures	109,325	103,925	80,700
Customers' liability on acceptances	5,340	58,260	156,603
Other assets	83,041	102,419	76,404
Total	\$20,223,491	\$18,194,841	\$15,204,472
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus and undivided profits	448,537	414,051	353,459
Reserve for deprec., int., taxes, &c.	113,401	39,012	15,402
Deposits	18,610,032	16,647,240	13,654,064
Acceptances	18,545	72,358	156,603
Dividends declared, not paid	32,008	20,493	23,920
Other liabilities	1,468	1,697	1,024
Total	\$20,223,491	\$18,194,841	\$15,204,472
Trust department (additional)	\$922,588	\$210,342	\$565,878

Pilgrim Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash, specie and notes	\$10,250	\$8,062	\$17,286
Due from approved reserve agents	46,444	18,498	74,331
Due from other banks, trust cos., &c.	640	298	139
Commercial paper	126,751	150,003	209,393
Time loans on collateral	11,662	24,283	47,811
Call loans on collateral	19,463	46,448	37,653
Loans on call on one or more names	18,250	-----	-----
Loans on bonds and mortgages	670	11,823	13,900
Bonds and stocks	12,373	45,487	72,648
Bonds & mtgs. owned & judgments	77,865	74,675	8,600
Office building and lot	59,613	59,563	69,875
Furniture and fixtures	21,017	21,017	11,597
Other resources	103	1,723	226
Total	\$405,101	\$461,881	\$563,359
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$125,150	\$125,150	\$125,150
Surplus fund	68	6,542	10,807
Reserve fund	44,940	-----	-----
Demand deposits	165,995	147,441	316,149
Time deposits	19,923	35,706	30,453
Bills payable	31,025	91,045	62,800
Mortgages on bank building	-----	-----	18,000
Other liabilities	18,000	55,997	-----
Total	\$405,101	\$461,881	\$563,359

* Began business Aug. 11 1924.

Provident Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Mortgages	\$810,325	\$856,825	\$1,124,356
Stocks and bonds	12,440,216	11,753,154	11,661,574
Commercial paper purchased	355,700	460,711	249,326
Loans on collateral	13,372,458	12,757,399	12,581,555
Real estate	814,281	753,540	229,555
Cash on hand & due from bks. & bkrs.	2,928,737	2,779,457	2,584,733
Miscellaneous assets	260,339	284,295	46,187
Total	\$30,982,056	\$29,645,381	\$28,471,286
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Surplus	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Undivided profits	4,073,336	3,802,174	3,517,306
Special reserve fund	2,577,128	2,577,128	2,577,128
Reserve for taxes and other liabilities	516,193	604,268	418,616
Deposits payable	15,715,399	15,161,811	14,958,236
Bills payable	1,100,000	500,000	-----
Total	\$30,982,056	\$29,645,381	\$28,471,286
Trust department (additional), incl. corporation trusts	199,437,913	180,410,953	164,786,060
Amt. of divs. paid on company's stock	1926.	1925.	1924.
	{20% reg.}	{20% reg.}	{20% reg.}
	{5% extra}	{5% extra}	{5% extra}
Rate of int. on deposits (generally)	2%	2%	2%

Real Estate Title, Insur. & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Real estate mortgages	\$5,930,184	\$5,649,741	\$4,749,172
Stocks, bonds, &c.	1,698,860	1,835,776	1,917,963
Loans	4,713,406	5,092,865	4,675,509
Real estate	1,415,000	1,415,000	1,400,000
Cash on hand and on deposit	4,869,924	2,373,603	3,179,562
Other assets	666,911	456,367	548,857
Total	\$19,294,285	\$16,823,353	\$16,471,063
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Surplus	4,060,000	3,500,000	3,500,000
Undivided profits	152,994	607,545	693,723
Reserve for depreciation, int. & taxes	214,012	78,317	-----
General deposits	12,282,760	10,016,621	9,906,152
Other liabilities	644,519	620,870	671,188
Total	\$19,294,285	\$16,823,353	\$16,471,063
Trust department (additional)	\$29,485,002	\$24,547,251	\$22,685,083
Rate of interest paid on deposits	1926.	1925.	1924.
	{2% reg.}	{3% reg.}	{3.65% and 4%}
	{10% extra}	{16% extra}	{2 1/2%}

The Real Estate Trust Co. of Philadelphia.

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Lawful reserve bonds	\$272,000	\$267,000	\$267,000
Cash on hand	310,038	322,570	318,952
Due from banks and bankers	1,134,944	873,535	820,901
Call loans on collateral	3,381,697	3,610,542	2,623,533
Time loans on collateral	-----	5,000	32,750
Loans on bonds and mortgages	204,650	-----	130,975
Stocks, bonds, &c.	4,011,056	3,941,917	3,927,741
Real estate	3,131,956	3,131,956	3,131,956
Other assets	15,070	19,438	19,439
Total	\$12,461,411	\$12,302,933	\$11,279,547
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in Common	\$1,319,600	\$1,319,600	\$1,319,600
Capital stock, preferred (full paid)	1,811,600	1,811,600	1,811,600
Surplus	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Undivided profits	472,616	367,613	282,504
Sinking fund for leasehold	413,610	307,191	277,969
Building renewal fund	158,046	105,690	100,690
Deposits	7,248,947	7,357,038	6,462,148
Dividends unpaid	192	455	450
Other liabilities	36,800	33,746	24,556
Total	\$12,461,411	\$12,302,933	\$11,279,547
Trust department (additional)	\$25,973,329	\$25,029,796	\$24,680,652
Rate of interest paid on deposits	1926.	1925.	1924.
	{2%}	{2%}	{2%}
Divs. paid in cal. year	\$220,053	\$221,111	\$220,996

Republic Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash and reserve bonds	\$870,995	\$688,966	\$679,404
Real est., safe dep. vaults, furn. & fixt.	357,737	359,736	366,237
Loans on collateral	3,177,645	2,881,705	2,866,897
Stocks and bonds	1,963,708	1,642,076	1,022,705
Accrued interest	33,190	29,191	31,530
Miscellaneous	6,983	8,281	6,242
Total	\$6,410,258	\$5,609,955	\$4,973,016
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$750,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus fund	600,000	300,000	300,000
Undivided profits	50,819	52,729	-----
Reserve for depreciation of securities	-----	-----	28,056
Deposits	4,968,936	4,676,037	4,081,766
Ground rent	-----	36,250	36,250
Dividends unpaid	18,750	25,000	15,000
Accrued interest and taxes	14,213	9,549	5,997
Other liabilities	7,540	10,389	5,947
Total	\$6,410,258	\$5,609,955	\$4,973,016
Trust department (additional)	\$708,605	\$723,509	\$692,316

Richmond Trust Co. (Phila.)

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash, specie and notes	\$105,801	\$88,665	\$62,145
Due from approved reserve agents	204,242	140,892	128,031
Due from other banks, trust cos., &c.	221	219	213
Commercial paper	167,503	177,897	203,080
Time loans on collateral	106,285	9,789	7,699
Call loans on collateral	85,500	179,699	23,500
Loans on call on one or more names	151,950	-----	-----
Mortgages and judgments	681,725	511,326	338,955
Bonds and stocks	388,748	410,432	378,612
Real estate	59,951	60,760	76,431
Furniture and fixtures	17,296	18,570	5,249
Other resources	994	1,012	1,814
Total	\$1,965,216	\$1,599,261	\$1,225,729
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$145,400	\$143,200	\$139,200
Surplus and undivided profits	33,917	22,267	15,764
Reserve for depreciation	2,063	2,062	-----
Deposits	1,779,472	1,428,688	1,067,491
Other liabilities	4,364	3,044	3,274
Total	\$1,965,216		

***Security Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

	Dec. 31 '26.	*Dec. 31 '25.
Resources—		
Cash, specie and notes	\$10,569	\$11,399
Due approved reserve agents	23,353	16,518
Due from other banks and trust companies	1,102	1,102
Bills discounted	126,157	90,944
Time loans with collateral	4,420	9,975
Call loans with collateral	9,438	25,522
Loans on call on one name	13,583	—
Loans secured by bonds and mortgages	57,057	142,800
Bonds and stocks	71,497	56,710
Bonds, mortgages and judgments of record	19,748	27,575
Office building and lot	50,536	50,536
Furniture and fixtures	10,629	9,897
Miscellaneous	3,300	319
Total	\$401,389	\$443,298
Liabilities—		
Capital stock	\$125,600	\$125,546
Surplus fund	2,524	4,644
Demand deposits	179,302	159,750
Time deposits	38,643	60,258
Due to banks, trust companies, &c.	15,120	15,500
Notes and bills rediscounted or guaranteed	15,000	—
Bills payable	25,200	25,100
Other liabilities	—	—
Total	\$401,389	\$443,298

* Began business April 25 1925.

Sixty-Ninth Street Terminal Title & Trust Co. (Phila.).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.
Resources—		
Cash, specie and notes	\$75,965	\$67,184
Due from approved reserve agents	119,514	119,098
Due from other banks, trust companies, &c.	42,401	13,317
Bills discounted	196,762	185,584
Time loans with collateral	88,845	57,920
Call loans with collateral	227,710	174,388
Loans or call on one or more names	75,011	—
Loans secured by bonds and mortgages	771,712	873,063
Bonds and stocks	494,856	449,899
Bonds, mortgages and judgments owned	208,520	342,443
Office building and lot	132,494	132,494
Other real estate	150,902	13,674
Furniture and fixtures	23,785	20,749
Other resources	57,583	9,385
Total	\$2,666,060	\$2,459,198
Liabilities—		
Capital stock	\$375,000	\$375,000
Surplus fund	150,000	150,000
Undivided profits	51,982	46,014
Reserve for interest, taxes and expenses	12,052	20,375
Demand deposits	1,292,572	1,266,650
Time deposits	763,738	442,864
Due to banks and trust companies	10,617	15,275
Bills payable	10,099	143,000
Other liabilities	—	20
Total	\$2,666,060	\$2,459,198
Trust department	\$34,314	\$28,199

Southwark Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
Cash on hand	\$51,283	\$51,439	\$40,432
Due from approved reserve agents	158,351	114,299	102,821
Due from other banks, trust cos., &c.	—	—	1,128
Commercial paper	423,146	375,842	400,336
Time loans with collateral	23,072	20,060	22,550
Call loans with collateral	104,970	26,384	31,585
Loans secured by bonds & mortgages	653,139	742,236	258,145
Bonds	311,424	148,263	119,457
Mortgages	555,750	427,800	696,500
Office building and lot	141,741	143,741	—
Furniture and fixtures	22,547	22,154	4,800
Other assets	22,387	25,109	19,930
Total	\$2,467,810	\$2,097,327	\$1,697,484
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Surplus fund	125,000	125,000	125,000
Undivided profits	92,020	77,081	59,786
Reserve for interest, taxes & expenses	87,779	31,676	15,054
Demand deposits	806,523	705,732	560,973
Time deposits	973,988	706,838	613,671
Bills payable	130,000	115,000	150,000
Notes and bills re-discounted	89,500	7,000	48,000
Other liabilities	88,000	204,000	—
Total	\$2,467,810	\$2,097,327	\$1,697,484
Trust department (additional)	\$94,678	\$54,170	\$24,602

Suburban Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.
Resources—		
Cash, specie and notes	\$112,384	\$106,931
Due from approved reserve agents	75,834	128,888
Legal reserve securities, at par	91,000	76,000
Exchanges for clearing house	—	2,937
Bills discounted— Upon one name	162,302	137,463
Upon two or more names	80,571	52,751
Time loans with collateral	143,913	37,135
Call loans with collateral	77,025	28,500
Loans on call, upon one name	84,160	193,825
Loans secured by bonds and mortgages	212,063	203,475
Bonds	368,304	183,336
Bonds and mortgages owned	471,461	698,375
Judgments of record	95,495	76,580
Office building and lot and other real estate	31,515	200,000
Furniture and fixtures	471	26,592
Overdrafts	2,207	594
Book value of legal reserve securities above par	16,647	1,269
Other assets not included in above	—	20,933
Total	\$2,025,351	\$2,175,584
Liabilities—		
Capital stock paid in	\$250,000	\$250,000
Surplus fund	50,000	50,000
Undivided profits	92,807	49,917
Reserved for interest, taxes and expenses	12,238	17,104
Deposits subject to check	920,360	1,017,196
Deposits, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	50,000	30,000
Certified checks	6,114	4,135
Treasurer's checks	1,145	719
Time certificates of deposit	5,440	12,315
Special time deposits	7,857	4,227
Time saving fund deposits	537,550	383,798
Due to banks, trust companies, &c., excl. reserve	6,998	49,937
Notes and bills rediscounted or guaranteed	75,000	45,000
Bills payable on demand	3,842	130,000
Other liabilities not included in above	—	131,236
Total	\$2,025,351	\$2,175,584

***Susquehanna Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	*Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
Cash, specie and notes	\$20,423	\$19,515	\$4,618
Due from approved reserve agents	57,202	42,599	26,783
Legal reserve securities	15,000	15,000	10,000
Commercial paper	85,038	74,096	46,886
Time loans with collateral	46,835	31,945	25
Call loans with collateral	54,853	276,332	17,100
Loans on call on one name	44,730	—	—
Loans on bond and mortgage	170,825	—	—
Bonds	165,896	89,109	28,320
Mortgages and judgments of record	109,640	18,915	3,800
Office building and lot	20,992	109,569	100,077
Furniture and fixtures	1,824	9,768	3,708
Other assets	—	338	663
Total	\$793,258	\$697,186	\$241,980
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$132,804
Surplus fund	15,000	15,000	11,167
Undivided profits	2,956	5,246	—
Reserve for depreciation	6,075	3,103	—
Demand deposits	357,906	270,380	76,042
Time deposits	192,821	134,957	1,967
Bills payable	68,500	98,500	—
Other liabilities	—	20,000	20,000
Total	\$793,258	\$697,186	\$241,980
Trust department (additional)	\$5,438	—	—

* Began business Dec. 13 1924.

Tacony Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
Real estate mortgages	\$896,539	\$836,475	\$784,674
Stocks and bonds	842,636	782,424	791,787
Loans on collateral	400,542	545,396	378,436
Loans on personal securities	95,984	85,882	64,498
Loans on call on one name	135,497	—	—
Real estate	72,679	70,254	56,756
Cash on hand	127,635	92,851	149,358
Cash on deposit	68,420	134,654	136,987
Other assets	18,252	269	2,603
Total	\$2,658,184	\$2,548,205	\$2,365,099
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Surplus fund	200,000	150,000	150,000
Undivided profits	105,340	104,608	88,994
Deposits	2,202,539	2,143,585	1,975,077
Miscellaneous	305	12	1,028
Total	\$2,658,184	\$2,548,205	\$2,365,099
Trust department (additional)	\$2,080,572	\$2,035,838	\$2,147,022

Tioga Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
Bonds, stocks, &c.	\$999,707	\$1,032,576	\$1,040,368
Real estate	77,382	49,060	66,775
Mortgages	1,045,397	792,070	606,385
Loans with collateral	282,334	271,463	410,058
Loans on call on one or more names	201,204	—	—
Commercial paper purchased	225,416	231,446	376,694
Due from banks	100,831	125,682	126,956
Specie and notes	103,062	76,944	58,412
Other assets	19,950	499,831	89,151
Total	\$3,055,283	\$3,079,072	\$2,774,799
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Undivided profits	184,532	155,809	123,048
Reserve for depreciation	54,816	—	—
Deposits	2,508,506	2,467,332	2,405,080
Other liabilities	182,429	330,931	121,671
Total	\$3,055,283	\$3,079,072	\$2,774,799

***United Security Life Ins. & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

	Jan. 1 '27.	*Jan. 1 '26.	*Jan. 1 '25.
Resources—			
First mortgage loans	\$3,382,316	\$3,163,293	\$3,048,121
Bonds and stocks	991,784	954,522	1,079,208
Loans on collateral	2,748,273	2,813,220	2,557,232
Commercial paper	668,390	667,818	362,424
Banking house and other real estate	454,934	458,195	451,970
Cash on hand and deposit	758,310	685,892	753,425
Other assets	2,100	11,742	6,370
Total	\$9,006,107	\$8,754,682	\$8,258,750
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Undivided profits	232,037	157,338	99,136
Reserve	158,167	144,531	126,353
Bills payable	200,000	250,000	—
General deposits payable on demand	6,415,903	6,202,813	6,033,260
Total	\$9,006,107	\$8,754,682	\$8,258,750
Trust department (additional)	\$4,478,656	\$4,499,523	\$4,305,639

* Wayne Junction Trust Co. was absorbed by the United Security Life Insurance & Trust Co. as of March 3 1924. The above statement is the combined results of both companies for all periods.

West End Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
Cash on hand and due from banks	\$1,409,004	\$1,848,974	\$1,538,903
Loans on coll. & on bonds & mtgs	15,864,019	16,418,514	13,450,980
Investments, stocks and bonds	5,685,598	4,437,784	5,405,516
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	1,000,000	1,115,208	1,000,000
Other resources, accrued interest	105,104	—	120,289
Total	\$24,063,725	\$23,820,480	\$21,515,697
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Surplus	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,800,000
Undivided profits	749,488	478,391	454,037
Reserve for depreciation	384,519	—	—
Deposits	18,158,726	18,707,646	16,911,660
Other liabilities	770,993	634,443	350,000
Total	\$24,063,725	\$23,820,480	\$21,515,697
Trust department (additional)	\$12,365,924	\$11,336,524	\$11,425,714

Dividends paid in calendar year: 1926. 10 1/2%; 1925. 10%; 1924. 8%
Rate of interest paid on deposits: 2% demand; 4% time

West Philadelphia Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Resources—			
Real estate mortgages	\$2,171,006	\$1,755,234	\$1,154,250
Stocks and bonds	4,134,754	4,276,775	4,703,803
Loans on collateral	3,161,203	3,123,314	2,742,834
Real estate			

Wharton Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	*Dec. 31 '24.
Cash, specie and notes	\$16,793	\$12,113	\$13,861
Due from approved reserve agents	39,040	45,524	21,452
Commercial paper	169,965	151,162	134,385
Time loans with collateral	112,800	30,165	58,225
Call loans with collateral	85,156	117,297	26,663
Loans on call on one or more names	26,038	—	—
Bonds	54,841	33,500	10,500
Mortgages	—	98,700	96,100
Office building and lot	52,948	52,885	48,110
Furniture and fixtures	2,868	3,819	3,260
Other assets	14,646	29,125	41,539
Total	\$575,095	\$574,290	\$454,095
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$157,700	\$153,200	\$137,300
Surplus fund	8,500	5,870	17,163
Demand deposits	183,184	186,967	145,245
Time deposits	178,862	141,033	105,272
Bills payable	45,000	70,000	35,000
Other liabilities	1,848	17,220	14,115
Total	\$575,095	\$574,290	\$454,095

* Began business in 1924.

***Wyoming Bank & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	* Dec. 31 '24.
Cash, specie and notes	\$39,881	\$48,796	\$25,240
Due from approved reserve agents	86,808	101,046	70,484
Legal reserve securities	30,000	30,000	14,975
Commercial paper	70,456	73,827	145,282
Time loans on collateral	50,935	55,110	73,430
Call loans on collateral	580,265	691,860	164,440
Loans on call on one name	261,500	—	—
Bonds and stocks	485,762	443,749	376,984
Mortgages and judgments of record	175,908	135,823	104,625
Office building and lot	110,947	110,089	107,285
Furniture and fixtures	21,213	20,667	17,876
Customers' liability on letters of credit and acceptances	—	3,000	1,050
Accrued interest	9,640	9,275	3,545
Total	\$1,923,315	\$1,723,241	\$1,105,216
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus fund	100,000	70,000	40,000
Undivided profits	11,737	13,821	18,887
Demand deposits	895,715	905,609	539,929
Time deposits	707,863	531,011	305,350
Miscellaneous	8,000	3,000	1,050
Total	\$1,923,315	\$1,723,241	\$1,105,216

* Began business in 1924.

BALTIMORE COMPANIES

***American Trust Co. (Baltimore).**

Resources—	*Dec. 31 '26.
Loans and discounts	\$956,588
Stocks, bonds, securities, &c	176,015
Banking house	156,644
Furniture and fixtures	4,141
Due from banks, bankers and trust companies	7,775
Due from approved reserve agents	59,387
Cash	5,805
Miscellaneous assets	13,039
Total	\$1,379,394
Liabilities—	
Capital	\$500,000
Surplus fund	100,000
Undivided profits	5,082
Demand deposits	392,570
Savings and special deposits	168,535
City of Baltimore deposits	50,000
Bills payable	25,000
Mortgage account	132,000
Unearned discount	6,207
Total	\$1,379,394

* Began business in 1926.

***Baltimore Trust Co. (Baltimore).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans and discounts	\$33,502,485	\$35,829,578	\$27,125,260
Bonds, securities, &c	10,932,603	10,364,625	9,591,754
Banking houses, furniture & fixtures	2,368,053	1,821,766	1,576,600
Customers' liability acct. acceptances	4,292,228	5,810,164	2,415,068
Customers' liab. under letters of credit	396,934	537,425	352,837
Interest earned, not collected	226,887	215,602	190,143
Cash and due from banks	11,963,548	13,685,963	12,700,058
Miscellaneous assets	221,165	51,978	127,403
Total	\$63,813,903	\$68,317,101	\$54,079,123
Liabilities—			
Capital	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,000,000
Surplus	3,500,000	3,500,000	4,000,000
Undivided profits	670,822	527,539	678,835
Due to banks, bankers and trust cos.	2,734,286	2,900,801	—
Other demand deposits	26,372,818	28,189,591	42,442,371
Time deposits	20,733,129	22,064,639	—
Unpaid dividends	109,535	118,226	107,243
Interest collected not earned	171,667	189,252	124,994
Reserves for taxes, interest, etc.	303,484	230,767	88,477
Acceptances	4,821,228	6,058,861	2,726,584
Letters of credit	—	—	—
Bonds borrowed	396,934	537,425	352,837
Miscellaneous	500,000	500,000	500,000
Total	\$63,813,903	\$68,317,101	\$54,079,123

*On Jan. 31 1925 the Atlantic Exchange Bank & Trust Co. was merged with the Baltimore Trust Co. Above figures are the combined results of both companies for all periods.

Century Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans, secured	\$7,073,441	\$7,246,909	\$2,954,195
Investments	1,938,867	1,054,308	786,538
Equipment	15,052	10,552	7,878
Cash on hand and in banks	1,175,111	1,595,560	539,659
Interest earned, not collected	52,054	35,266	20,137
Cust. liab. acct. letters of credit	10,000	—	—
Cust. liab. acct. commitments	—	158,000	—
Total	\$10,264,525	\$10,105,595	\$4,308,407
Liabilities—			
Capital	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus	1,700,000	600,000	500,000
Undivided profits	146,322	102,855	50,088
Reserve for taxes	63,497	43,794	5,000
Reserve for depreciation	10,000	5,000	1,000
Reserve for contingencies	10,782	8,500	—
Reserve for div. payable Jan. 2 1925	—	—	15,000
Reserve for interest	22,307	10,610	2,525
Interest collected, not earned	31,703	16,572	10,706
Letters of credit	10,000	5,000	—
Commitments	—	158,000	—
Deposits	7,269,914	8,655,265	3,224,088
Total	\$10,264,525	\$10,105,595	\$4,308,407

Colonial Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans and discounts	\$679,457	\$828,890	\$528,356
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	—	481	2,903
Stocks, bonds, securities, &c	1,075,492	1,022,917	1,052,599
Mortgages	285,650	280,586	265,336
Bkg. house, furn., fixtures & vault	153,989	153,137	153,922
Other real estate	26,498	26,498	26,498
Checks and cash items	—	745	107
Due from approved reserve agents	251,542	208,731	224,538
Lawful money reserve in bank	15,807	23,132	19,322
Miscellaneous	5,084	4,289	2,729
Total	\$2,493,519	\$2,551,406	\$2,276,310
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Surplus fund	200,000	100,000	100,000
Undivided profits	52,018	122,870	68,111
Deposits	1,937,786	2,023,636	1,808,199
Reserve for taxes	3,715	4,900	—
Total	\$2,493,519	\$2,551,406	\$2,276,310

Commerce Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Investments	\$1,176,252	\$891,292	\$1,192,062
Loans and discounts	2,025,732	1,905,906	1,806,918
Banking house equity	230,000	225,000	250,000
Accrued interest	16,923	21,362	—
Furniture, fixtures, organization, &c	—	1	—
Customers' liability on acceptances	—	30,000	52,857
Customers' liability, acct. lets of cred	7,350	—	—
Customers liability on rediscounts	100,000	91,067	—
Cash	744,043	1,308,657	660,985
Other resources	12,864	1,977	25,776
Total	\$4,313,165	\$4,475,262	\$3,988,599
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
Surplus, paid in	250,000	250,000	250,000
Undivided profits	67,886	60,989	57,337
Unearned interest	8,902	11,085	8,608
Reserve for taxes, &c	—	—	7,000
Rediscounts	100,000	91,067	—
Dividends unpaid	13,700	9,777	220
Interest accrued	9,551	560	4,423
Bills payable	50,000	—	400,000
Acceptances paid	—	30,000	52,857
Letters of credit issued	7,350	—	17,419
Deposits	3,052,885	3,271,805	2,440,735
Other liabilities	2,891	—	—
Total	\$4,313,165	\$4,475,262	\$3,988,599

(The) Continental Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans and discounts	\$9,614,681	\$7,230,423	\$5,167,062
Stocks, bonds, securities, &c	2,705,972	3,640,654	3,242,791
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	1,550,000	1,550,000	1,550,000
Checks and cash items	569,189	516,570	912,323
Due from approved reserve agents	678,393	2,162,277	26,665
Exchange for Clearing House	1,226,485	793,198	1,623,450
Cash on hand	34,085	35,012	1,182,023
Customers' liability on acceptances	—	100,000	24,536
Total	\$16,378,805	\$16,028,134	\$13,828,850
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000
Surplus fund	1,350,000	1,350,000	1,350,000
Undivided profits	647,061	551,799	449,403
Due to banks, bankers and trust cos.	321,538	572,196	177,980
Deposits (demand)	11,460,872	9,945,590	9,079,972
Deposits (time)	1,249,334	2,258,549	1,321,495
Domestic and foreign acceptances	—	—	100,000
Total	\$16,378,805	\$16,028,134	\$13,828,850

Equitable Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans and discounts	\$12,647,128	\$13,238,463	\$10,406,497
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	—	4,589	—
Stocks, bonds, securities, &c	7,485,062	6,751,586	7,114,182
Bank. house, vaults, furn. & fixtures	250,000	250,000	250,000
Due from banks, bankers & trust cos.	—	67,126	13,534
Due from approved reserve agents	3,313,341	2,278,326	1,998,849
Lawful money reserve in bank	—	314,792	266,315
Accrued interest receivable	156,268	—	—
Miscellaneous	55,613	183,250	168,596
Credit granted on acceptances	—	—	70,402
Total	\$23,907,412	\$23,088,132	\$20,289,295
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000
Surplus fund	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,000,000
Undivided profits	377,119	187,103	331,891
Due to banks, bankers and trust cos.	—	571,722	435,748
Due to approved reserve agents	20,231,168	269,868	191,591
Deposits (demand)	—	11,981,549	10,736,182
Deposits (time)	—	6,620,607	5,939,260
Domestic and foreign acceptances	—	—	70,402
Dividends unpaid	—	31,163	31,268
Notes and bills rediscounted	—	—	24,662
Reserve for taxes, interest, &c	275,335	226,119	180,291
Bills payable	500,000	700,000	—
Miscellaneous	23,790	—	—
Total	\$23,907,412	\$23,088,132	\$20,189,295

Maryland Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans	\$6,353,701	\$5,190,746	\$4,662,350
Stocks, bonds, securities, &c	2,418,920	3,206,985	3,880,145
Due from banks, bankers & trust cos.	2,372,152	1,834,275	1,369,200
Cash on hand and on deposit	1,222,593	885,402	842,763
Banking house and office building	635,000	645,000	655,000
Miscellaneous assets	98,976	86,053	103,338
Total	\$13,101,342	\$11,848,462	\$11,512,796
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus earned	500,000	500,000	637,236
Undivided profits	292,398	221,342	267,336
Reserve for taxes, interest, &c	26,581	25,276	16,265
Deposits	11,282,363	10,101,845	9,859,295
Total	\$13,101,342	\$11,848,462	\$11,512,796

Fidelity Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans and discounts	\$14,610,040	\$10,435,744	\$8,620,825
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	349	1,199	482
Stocks, bonds, securities, &c.	9,177,046	7,958,734	8,720,303
Due from banks, bankers & trust cos.	12,823	3,775	8,581
Due from approved reserve agents	3,295,891	3,566,800	2,936,189
Cash on hand	323,650	282,814	310,755
Due from cust'rs under letters of cred	107,256	---	---
Miscellaneous assets	28,574	57,754	108,100
Total	\$27,555,625	\$22,306,820	\$20,705,235
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus fund	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Undivided profits	439,015	343,073	240,744
Due to banks, bankers & trust cos.	1,427,230	1,548,077	1,709,304
Due to approved reserve agents	374,988	339,296	256,976
Deposits (demand)	16,070,973	16,998,263	15,418,513
Reserve for taxes and interest	36,000	32,489	33,363
Certificates of deposit	530,152	---	---
Trust deposits	5,241,471	---	---
City of Baltimore deposit	300,000	---	---
Liabilities under letters of credit	107,256	---	---
Other liabilities	28,539	45,622	49,335
Total	\$27,555,625	\$22,306,820	\$20,705,235
Divs. pd. on co.'s stk. in cal. year	1926.	1925.	1924.
Rate of interest paid on deposits	2 1/2% 20 reg. 4 ext	2 1/2% 20 reg. 4 ext	19 1/2%
	2% daily, 3% monthly acct		

Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. (Baltimore).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans and discounts	\$14,592,939	\$15,174,521	\$11,780,779
Stocks, bonds, securities, &c.	6,732,365	6,766,554	7,665,709
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	100,000	100,000	100,000
Cash on hand and on deposit	1,908,491	2,626,068	2,686,598
Unsettled bond accts. & accts. receiv.	44,369	100,358	15,885
Foreign department	21,467	67,136	91,083
Clearing House exchanges	410,087	466,637	578,820
Total	\$23,809,718	\$25,301,274	\$22,918,871
Liabilities—			
Capital stock, paid in	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Surplus fund	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000
Undivided profits	342,944	286,693	219,437
Reserve for interest and taxes	213,202	201,246	28,256
Deposits (demand)	14,033,179	14,478,413	13,665,229
Deposits (time)	4,220,393	5,334,922	4,005,949
Total	\$23,809,718	\$25,301,274	\$22,918,871

Safe Deposit & Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Stocks and bonds	\$9,389,228	\$14,696,864	\$12,816,341
Loans, demand, time and special	3,635,597	3,158,019	2,658,824
Mortgage loans	151,753	199,346	266,027
Cash on deposit in banks	2,357,654	5,481,729	2,519,709
Bills receivable	218,200	321,000	244,000
Real estate	100,000	100,000	100,000
Accrued interest receivable	27,726	17,698	19,094
Other assets	3,478	6,955	10,288
Total	\$15,883,636	\$23,981,611	\$18,634,283
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
Surplus	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,000,000
Undivided profits	636,266	315,619	724,469
Reserve for taxes, &c.	172,265	164,853	197,043
Deposits	8,118,315	16,960,029	10,660,611
Deposits, trust funds	2,156,790	1,741,110	2,852,160
Total	\$15,883,636	\$23,981,611	\$18,634,283

Security Storage & Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans and discounts	\$362,158	\$288,429	\$321,139
Stocks, bonds, securities, &c.	893,829	722,298	888,634
Warehouse and fee simple lots	209,788	212,047	218,195
Mortgages	377,207	287,126	127,732
Cash on hand and in banks	126,617	102,631	97,645
Miscellaneous assets	66,684	57,903	70,815
Total	\$2,036,283	\$1,670,434	\$1,724,160
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus (earned)	200,000	200,000	231,381
Undivided profits	65,187	55,187	---
Contingent fund	18,587	12,587	---
Reserve for interest and taxes	18,160	17,488	16,000
Deposits (demand)	633,941	495,545	637,159
Deposits (savings)	750,269	689,628	639,620
Deposits (trust estate)	150,139	---	---
Total	\$2,036,283	\$1,670,434	\$1,724,160
Trust department (add'l)	\$1,813,857	\$1,920,761	\$1,731,509

Title Guaratee & Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans and discounts	\$3,675,380	\$3,929,771	\$3,520,678
Stocks, bonds, securities, &c.	1,995,140	2,346,946	2,634,784
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	600,200	416,200	416,200
Mortgages and ground rents	3,427,200	1,897,834	1,648,588
Due from banks, bankers & trust cos.	37,932	51,937	73,155
Equity in other real estate owned	33,966	27,275	---
Checks and cash items	20,238	17,394	24,559
Due from approved reserve agents	749,850	504,454	571,388
Lawful money reserve in bank	72,780	84,718	66,524
Accrued interest receivable	46,644	24,198	29,770
Miscellaneous	4,096	3,100	---
Total	\$10,663,428	\$9,303,827	\$8,982,646
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Surplus	900,000	600,900	500,000
Undivided profits	28,818	28,664	27,796
Due to banks, bankers & trust cos.	506,409	526,771	535,252
Deposits (demand)	4,424,830	4,002,421	4,375,449
Deposits (time)	4,319,520	3,638,880	2,802,880
Building loan deposits	33,698	62,184	305,720
Reserve for interest on deposits	50,153	44,907	35,549
Total	\$10,663,428	\$9,303,827	\$8,982,646

Union Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans and discounts	\$18,832,424	\$15,990,507	\$11,553,807
Stocks, bonds, securities, &c.	4,509,144	4,733,355	4,307,611
Banking house, furniture & fixtures	450,000	450,000	450,000
Other real estate	386,979	344,227	145,400
Cash and exchange	3,960,825	3,705,056	3,640,853
Credit granted on acceptances	---	---	150,000
Total	\$28,139,372	\$25,223,145	\$20,244,671
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$750,000
Surplus fund	1,000,000	1,000,000	750,000
Undivided profits	619,997	491,653	242,571
Reserve for interest and taxes, &c.	82,987	89,143	62,849
Deposits	25,436,388	22,642,349	17,040,102
Fiscal agents' balances	---	---	1,399,049
Total	\$28,139,372	\$25,223,145	\$20,244,671

CHICAGO COMPANIES

Central Trust Co. of Illinois (Chicago).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Time loans	\$38,088,625	\$33,721,747	\$29,075,708
Demand loans	29,676,477	32,994,050	37,260,934
Real estate loans	2,888,359	3,185,812	4,168,847
U. S. Government securities	1,672,553	1,841,479	6,319,377
Bonds and stocks	10,212,568	5,268,582	6,073,553
Capital stk. of Fed. Res. Bank, Chic.	270,000	270,000	210,000
Bank premises	775,000	775,000	775,000
Customers' liabil. on letters of credit	444,696	380,878	326,235
Customers' liability on acceptances	93,898	130,381	132,434
Cash and sight exchange	23,414,434	23,509,158	24,748,762
Total	107,536,610	102,077,087	109,090,850
Liabilities—			
Capital	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
Surplus	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Undivided profits	1,624,992	1,443,180	1,028,570
Reserved for taxes and interest	809,937	725,680	722,525
Dividend account	180,519	180,723	180,609
Letters of credit outstanding	458,461	401,678	334,675
Acceptances executed for customers	93,898	130,381	132,434
Deposits	95,368,803	90,195,445	97,692,037
Total	107,536,610	102,077,087	109,090,850

Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank (Chicago).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Real estate	\$276,552	\$303,990	\$491,757
Cash on hand	697,205	1,075,250	1,193,116
Deposited in other banks	33,456,589	28,607,878	14,557,933
Cash in hands of agents and in transit	6,233,977	3,832,469	2,380,109
Loans secured by first lien on real est.	4,882,996	4,771,086	3,023,149
Loans upon pledges of securities	39,569,821	26,490,778	23,531,425
Stocks and bonds	33,898,058	47,782,232	60,581,623
Other assets, including accrued int.	7,357,870	6,795,694	6,688,993
Total	\$126,373,068	\$119,659,377	\$112,448,105
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Surplus on hand	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
Undivided profits	1,707,560	1,853,766	1,013,914
Deposits	107,386,800	100,320,238	93,952,769
Other liabilities	2,278,708	2,485,373	2,481,422
Total	\$126,373,068	\$119,659,377	\$112,448,105

Equitable Trust Co. of Chicago.

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand and due from banks	\$611,049	\$899,607	\$518,735
Bonds	257,752	268,784	265,246
Loans secured	1,315,759	1,093,013	2,327,776
Loans unsecured	1,514,812	1,467,371	---
Banking house	123,500	75,000	75,000
Furniture and fixtures	18,100	19,891	17,544
Interest earned	7,821	8,053	7,943
Total	\$3,848,793	\$3,831,719	\$3,212,244
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Surplus	50,000	50,000	50,000
Undivided profits	39,535	21,982	21,588
Reserved for interest and taxes	5,000	5,159	3,500
Interest earned	17,218	16,399	13,049
Bills payable	150,000	100,000	100,000
Deposits	3,337,040	3,488,179	2,774,107
Total	\$3,848,793	\$3,831,719	\$3,212,244

Chicago Trust Company (Chicago).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand and on deposit	\$8,402,628	\$7,165,986	\$6,373,641
Loans secured by first lien on real est.	3,209,573	4,899,512	3,863,941
Stocks and bonds	3,170,103	2,416,088	2,576,105
Loans and discounts	19,135,498	---	---
Overdrafts	417	667	522
Customers' liability under letters of credit and acceptance	653,823	428,399	268,745
Other assets, incl. accrued interest	902,766	466,252	492,846
Total	\$35,474,808	\$30,623,267	\$29,015,799
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,500,000
Surplus	1,000,000	1,000,000	500,000
Undivided profits	678,181	284,272	531,324
Deposits	30,175,425	25,919,333	25,227,

Greenebaum Sons Bank & Trust Co. (Chicago).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans and discounts	\$24,314,803	\$22,687,879	\$17,935,129
U. S. bonds and certifi. of indebtedness	916,468	1,506,112	1,155,893
Other bonds and securities	1,628,213	1,633,203	1,809,972
Real estate	38,559	39,277	54,377
Customers' liab. under letters of credit	231,532	106,514	128,350
Customers' liab. acct. of acceptances		4,000	712
Cash on hand and in banks	6,480,437	5,234,393	6,101,297
Interest accrued but uncollected	47,549		
Total	\$33,657,561	\$31,211,378	\$27,502,765
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Surplus	500,000	500,000	500,000
Undivided profits	1,086,111	902,450	830,759
Reserved for taxes and interest	127,221	62,786	55,868
Dividends payable Jan. 2 1926		112,500	
Letters of credit	231,532	106,514	218,350
Acceptances and contingent liabilities	124,524	4,000	51,289
Discount collected but unearned			
Deposits	30,088,173	28,023,128	24,346,498
Total	\$33,657,561	\$31,211,378	\$27,502,764

Harris Trust & Savings Bank (Chicago).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand and due from banks	\$1,996,036	\$1,336,937	\$1,481,955
Cash in hands of agents and in course of transmission		5,258,592	3,260,571
Loans on pledges of securities	40,501,855	41,838,283	24,861,837
Stocks and bonds	26,661,442	21,233,965	24,010,418
Other assets, incl. accrued interest	583,522	992,367	10,594,523
Total	\$87,712,855	\$80,660,149	\$73,209,304
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$4,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Surplus	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000
Undivided profits	1,259,405	1,453,665	739,474
Deposits	76,774,065	70,352,714	62,560,149
Other liabilities	1,679,384	1,853,770	2,909,681
Total	\$87,652,855	\$80,660,149	\$73,209,304

***Illinois Merchants Trust Co. (Chicago).**

(Results for combined institutions for all dates.)

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	1924.
Cash on hand and due from banks	\$84,682,703	\$86,278,456	\$87,773,019
U. S. Govt. bonds and Treasury cfts.	37,802,956	61,012,221	58,324,934
Bonds and other securities	36,588,029	29,693,174	29,861,811
Demand loans on collateral	83,626,418	87,259,779	104,335,379
Time loans on collateral	132,764,597	116,059,769	94,260,886
Other loans and discounts	49,310,940	46,587,566	58,655,342
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,350,000	1,350,000	1,350,000
Illinois Merchants Tr. Co. building		x1	8,500,000
Out. liab. under letters of credit	16,011,312	10,810,610	4,949,336
Customers' liab. under acceptances	9,527,579	7,038,764	17,318,153
Interest accrued but not collected	1,793,498	2,126,289	2,101,485
Total	\$453,458,033	\$448,216,629	\$467,430,345
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
Surplus	30,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000
Undivided profits	\$256,066	x163,936	5,095,668
Deposits	372,903,421	380,248,707	389,754,983
Contingent fund	3,150,000	2,000,000	1,300,000
Dividends unpaid		750,559	
Reserved for taxes and interest	3,218,369	1,447,491	2,225,101
Other reserves	1,850,000		1,200,000
Letters of credit	16,073,852	10,910,896	4,997,189
Acceptances	9,527,579	7,038,764	17,318,153
Discount collected but not earned	727,987	656,276	539,251
Total	\$453,458,033	\$448,216,629	\$467,430,345

* All the above figures represent the combined figures of the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Merchants Loan & Trust Co. and the Corn Exchange National Bank, which were merged as of Oct. 1 1919 though the actual physical consolidation was not consummated until Sept. 27 1924.
 x The large decrease in undivided profits from 1924 to 1925 is accounted for in the charge-off of the Illinois-Merchants Trust building which is now carried at \$1. The total cost of the building was \$15,815,498 of which \$6,900,000 was charged off in 1924 and the balance, \$8,915,497 at the end of 1925.

The People's Trust & Savings Bank (Chicago).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans	\$17,405,627	\$15,714,621	\$15,346,902
Cash on hand	671,045	459,248	580,833
Deposits in other banks	2,624,195	2,227,853	2,089,865
Cash in hands of agents and in transit	1,483,327	1,780,279	1,245,589
Stocks and bonds	3,341,682	2,465,938	1,549,271
Other assets, incl. accrued interest	224,398	208,788	133,794
Total	\$25,650,275	\$22,856,727	\$20,937,254
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus on hand	500,000	500,000	500,000
Undivided profits	337,088	252,601	211,186
Deposits	23,608,261	20,992,304	19,139,865
Other liabilities	204,926	111,822	86,203
Total	\$25,650,275	\$22,856,727	\$20,937,254

The Northern Trust Co. (Chicago).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Time loans secured by collateral	\$17,515,531	\$15,415,356	\$18,355,080
Demand loans secured by collateral	10,564,618	14,993,054	13,571,499
Other loans and discounts	7,310,069	7,812,816	7,700,244
Bonds and securities	13,541,998	11,395,165	11,438,978
Overdrafts			10,629
Federal Reserve bank stock	150,000	150,000	150,000
Bank premises	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000
Liability of other banks on bills purchased	600,988	450,000	650,000
Customers' liability acct. accept'nces			580,028
Customers' liability under letters of credit	1,108,882	1,006,095	684,645
Cash and due from banks	14,714,447	16,546,540	15,575,871
Total	\$66,906,533	\$69,169,026	\$68,116,974
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Surplus fund	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Undivided profits	2,820,764	2,521,388	2,306,143
Dividends unpaid	82,900	64,500	60,000
Reserved for taxes, interest, &c.	2,211,483	1,824,783	1,633,063
Discount collected but not earned	128,665	184,842	102,680
Contingent liability on other banks' bills sold	600,988	450,000	650,000
Acceptances executed for customers	1,122,614	1,014,309	1,680,028
Letters of credit outstanding	54,939,119		687,360
Deposits		58,119,204	57,097,700
Total	\$66,906,533	\$69,169,026	\$68,116,974

Standard Trust & Savings Bank (Chicago).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand	\$572,066	\$704,521	\$495,341
Deposited in other banks	2,687,821	2,605,431	3,141,771
Cash in hands of agents and in transit	1,942,873	1,790,585	1,339,867
Loans secured by 1st M. on real estate	1,494,595	1,105,200	888,800
Stocks and bonds	1,221,908	2,110,680	1,421,719
Loans upon the pledges of securities	12,802,488	7,471,455	3,217,005
Other assets, incl. accrued interest	225,862	4,408,766	6,397,414
Total	\$21,936,609	\$20,196,638	\$16,901,917
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus on hand	500,000	500,000	500,000
Undivided profits	622,376	521,034	440,504
Deposits	18,806,860	17,392,863	14,671,864
Other liabilities	1,007,373	782,741	289,549
Total	\$21,936,609	\$20,196,638	\$16,901,917

State Bank of Chicago (Trust Company).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Real estate, new banking premises	\$2,758,928	\$1,250,000	\$550,000
Cash on hand	836,416	1,295,837	1,522,601
Deposited in other banks	7,045,072	7,459,733	7,176,073
Cash in hands of agents & in transit	4,653,707	3,617,865	3,068,730
Loans on real estate, being first liens thereon	5,110,195	3,738,288	3,757,665
Stocks and bonds	3,291,345	2,713,143	2,626,596
Loans upon the pledges of securities	26,438,465	26,111,764	22,913,668
Other loans	18,588,045	18,761,450	20,461,892
Overdrafts	3,419	21,840	10,657
U. S. Government investments	670,957	156,545	139,017
Other assets	752,879	909,817	456,734
Total	\$70,149,428	\$66,037,285	\$62,683,634
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Surplus on hand	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Undivided profits	2,575,684	1,975,905	1,384,953
Deposits	57,749,917	54,148,911	53,005,619
Other liabilities	2,323,827	2,412,469	793,062
Total	\$70,149,428	\$66,037,285	\$62,683,633

Union Trust Co. (Chicago).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash on hand and clearings	\$4,591,265	\$3,987,377	\$4,567,155
Deposited in other banks	9,533,469	9,518,154	8,453,781
Cash in hands of agents and in transit	3,378,755	3,471,198	2,365,239
Loans, being first liens thereon	6,479,979	5,481,619	2,540,769
Stocks and bonds	10,311,387	8,932,267	10,572,822
Loans upon the pledges of securities	30,328,465	28,028,036	14,840,518
Other assets, incl. accrued interest	21,915,546	24,994,613	30,037,836
Total	\$86,742,867	\$84,413,264	\$73,378,120
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$2,000,000
Surplus on hand	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Undivided profits reserve for deprec'n	1,945,965	1,425,995	884,853
Deposits	77,029,633	73,774,101	64,779,693
Other liabilities	1,767,269	3,213,168	2,713,574
Total	\$86,742,867	\$84,413,264	\$73,378,120

ST. LOUIS COMPANIES

American Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Bonds and stocks	\$2,811,674	\$2,985,912	\$3,024,476
Government securities	1,527,533	4,342,344	3,258,914
Stock in Federal Res. Bank, St. Louis	45,000	45,000	43,500
Demand loans	4,500,899	3,951,902	2,971,798
Time loans	3,156,166	3,135,513	3,647,933
Real estate loans	848,050	528,203	919,884
Due fr. tr. cos., bks., bkrs. & brokers	2,355,534	2,196,685	2,500,530
Cash on hand	98,719	98,719	110,532
Safe deposit vaults	106,565	114,396	126,922
Other resources	79,677	94,542	95,036
Total	\$15,431,098	\$17,493,216	\$16,699,525
Liabilities—			
Capital	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus and undivided profits	609,626	578,550	550,285
Deposits subject to check		8,484,576	8,531,324
Certificates of deposit	13,064,656	1,364,606	746,900
Due trust cos., banks and bankers		1,395,397	745,554
Savings deposits		2,954,604	2,918,966
U. S. Government deposits	475,441	1,200,250	1,889,567
Bills payable		225,000	
Bonds borrowed	216,100	230,100	231,100
Other liabilities, res. for tax., int., &c.	65,275	60,133	85,849
Total	\$15,431,098	\$17,493,216	\$16,699,525

Broadway Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	June 30 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans on collateral and commercial paper and investment securities	\$1,428,969	\$1,817,242	\$1,709,634
Bonds and stocks	245,270	262,563	192,854
Due from trust cos. and banks	340,321	447,684	4

Chouteau Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	June 30 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	June 30 '24.
Loans on collateral security	\$982,243	\$896,487	\$1,176,078
Loans on real estate security	578,086	609,605	—
Bills purchased	—	50,000	—
Bonds and stocks	263,665	264,023	480,007
Furniture and fixtures	23,922	25,322	19,712
Due from trust cos. and banks	90,103	99,674	96,583
Checks and other cash items	66,856	66,878	106,532
Cash on hand	83,495	99,601	49,839
Other resources	4,395	4,860	587
Total	\$2,092,764	\$2,116,450	\$1,923,338
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus	100,000	100,000	100,000
Undivided profits	2,952	3,180	2,065
Deposits	1,722,104	1,747,563	1,500,914
Bills payable	60,000	60,000	120,000
Other liabilities	7,707	5,707	359
Total	\$2,092,764	\$2,116,450	\$1,923,338

City Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	June 30 '24.
Loans on collateral security	\$1,721,812	\$1,493,556	\$1,685,834
Loans on real estate security	42,378	95,912	—
Overdrafts	—	990	—
Bonds and stocks	248,598	528,891	153,057
U. S. bds., cfs. of indebt. & W. S. S.	156,064	—	—
Furniture and fixtures	28,000	28,000	31,303
Real estate	16,280	10,957	10,150
Due from trust cos. and banks	379,361	360,519	239,204
Cash on hand	18,628	17,238	43,435
Other resources	—	26,780	3,171
Total	\$2,611,321	\$2,562,843	\$2,166,154
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus	50,000	50,000	65,000
Undiv. prof. less current exp. & tax.	9,064	11,192	13,559
Dep. sub. to draft at sight by indiv. & others, incl. dem. cfs. of dep.	1,172,738	1,308,091	—
Time certificates of deposit	219,439	208,094	1,575,883
Savings deposits	454,618	512,228	—
United States deposits	248,599	196,311	—
Treasurer's checks	48,095	72,695	—
Borrowed bonds	25,000	—	—
Special reserves	62,745	4,000	11,942
Rediscounts	—	—	289,237
Dividends unpaid	25	45	15
Other liabilities, bills payable	120,000	187	10,518
Total	\$2,611,321	\$2,562,843	\$2,166,154

Easton-Taylor Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans on collateral	\$549,483	\$570,659	\$440,641
Loans on real estate	299,945	233,875	251,665
Other securities	345,957	305,067	198,480
Bonds and stocks (present value)	516,559	608,047	702,244
Due from banks and trust cos.	145,319	145,047	141,028
Cash on hand	141,340	98,432	85,451
Furniture and fixtures	10,446	10,250	10,250
Safe deposit vaults	13,850	13,850	13,850
Real estate	63,500	63,500	63,500
Other resources	17,587	9,645	21,156
Total	\$2,103,986	\$2,058,415	\$1,908,265
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus	50,000	20,000	14,000
Undivided profits	48,343	51,457	22,885
Deposits demand	883,988	947,334	943,645
Bills payable and rediscounts	50,000	60,000	—
Time certificates of deposit	126,648	118,945	126,537
Savings deposits	719,934	648,243	576,392
Treasurer's checks outstanding	25,073	12,000	24,482
Other liabilities	—	436	324
Total	\$2,103,986	\$2,058,415	\$1,908,265

Farmers' & Merchants' Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans on collateral	\$1,132,887	\$1,213,921	\$928,477
Loans on real estate	1,588,175	1,345,190	1,147,780
Commercial paper	83,792	—	16,225
Bonds and stocks	2,970,082	3,097,646	3,032,870
Furniture and fixtures	—	24,000	28,500
Overdrafts	870	820	1,229
Cash on hand	64,845	78,180	108,711
Due from banks and trust companies	390,934	399,328	377,521
Office building	110,000	111,000	117,027
Other resources	8,370	10,216	—
Total	\$6,349,956	\$6,280,303	\$5,857,760
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Surplus	200,000	200,000	100,000
Undivided profits	157,339	81,932	89,344
Deposits	5,237,617	5,448,371	5,218,416
Bills payable Federal Reserve Bank	355,000	150,000	50,000
Total	\$6,349,956	\$6,280,303	\$5,857,760

Rate of int. paid on dep. 2% check, 3% sav., 4% time
 Divs. paid in cal. year 11% 8% 8% 6%

Laclede Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans on collateral	\$1,277,918	\$415,145	\$414,745
Loans on real estate security	—	292,564	350,962
Other negotiable and non-negotiable paper and investment securities	—	409,571	229,829
Bonds and stocks	893,540	842,009	870,458
Real estate	155,000	151,529	105,000
Safe deposit vaults	9,400	19,900	5,441
Furniture and fixtures	18,646	16,470	—
Due from other trust cos. and banks	—	196,927	223,521
Checks and other cash items	273,092	—	150
Cash on hand (currency, gold, silver and other coin)	—	51,219	15,150
Overdrafts by solvent customers	891	603	1,016
Other resources	—	—	2,908
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	11,250	7,200	—
Total	\$2,639,737	\$2,393,136	\$2,219,180
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$300,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus	146,499	50,000	40,000
Undivided profits	—	39,005	41,251
Deposits subject to draft, including certificates of deposit	2,061,259	1,071,103	910,110
Time certificates of deposit	—	208,433	160,087
Savings deposits	—	596,803	551,635
Dividend checks outstanding	9,003	6,000	4,697
Reserves for interest, taxes, &c.	—	18,000	18,000
Bills payable	75,000	165,000	193,400
Treasurer's checks	32,976	38,792	—
Re-discounts	15,000	—	—
Total	\$2,639,737	\$2,393,136	\$2,219,180

Liberty Central Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Jan. 5 '27.	Jan. 6 '26.	Jan. 5 '25.
Loans and discounts	\$17,969,367	\$19,120,538	\$17,303,576
Customers' liability under acceptances	238,283	78,382	—
Customers' liability under letters of credit	49,674	33,865	56,827
Overdrafts	—	—	28,432
United States securities	8,961,224	10,660,651	10,444,780
Stock in Federal Reserve bank	105,000	105,000	120,000
Other bonds and stocks	4,991,301	3,065,880	4,871,079
Banking house equity and other real estate	1,105,458	1,252,932	1,154,588
Safe deposit vaults	113,000	113,000	113,000
Other resources	347,344	342,500	562,646
Cash and sight exchanges	9,732,229	7,340,044	12,765,124
Total	\$43,612,880	\$42,112,792	\$47,420,052
Liabilities—			
Capital	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Surplus	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Undivided profits	625,857	333,911	383,673
Unearned discounts	60,942	66,561	66,209
Acceptances	251,282	79,449	33,950
Letters of credit	49,673	33,865	56,827
United States securities borrowed	—	229,150	1,767,450
Rediscounts	—	335,217	—
Deposits—Commercial	23,170,951	23,585,439	25,759,133
Banks and bankers	7,140,436	6,658,783	7,472,412
Certificates of deposits	3,556,367	2,830,042	2,860,281
Savings	3,797,310	3,920,375	4,071,185
U. S. Government	1,460,062	511,000	948,932
Total	\$43,612,880	\$42,112,792	\$47,420,052

***Lindell Trust Co. (St. Louis).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Demand loans	\$510,451	\$243,240	\$233,031
Time loans	187,843	179,526	114,969
Real estate loans	398,000	483,600	225,950
Bonds	401,176	386,997	281,258
United States Liberty bonds	—	134,000	10,178
United States Treasury certificates	56,000	—	40,000
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	7,200	6,600	6,600
Cash on hand and in other banks	166,147	188,450	202,409
Furniture and fixtures	11,895	18,467	18,819
Accrued interest on bonds	859	—	668
Book banks	650	—	—
Overdrafts	87	—	—
Total	\$1,740,308	\$1,635,880	\$1,133,883
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus paid	20,000	20,000	20,000
Surplus earned	20,000	20,000	—
Undivided profits	16,277	4,238	3,910
Reserve for taxes	1,500	—	2,920
Individual deposits	775,715	767,953	623,438
Demand certificates	2,500	38,000	37,500
Savings deposits	440,054	364,502	200,000
Time deposits	126,607	78,235	36,619
United States Government deposit	32,386	76,938	9,493
Treasurer checks outstanding	20,355	15,013	—
Bills payable	85,000	41,000	—
Rediscounts	—	10,000	—
Dividend checks outstanding	15	—	—
Total	\$1,740,308	\$1,635,880	\$1,133,883

* Began business Jan. 2 1924.

Mercantile Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Time loans	\$22,189,124	\$19,732,446	\$20,457,355
Demand loans	13,782,333	20,339,504	21,330,683
Bonds and stocks	10,781,067	12,172,605	4,289,841
Liberty bonds & U. S. Govt. cfs. of indebtedness	11,375,060	8,608,928	12,517,713
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank, St. Louis	300,000	300,000	300,000
Real estate (co.'s office building)	2,261,000	1,861,000	1,861,000
Safe deposit vaults	450,000	450,000	450,000
Cash and sight exchange	10,636,435	12,674,783	13,063,335
Customers' liability acct' acceptances and letters of credit	120,142	128,545	157,155
Acceptances	150,000	150,000	120,008
Other resources	13,285	9,457	5,871
Total	\$72,058,446	\$76,427,268	\$74,552,953
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Surplus and undivided profits	8,274,098	7,789,296	7,525,604
Reserves for int. and divs. and taxes	—	195,000	195,000
Deposits	60,660,010	65,267,571	63,665,029
Contingent liability and acceptances and letters of credit	120,142	128,545	157,155
Unpaid dividends	4,196	6,855	10,165
Total	\$72,058,446	\$76,427,268	\$74,552,953

Mississippi Valley Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Stocks and bonds	\$10,596,313	\$9,274,812	\$8,589,934
U. S. bonds and cfs. of indebtedness	991,454	1,685,413	3,429,585
Fed. Res. Bank, St. Louis, cap. stock	195,000	—	195,000
Loans on real estate	1,717,382	—	1,317,767
Loans on collateral	14,245,679	27,816,579	10,630,248
Other negotiable & non-nego. paper	10,659,822	—	9,282,807
Customers' liability on acceptances	875,263	271,435	101,034
Real estate	718,615	718,089	471,847

Mound City Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 30 '25.	Dec. 31 '24
Loans on collateral	\$1,366,317	\$1,797,735	\$1,082,257
Loans on real estate	—	—	382,383
Bonds	—	—	160,230
Stocks	588,941	759,755	13,700
Real estate	64,867	100,537	100,537
Due from Fed. Res., oth. tr. cos. & bks	—	—	130,992
Checks and other cash items	445,138	313,139	82,749
Cash on hand	—	—	81,812
Furniture and fixtures	20,188	39,805	35,247
Building account	—	—	4,000
Other resources	18,715	1,136	11,200
Total	\$2,504,167	\$3,012,107	\$2,085,217
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus	25,000	40,000	40,000
Undivided profits	37,616	22,039	5,821
Deposits	2,236,047	2,470,061	1,817,694
Bills payable and rediscounts	—	250,000	—
Reserves, depreciation, &c.	5,503	29,469	21,592
Other assets	—	542	109
Total	\$2,504,167	\$3,012,107	\$2,045,217

North St. Louis Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Real estate mortgage	\$337,125	\$354,850	\$333,700
Stocks and bond invest. (mkt. value)	754,229	630,499	505,127
Loans and collateral	786,715	687,855	575,425
Other loans, incl. bills purchased	682,191	1,041,819	1,175,732
Due fr. tr. cos., bks., bkrs. & brokers	228,919	287,679	312,890
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	57,506	60,010	68,641
Specie	4,644	7,209	33,193
Legal-tender notes & notes nat. banks	34,558	74,481	40,998
Other resources	28,291	20,902	15,042
Total	\$2,914,178	\$3,165,304	\$3,060,803
Liabilities—			
Capital	\$209,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus and undivided profits	96,037	86,291	73,254
Deposits subject to check	1,045,291	1,237,242	1,185,819
Certif. of dep. and savings deposits	1,553,864	1,592,647	1,578,984
Other liabilities	18,986	49,124	22,746
Total	\$2,914,178	\$3,165,304	\$3,060,803
Rate of interest paid on deposits	1926. 2, 3 & 4%	1925. 2, 3 & 4%	1924. 2, 3 & 4%
Dividends paid calendar year	9%	9%	9%

Northwestern Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans and discounts	\$4,875,734	\$4,420,984	\$4,043,396
Cash and due from banks	714,945	741,208	803,524
Real estate	200	200	1,546
Overdrafts	3,734	5,461	4,148
Banking house, furniture & fixtures	124,737	146,000	151,000
Bonds and stocks	4,738,900	4,658,954	4,869,391
Total	\$10,458,250	\$9,972,807	\$9,873,005
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus	800,000	500,000	500,000
Undivided profits	162,974	378,884	232,919
Deposits	8,939,276	8,534,960	8,565,086
Reserves	56,000	58,963	75,000
Total	\$10,458,250	\$9,972,807	\$9,873,005

***Park Savings Trust Co. (St. Louis).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans on collateral	\$150,000	\$60,000	\$34,900
Loans on real estate	176,900	112,100	93,335
Other negotiable and non-negotiable paper and investment securities	25,593	26,259	28,358
Overdrafts	1,139	118	168
Bonds and stocks	186,098	113,570	52,395
Stocks in Fed. Res. Bank, St. Louis	1,800	1,800	1,800
Furniture and fixtures	12,274	11,653	11,563
U. S. Govt. certif. of indebtedness	12,500	10,000	27,000
U. S. Liberty bonds	—	52,631	25,388
Safety deposit vaults	12,552	12,978	13,307
Due from Fed. Res. and other banks	45,722	37,293	37,995
Checks and other cash items	—	—	273
Cash on hand	11,105	13,699	6,517
Expense account	—	—	4,852
All other resources	2,302	5,931	2,073
Total	\$637,985	\$457,492	\$339,864
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Surplus	10,000	10,000	10,000
Undivided profits	1,522	119	—
Deposits subject to draft	311,698	211,420	177,357
Time certificates of deposit	69,954	5,982	1,965
Postal savings deposits	—	811	700
Savings deposits	117,382	103,789	52,263
U. S. Government deposits	36,717	32,409	21,559
Cashier's checks	5,035	3,052	4,535
Bills payable and rediscounts	35,000	40,000	20,000
Trust department deposit account	29	—	—
Suspense account	648	—	86
Total	\$637,985	\$457,492	\$339,864

*Began business Oct. 6 1923.

The Savings Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans on collateral	\$1,273,524	\$1,056,624	\$610,923
Loans on real estate	706,882	813,400	838,665
Commercial paper	—	—	314,716
Bonds	232,900	266,000	256,600
Bank building	100,000	100,000	100,000
United States Government bonds	508,100	203,400	—
Stock in Federal Reserve bank	7,500	7,500	—
Safe-deposit vaults, furn. & fixtures	73,028	72,367	70,337
Due from trust companies, banks, bankers and brokers	489,866	458,578	444,721
Checks and other cash items	110,817	101,710	141,282
Cash on hand	79,486	149,487	254,847
Total	\$3,582,102	\$3,229,066	\$3,032,091
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus and undivided profits	121,541	96,616	93,495
Deposits subject to draft	2,403,476	2,096,775	1,970,232
Time certificates of deposit	91,269	76,373	71,550
Savings deposits	765,816	699,302	636,814
Bank building bonds	—	60,000	60,000
Total	\$3,582,102	\$3,229,066	\$3,032,091
Rate of interest paid on deposits	1926. 2%	1925. 2%	1924. 2%
Dividends paid in calendar years	13%	13%	13%

Security National Bank Savings & Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '26.
Loans on real estate & other collateral	\$1,191,008	\$734,243	\$608,506
Overdrafts	503	743	496
Bonds & stocks	3,193,458	3,003,456	1,885,736
Stocks in Fed. Res. Bk., St. Louis	11,250	11,250	9,000
Real estate (company office bldg.)	319,552	326,999	184,469
U. S. Govt. certif. of Indebt. & L. L. bds	914,570	1,706,188	1,726,281
Due from banks and trust cos.	1,436,097	886,017	954,879
Due from U. S. Treasurer	5,000	5,000	5,000
Checks & other cash items	71,657	18,823	15,925
Cash on hand	107,570	81,652	49,858
Other resources	89,685	66,097	63,606
Total	\$7,340,349	\$6,840,468	\$5,503,756
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Surplus	125,000	125,000	50,000
Undivided profits	50,790	44,809	89,809
Reserve for interest & taxes	35,399	25,064	9,339
Deposits subject to draft	4,479,794	3,770,760	3,342,398
Time certificates of deposit	323,229	388,319	181,138
Savings deposits	1,290,426	1,058,564	841,613
U. S. Government deposits	516,043	829,211	423,060
Cashier's checks	63,698	50,181	215,828
Bills payable	100,000	200,000	—
Other reserves	5,970	1,760	4,471
Circulating notes outstanding	100,000	96,800	96,100
Total	\$7,340,349	\$6,840,468	\$5,503,756

South Side Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans on collateral	\$459,326	\$466,682	\$497,922
Loans on real estate security	439,180	494,151	399,277
Loans, commercial	134,610	146,191	119,755
Overdrafts	9	2,717	137
Bonds and stocks	1,237,992	1,207,688	1,197,737
Safety deposit vaults	2,000	2,000	2,000
Due from trust co.'s and banks	248,066	276,845	148,652
Checks and other cash items	487,654	746,293	413,546
Cash on hand (curr., gold, silver, &c.)	47,014	63,978	75,484
L. L. bds., U. S. Treas. certif. & W. S. S.	340,496	376,019	315,956
Total	\$3,396,347	\$3,782,564	\$3,170,466
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus and undivided profits	120,564	107,785	100,554
Demand deposits	1,752,116	2,013,265	1,391,834
Time certificates of deposit	587,504	597,193	512,490
Savings deposits	677,427	713,827	710,739
Cashier's checks	10,464	58,957	5,349
Reserve for interest & taxes	32,912	31,537	32,500
Bills payable	—	60,000	217,000
Other liabilities, U. S. Govt. deposits	15,360	—	—
Total	\$3,396,347	\$3,782,564	\$3,170,466

***Union Easton Trust Co. (St. Louis).**

Resources—	Jan. 7 1926.	*Jan. 7 1926.
Loans and discounts	\$701,185	\$609,183
Overdrafts	—	2,636
Banking house	123,973	122,550
Furniture, fixtures & safe deposit vaults	49,776	45,073
Cash and sight exchange	107,894	133,272
Other assets	43,537	8,161
Total	\$1,026,407	\$920,875
Liabilities—		
Capital	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus	30,000	40,000
Undivided profits	2,117	2,918
Bills payable	90,000	94,000
Treasurer's checks	9,658	2,996
Savings deposits	238,104	139,094
Time certificates of deposit	43,374	50,771
Individual deposits subject to check	404,162	391,096
Other liabilities	8,992	—
Total	\$1,026,407	\$920,875

*Began business in 1925.

Vandeventer Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans on bonds and stocks	\$122,302	\$134,854	\$147,057
Loans to customers	11,926	7,449	7,538
Bonds and stocks	653,481	628,143	653,650
U. S. Government obligations	504	25,344	—
Furniture, fixtures & safe dep. vaults	16,422	16,171	15,682
Real estate	8,750	15,661	15,918
Overdrafts by solvent customers	245	110	342
Cash on hand	103,549	162,503	134,599
Other resources (collections)	151	—	—
Total	\$917,330	\$990,235	\$974,786
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Surplus and undivided profits	13,900	12,253	18,233
Treasurer's checks	4,550	3,685	—
Demand deposits	539,339	608,017	572,722
Time certificates	19,608	22,759	25,522
Savings deposits	252,419	256,361	251,732
Unclaimed deposits	3,118	3,198	3,146
Bills payable	25,000	25,000	50,000
Miscellaneous	9,398	8,962	3,433
Total	\$917,330	\$990,235	\$974,786

West St. Louis Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Loans on collateral security	\$521,070	\$504,115	\$310,740
Loans on real estate security	441,084	363,760	261,920
Bonds and stocks	1,308,200	1,197,160	1,215,160
Real estate	936,490	960,070	

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Under the leadership of the railroad shares, it has again been a week of marked buoyancy on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading has been on a large scale, the tone optimistic and the trend of prices much of the time upward. New high records for the year and for all time have been recorded by both high and low priced rails, and industrial stocks and specialties have shown marked improvement. The outstanding feature of the market on Monday was the strength of United States Steel common, which moved briskly forward to a new top at 160. The interest in this stock quickly extended to the general list and practically all classes of securities were soon moving upward to higher levels. The brisk forward swing was too strong for some of the industrial issues and toward the end of the day a number of these slipped back to lower levels. General Motors was also conspicuous for its strength and shot forward to a new high for the year at 158. United States Rubber sold at its peak for 1927 and Woolworth moved into new high ground under its present form of capitalization. Railroad shares advanced during the greater part of the day and a number of substantial advances were recorded at the closing hour. The market was fairly buoyant on Tuesday, high grade railroad shares, industrial issues and oil stocks all moving briskly forward to new high levels. In the early trading United States Steel common displayed unusual strength and advanced to 160 1/8, followed by Gulf States Steel, which reached a new high record at 63 3/8. Railroad shares were the feature of the market, Wabash common moving to the front with an advance of over 6 points to a new high record above 65, while Wabash preferred "A" rose over 2 points to a new high above 85. Delaware Lackawanna & Western was another prominent feature and moved forward 6 3/8 points to 154. Rock Island sold above 78 and Missouri Pacific preferred advanced to 100. High grade dividend payers like Atchison, Great Northern preferred, Union Pacific, Northern Pacific and New York Central made further progress upward. Considerable buying at improving prices was apparent in the oil group, Phillips Petroleum, Pan American "B" and Marland moving forward a point or more.

Railroad stocks were the centre of speculative interest on Wednesday, both high and low-priced stocks moving sharply to new high levels. The outstanding feature of the day was the sharp advance of Wabash preferred and common. New tops were reached by Missouri Pacific common and preferred, and St. Louis-San Francisco common, while Baltimore & Ohio and Canadian Pacific sold at the highest prices touched in recent years. Substantial gains were made by such prominent issues as Lehigh Valley, Atchison, New Haven, Louisville & Nashville and New York Central. Baldwin Locomotive was traded in on a large scale and reached a new top at 188 1/2. Oil shares continued in demand at improving prices, Pure Oil reaching new high ground, followed by Houston Oil and Barnsdall at improving prices. Motor stocks were about the only stocks that sagged to any extent; General Motors declined a point or more, and Nash, Chrysler and Hudson were fractionally lower. Railroad shares were again the dominating feature of the market on Thursday and many advances ranging from 2 to 10 points were recorded by both high and low-priced stocks in this group. One of the most vigorous movements of the day was the sudden spurt of Union Pacific, which rose over 3 points to 171 3/8, the highest price reached since 1912. Texas & Pacific moved forward 4 points to above 67, while such stocks as Norfolk & Western, Missouri Pacific, Pennsylvania, Chicago & North Western, and Kansas City Southern were particularly conspicuous in the speculative activities. Canadian Pacific made a further gain of more than 7 points, bringing it up to the highest level since 1910. New York Central, Baltimore & Ohio and New Haven were among other issues that recorded new highs for recent years. Industrials and specialties were in strong demand, Baldwin Locomotive selling up to 190 1/4 in the early trading, though it slipped back to 185 1/2 in the final hour. Du Pont, Consolidated Cigar, U. S. Industrial Alcohol were also in strong demand at improving prices.

The uprush of the railroad shares continued to be the outstanding feature of the market on Friday, though many of the industrials and specialties were noteworthy for their strength, particularly in the early trading. Interest centred around Atchison and Pennsylvania, both of which sold at new high figures, and standard issues such as Canadian Pacific, Norfolk & Western, Illinois Central, Chicago & North Western and Great Northern pref. reached their

highest prices in many years. Numerous industrial stocks like Allied Chemical, American Smelting, U. S. Industrial Alcohol and Amer. Tel. & Tel. were in vigorous demand at improving prices. The final tone was strong.

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

Week Ended Feb. 18.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	HOLIDAY—LING			
Monday	2,010,390	\$7,760,500	\$3,174,500	\$381,000
Tuesday	2,121,930	7,411,000	3,464,000	531,500
Wednesday	2,486,980	7,961,000	2,608,000	647,000
Thursday	2,322,535	10,056,000	2,918,000	1,009,500
Friday	2,326,400	12,036,000	2,164,000	651,000
Total	11,268,235	\$45,224,500	\$14,328,500	\$3,223,000

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Feb. 18.		Jan. 1 to Feb. 18.	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
Stocks—No. of shares.	11,268,235	9,136,784	65,303,261	66,047,298
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$3,223,000	\$6,196,900	\$35,283,150	\$44,199,700
State and foreign bonds	14,328,500	12,808,500	164,905,700	90,758,250
Railroad & misc. bonds	45,224,500	47,989,000	370,543,700	347,686,500
Total bonds	\$62,776,000	\$66,994,400	\$570,732,550	\$482,644,450

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Feb. 18 1927.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	HOLIDAY—LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY					
Monday	*36,821	\$17,600	28,430	\$18,300	18,053	\$53,100
Tuesday	*31,489	4,000	30,819	25,300	a2,386	22,600
Wednesday	*37,618	28,000	26,372	21,000	a1,749	81,000
Thursday	*35,862	28,000	47,273	41,400	a3,008	74,600
Friday	14,624	25,000	23,913	47,000	a1,211	34,400
Total	156,414	\$102,600	156,807	\$153,000	10,407	\$265,700
Prev. week revised	180,236	\$160,000	147,031	\$142,200	13,543	\$302,400

* In addition, sales of rights were: Monday, 500; Tuesday, 400; Wednesday, 350; Thursday, 150.
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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. 19) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 9.8% larger than those for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$11,513,946,853 against \$10,481,696,670 for the same week in 1926. At this centre there is a gain for the five days of 13.3%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended February 19.	1927.	1926.	Per Cent.
New York	\$5,588,000,000	\$4,936,043,772	+13.3
Chicago	658,302,471	662,075,333	-0.6
Philadelphia	571,000,000	533,000,000	+7.1
Boston	387,000,000	366,000,000	+5.7
Kansas City	119,218,205	114,941,595	+3.7
St. Louis	124,900,000	145,000,000	-13.9
San Francisco	184,390,000	177,968,000	+3.6
Los Angeles	192,090,000	164,170,000	+17.0
Pittsburgh	175,760,390	169,986,756	+3.4
Detroit	160,673,587	154,638,716	+3.9
Cleveland	120,604,420	114,392,300	+5.4
Baltimore	88,163,492	96,461,435	-8.6
New Orleans	64,434,741	56,907,469	+13.2
Thirteen cities, 5 days	\$8,434,537,306	\$7,691,585,406	+9.6
Other cities, 5 days	1,160,418,405	1,153,765,610	+0.7
Total all cities, 5 days	\$9,594,955,711	\$8,845,351,016	+8.5
All cities, one day	1,918,991,142	1,636,345,654	+7.3
Total all cities for week	\$11,513,946,853	\$10,481,696,670	+9.8

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 Feb. 12. For that week there is a decrease of 4.5%, the 1927 aggregate of clearings being \$8,068,516,889, and the 1926 aggregate \$8,444,830,289. Outside of New York City the decrease is 5.0%, 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) the totals are smaller by 4.1% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District by 7.1% but in the Boston Reserve District the totals are larger by 13.2%. The Cleveland Reserve District shows a falling off of 4.6%, the Rich-

mond Reserve District of 1.1% and the Atlanta Reserve District of 26.7%, the latter due mainly to the diminished totals at the Florida points, Miami showing a decrease of 63.2% and Jacksonville of 51.3%. The Chicago Reserve District suffers a loss of 9.8%, the St. Louis Reserve District of 9.5% and the Minneapolis Reserve District of 19.5%. The Kansas City Reserve District shows a gain of 2.0% and the San Francisco Reserve District of 2.9%, but the Dallas Reserve District falls 10.2% behind.

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

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week Ended Feb. 12 1927., 1927., 1926., Inc. or Dec., 1925., 1924. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (1st Boston, 2nd New York, etc.), Total (129 cities), and Canada.

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

Large table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended February 12., 1927., 1926., Inc. or Dec., 1925., 1924. Rows list various cities and their clearing amounts across four years.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended February 12., 1927., 1926., Inc. or Dec., 1925., 1924. Rows list various cities and their clearing amounts across four years.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended February 10., 1927., 1926., Inc. or Dec., 1925., 1924. Rows list various cities and their clearing amounts across four years.

a No longer report clearings. b Do not respond to requests for figures. c Week ended Feb. 9. d Week ended Feb. 10. e Week ended Feb. 11. * Estimated.

THE CURB MARKET.

There was some show of strength in Curb Market trading in the early part of the week, but later stocks were somewhat easier. The volume of business fell off somewhat. Oil shares hold the attention of the market. Cumberland Pipe Line sold up from 126 to 129½. Humble Oil & Refining weakened from 60¾ to 57¾, closing to-day at 58¾. Illinois Pipe Line lost 5½ points to 135 and ends the week at 136. Indiana Pipe Line lost three points to 65, but to-day sold back to 68. Ohio Oil declined from 64¼ to 61 and finished to-day at 61½. Prairie Oil & Gas weakened from 54½ to 52¾ and closed to-day at 53. Prairie Pipe Line dropped from 148 to 142½, with the final transaction to-day at 142¾. Standard Oil (Indiana) was off from 71½ to 70¼ but recovered finally to 71½. Gulf Oil improved from 94¼ to 96 but reacted to 95½. Motor stocks were conspicuous. Auburn Automobile common, after early improvement from 95 to 96¾, declined to 93, and to-day sold at 95. Durant Motor sold up from 6½ to 10 and down finally to 9¼. Ford Motor of Canada sold up from 428 to 500, the close to-day being at 486. Stutz Motor Co. improved from 18½ to 20¾, but reacted finally to 19¾. Bancitaly Corporation active and sold at its highest, moving up from 104½ to 114 and reacting finally to 112. Johns-Manville new common eased off from 63 to 60½ and ends the week at 61. Rand-Kardex Bureau sold down from 68¾ to 66¼.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 1057.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Week Ended Feb. 18.	STOCKS (No. Shares).			BONDS (Par Value).	
	Ind & Misc.	Oil.	Mining.	Domestic.	For'n Govt.
Saturday	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	BIRTHDAY	AY
Monday	117,202	112,900	130,030	\$2,264,000	\$344,000
Tuesday	116,857	94,134	183,440	2,278,000	400,000
Wednesday	145,347	119,165	98,550	2,197,000	223,000
Thursday	111,735	97,945	34,801	2,852,000	236,000
Friday	126,402	70,521	43,400	2,143,000	192,000
Total	617,573	494,665	490,221	11,734,000	\$1,395,000

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Feb. 2 1927:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £150,081,305 on the 26th ultimo as compared with £150,235,485 on the previous Wednesday.

The total amount of gold available yesterday in the open market was about £790,000. The greater part of the supplies—£602,000—was bought for America, the balance being divided as follows: the Continent £100,000, the Trade £56,000, and India £32,000.

The following movements of gold to and from the Bank of England have been announced:

	Jan. 27.	Jan. 28.	Jan. 29.	Jan. 31.	Feb. 1.	Feb. 2.
Received	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Withdrawn	£48,000	£30,000	£62,000	£30,000	£60,000	£148,000

Of the withdrawals £369,000 was in sovereigns destined as follows: Spain £276,000, Holland £40,000 and India £53,000. During the week under review the net withdrawal from the Bank was £378,000, making a net efflux for the year of £224,000. The net efflux since the resumption of an effective gold standard, according to the daily bulletins of the Bank, is now £5,548,000.

Indian trade figures for the calendar year 1926 have been cabled as follows:

	Lacs Of Rupees.
Imports of merchandise on private account	23367
Exports of merchandise, including re-exports, on private account	32924
Net imports of gold	2324
Net imports of silver	1875
Net imports of currency notes	11
Total visible balance of trade (in India's favor)	5501
Net balance on remittance of funds (against India)	995

The Southern Rhodesian gold output for December 1926 amounted to 48,063 ounces, as compared with 51,090 ounces for November 1926 and 49,307 ounces for December 1925.

United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during the week ended the 26th ultimo were:

Imports—	Exports—
British South Africa	Russia (U. S. S. R.)
Other countries	Germany
	Netherlands
	France
	Arabia and other Native States
	Egypt
	British India
	Strait Settlements
	Other countries
Total	Total

SILVER.

On the whole the silver market has just now a steady tone. Silver prices under the pressure of some nervous Indian bears, coupled with an enquiry from China, rose sharply on the 29th ult. 15-16d. for both deliveries. A reaction set in, which carried prices down the next two days 11-16d. To-day China demand has been eliminated by the New Year festivities, lasting until Monday the 7th inclusive. The news that 3,600 bars have been shipped from Bombay for China probably accounts for a substantial rise in prices in the former market and for Indian enquiries received here to-day for prompt shipment together with bear covering from the same quarter. The demand on an ill supplied market rallied quotations to 27¾d. for cash and 27½d. for forward delivery.

The immediate future is obscure, but so long as stocks in Shanghai do not suffice for the immediate pressure, a certain amount of steadiness is not unlikely.

United Kingdom imports and exports of silver during the week ended the 26th ultimo were:

Imports—	Exports—
Denmark	Austria
United States of America	British India
Other countries	Other countries
Total	Total

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In lacs of rupees.)	Jan. 7.	Jan. 15.	Jan. 22.
Notes in circulation	18112	18058	18053
Silver coin and bullion in India	10346	10292	10287
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 ended the 22nd ultimo. The stock in Shanghai on the 29th ultimo consisted of about 62,100,000 ounces in sycee, 74,300,000 dollars, and 920 silver bars, as compared with about 62,800,000 ounces in sycee, 72,400,000 dollars, and 780 silver bars on the 22nd ultimo.

Statistics for the month of January last are appended:

	—Bar Silver, Per Oz. Std.—	Bar Gold, Per Oz. Fine.
Highest price	27 13-16d.	84s. 11½d.
Lowest price	24¾d.	84s. 10d.
Average price	25.863d.	84s. 11.1d.

Quotations during the week:

	—Bar Silver, Per Oz. Std.—	Bar Gold, Per Oz. Fine.
Jan. 27	26 15-16d.	84s. 11d.
28	26¾d.	84s. 11¼d.
29	26¾d.	84s. 11¼d.
31	27 13-16d.	84s. 10½d.
Feb. 1	27 9-16d.	84s. 10½d.
2	27¾d.	84s. 11½d.
Average	27.343d.	84s. 10.9d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are 1½d. above those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

London.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Week Ended Feb. 18.	Feb. 12.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 16.	Feb. 17.	Feb. 18.
Silver, per oz.	26¼	26 3-16	26 5-16	26¾	26¾	26¾
Gold, per fine ounce	84.11½	84.11½	84.10½	84.10½	84.10½	84.10½
Consols, 2½ per cents	55½	55½	55½	55½	55 3-16	55 1-16
British 5 per cents	101½	101½	101½	101½	101½	101½
British 4½ per cents	96	96	96	96	96	96
French Rentes (in Paris) fr.	53	52.85	52.65	52.10	52.30	52.30
French War Loan (in Paris) fr.	68	66.85	67.10	67	66.80	66.80

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):	Foreign	Holiday	56%	56½	57	57¾	57¾
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Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 1094.—All the statements below regarding the movement of grain—receipts, exports, visible supply, &c., are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. First we give the receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years.

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 196lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48lbs.	bush. 56lbs.
Chicago	228,000	306,000	1,114,000	749,000	119,000	47,000
Minneapolis		1,014,000	307,000	314,000	166,000	67,000
Duluth		362,000	8,000	7,000	11,000	171,000
Milwaukee	27,000	25,000	547,000	398,000	186,000	60,000
Toledo		228,000	99,000	84,000		2,000
Detroit		44,000	29,000	14,000		26,000
Indianapolis		34,000	419,000	138,000		
St. Louis	705,000	512,000	316,000	454,000		64,000
Peoria	61,000	39,000	353,000	198,000	20,000	
Kansas City		1,560,000	415,000	82,000		
Omaha		256,000	243,000	114,000		
St. Joseph		193,000	182,000	16,000		
Wichita		390,000	9,000	12,000		
Sioux City		1,000	5,000	4,000		
Total wk. '27	421,000	4,962,000	4,046,000	2,584,000	502,000	437,000
Same wk. '26	368,000	4,057,000	5,094,000	2,749,000	795,000	269,000
Same wk. '25	520,000	5,085,000	5,490,000	4,350,000	1,096,000	417,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1926	13,249,000	240,242,000	133,885,000	91,301,000	11,142,000	21,264,000
1925	12,901,000	247,777,000	139,543,000	154,383,000	56,863,000	17,870,000
1924	13,597,000	407,468,000	156,708,000	194,656,000	48,710,000	48,959,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Feb. 12, follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	225,000	790,000	56,000	22,000	417,000	18,000
Philadelphia	41,000	170,000	7,000	14,000	39,000	4,000
Baltimore	23,000	695,000	32,000	5,000	42,000	27,000
Norfolk	2,000					
New Orleans*	42,000	48,000	70,000	15,000		
Galveston		288,000				
Montreal	15,000	118,000	12,000	121,000	9,000	4,000
St. John, N. B.	107,000	502,000		20,000	521,000	104,000
Boston	21,000	148,000		18,000	1,000	
Total wk. '27	474,000	2,659,000	177,000	215,000	1,029,000	157,000
Since Jan. 1 '27	2,601,000	33,432,000	1,316,000	2,333,000	7,172,000	1,680,000
Week 1926	458,000	2,206,000	275,000	382,000	504,000	58,000
Since Jan. 1 '26	3,124,000	21,571,000	4,669,000	3,903,000	3,786,000	838,000

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Feb. 12 1927, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
New York	Bushels. 1,451,107	Bushels. 30,050	Barrels. 72,051	Bushels. 3,000	Bushels. 267,875	Bushels. 775,611
Boston	132,000		3,000			
Philadelphia	417,000		1,000			
Baltimore	744,000	17,000	2,000		86,000	201,000
Norfolk			2,000			
New Orleans	9,000	60,000	34,000	17,000		
Galveston	648,000		29,000			151,000
St. John, N. B.	502,000		107,000	20,000	104,000	521,000
Halifax			2,000			
Total week 1927	3,903,107	107,050	252,051	37,000	457,875	1,648,611
Same week 1926	2,725,458	287,000	147,781	417,322	150,934	912,663

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1926 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week Feb. 12 1927.	Since July 1 1926.	Week Feb. 12 1927.	Since July 1 1926.	Week Feb. 12 1927.	Since July 1 1926.
	Barrels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
United Kingdom	128,499	2,317,316	1,677,102	74,639,994	17,000	672,178
Continent	96,552	4,137,310	1,916,001	127,034,069	30,050	232,050
So. & Cent. Amer.	8,000	369,980	9,000	3,869,467	35,000	1,242,000
West Indies	19,000	426,000		19,000	25,000	941,000
Other countries		439,235	301,000	1,180,350		
Total 1927	252,051	8,280,841	3,903,107	206,742,880	107,050	3,087,228
Total 1926	147,781	7,259,691	2,725,458	160,720,857	287,000	8,934,211

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Feb. 14 to Feb. 18, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale		Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.		Range Since Jan. 1.			
		Price.	Price.	Low.	High.	Shares.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	
Amer Vitr Prod com	50		24	24	70	24	Jan	27	Jan		
Arkansas Nat Gas com	100	7 3/4	7 3/4	7 3/4	1,100	7 1/2	Jan	8 1/4	Feb		
Blaw-Knox Co com	25		70 1/2	70 1/2	60	70	Jan	73	Jan		
Byers (A M) Co com	*		55 1/2	55 1/2	55	43	Jan	60 1/2	Feb		
Preferred	100		107 1/2	107 1/2	70	106 1/2	Jan	108	Jan		
Carnegie Metals Co	100		12 1/2	12 1/2	250	11 3/4	Jan	13 1/2	Jan		
Colonial Trust Co	100		255	255	7	255	Jan	260	Jan		
Columbia Gas & El com	*		83 1/2	83 1/2	20	83 1/2	Feb	91 1/4	Jan		
Preferred	100		101	101	80	99 1/2	Jan	101 1/2	Jan		
Devonian Oil	100		13 1/2	14	377	13 1/2	Feb	15	Jan		
Duquense Light 7% pf 100	115		115	115 1/2	20	115 1/2	Feb	118 1/2	Jan		
Habibson-Walk Ref com 100			137 1/2	137 1/2	10	133	Jan	138	Feb		
Houston Gulf Gas	*	6	6	6 1/2	650	6	Feb	7 1/2	Jan		
Independent Brewing cm 50			3 1/2	4	150	2 1/2	Feb	4	Feb		
Preferred	50		5 1/2	6	52	5 1/2	Jan	6	Feb		
Jones & Lau'n St'l pref. 100			119	119	10	118	Jan	119	Jan		
Lone Star Gas	25	38 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/4	2,875	37 1/4	Jan	44 1/4	Jan		
Nat'l Fireproofing com 100			9	9	265	8	Jan	9	Feb		
Preferred	100		28 1/2	28 1/2	320	27	Jan	28 1/2	Jan		
Oklahoma Nat'l Gas cts of dep.	100	21 1/4	21	21 1/2	1,430	20 1/4	Jan	23	Feb		
Peoples Saving & Trust 100			400	400 1/4	36	400	Feb	400 1/4	Feb		
Pittsburgh Brewing com 50			4 1/4	4 1/4	10	4	Jan	4 1/2	Jan		
Preferred	50		11 1/4	11 1/4	60	11	Jan	11 1/2	Jan		
Pittsburgh Oil & Gas	5		3 1/2	3 1/2	100	3 1/2	Jan	3 1/2	Feb		
Pitts Glass com	100		239	243	78	243	Feb	270	Jan		
Pittsburgh Trust Co	100		230	230	6	230	Feb	232	Feb		
Salt Creek Consol Oil	10		7 1/2	8	120	7 1/2	Jan	8	Feb		
Stand Glass pr pf 100			68	68	15	68	Feb	68	Feb		
Stand Sanitary Mfg com 25	88		85 1/2	88	431	85	Jan	92 1/2	Jan		
Tidal Osage Oil	100	24 1/2	24	24 1/2	1,200	22	Jan	25 1/2	Jan		
Union Steel Casting com *	36		32 1/2	36	242	x32 1/2	Jan	36	Feb		
United States Glass	25		13	13 1/2	150	13	Feb	15 1/2	Jan		
Waverly Oil Wks, class A	50		42	42	25	42	Jan	43	Feb		
Westinghouse Air Brake 50	146		144 1/2	146	85	134	Jan	146	Feb		
West Penn Rys pref 100			99	99	12	99	Jan	99 1/2	Jan		
Rights—											
Columbia Gas & Elec			2 1/4	2 1/4	2,804	2 1/4	Feb	3 1/4	Jan		
Bonds—											
Pittsburgh Brew 6s	1949		95 1/2	95 1/2	\$3,000	95 1/2	Feb	95 1/2	Feb		

* No par value. x Sale of Union Steel Casting, com. at 31 1/2 reported week of Feb. 10 was an error; should have been 32 1/2.
 Note.—Sold last week and not reported: 20 Allegheny Trust Co. at 218; 1,633 Columbia Gas & Elec., rights at 2 1/4 @ 2 1/4; 10 First National Bank at 300; 25 Pittsburgh Brewing, com. at 4.

BANK NOTES—CHANGES IN TOTALS OF, AND IN DEPOSITED BONDS, &c.—We give below tables which show all the monthly changes in national bank notes and in bonds and legal tenders on deposit therefor:

	Amount Bonds on Deposit to Secure Circulation for National Bank Notes.	National Bank Circulation Afloat on—		
		Bonds.	Legal Tenders.	Total.
		\$	\$	\$
Jan. 31 1927	664,503,940	657,364,790	37,856,759	695,221,549
Dec. 31 1926	666,211,440	661,046,465	36,721,464	697,767,929
Nov. 30 1926	666,278,180	662,764,613	37,927,974	700,692,587
Oct. 31 1926	665,492,880	661,742,830	38,971,702	700,714,532
Sept. 30 1926	665,830,440	660,555,797	39,178,467	699,734,264
Aug. 31 1926	665,889,940	659,760,467	39,768,777	699,529,244
July 31 1926	665,941,890	661,434,195	40,714,779	702,148,974
June 30 1926	665,616,390	660,986,560	41,682,684	702,669,244
May 31 1926	665,465,140	660,677,175	42,697,987	703,375,162
April 30 1926	665,686,140	661,016,470	42,519,201	704,183,679
Mar. 31 1926	665,568,140	661,244,347	44,211,319	705,227,789
Feb. 27 1926	665,235,640	661,244,347	45,059,372	706,303,719
Jan. 31 1926	665,363,590	661,298,333	45,050,979	706,349,312
Dec. 31 1925	666,273,130	658,362,223	46,194,204	704,556,427
Nov. 30 1925	660,087,630	662,622,888	48,127,556	710,750,444
Oct. 31 1925	666,185,130	662,538,483	51,264,261	713,802,744
Sept. 30 1925	665,542,630	661,380,320	56,543,569	717,923,889
Aug. 31 1925	665,810,130	662,186,083	61,476,914	723,662,997
July 31 1925	665,227,130	660,341,413	66,214,271	726,555,684
June 30 1925	665,061,330	660,501,393	72,864,681	733,366,074
May 31 1925	665,502,880	661,293,895	78,275,574	739,569,469
April 30 1925	666,010,330	661,397,558	86,028,261	747,425,819
Mar. 31 1925	665,908,330	661,613,281	93,597,406	755,210,687
Feb. 28 1925	666,943,330	663,324,911	100,532,366	763,857,277

\$5,149,658 Federal Reserve bank notes outstanding Jan. 31 1925 secured by lawful money, against \$6,255,248 Jan. 31 1926.

The following shows the amount of each class of United States bonds and certificates on deposit to secure Federal Reserve bank notes and national bank notes on Jan. 31.

Bonds on Deposit Jan. 31 1927.	U. S. Bonds Held Jan. 31 1927 to Secure—		Total Held.
	On Deposit to Secure Federal Reserve Bank Notes.	On Deposit to Secure National Bank Notes.	
2s, U. S. Consols of 1930	\$	\$	\$
2s, U. S. Panama of 1936	590,107,400	48,651,160	590,107,400
2s, U. S. Panama of 1938	48,651,160	25,745,380	48,651,160
Totals	664,513,940	664,513,940	664,513,940

The following shows the amount of national bank note afloat and the amount of legal tender deposits Jan. 1 1927 and Feb. 1 1927 and their increase or decrease during the month of January:

National Bank Notes—Total Afloat—	
Amount afloat Jan. 1 1927	\$697,767,929
Net decrease during January	2,546,380
Amount of bank notes afloat Feb. 1	\$695,221,549
Legal Tender Notes—	
Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes Jan. 1 1927	\$36,721,464
Net amount of bank notes issued in January	1,135,295
Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes Feb. 1 1927	\$37,856,759

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.	Capital.
Feb. 8—The Hamilton National Bank of Newark, N. J. Correspondent, Samuel I. Kessler, Newark, N. J.	\$300,000
Feb. 8—The National City Bank of Long Beach, N. Y. Correspondent, Murdoch Lind, Long Beach, N. Y.	50,000
Feb. 11—The Penn National Bank of New York, N. Y. Correspondent, S. Earl Levene, 570 Seventh Ave., New York, N. Y.	350,000
Feb. 12—The Roslyn National Bank, Roslyn, Pa. Correspondent, Perry Greenspan, Roslyn, Pa.	25,000
Feb. 12—Doland National Bank, Doland, S. Dak. Correspondent, John H. Levens, Doland, S. Dak.	25,000

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.	Capital.
Feb. 8—The Second National Bank of Elmhurst, Ill. Correspondent, Louis J. Goebel, c-o First Nat'l Bank, Elmhurst, Ill.	\$100,000
Feb. 11—The Bay Parkway Nat'l Bank of Brooklyn in New York, N. Y. Correspondent, Charles G. Bond, 7 Dey St., New York, N. Y.	200,000
Feb. 12—The Bay Head National Bank, Bay Head, N. J. Correspondent, James H. Chafey, Bay Head, N. J.	30,000

APPLICATION TO COVERT RECEIVED.	Capital.
Feb. 11—The First National Bank of Ree Heights, S. Dak. Conversion of the First State Bank of Ree Heights, S. Dak.	\$25,000

CHARTERS ISSUED.	Capital.
Feb. 8—13038—The Capital National Bank of Hartford, Conn. President, C. P. Tomlinson; Cashier, Calvin G. Bolles.	\$300,000
Feb. 8—13039—The Security National Bank of Trenton, N. J. President, J. Henry Fell; Cashier, Stephen Wenzel.	200,000

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.	Capital.
Feb. 9—5213—The City National Bank of Lincoln, Neb. Effective Jan. 27 1927. Liquidating Agent, Stanley Maly, Lincoln, Neb. Succeeded by City National Bank in Lincoln, Neb., No. 13017, which bank also assumes liability for circulation of the liquidating bank under Section 5223, U. S. R. S.	500,000
Feb. 9—10835—The First National Bank of Brookneal, Va. Effective Jan. 11 1927. Liquidating Agents, E. R. Monroe, and C. S. Stephens, Brookneal, Va. Absorbed by the Peoples Nat'l Bank of Brookneal, Va., No. 11960.	50,000
Feb. 10—8184—The County National Bank of Lincolnton, N. C. Effective Feb. 8 1927. Liquidating Agent, J. A. Abernethy, Lincolnton, N. C. Absorbed by the Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Gastonia, N. C.	100,000
Feb. 11—12514—The Peoples Nat. Bank of Farmington, N. Mex. Effective Dec. 20 1926. Liquidating Agent, E. M. Hampton, Farmington, N. Mex. Absorbed by the First Nat'l Bank of Farmington, No. 6183.	25,000

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia on Wednesday of this week:
 By Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:
 Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh. Bonds. \$ Per Cent. Per Cent.
 100 Associated Banking Corp. 1 1/2 \$3,000 Joplin & Pittsburgh Ry. gen. mtg. 6s, ext. to March 1 1930; April 1924 and subsequent coupons attached \$19 lot
 \$40,000 Coldak Corp. (Del.) coll. tr. 7-yr. conv. s.f. 6 1/2 % gold notes, Sept. 15 1933 51

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:
 Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh. Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh.
 200 Power Town Tire & Rubber, class B, par \$10 50c. lot 14 Power Town Tire Corp., pref., par \$50 50c.
 2,100 March Gold, Inc., par 10c. 11 1/2 2 Buff. Niag. & East. Power, pref., par \$25 26
 43 Power Town Tire Corp., par \$50 50c. lot 300 Chaput Hughes, par \$1 5 1/2
 2 Buff. Niag. & E. Pow., no par 27 1/2 500 March Gold, Inc., par 10c. 12c.
 2,000 March Gold, Inc., par 10c. 11c. 10,000 March Gold, Inc., par 10c. 10c.
 200 March Gold, Inc., par 10c. 11c.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:
 Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh. Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh.
 20 Citizens National Bank 140 1 Boston Athenaeum, par \$300 831
 1 Merchants National Bank 396 14 units First Peoples Trust 60
 19 National Shawmut Bank 260 20 F. H. Roberts Co., 7% pref. 64
 5 Waltham National Bank, Waltham, par \$75 131 1/2 6 special units First Peoples Trust 5
 3 Lancaster Mills, com 16 1/2 4 Howes Bros., 1st pref. B 70
 60 Pepperell Manufacturing Co 117 1/2 2 Biddeford & Saco Water Co 95
 5 Lyman Mills, pref 42 20 Worcester Elec. Lt. Co., par \$25.151 1/4
 3 Pepperell Manufacturing Co 114 1/2 50 Fall River Elec. Lt. Co., par \$25 46 1/2
 2 Androscoggin Mills 117 1/2 11 New England Power Assn., pref. 39
 2 Great Falls Manufacturing Co 13 62 New England Power Assn., pref

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per sh.	Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per sh.
25	First National Bank	362	1	unit Commercial Finance Corp.	47
5	National Shawmut Bank	260	94	No. Bos. Ltg. Prop., pf. 110, ex-rights	47
20	Nashua Mfg. Co., com.	50 1/2	100	Blackstone Val. Gas & Elec. Co.	47
5	Lyman Mills	116 1/2	com., par \$50	98, ex-div.	47
1,305	New England Southern Mills, prior pref.	1 1/2	6	units First Peoples Trust	60 1/2
20	Harmony Mills, pref.	65	6	units Mutual Finance Corp.	68
5	Canadian-Conn. Cotton Mills, Ltd., pref.	36 1/2	5	Nor. Boston Ltg. Prop., pref.	109 1/2
1,950	New England Southern Mills, prior pref.	1 1/2	30	Great Northern Paper Co., new, par \$25	67 1/2
12	Bates Manufacturing Co.	122 1/2	1	unit Commercial Finance Corp.	47
5	Great Falls Manufacturing Co.	13	50	Fall River Elec. Lt. Co., par \$25	46 1/2
26	Great Falls Manufacturing Co.	13 1/2	1	Columbian Nat. Life Ins., rights	230
45	Saco-Lowell Shops, 1st pref.	21	10	G. Siegle Corp. of Am., 8% pf 10 1/4 on 2 G. Siegle Corp. of Am., 2d pf. 1st pref	10 1/4
2	United Elec. Rys. of Providence, com.	57	5	Plymouth Cordage Co.	126 1/2
7	Vermont & Massachusetts RR.	112 1/2	1	Mutual Finance Corp., pref.	68
50	Quincy Market Cold Storage & Warehouse, com.	42 1/2	2	Boston Wharf Co.	114
10	Fitchburg Gas & Elec. Co. (ctf. of deposit)	123 1/2	1	unit Mutual Finance Corp.	68
14	United Elec. Lt. Co. of Springfield	480	No. Rights.	\$ per right.	
10	units Int. Sec. Tr. of Am. -130, ex-div.	81	90	Old Colony Trust Co.	35 1/2
81	New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co., par \$25	80	600	Nor. Boston Ltg. Prop.	2,462.43
3	units First Peoples Trust	70		Bonds.	Per cent.
				\$3,000 Quincy Market Realty Trust	93 1/2
				5s, May 1964	93 1/2

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per share.	Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per share.
100	John B. Stetson Co., com., no par.	95	45	Mutual Trust Co.	153 1/2
10	Commonwealth Title Ins. & Tr.	560 1/2	8	Jefferson Title & Tr. Co., par \$50	72 1/2
4	Phila. Bourse, com., par \$50	23	5	Roxborough Trust Co., par \$50	255
100	Oil Corp., group No. 2, par \$1	\$200	15	Conshohocken Trust Co., Pa., par \$50	45
100	G. Bolssonault Co., no par	\$50	20	Merion Title & Trust Co., Ardmore, Pa., par \$50	275
1,000	Independence Lead Mines, Ltd., par \$1	\$30	16	Colorado Springs Light, Heat & Power Co., pref., certif. of dep.	\$16
1,000	Jib Consol. Min. Co., par \$1	\$11	300	Batopilas Mining Co.	\$11
1	International Textbook Co.	\$27	9	Pitts. & East. RR., par \$50	\$3
11	Middle States Oil Corp., par \$1	\$28	4	Pittsb. & East. RR., par \$50	\$3
1,495	Charles F. Noble Oil & Gas Co., par \$1	\$56	60	Olean Bradford & Salamanca Ry., com.	\$7
20	Penn. Seaboard Steel Corp., no par.	\$16	25	Clear Bradford & Salamanca Ry., pref.	\$5
200	Tonopah Belmont Devel. Co., par \$1	\$305	78	Huntingdon & Broad Top Mtn. RR. & Coal, com., ct. of dep.	\$55
10	Turman Oil Co., par \$10	\$105	8	Helena Light & RR., pref. ct. dep.	\$5
1,000	Imperial Royalties Co., pref., no par.	\$1,055	9	Tacoma Gas Co., pref.	\$2
10	Island Oil & Transport Co.	\$1	4	Tacoma Gas Co.	\$2
200	Investors Royalty Co., par \$1	\$125	\$20	Minn. & St. Louis RR. scrip.	\$1
2	New World Life Ins. Co., par \$10	\$25	8	Budd Realty Corp., stock tr. ct. 95	20
150	Lyons Petroleum Co., par \$1	\$30	20	Relliance Insurance Co., par \$10	22 1/2
200	Hudson Oil Co., par \$1	\$1	1	Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts	30
100	Ame. Coal Min. Co., par \$10	\$35	75	Hestonville Mantua & Fairmount Passenger Ry., com.	26
12	Keen & Wolf Oil Co., par \$10	\$4	86	Philadelphia Warehouse Co.	126
100	San Domingo Oil Corp., par \$1	\$1	16	Phila. Life Insur. Co., par \$10	14 1/2
5,000	Stanton Oil Co., par \$5	\$50	50	Commonwealth Casualty Co., par \$10	26
313	Mid-Texas Petroleum Corp., par \$1	\$1	100	Commonwealth Casualty Co., par \$10	28
50	Internat. Oil & Gas Corp., par \$1	\$1	Membership in Rolling Green Golf Club, 1927 dues paid	\$1,000	100
26,826	Interests Amer. Minerals Co., com.	\$1	100	John B. Stetson Co., com., no par	95
30	Interests Amer. Minerals Co., pf. \$1	\$1	100	E. G. Budd Mfg. Co., com., no par	31 1/2
22	Phila. Girard National Bank	665		Bonds.	Per cent.
4	Kensington Nat. Bank, par \$50	211	Five mortgages of \$1,000 each: First mtge, 6% bonds of the Pennsylvania Shafting Co., dated July 15 1912; bonds Nos. 25, 43, 44, 56 and 57, April 1 1920, and all subsequent coupons attached; bondholders' depository receipt issued by the Land Title & Trust Co.	\$100	100
20	Nat. Bank of Germantown, par \$50	425	\$400	New Jersey Minerals Co., 1st M. series B, due Dec. 1 1915	\$1
1	Tenth Nat. Bank of Philadelphia	351	\$1,000	Buffalo & Erie Ry. 1st M. 6 1/2s, 1954	50
2	Tenth Nat. Bank of Philadelphia	346	\$500	Manufacturers Club of Philadelphia 2d M. 6s, 1940	95 1/2
50	National Bank of Commerce	250	\$9,500	Shupe Terminal Corp., 1st M. 6 1/2s, 1939	75
21	Penn National Bank	631	\$500	Borough of Coatesville, Pa., ref. 4s, Jan. 1941	95
4	Broad Street National Bank	331	\$2,000	Sesqui-Centennial Exhibition Assn., participation certificate	\$2
20	Excelsior Trust Co., par \$50	201			
20	Peoples Bank & Tr. Co., par \$50	200			
11	Peoples Bk. & Tr. Co., par \$50	194			
21	Security Title & Tr. Co., par \$50	30			
10	West Phila. Title & Tr. Co., par \$50	245			
50	West Phila. Title & Tr. Co., par \$50	246 1/2			
35	Colonial Trust Co., par \$50	240 1/2			
15	Cent. Tr. & Sav. Co., par \$50	201			
5	Central Tr. & Sav. Co., par \$50	199 1/2			
45	Liberty Title & Tr. Co., par \$50	300			
1	Chelton Trust Co.	235			
10	Aldine Trust Co.	251 1/2			
98	Aldine Trust Co.	251			
20	Mutual Trust Co., par \$50	160 1/2			

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam).			
Boston & Albany (quar.)	2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Canadian Pacific, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Preference	2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Chesapeake & Ohio, com. (quar.)	2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 8
Preferred	3 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 8
Gulf Mobile & Northern, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Hoeking Valley (quar.)	2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 8
Public Utilities.			
Blackstone Valley Gas & Elec. com. (qu.)	\$1.25	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Chic. Nor. Shore & Milw., prior lien (qu.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Preferred (quar.)	65c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Chic. Rap. Tran., prior pref. A (mthly.)	65c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 19
Prior preferred A (monthly)	65c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17
Prior preferred B (monthly)	60c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Prior preferred B (monthly)	60c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 19
Prior preferred B (monthly)	60c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17
Engineers Publ. Service			
\$7 pref. and pref. allotment certif.	\$1.75	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 4
Laclede Gas Light, com. (quar.)	\$3	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
New England Telep. & Teleg. (quar.)	2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 10
Niagara Falls Power, com. (quar.)	60c.	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Preferred (quar.)	43c.	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 31
Nlag. Lockp. & Ont. Pow., com. (quar.)	75c.	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
North American Company, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 5
Preferred (quar.)	75c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 5
North American Utilities Securities			
Preferred and allotment certificates	\$1.50	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Northern Texas Electric Co., preferred	3	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 16a
Penn-Central Light & Power, pref. (qu.)	\$1.25	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Pennsylvania Water & Power (quar.)	2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 18

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Public Utilities (Continued)			
Shawinigan Wat. & Pow., new, com. (qu.)	*50c.	Apr. 11	*Holders of rec. Mar. 25
Southern California Edison, pref. A (qu.)	43 1/2c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Preferred B (quar.)	37 1/2c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Southwestern Gas & Electric, com. (qu.)	*2 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	*2 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	*2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Virginia Elec. & Power, 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 21	Holders of rec. Feb. 28a
Six per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 21	Holders of rec. Feb. 28a
Washington Water Pow., Spok., pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 25a
Banks.			
Chemical National (bi-monthly)	*4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 18
Trust Companies.			
Equitable (quar.)	*3	Mar. 29	*Holders of rec. Mar. 18
Miscellaneous.			
Acushnet Mills (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 17
American Cellulose & Chem. Mfg., Ltd., First participating preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
American Mfg. Co., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 16a
Common (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 16a
Common (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 16a
Common (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 16a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 16a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 16a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a
American Seating, com. (quar.)	*75c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Armour & Co. of Illinois, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 10
Armour & Co. of Delaware, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 5
Atlantic Terra Cotta, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Belding-Herminway Co., com. (quar.)	50c.	20c.	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Beneficial Loan Society, com. (quar.)	\$1.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Borg & Beck (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Brandram-Henderson, Ltd., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 19
Bristol Manufacturing (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 19
Burdines, Inc., preference (quar.)	95c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19
Burns Brothers, preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Burroughs Adding Machine, com. (qu.)	75c.	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
By-Products Coke, com. (quar.)	*50c.	Mar. 21	*Holders of rec. Mar. 7
Preferred (quar.)	*22.25	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 21
Canadian Locomotive, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Case (J. I.) Thresh. Mach., com.	*\$1.50	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 14
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 31a
Chesabrough Mfg. Consol. (quar.)	\$1.	Mar. 10	Holders of rec. Mar. 16
Chicago Fuse (quar.)	*2 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Chicago Yellow Cab (monthly)	*33-1-3	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 21
Monthly	33-1-3c	May 2	*Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Monthly	33-1-3c	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 20
Cities Service, common (monthly)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Common (payable in common stock)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Preferred and preferred B (monthly)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Preferred BB (monthly)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Consumers Co., prior pref. (qu.) (No. 1)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 31
Cookville Shale Brick Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Crane Company, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
Cruible Steel, preferred (quar.)	25 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 4
Cuban-American Sugar, com. (quar.)	25 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 4
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 4
Cuneo Press, class A (quar.)	*\$1.	June 15	*Holders of rec. June 1
Class A (quar.)	*\$1.50	June 15	*Holders of rec. June 14
Darmouth Manufacturing, com. (quar.)	*\$1.25	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Preferred (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Douglas-Pectin Corporation (quar.)	25c.	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Extra	25c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
DuPont (E.I.) de Nem. & Co., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Apr. 25	Holders of rec. Apr. 9
Debutene stock (quar.)	40c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Eagle-Picher Lead, com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 25
Electric Storage Battery, com. & pf. (qu.)	610	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 25
Elyria Iron & Steel (stock dividend)	\$1.50	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Equitable Office Building, com. (quar.)	\$2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	\$2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 21
Famous Players-Lasky Corp., com. (qu.)	*75c.	May 17	*Holders of rec. Apr. 29
Fansteel Products Co., new stock	*700	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 21
Old common (payable in common stk.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 24
Federal Mining & Smelting, pref. (quar.)	*75c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 14
Felschmann Co., com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 5
Gamewell Co., com. (quar.)	\$1.75	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 19
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Hathaway Bak., Inc., 7% conv. pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Hathaway Mills (quar.)	25c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Hecla Mining (quar.)	*\$1.	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 21
Hood Rubber Co., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Hood Rubber Products, pref. (quar.)	*50c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 25
Illinois Wire & Cable (No. 1)	1 1/2	Feb. 28	*Holders of rec. Mar. 25
Imperial Royalties (monthly)	1 1/2	Apr. 15	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
International Harvester com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
International Salt (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 23
International Silver, pref. (quar.)			

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Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Continued).				Miscellaneous (Continued).			
City Ice & Fuel (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a	Imperial Oil, Ltd. (quar.)	25c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Quarterly	50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a	Extra	12 1/2c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Quarterly	50c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 10a	Imperial Tobac. of Gr. Brit. & Ire. (final)	9c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 12
Cleveland Stone (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 5a	Bonus	1s. 6d.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 12
Extra	*25c.	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Mar. 5	Independence Indemnity	\$5	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 31
Quarterly	50c.	June 15	Holders of rec. June 5a	Independent Oil & Gas (quar.)	25c.	Apr. 18	Holders of rec. Mar. 31
Quarterly	50c.	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 5a	Indian Motorcycle, com. (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 21a
Colorado Fuel & Iron, pref. (quar.)	2	Feb. 25	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a	Ingersoll-Rand Co., common (quar.)	75c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 2a
Coca-Cola Co. (quar.)	\$1.75	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a	Inland Steel, com. (quar.)	62 1/2c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Extra	75c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
Congoleum-Nairn Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 30	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Interlake Steamship (quar.)	\$1.50	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 16
Congress Cigar (quar.)	*1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a	Internat. Agricul. Corp., prior pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Consolidated Cigar Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a	Internat. Combustion Engineering (qu.)	60c.	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 17a
Consumers Company, preferred	*3 1/2	Feb. 20	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10	International Harvester, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Continental Oil (quar.)	*30c.	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 14	International Milling, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Converse Rubber Shoe, pref. (quar.)	*\$1.75	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Int. Secur. Trust of Amer., A, com. (qu.)	45c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Coty, Inc. (quar.)	\$1.25	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 21a	Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Crown Willamette Paper, 1st pref. (qu.)	\$1.75	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a	6 1/2 per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Crow's Nest Pass Coal (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10	Six per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Cuba Company, com. (quar.)	*75c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 21	International Shoe, pref. (monthly)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Cumberland Pipe Line (quar.)	2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 28	International Silver, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Extra	33	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 28	Interstate Iron & Steel, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor, preferred	\$3.50	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1	Isle Royale Copper Co.	50c.	Feb. 19	Holders of rec. Feb. 4
Cushman's Sons, Inc., common (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a	Jaeger Machine Co. (quar.)	62 1/2c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18a
Common (payable in \$8 pref. stock)	\$1.50	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a	Jones & Laughlin Steel, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Common (payable in \$8 pref. stock)	\$1.50	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
\$8 preferred (quar.)	\$2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a	Kayser (Julius) & Co., com. (quar.)	\$1	May 2	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	\$2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
Davis Mills (quar.)	*\$3 1/2	Mar. 26	*Holders of rec. Mar. 12a	Keeler Silver Mines.	8c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Decker (Alfred) & Cohn, Inc., com. (qu.)	50c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 5a	Extra	4c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a	Kennecott Copper Corporation (quar.)	\$1.25	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 4a
Deere & Co., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a	Kinney (G. R.) & Co., Inc., pref. (quar.)	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18a
Preferred (account acum. dividends)	175c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a	Knob Hat, Inc., prior pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Dewey & Almy Chemical, com.	\$2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 28	Prior preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred	\$3.50	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 28	Prior preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Diamond Match (quar.)	2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 28a	Second preferred	\$3.50	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Dialphone Corporation, com. (quar.)	25c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 18	Kresge (S. S.) Co., com. (quar.)	*30c.	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 16
Common (extra)	25c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 16
Preferred (quar.)	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18	Kruskal & Kruskal, Inc. (quarterly)	50c.	May 16	Holders of rec. Apr. 29a
Dominion Textile, common (quar.)	\$1.25	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Kuppenheimer (B.) Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 24
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 31	Lake of the Woods Milling, com. (quar.)	3	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19
Common (extra)	*\$2 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20	Extra	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19
Common (quar.)	*\$2 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20	Lanston Monotype Mach. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 18a
Common (quar.)	*\$2 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 20	Lehigh Coal & Navigation (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
Common (quar.)	*\$2 1/2	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Extra	25c.	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20	Lehn & Fink (quar.)	75c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 20	Leonard, Fitzpatrick, Mueller Stores,			
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Liggett & Myers Tob., com. & com. B (qu)	*\$2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 21
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Jan 1 '28	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Common & com. B (extra)	75c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Eastman Kodak, com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 28	Com. & com. B (pay. in com. B stk.)	\$1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Common (extra)	75c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 28	Lima Locomotive Works, com.	\$1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 28	Lindsay Light—			
Electric Refrigeration (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 21	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a	Preferred (in full of all accum. divs.)	*\$35c.	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Erle Steam Shovel, common (quar.)	62 1/2c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 14a	Lit Brothers Corporation	50c.	Feb. 21	Jan. 26 to Feb. 9
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 14a	Loblaw Groceries, common (quar.)	25c.	Mar. 1	Feb. 18 to Feb. 28
Eureka Vacuum Cleaner				Common (bonus)	25c.	Mar. 1	Feb. 18 to Feb. 28
Common (payable in common stock)	75	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18a	Lord & Taylor, 1st preferred (quar.)	\$2.50	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 17a
Common (payable in common stock)	75	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20a	Ludlow Manufacturing Associates (qu.)	\$2.50	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 2
Fair (The) (monthly)	20c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18a	Madison Square Garden Co. (quar.)	25c.	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 5
Monthly	20c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 21a	Quarterly	25c.	July 15	Holders of rec. July 5
Monthly	20c.	May 2	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Quarterly	25c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	May 2	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Mahoning Investment (quar.)	\$1.50	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 23
Fairbanks, Morse & Co., com. (quar.)	75c.	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a	Manhattan Shirt, com. (quar.)	37 1/2c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Common (quar.)	75c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a	Marmon Motor Car (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a	Martin-Parry Corp. (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 14a	May Department Stores, new com. (qu.)	\$1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Famous Players Can. Corp., 1st pf. (qu.)	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 31	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
Federal Motor Truck (quar.)	20c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 19a	Maytag Corporation (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Stock dividend	2 1/2	Apr. 6	Holders of rec. Mar. 19a	McGroarty St. com. & com. B (quar.)	40c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 21a
Federal Terra Cotta, pref.	*\$2	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 21	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	May 2	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a
Fifth Avenue Bus Securities—				Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20a
Quarterly	*16c.	Apr. 16	*Holders of rec. Apr. 2	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Fifty-Five Park Avenue, Inc., pref.	3	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 14	McIntyre Procupine Mines, Ltd. (qu.)	25c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Fifty-Nine East 54th Street, Inc., pref.	3	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 14	Mengel Company, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
First Federal Foreign Investment Trust.	\$1.75	May 15	Holders of rec. May 5	Merrimac Mig., common (quar.)	\$1.75	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Fisk Rubber, second pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Preferred	\$2.50	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Fitzsimmons & Connell Dredge & Dock				Metropolitan Paving Brick, com. (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Quarterly	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18a	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Foundation Co. (quar.)	\$2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1	Mid-Continent Petrol. Corp., pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
General Asphalt, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 14a	Miller Rubber, pref. (quar.)	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
General Box Corp., pref. A and B (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 18	Mohawk Mining (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 29
General Cigar, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 24a	Montgomery Ward & Co., class A (qu.)	\$1.75	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 21a
Debenture preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 24a	Montreal Cottons, Ltd., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
General Development (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 21	Holders of rec. Feb. 10	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
General Motors Corp., com. (quar.)	\$2	May 2	Holders of rec. Apr. 9	Munsingwear, Inc., com. (quar.)	75c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	May 2	Holders of rec. Apr. 9	National American Co., Inc. (qu.) (No. 1)	*75c.	May 2	*Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Six per cent debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/2	May 2	Holders of rec. Apr. 9	National Biscuit, common (quar.)	\$1.25	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 31a
Seven per cent debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/2	May 2	Holders of rec. Apr. 9	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 14a
General Railway Signal, com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 10a	National Cloak & Suit, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 23a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 10a	National Lead, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 18
Gillette Safety Razor (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 31	National Sugar Refining (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 2	Holders of rec. Mar. 7
Extra	12 1/2c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 31	Neld Manufacturing (quar.)	*2	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Gleasonite Products (quar.)	2 1/2	Mar. 10	Holders of rec. Feb. 28	Extra	*1	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Globe-Democrat Pub., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20	Nelson (Herman) Corp. (quar.)	30c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 17
Gold Seal Electrical Co. (special)	15c.	Mar. 14	Holders of rec. Mar. 4a	Stock dividend	e1	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 17
Goodrich (B. F.) Co., com. (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a	Quarterly	30c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a	Stock dividend	e1	July 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 4
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. June 15a	Quarterly	30c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 19
Goodyear T. & R., 8% prior pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 13	Stock dividend	e1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 19
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 13	Newberry (J. J.) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Feb. 17 to Feb. 20
Gossard (H. W.) Co., com. (monthly)	\$3.13-3c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20	New Cornelia Coal Co. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 21	Holders of rec. Feb. 4a
Common (monthly)	\$3.13-3c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20	New York Transportation (quar.)	*50c.	Apr. 15	*Holders of rec. Apr. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20	North Central Texas Oil (quar.)	15c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea, com. (qu.)	*60c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10	Ohio Oil (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 14
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10	Extra	50c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 14
Greenfield Tap & Die, 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Oil Well Supply Co., com. (quar.)	50c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Omnibus Corporation, pref. (quar.)	*2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 18
Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a	Orpheum Circuit, com. (monthly)	162-3c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19a
Guenther Publishing Co., pref. (quar.)	5	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Common (monthly)	162-3c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 19
Quarterly	5	May 20		Preferred (quar.)	2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
Quarterly	5	Aug. 20		Owens Bottle, com. (quar.)	75c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 18a
Quarterly	5	Nov. 20		Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 19a
Hamilton Bank Note	6c.	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 1	Page-Hershey Tubes, com. (quar.)	75c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 19a
Hamilton-Brown Shoe (monthly)	25c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 23	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 19
Hamilton United Theatres (Can.), pref.	3 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Feb. 28	Packard Motor Car			
Hamilton-Walker Refracs., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19a	Common (monthly)	20c.	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 20	Holders of rec. Apr. 9a				

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 Feb. 11. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of the grand totals, we also show the actual figures of condition at the end of the week.

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.
(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers (000) omitted.)

Week Ending Feb. 11 1927. (000 omitted.)	New Capital.		Profits.		Loans, Discounts, Investments, etc.		Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depositaries.	Net Demand Deposits.	Time Deposits.	Bank Circulation.
	Nat'l. State, Tr. Cos.	Dec. 31, Nov. 15	Dec. 31, Nov. 15	Dec. 31, Nov. 15	Dec. 31, Nov. 15	Dec. 31, Nov. 15					
Members of Fed. Reserve Bank.	d. Res.	Bank.	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Arge.	
Bank of N Y & Trust Co.	4,000	13,354	76,358	484	7,480	55,371	9,567	---	---	---	---
Bk of Manhattan	10,700	15,854	168,164	3,065	17,487	126,561	25,044	---	---	---	---
Bank of America	6,500	5,286	76,726	1,052	10,713	84,101	3,536	---	---	---	---
National City	50,000	66,287	690,083	4,601	73,331	*762,237	144,576	94	---	---	---
Chemical Nat'l.	4,500	19,061	135,719	1,236	16,171	122,825	3,315	---	---	---	---
Nat Bk of Com.	25,000	42,479	357,903	848	40,721	310,599	23,383	---	---	---	---
Chat Ph N B & T	13,500	13,329	219,173	2,638	23,442	168,510	43,850	6,124	---	---	---
Hanover Nat'l.	5,000	26,905	121,563	535	13,876	106,265	---	---	---	---	---
Corn Exchange	10,000	15,269	206,073	5,107	24,697	175,964	31,209	---	---	---	---
National Park	10,000	24,319	156,818	836	16,632	126,084	6,537	4,216	---	---	---
Bowery & E. R.	3,000	3,524	61,320	1,902	5,906	89,508	10,884	1,712	---	---	---
First National	10,000	77,448	274,228	553	25,064	190,558	11,366	6,407	---	---	---
Am Ex Irving Tr	32,000	28,808	416,804	4,554	50,312	373,481	40,227	---	---	---	---
Continental	1,000	1,269	7,871	121	861	6,219	425	---	---	---	---
Chase National	40,000	38,221	560,246	6,764	68,820	*521,906	38,506	2,482	---	---	---
Fifth Avenue	500	2,985	25,657	759	3,446	26,038	---	---	---	---	---
Commonwealth	800	740	13,001	562	1,282	9,004	4,209	---	---	---	---
Garfield Nat'l.	1,000	1,830	17,550	555	2,465	16,853	599	---	---	---	---
Seaboard Nat'l.	6,000	11,007	124,742	869	15,519	117,862	3,432	42	---	---	---
Bankers Trust	20,000	35,540	323,292	942	32,420	*274,322	41,848	---	---	---	---
U S Mfg & Tr	3,000	4,965	57,268	736	7,192	54,967	4,361	---	---	---	---
Guaranty Trust	25,000	25,202	448,312	1,724	45,713	*420,507	74,302	---	---	---	---
Fidelity Trust	4,000	3,235	41,327	704	4,799	35,365	4,248	---	---	---	---
New York Trust	10,000	21,813	170,325	695	18,201	132,677	26,521	---	---	---	---
Farmers L & Tr	10,000	19,908	138,002	512	13,904	*105,374	18,910	---	---	---	---
Equitable Trust	30,000	22,907	272,616	1,713	28,265	*286,986	31,382	---	---	---	---
Total averages	335,500	541,254	5,161,141	44,207	568,719	4,207,479	610,437	21,423			
Totals, actual condition	Feb. 11	5,155,123	51,315,588	291	588,291	4,209,696	608,057	21,441			
Totals, actual condition	Feb. 5	5,165,285	43,843,568	763	4,211,661	612,189	21,237				
Totals, actual condition	Jan. 29	5,223,239	43,664,553	061	4,238,457	614,323	20,861				
State Banks	Not Members	of Fed'l	Res'v Bank.								
Greenwich Bank	1,000	2,645	24,731	2,074	2,064	22,931	2,834	---	---	---	---
State Bank	5,000	5,761	107,139	4,825	2,396	39,252	63,176	---	---	---	---
Colonial Bank	1,400	3,000	34,200	3,600	1,700	28,300	5,750	---	---	---	---
Total averages	7,400	11,406	166,070	10,499	6,160	90,483	71,760				
Totals, actual condition	Feb. 11	167,272	10,559	6,349	91,719	71,863					
Totals, actual condition	Feb. 5	164,348	10,193	6,415	89,726	71,607					
Totals, actual condition	Jan. 29	166,281	10,234	6,458	91,485	71,681					
Trust Companies	Not Members	of Fed'l	Res'v Bank.								
Title Guar & Tr	10,000	19,506	63,850	1,923	3,942	38,845	981	---	---	---	---
Lawyers Trust	3,000	3,429	26,226	900	2,435	21,940	1,013	---	---	---	---
Total averages	13,000	22,936	90,076	2,823	6,377	60,785	1,994				
Totals, actual condition	Feb. 11	89,868	2,864	6,318	60,276	1,991					
Totals, actual condition	Feb. 5	90,626	2,703	6,571	61,485	2,000					
Totals, actual condition	Jan. 29	87,857	2,580	6,370	58,359	1,965					
Gr'd aggr., ave.	355,900	575,597	5,417,287	57,529	581,256	4,358,747	684,191	21,423			
Comparison with prev. week			-49,996	+2,471	-7,174	-66,224	+3,851	+429			
Gr'd aggr., act'l cond'n	Feb. 11	5,412,263	64,738,600	958	4,361,691	681,911	21,441				
Comparison with prev. week			-7,996	+7,999	+19,209	-1,181	-3,885	+204			
Gr'd aggr., act'l cond'n	Feb. 5	5,420,259	56,739,581	749	4,362,872	685,796	21,237				
Gr'd aggr., act'l cond'n	Jan. 29	5,477,377	56,478,565	889	4,388,301	687,969	20,861				
Gr'd aggr., act'l cond'n	Jan. 22	5,416,635	52,996,626	168	4,413,350	688,948	20,613				
Gr'd aggr., act'l cond'n	Jan. 15	5,592,022	54,611,617	726	4,559,094	667,264	20,386				
Gr'd aggr., act'l cond'n	Jan. 8	5,571,043	59,482,528	917	4,502,151	676,888	19,815				
Gr'd aggr., act'l cond'n	Dec. 31	5,771,022	66,230,642	710	4,693,702	651,045	20,545				

Note.—U. S. deposits deducted from net demand deposits in the general totals above were as follows: Average total Feb. 11, \$26,923,000. Actual totals Feb. 11, \$24,963,000; Feb. 5, \$29,169,000; Jan. 29, \$29,168,000; Jan. 22, \$29,167,000; Jan. 15, \$29,168,000; Jan. 8, \$33,313,000. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, average for week Feb. 11, \$611,265,000; Feb. 5, \$601,731,000; Jan. 29, \$598,869,000; Jan. 22, \$614,045,000; Jan. 15, \$639,126,000; Jan. 8, \$673,392,000. Actual totals Feb. 11, \$636,917,000; Feb. 5, \$603,344,000; Jan. 29, \$614,355,000; Jan. 22, \$627,857,000; Jan. 15, \$655,189,000; Jan. 8, \$596,858,000.

* Includes deposits in foreign branches not included in total footings as follows: National City Bank, \$229,286,000; Chase National Bank, \$11,814,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$27,342,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$88,683,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$3,359,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$82,181,000. Balances carried in banks in foreign countries as reserve for such deposits were: National City Bank, \$26,920,000; Chase National Bank, \$1,565,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$9,992,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$3,130,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$3,359,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$6,120,000.

† 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.

Members Federal Reserve Bank	Averages.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositaries.	Total Reserve.	Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve Bank	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks*	10,499,000	6,160,000	16,659,000	16,286,940	372,060
Trust companies	2,823,000	6,377,000	9,200,000	9,117,750	82,250
Total Feb. 12	13,322,000	581,256,000	594,578,000	590,690,070	3,887,930
Total Feb. 5	12,742,000	588,430,000	601,172,000	599,114,770	2,057,230
Total Jan. 29	12,891,000	588,266,000	601,157,000	598,339,690	2,817,310
Total Jan. 22	9,232,000	599,721,000	608,953,000	604,565,620	4,387,380

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.
† 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: Feb. 11, \$18,313,110; Feb. 5, \$18,202,260; Jan. 29, \$17,981,850; Jan. 22, \$17,739,540; Jan. 15, \$17,995,860; Jan. 8, \$18,074,250.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Elapsed.
Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Reld Ice Cream Corp., pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 17a
Reliance Manufacturing, pref. (quar.)	*134	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 18
Remington Typewriter, com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 12a
First preferred (quar.)	134	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
Second preferred (quar.)	1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
Republie Iron & Steel, com. (quar.)	134	Apr. 1	Mar. 14 to Apr. 15
Preferred (quar.)	52	Feb. 21	Holders of rec. Feb. 11
Revillon, Inc., pref. (quar.)	\$5	Feb. 19	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Richman Brothers (extra)	50c.	Mar. 21	Mar. 10 to Mar. 21
St. Joseph Lead (quar.)	25c.	Mar. 21	Mar. 10 to Mar. 21
Extra	50c.	June 20	June 10 to June 20
Quarterly	25c.	June 20	June 10 to June 20
Extra	50c.	Sept. 20	Sept. 10 to Sept. 20
Quarterly	25c.	Sept. 20	Sept. 10 to Sept. 20
Extra	50c.	Dec. 20	Dec. 10 to Dec. 20
Quarterly	25c.	Dec. 20	Dec. 10 to Dec. 20
Extra	\$2	Mar. 10	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
St. Mary's Mineral Land	\$2	Mar. 10	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Savage Arms, com. (quar.)	*134	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
First preferred (quar.)	*134	May 16	*Holders of rec. May 1
Second preferred (quar.)	*134	May 16	*Holders of rec. May 1
Schulte Retail Stores, common (quar.)	874c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Common (quar.)	874c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Common (quar.)	874c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
Common (quar.)	874c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Segal Lock & Hardware, com. (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Preferred (quar.)	134	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Shawmut Mfg., pref. (quar.)	*134	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 21
Shell Union Oil, com. (quar.)	35c.	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 1a
Sherwin-Williams Co., preferred (quar.)	134	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Sherwin-Williams Co., Can., com. (qu.)	134	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Preferred (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Shippers Car Line Corp., class A (quar.)	\$1.75	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 17
Preferred (quar.)	*75c.	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 21
Shredded Wheat, com. (quar.)	134	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 16a
Simon (Franklin) & Co., pref. (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Skelly Oil (quar.)	10	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Southern Pipe Line, new \$50 par stock	134	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Spalding (A. G.) & Bros., 1st pref. (qu.)	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15

	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve Bank	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks*	10,559,000	588,291,000	588,291,000	565,502,190	22,788,810
Trust companies	2,864,000	6,318,000	9,182,000	9,041,400	140,600
Total Feb. 12	13,423,000	600,958,000	614,381,000	591,053,010	23,327,990
Total Feb. 5	12,896,000	581,749,000	594,645,000	591,255,030	3,389,970
Total Jan. 29	12,814,000	565,889,000	578,703,000	594,650,250	-15,947,250
Total Jan. 22	9,206,000	626,168,000	635,734,000	595,772,860	39,601,140

* 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 the amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Feb. 11, \$18,241,710; Feb. 5, \$18,365,670; Jan. 29, \$18,429,690; Jan. 22, \$17,725,890; Jan. 15, \$17,968,260; Jan. 8, \$18,246,660.

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.

	Feb. 11.	Differences from Previous Week.
Loans and investments	\$1,252,842,400	Dec. \$8,774,000
Gold	4,443,200	Dec. 31,500
Currency notes	24,704,600	Inc. 1,044,500
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York	99,766,400	Dec. 2,341,900
Total deposits	1,283,606,800	Dec. 13,277,100
Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchange, and U. S. deposits	1,211,112,100	Dec. 12,110,500
Reserve on deposits	169,253,500	Dec. 1,654,800
Percentage of reserves, 20.3%.		

	RESERVE.	
	State Banks	Trust Companies
Cash in vault	\$38,349,800 17.06%	\$90,564,400 14.94%
Deposits in banks and trust cos.	11,580,900 5.15%	28,758,400 4.74%
Total	\$49,930,700 22.21%	\$119,322,800 19.68%

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Feb. 11 was \$99,766,400.

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.—The averages of the New York City Clearing House banks and trust companies combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House are as follows:

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Week Ended—	Loans and Investments.	Demand Deposits.	Total Cash in Vaults.	Reserve in Depositories.
Oct. 16	6,617,799,100	5,623,365,000	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	6,616,890,200	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	6,589,992,200	5,556,678,300	864,684,000	728,368,600
Dec. 4	6,689,295,600	5,716,914,900	76,615,500	734,203,700
Dec. 11	6,667,713,300	5,586,289,800	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	6,934,175,000	5,898,416,700	91,532,900	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	5,801,064,500	81,093,000	746,207,200
Jan. 29	6,710,870,100	5,714,684,400	85,754,700	731,499,000
Feb. 5	6,728,899,400	5,721,854,900	83,192,800	731,203,500
Feb. 11	6,670,129,400	5,642,353,800	86,676,800	721,361,700

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, Discounts, Investments, etc.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depositories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Net Time Deposits.
Members of Fed'l Res'v Bank	\$	\$	\$	Average	Average	Average	Average
Grace Nat'l Bank	1,000	1,950	14,563	52	1,153	7,728	3,867
State Banks							
Not Members of the Federal Reserve Bank							
Bank of Wash. Hts.	400	1,028	9,886	883	411	6,863	3,173
Trust Company, Not Member of the Federal Reserve Bank							
Mech. Tr., Bayonne	500	660	9,342	337	191	3,820	5,847
Gr'd aggr., Feb. 11	1,900	3,640	33,791	1,272	1,755	18,411	12,887
Comparison with prev. week	+378			+19	-25	-154	+42
Gr'd aggr., Feb. 5	1,906	3,640	33,413	1,253	1,780	18,565	12,845
Gr'd aggr., Jan. 29	1,900	3,640	33,365	1,219	1,766	18,323	12,752
Gr'd aggr., Jan. 22	3,100	6,945	67,634	4,893	3,514	44,735	18,316
Gr'd aggr., Jan. 15	3,100	6,945	68,347	4,922	3,475	43,009	18,173

a United States deposits deducted, \$20,000.
 Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances, and other liabilities, \$3,214,000.
 Excess reserve, \$10,380 increase.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

	Feb. 16 1927.	Changes from Previous Week.	Feb. 9 1927.	Feb. 2 1927.
Capital	69,650,000	Unchanged	69,650,000	69,650,000
Surplus and profits	92,448,000	Inc. 20,000	92,428,000	92,428,000
Loans, disc'ts & invest.	1,010,523,000	Dec. 3,200,000	1,013,723,000	1,017,241,000
Individual deposits	682,230,000	Inc. 3,387,000	678,843,000	693,738,000
Due to banks	142,904,000	Dec. 3,167,000	146,071,000	150,252,000
Time deposits	230,750,000	Dec. 1,694,000	232,371,000	233,086,000
United States deposits	29,572,000	Dec. 3,463,000	12,364,000	13,009,000
Exchanges for Cl'g H'se	81,720,000	Inc. 3,080,000	78,640,000	45,740,000
Due from other banks	81,174,000	Inc. 428,000	80,746,000	81,551,000
Res'v in legal depositories	9,746,000	Dec. 476,000	10,222,000	10,496,000
Cash in bank	835,000	Inc. 333,000	502,000	
Res'v excess in F.R.Bk				

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Feb. 11, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is 10% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositories" and "Cash in vaults."

Two Ciphers (00) omitted.	Week Ended Feb. 11 1927.			Feb 5 1927.	Jan. 29 1927.
	Members of F.R. System	Trust Companies	1927 Total.		
Capital	\$50,225,000	\$5,000,000	\$55,225,000	\$55,225,000	\$55,225,000
Surplus and profits	152,966,000	17,812,000	170,808,000	170,808,000	170,784,000
Loans, disc'ts & investm'ts	940,750,000	46,386,000	987,136,000	988,105,000	989,004,000
Exchanges for Clear. House	38,345,000	356,000	38,701,000	42,845,000	34,859,000
Due from banks	97,734,000	17,000	97,751,000	141,884,000	96,515,000
Bank deposits	135,522,000	943,000	136,465,000	141,884,000	135,684,000
Individual deposits	633,404,000	26,519,000	659,923,000	663,851,000	664,458,000
Time deposits	149,060,000	2,308,000	151,368,000	154,002,000	155,920,000
Total deposits	917,986,000	29,770,000	947,756,000	959,037,000	946,062,000
Res'v with legal depositories		4,030,000	4,030,000	3,967,000	3,735,000
Reserve with F. R. Bank	69,439,000		69,439,000	69,712,000	70,191,000
Cash in vault*	9,607,000	1,354,000	10,961,000	10,645,000	11,009,000
Total reserve & cash held	79,046,000	5,384,000	84,430,000	84,324,000	84,995,000
Reserve required	69,610,000	4,178,000	73,788,000	73,695,000	73,391,000
Excess res. & cash in vault	9,436,000	1,206,000	10,642,000	10,629,000	11,604,000

* 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. 16 1926 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	Feb. 16 1927.	Feb. 9 1927.	Feb. 17 1926.
Resources—			
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	373,889,000	383,982,000	299,535,000
Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury	9,394,000	10,783,000	13,935,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	383,283,000	394,765,000	313,470,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	152,111,000	159,370,000	212,787,000
Gold and gold certificates held by bank	511,188,000	502,878,000	383,885,000
Total gold reserves	1,046,582,000	1,057,013,000	910,142,000
Reserves other than gold	35,099,000	34,989,000	40,882,000
Total reserves	1,081,681,000	1,092,002,000	951,024,000
Non-reserve cash	24,715,000	25,502,000	24,363,000
Bills discounted			
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	80,887,000	73,025,000	166,223,000
Other bills discounted	20,718,000	23,907,000	34,392,000
Total bills discounted	101,605,000	96,932,000	200,615,000
Bills bought in open market	90,292,000	71,416,000	72,502,000
U. S. Government securities—			
Bonds	3,923,000	2,683,000	1,934,000
Treasury notes	16,389,000	14,489,000	37,695,000
Certificates of indebtedness	41,306,000	36,946,000	14,120,000
Total U. S. Government securities	61,618,000	54,118,000	53,749,000
Foreign loans on gold			1,890,000
Total bills and securities (See Note)	253,515,000	222,468,000	328,756,000
Due from foreign banks (See Note)	658,000	658,000	725,000
Uncollected items	209,953,000	136,514,000	182,161,000
Bank premises	16,276,000	16,276,000	16,666,000
All other resources	2,347,000	2,358,000	4,240,000
Total resources	1,589,145,000	1,495,776,000	1,507,935,000
Liabilities—			
Fed'l Reserve notes in actual circulation	405,474,000	402,947,000	365,473,000
Deposits—Member bank, reserve acct.	889,942,000	858,820,000	876,182,000
Government	4,634,000	3,650,000	6,630,000
Foreign bank (See Note)	2,661,000	2,232,000	3,456,000
Other deposits	11,634,000	9,482,000	7,940,000
Total deposits	908,371,000	874,184,000	894,208,000
Deferred availability items	176,637,000	117,695,000	152,507,000
Capital paid in	37,120,000	37,059,000	33,405,000
Surplus	61,614,000	61,614,000	59,964,000
All other liabilities	2,429,000	2,277,000	2,378,000
Total liabilities	1,589,145,000	1,495,776,000	1,507,935,000
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and Fed'l Res'v note liabilities combined	82.5%	85.5%	75.5%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondence	26,024,000	25,672,000	21,202,000

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. 17, 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 984 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 16 1927.

	Feb. 16 1927.	Feb. 9 1927.	Feb. 2 1927.	Jan. 26 1927.	Jan. 19 1927.	Jan. 12 1927.	Jan. 5 1927.	Dec. 29 1926.	Feb. 17 1926.
RESOURCES.									
Gold with Federal Reserve agents.....	1,547,671,000	1,552,632,000	1,552,754,000	1,601,114,000	1,575,495,000	1,523,670,000	1,419,755,000	1,369,124,000	1,397,967,000
Gold redemption fund with U. S. Treas.	44,628,000	44,346,000	52,926,000	51,921,000	52,633,000	50,818,000	67,927,000	65,712,000	45,009,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	1,592,199,000	1,596,978,000	1,605,680,000	1,653,035,000	1,628,128,000	1,573,988,000	1,487,682,000	1,434,836,000	1,442,976,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	616,854,000	610,964,000	594,679,000	507,931,000	503,513,000	555,673,000	637,805,000	658,330,000	688,126,000
Gold and gold certificates held by banks.	781,010,000	772,410,000	761,504,000	805,824,000	804,294,000	786,382,000	729,956,000	721,645,000	658,194,000
Total gold reserves.....	2,990,063,000	2,980,352,000	2,961,863,000	2,966,790,000	2,935,935,000	2,916,043,000	2,855,443,000	2,814,811,000	2,789,296,000
Reserves other than gold.....	168,013,000	167,906,000	166,786,000	166,072,000	159,568,000	155,054,000	142,816,000	129,404,000	150,860,000
Total reserves.....	3,158,076,000	3,148,258,000	3,128,649,000	3,132,862,000	3,095,503,000	3,071,097,000	2,998,259,000	2,944,215,000	2,940,156,000
Non-reserve cash.....	74,980,000	74,783,000	71,849,000	79,109,000	81,174,000	81,808,000	76,180,000	68,348,000	69,032,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	230,954,000	202,048,000	203,661,000	189,939,000	201,611,000	254,077,000	360,532,000	383,388,000	315,972,000
Other bills discounted.....	165,516,000	177,017,000	189,610,000	189,610,000	214,448,000	236,401,000	272,950,000	327,543,000	327,543,000
Total bills discounted.....	396,470,000	379,065,000	393,271,000	389,549,000	416,059,000	490,478,000	633,482,000	710,931,000	643,515,000
Bills bought in open market.....	314,985,000	302,505,000	329,072,000	301,827,000	337,360,000	338,142,000	388,837,000	378,798,000	301,641,000
U. S. Government securities:									
Bonds.....	57,370,000	56,148,000	53,351,000	51,327,000	55,463,000	52,992,000	54,108,000	47,525,000	59,978,000
Treasury notes.....	94,807,000	93,408,000	93,320,000	93,395,000	97,774,000	93,606,000	93,659,000	88,279,000	169,863,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	159,646,000	155,122,000	157,208,000	158,043,000	159,505,000	164,453,000	166,106,000	183,400,000	104,605,000
Total U. S. Government securities.....	311,823,000	304,678,000	303,879,000	302,765,000	312,742,000	311,051,000	313,873,000	317,204,000	334,446,000
Other securities (see note).....	2,000,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	3,500,000	3,621,000	2,596,000	3,150,000
Foreign loans on gold.....									7,000,000
Total bills and securities (see note).....	1,025,278,000	988,748,000	1,028,722,000	972,249,000	1,068,661,000	1,143,171,000	1,339,813,000	1,409,529,000	1,184,595,000
Due from foreign banks (see note).....	658,000	658,000	657,000	657,000	657,000	657,000	657,000	651,000	725,000
Uncollected items.....	798,547,000	581,732,000	636,827,000	627,766,000	722,746,000	706,362,000	814,912,000	728,043,000	759,089,000
Bank premises.....	58,350,000	58,329,000	58,269,000	58,258,000	58,231,000	58,168,000	58,131,000	60,273,000	59,368,000
All other resources.....	12,322,000	12,438,000	12,195,000	12,189,000	12,053,000	12,108,000	12,302,000	13,074,000	16,786,000
Total resources.....	5,128,211,000	4,864,946,000	4,937,168,000	4,883,090,000	5,039,023,000	5,073,371,000	5,300,254,000	5,224,133,000	5,029,751,000
LIABILITIES.									
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	1,685,431,000	1,694,120,000	1,686,515,000	1,688,485,000	1,709,919,000	1,750,464,000	1,812,698,000	1,857,015,000	1,661,143,000
Deposits—									
Member banks—reserve account.....	2,288,588,000	2,221,130,000	2,241,946,000	2,191,753,000	2,243,429,000	2,273,647,000	2,351,953,000	2,264,144,000	2,262,258,000
Government.....	28,621,000	23,345,000	32,768,000	28,999,000	36,238,000	22,989,000	6,451,000	38,579,000	39,929,000
Foreign banks (see note).....	5,888,000	4,959,000	4,866,000	5,487,000	5,699,000	5,632,000	25,308,000	25,882,000	6,851,000
Other deposits.....	19,846,000	17,612,000	18,631,000	19,072,000	32,429,000	21,571,000	25,657,000	17,133,000	17,480,000
Total deposits.....	2,342,343,000	2,267,046,000	2,298,211,000	2,245,311,000	2,317,795,000	2,323,839,000	2,409,369,000	2,345,738,000	2,326,518,000
Deferred availability items.....	734,963,000	538,629,000	587,680,000	584,540,000	646,076,000	635,148,000	714,682,000	650,096,000	690,866,000
Capital paid in.....	126,099,000	125,825,000	125,748,000	125,523,000	125,480,000	125,068,000	125,011,000	124,824,000	118,934,000
Surplus.....	228,775,000	228,775,000	228,775,000	228,775,000	228,775,000	228,775,000	228,775,000	228,775,000	220,310,000
All other liabilities.....	10,600,000	10,551,000	10,239,000	10,456,000	10,078,000	10,079,000	9,719,000	26,150,000	11,980,000
Total liabilities.....	5,128,211,000	4,864,946,000	4,937,168,000	4,883,090,000	5,039,023,000	5,073,371,000	5,300,254,000	5,224,133,000	5,029,751,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	74.2%	75.2%	74.3%	75.4%	72.9%	71.6%	67.6%	66.9%	69.9%
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	78.4%	79.5%	78.5%	79.6%	76.9%	75.4%	71.0%	70.1%	73.7%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....	92,329,000	91,978,000	77,780,000	94,674,000	90,882,000	86,273,000	60,718,000	55,857,000	82,666,000
Distribution by Maturities—									
1-15 days bills bought in open market.....	175,233,000	137,494,000	153,851,000	123,999,000	147,001,000	130,158,000	170,212,000	155,744,000	113,254,000
1-15 days bills discounted.....	310,434,000	286,204,000	296,490,000	266,642,000	310,773,000	382,115,000	517,727,000	575,544,000	430,065,000
1-15 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	4,360,000				1,564,000	5,676,000	7,860,000	4,500,000	80,000
1-15 days municipal warrants.....							111,000		
16-30 days bills bought in open market.....	68,623,000	95,699,000	93,787,000	72,313,000	71,170,000	78,201,000	78,150,000	76,818,000	68,537,000
16-30 days bills discounted.....	23,741,000	26,493,000	26,748,000	25,269,000	21,613,000	28,768,000	30,510,000	38,865,000	29,362,000
16-30 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....									
16-30 days municipal warrants.....								96,000	
31-60 days bills bought in open market.....	49,505,000	48,816,000	60,322,000	81,778,000	90,754,000	95,654,000	98,299,000	90,963,000	83,832,000
31-60 days bills discounted.....	34,118,000	36,305,000	38,881,000	41,069,000	43,411,000	45,490,000	47,635,000	49,876,000	42,991,000
31-60 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....									
31-60 days municipal warrants.....									
61-90 days bills bought in open market.....	18,734,000	15,775,000	16,810,000	17,618,000	21,060,000	27,344,000	36,144,000	49,382,000	32,343,000
61-90 days bills discounted.....	19,498,000	21,670,000	21,560,000	22,479,000	24,448,000	24,270,000	27,090,000	37,232,000	26,649,000
61-90 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....		5,421,000							
61-90 days municipal warrants.....									
Over 90 days bills bought in open market.....	2,890,000	4,721,000	4,302,000	6,119,000	7,375,000	6,785,000	6,032,000	5,891,000	3,675,000
Over 90 days bills discounted.....	8,679,000	8,393,000	9,592,000	9,668,000	9,814,000	9,835,000	10,520,000	9,414,000	9,291,000
Over 90 days certif. of indebtedness.....	155,286,000	149,701,000	157,208,000	158,043,000	157,941,000	158,777,000	158,246,000	178,900,000	104,525,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants.....									
F. R. notes received from Comptroller.....	2,940,114,000	2,948,063,000	2,954,551,000	2,967,911,000	2,983,478,000	3,002,781,000	3,023,052,000	3,039,590,000	2,850,750,000
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent.....	870,268,000	871,288,000	865,848,000	855,743,000	820,473,000	792,378,000	770,138,000	774,815,000	846,950,000
Issued to Federal Reserve Banks.....	2,069,846,000	2,076,775,000	2,088,703,000	2,112,168,000	2,163,005,000	2,210,403,000	2,252,914,000	2,264,775,000	2,003,800,000
How Secured—									
By gold and gold certificates.....	357,928,000	357,927,000	357,927,000	321,246,000	306,280,000	306,281,000	306,096,000	306,095,000	311,245,000
Gold redemption fund.....	101,453,000	109,744,000	96,904,000	102,401,000	105,659,000	106,287,000	111,071,000	109,052,000	102,647,000
Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board.....	1,088,290,000	1,084,961,000	1,097,923,000	1,177,467,000	1,163,558,000	1,111,102,000	1,002,588,000	953,977,000	984,075,000
By eligible paper.....	689,590,000	666,719,000	694,440,000	651,717,000	733,266,000	812,610,000	996,817,000	1,058,364,000	797,417,000
Total.....	2,237,261,000	2,219,351,000	2,247,194,000	2,252,831,000	2,308,761,000	2,336,280,000	2,416,572,000	2,427,488,000	2,195,384,000

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 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. 16 1927.

Two ciphers (00) omitted, Federal Reserve Bank of—	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
RESOURCES.													
Gold with Federal Reserve Agents.....	125,767.0	373,889.0	110,434.0	165,909.0	63,928.0	149,888.0	177,462.0	30,684.0	60,357.0	63,175.0	35,847.0	190,331.0	1,547,671.0
Gold redemption fund with U. S. Treas.	8,161.0	9,394.0	5,396.0	4,467.0	1,345.0	2,323.0	6,056.0	1,248.0	1,502.0	1,954.0	979.0	1,703.0	44,528.0
Gold held excl. agst. F. R. notes	133,928.0	383,283.0	115,830.0	170,376.0	65,273.0	152,211.0							

RESOURCES (Concluded)— Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phla.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other securities			2,000.0										2,000.0
Total bills and securities	71,002.0	253,515.0	79,120.0	108,169.0	42,362.0	42,042.0	463,251.0	46,846.0	31,013.0	52,308.0	39,586.0	96,064.0	1,025,278.0
Due from foreign banks		658.0											658.0
Uncollected items	73,014.0	209,953.0	73,491.0	81,744.0	58,093.0	30,691.0	102,914.0	36,968.0	13,371.0	42,553.0	30,722.0	45,033.0	798,547.0
Bank premises	3,946.0	16,276.0	1,711.0	7,118.0	2,149.0	2,866.0	7,900.0	3,957.0	2,774.0	4,450.0	1,752.0	3,442.0	58,350.0
All other resources	72.0	2,347.0	367.0	1,017.0	335.0	756.0	2,307.0	778.0	2,162.0	640.0	482.0	1,159.0	12,322.0
Total resources	368,671.0	1,589,145.0	360,069.0	500,653.0	223,485.0	280,097.0	702,238.0	183,889.0	137,313.0	213,171.0	153,223.0	416,257.0	5,128,211.0
LIABILITIES.													
F. R. notes in actual circulation	125,074.0	405,474.0	119,809.0	198,494.0	74,001.0	160,904.0	210,803.0	45,029.0	63,771.0	67,928.0	41,857.0	172,287.0	1,685,431.0
Deposits:													
Member bank—reserve acc't.	142,029.0	886,942.0	136,041.0	185,665.0	72,118.0	73,183.0	340,667.0	82,786.0	48,314.0	90,299.0	62,570.0	167,974.0	2,288,588.0
Government	2,567.0	4,634.0	1,751.0	2,887.0	2,986.0	1,910.0	2,534.0	1,313.0	1,318.0	2,312.0	1,163.0	3,146.0	28,521.0
Foreign bank	283.0	2,661.0	362.0	400.0	196.0	155.0	520.0	162.0	113.0	140.0	132.0	264.0	5,388.0
Other deposits	66.0	11,634.0	261.0	939.0	150.0	49.0	992.0	283.0	197.0	100.0	51.0	5,124.0	19,846.0
Total deposits	144,945.0	905,871.0	138,415.0	189,891.0	75,450.0	75,297.0	344,713.0	84,544.0	49,942.0	92,851.0	63,916.0	176,508.0	2,342,343.0
Deferred availability items	71,913.0	176,637.0	67,672.0	73,561.0	54,933.0	28,830.0	95,549.0	38,315.0	12,108.0	38,677.0	34,534.0	42,234.0	734,963.0
Capital paid in	8,851.0	37,120.0	12,622.0	13,854.0	6,179.0	5,023.0	16,920.0	5,290.0	3,020.0	4,180.0	4,293.0	8,747.0	126,099.0
Surplus	17,606.0	61,614.0	21,267.0	23,746.0	12,195.0	9,632.0	31,881.0	9,939.0	7,527.0	9,029.0	8,215.0	16,121.0	228,775.0
All other liabilities	282.0	2,429.0	284.0	1,107.0	724.0	411.0	2,372.0	772.0	945.0	506.0	408.0	360.0	10,600.0
Total liabilities	368,671.0	1,589,145.0	360,069.0	500,653.0	223,485.0	280,097.0	702,238.0	183,889.0	137,313.0	213,171.0	153,223.0	416,257.0	5,128,211.0
Memoranda.													
Reserve ratio (per cent)	78.9	82.5	78.7	76.7	76.3	84.4	74.8	69.9	76.2	69.2	73.7	76.4	78.4
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspond'ts	6,878.0	26,024.0	8,804.0	9,721.0	4,768.0	3,760.0	12,656.0	3,944.0	2,751.0	3,393.0	3,210.0	6,420.0	92,329.0
F. R. notes on hand (notes rec'd from F. R. Agent less notes in circulation)	31,580.0	118,346.0	43,625.0	20,668.0	17,197.0	27,251.0	49,808.0	4,350.0	5,370.0	13,573.0	7,359.0	45,288.0	384,415.0

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS FEB. 16 1927.

Federal Reserve Agent at— (Two ciphers (00) omitted.)	Boston.	New York.	Phla.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
F.R. notes rec'd from Comptroller	252,654.0	815,900.0	196,934.0	275,902.0	117,552.0	251,050.0	425,511.0	71,519.0	88,543.0	109,511.0	67,963.0	267,075.0	2,940,114.0
F.R. notes held by F. R. Agent	96,000.0	292,080.0	33,500.0	56,740.0	26,354.0	62,895.0	164,900.0	22,140.0	19,402.0	28,010.0	18,747.0	49,500.0	870,268.0
F.R. notes issued to F. R. Bank	156,654.0	523,820.0	163,434.0	219,162.0	91,198.0	188,155.0	260,611.0	49,379.0	69,141.0	81,501.0	49,216.0	217,575.0	2,069,846.0
Collateral held as security for F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bk.:													
Gold and gold certificates	35,300.0	210,080.0		8,780.0	28,805.0	15,398.0		7,750.0	13,507.0		18,308.0	20,000.0	357,928.0
Gold redemption fund	16,467.0	22,869.0	9,557.0	12,129.0	4,123.0	7,490.0	2,462.0	1,634.0	850.0	4,315.0	3,539.0	16,078.0	101,453.0
Gold fund—F. R. Board	74,000.0	141,000.0	100,877.0	145,000.0	31,000.0	127,000.0	175,000.0	21,300.0	46,000.0	58,890.0	14,000.0	154,253.0	1,088,290.0
Eligible paper	61,243.0	181,498.0	53,469.0	68,737.0	32,386.0	59,300.0	116,854.0	25,110.0	14,184.0	24,621.0	15,251.0	56,877.0	689,590.0
Total collateral	187,010.0	555,387.0	163,903.0	234,646.0	96,314.0	189,248.0	294,316.0	55,794.0	74,541.0	87,796.0	51,098.0	247,208.0	2,237,261.0

Weekly Return for the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the 679 member banks from which weekly returns are obtained. These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves. Definitions of the different items in the statement were given in the statement of Dec. 12 1917, published in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 29 1917, page 2523. The comment of the Reserve Board upon the figures for the latest week appears in our department of "Current Events and Discussions," on page 985.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business FEBRUARY 9 1927. (Three ciphers (000) omitted.)

Federal Reserve District.	Boston.	New York.	Phla.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Number of reporting banks	37	92	50	73	67	35	97	31	24	66	45	62	679
Loans and discounts, gross:													
Secured by U.S. Gov't obligations	7,426	57,375	10,997	21,035	5,165	5,886	18,516	4,782	3,328	4,265	2,120	5,634	146,529
Secured by stocks and bonds	339,584	2,201,053	413,471	560,480	150,611	109,568	876,024	188,927	80,013	116,380	76,890	318,181	5,431,186
All other loans and discounts	643,153	2,811,235	376,730	773,453	364,898	387,692	1,248,025	310,185	156,654	299,391	247,570	951,404	8,570,390
Total loans and discounts	990,163	5,069,663	801,198	1,354,968	520,674	503,146	2,142,565	503,894	239,995	420,036	326,584	1,275,219	14,148,105
Investments:													
U. S. Government securities	135,140	946,262	88,327	261,952	67,658	38,299	284,104	69,603	65,656	102,245	50,322	241,555	2,351,123
Other bonds, stocks and securities	262,647	1,216,721	276,481	363,257	69,960	58,413	458,931	119,146	50,295	95,291	22,780	234,711	3,218,633
Total investments	387,787	2,162,983	364,808	625,209	137,618	96,712	743,035	188,749	115,951	197,536	73,102	476,266	5,569,756
Total loans and investments	1,377,950	7,232,646	1,166,006	1,980,177	658,292	599,858	2,885,600	692,643	355,946	617,572	399,686	1,751,485	19,717,861
Reserve balances with F. R. Bank	97,005	748,398	81,307	131,303	39,374	38,370	235,495	47,482	24,689	51,599	30,850	110,674	1,636,551
Cash in vault	19,628	75,304	16,165	31,202	13,686	10,904	44,411	7,588	5,756	12,886	10,539	23,147	271,216
Net demand deposits	906,814	5,496,944	773,820	1,023,622	384,988	339,317	1,752,517	407,016	214,314	493,908	278,529	785,140	12,856,929
Time deposits	422,068	1,383,837	248,009	830,285	219,122	227,965	1,062,938	231,858	122,731	147,153	109,381	887,984	5,893,331
Government deposits	10,096	31,111	14,760	8,314	3,024	6,724	9,442	2,763	533	1,447	3,311	10,262	101,787
Due from banks	48,450	125,601	60,376	97,273	56,448	78,290	209,589	69,398	43,006	134,693	94,548	140,698	1,158,370
Due to banks	143,265	1,108,110	174,473	257,908	115,615	126,641	506,967	152,568	93,984	231,651	119,591	264,710	3,295,483
Bills pay. & redts. with F. R. Bk.:													
Secured by U.S. Gov't obligations	375	61,410	5,760	19,441	3,804	6	23,288	2,090	35	1,407	120	17,518	135,254
All other	10,009	14,726	3,305	14,181	5,944	8,973	19,308	659	1,023	1,125	898	7,985	88,136
Total borrowings from F.R. Bank	10,384	76,136	9,065	33,622	9,748	8,979	42,596	2,749	1,058	2,532	1,018	25,503	223,390

* Not available.

2. Data of reporting member banks in New York City, Chicago, and for the whole country.

	All Reporting Member Banks.			Reporting Member Banks in N. Y. City.			Reporting Member Banks in Chicago.		
	Feb. 9 1927.	Feb. 2 1927.	Feb. 10 1926.	Feb. 9 1927.	Feb. 2 1927.	Feb. 10 1926.	Feb. 9 1927.	Feb. 2 1927.	Feb. 10 1926.
Number of reporting banks	679	679	716	54	54	61	45	45	46
Loans and discounts, gross:									
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations	146,529,000	148,844,000	165,165,000	54,610,000	56,136,000	53,725,000	12,292,000	12,955,000	16,784,000
Secured by stocks and bonds	5,431,186,000	5,515,462,000	5,507,578,000	1,895,178,000	1,988,161,000	2,178,785,000	661,203,000	663,878,000	618,151,000
All other loans and discounts	8,570,390,000	8,563,891,000	8,333,451,000	2,472,056,000	2,471,113,000	2,233,936,000	688,475,000	693,664,000	696,662,000
Total loans and discounts	14,148,105,000	14,228,197,000	14,006,194,000	4,421,844,000	4,515,410,000	4,466,446,000	1,361,970,000	1,370,497,000	1,329,597,000
Investments:									
U. S. Government securities	2,351,123,000	2,344,186,000	2,549,225,000	854,603,000	854,353,000	938,195,000	152,686,000	157,464,000	175,129,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities	3,218,633,000	3,215,435,000	2,940,485,000	895,498,000	900,454,000	823,348,000	218,496,000	219,684,000	199,295,000
Total investments	5,569,756,000	5,559,621,000	5,489,710,000	1,750,101,000	1,754,807,000</				

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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 1030.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Ann Arbor, Ches & Ohio, etc.

Table with columns: Industrial & Miscell., Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Lists various industrial stocks like Amalgamated, Amalgamated, etc.

* No par value.

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

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Lists various Treasury certificates.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Lists various realty and surety companies like Alliance R'ty, Amer Surety, etc.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table with columns: Banks—N.Y., Bid, Ask, Banks, Bid, Ask, Trust Cos., Bid, Ask. Lists various banks and trust companies like America, Amer Union, 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. The transactions in registered bonds are given in a footnote at the end of the tabulation.

Table with columns: Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, Feb. 12, Feb. 14, Feb. 15, Feb. 16, Feb. 17, Feb. 18. Lists various bond prices and sales.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 4 1st 4 1/8s, 103 1/2 to 103 1/2; 6 2d 4 1/8s, 103 1/2 to 103 1/2; 14 2d 4 1/8s, 100 1/4 to 100 1/4; 1 Treasury 4 1/8s, 106 1/2 to 106 1/2; 27 3d 4 1/8s, 101 1/2 to 101 1/2.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange has been marking time this week, with trading colorless and rate movements narrow and meaningless. The Continental exchanges were also exceptionally quiet, with the possible exception of Spanish pesetas, which continue to be subjected to speculative manipulation.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 84 17-32 for checks and 4 85 1-32 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4 84 13-32; sixty days, 4 80 13-32; ninety days, 4 78 9-32, and documents for payment (sixty days) 4 80 21-32; cotton for payment, 4 84 13-32, and grain for payment, 4 84 13-32.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 3.89 3/4 @ 3.90 for short. German bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 40.00 for short. Exchange at Paris on London, 123.81 1/2; week's range, 123.32 high and 123.81 1/2 low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows: Sterling Actual—High for the week, 4 84 21-32; Checks, 4 85 5-32; Cables, 4 85 1-32; Low for the week, 4 84 17-32. Paris Bankers' Francs—High for the week, 3.92 1/2; Low for the week, 3.90 3/4. Germany Bankers' Marks—High for the week, 23.69; Low for the week, 23.70. Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders—High for the week, 40.01 1/2; Low for the week, 40.01.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$1.5625 per \$1,000 discount. Cincinnati, par.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 1032. A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 1057.

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Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926. Includes stock names like Aetch Topeka & Santa Fe, Chicago & North Western, and Southern Railway.

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

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

Saturday, Feb. 12.	Monday, Feb. 14.	Tuesday, Feb. 15.	Wednesday, Feb. 16.	Thursday, Feb. 17.	Friday, Feb. 18.
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
38 3/8	36 3/8	37 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	40 1/4
41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
141 1/4	140 1/4	142 1/2	139 1/4	140 1/2	140 1/2
11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	10 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/4
1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4
137 1/4	138 1/4	138 1/4	137 1/2	139	137 1/2
121 1/4	121 1/4	121 1/4	122 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/2
91 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	91 1/4	91 1/4	91 1/2
*110 111	*110 111	*109 1/2	*109 1/2	*109 1/2	*109 1/2
21 1/2	22 1/4	21 1/4	20 1/2	19 1/2	20 1/4
36 1/8	37 1/8	36 3/8	36 1/4	35 3/8	36 1/4
13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4
48 1/4	49 1/4	47 1/2	47 1/2	48 1/2	47 1/2
47 1/4	47 1/4	47 1/4	47 1/4	47 1/4	47 1/4
24 1/4	24 1/4	24 1/4	24 1/4	24 1/4	24 1/4
*56 56 1/2	*56 56 1/2	*55 1/2	*55 1/2	*55 1/2	*55 1/2
14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	13 1/2	14 1/2	15 1/2
*142 1/4	*144 1/4	*144 1/4	*143 1/4	*139 1/2	*139 1/2
*117 124	*117 123	*117 123	*117 123	*117 123	*117 123
36 1/8	36 1/8	35 3/4	36 1/8	35 1/2	36 1/8
97 1/2	96 3/4	96 3/4	96 3/4	96 3/4	96 3/4
46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
127 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2
104 10 1/4	104 10 1/4	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/4
*127 130	*127 130	*127 130	*127 130	*127 130	*127 130
28 1/2	29	28 1/2	28 1/2	29	29 1/2
40 43	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
39 1/2	40 1/4	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
10 10 1/4	10 10 1/4	10 10 1/4	10 10 1/4	10 10 1/4	10 10 1/4
131 131	*129 1/2	132 1/2	130 1/2	132 1/2	132 1/2
20 1/2	19 1/4	20 1/4	19 1/4	19 1/4	19 1/4
36 1/8	36 1/8	36 1/8	36 1/8	36 1/8	36 1/8
9 1/4	9 1/4	9 1/4	9 1/4	9 1/4	9 1/4
*51 52	*50 1/2	52	51 1/2	50 1/2	52
3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2
12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4
*85 85 1/2	*85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2
39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4
25 1/2	26 1/8	25 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
*61 62 1/4	59 61 1/4	60 1/4	62	59 1/2	60 1/2
110 112	110 112	110 112	110 112	110 112	110 112
*119 121	*119 121	*120 120 1/2	*119 120 1/2	*119 120 1/2	*119 120 1/2
78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	79 1/2	80 1/2
133 133	*133 1/4	*131	*132 1/4	*132 1/4	*132 1/4
42 42	41 1/4	41 1/4	42 42	43 1/2	42 1/2
*110 112	*110 112	*110 112	*110 112	*108 1/2	*112
57 57	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2
112 114 1/2	114 114 1/2	114 1/4	114 1/2	113 1/4	113 1/2
*91 93 1/2	*91 93 1/2	*91 93 1/2	*91 93 1/2	*91 93 1/2	*91 93 1/2
*50 55	*45 55	51 1/4	51 1/4	48 5/4	45 5/2
51 1/2	52	50 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	50 1/2
143 144	143 144 1/2	143 144 1/2	143 144 1/2	143 144 1/2	143 144 1/2
120 120 1/2	120 121 1/2	120 121 1/2	120 121 1/2	120 121 1/2	121 1/2
127 129 1/2	128 129 1/2	129 129 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2	129 1/2
46 46 1/2	46 46 1/2	46 46 1/2	46 46 1/2	45 46	45 46
*113 112	*113 112	*113 112	*113 112	*113 112	*113 112
*82 83	*82 83	*83 83	*82 83	*83 83	*83 83
109 109 1/2	109 109 1/2	109 109 1/2	109 109 1/2	109 109 1/2	109 109 1/2
45 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	46 1/2	47 1/2
28 1/4	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
155 155 1/2	155 155 1/2	155 155 1/2	155 155 1/2	157 157 1/2	157 157 1/2
122 122 1/4	120 122 1/4	122 123 1/2	122 123 1/2	122 123 1/2	122 123 1/2
112 112	112 112	112 112	112 112	110 112	112
120 120 1/2	120 122 1/2	121 122 1/2	122 122 1/2	121 122	122 1/2
134 136 1/4	137 140	140 143 1/2	143 144 1/2	143 144 1/2	143 144 1/2
64 65 1/4	64 65 1/4	64 65 1/4	64 65 1/4	64 65 1/4	64 65 1/4
*105 106 1/2	*105 106 1/2	105 105 1/2	*105 105 1/2	105 105 1/2	105 105 1/2
24 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2
77 1/2	77 1/2	73 1/2	75 1/2	73 1/2	74 1/2
1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4
9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
45 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
*40 41 1/2	*40 41 1/2	*40 41 1/2	*40 41 1/2	*40 41 1/2	*40 41 1/2
*106 108	*106 108	*106 108	*106 108	*106 108	*106 108
96 96	96 96	95 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2
14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4
7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4
*86 87	*86 86 1/2	*85 1/2	86	*85 1/2	86 1/2
*23 1/2	*23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
*22 1/2	*22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
50 50 1/2	50 50	49 50	49 50	49 50	49 50
*113 114	*113 114	*113 114	*113 114 1/2	*113 114 1/2	*113 114 1/2
40 41 1/2	41 42 1/2	42 42 1/2	42 42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
*100 102	*101 101	*101 103	*101 102	*101 102	*101 102
*105 109	*105 108	*105 109	*106 108	*106 108	*106 108
49 1/4	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	50 50	50 50
36 36 1/2	36 36 1/2	36 36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/2
*36 1/2	*37 1/4	37 1/4	36 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/4
112 114	114 114 1/2	114 114 1/2	114 114 1/2	114 112 1/2	114 112 1/2
*116 116 1/2	*116 116 1/2	116 116 1/2	116 117	116 117	116 117
*61 62	62 62 1/2	60 62	60 62	60 62	60 62
100 100 1/4	99 100 1/4	99 99 1/2	99 99 1/2	98 98	98 98
8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
*71 8 1/2	*71 8 1/2	*71 8 1/2	*71 8 1/2	*71 8 1/2	*71 8 1/2
52 52	*50 54	*52 54 1/4	*52 54	*52 54	*52 54
175 178	174 178 1/4	177 178 1/2	185 190 1/4	186 189 1/2	151 200
117 117 1/2	117 118 1/2	117 119 1/4	116 120	116 120	600
32 1/2	33 1/4	33 1/4	33 1/4	33 1/4	33 1/4
30 30 1/4	30 30 1/4	30 30 1/4	30 30 1/4	30 30 1/4	30 30 1/4
52 1/2	53 54 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2
*57 1/4	*58 1/4	58 1/4	58 1/4	58 1/4	58 1/4
21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
46 47 1/4	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
107 108	107 107 1/2	107 108	107 107 1/2	107 108	107 108
39 1/2	39 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2
*110 111	*110 110 1/4	*109 1/2	*108 1/2	*108 1/2	*109 1/2
*53 1/2	*53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
*40 48	*41 46	*41 46	*41 46	*41 46	*41 46
*25 1/2	*25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
32 32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4
150 151 1/2	150 151 1/2	149 1/2	150 150 1/2	150 150 1/2	150 150 1/2
91 92 1/2	92 92 1/2	92 92 1/2	91 91 1/2	91 91 1/2	91 1/2
32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	31 31 1/2	31 31 1/2	31 1/2
*108 112	*108 112	*108 112	*108 112	*108 112	*108 112
34 1/2	34 1/2	34 34 1/4	34 34 1/4	33 1/2	34 1/2
114 114 1/4	114 114 1/4	114 114 1/4	114 114 1/4	114 114 1/4	114 114 1/4
21 1/4	24 1/4	24 1/4	24 1/4	24 1/4	24 1/4
97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	95 100	95 100
124 125	*124 125	124 124 1/2	124 124 1/2	125 125 1/2	125 125 1/2
3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2
*93 1/2	*93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2
103 103 1/2	108 108	107 107 1/2	107 107 1/2	106 106 1/2	106 106 1/2
3 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4
60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 60 1/2	60 60 1/2
10 1/4	10 1/4	10 1/4	10 1/4	11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2
*70 72	*70 72	70 71	70 71	*70 71	*70 71
55 1/2	57 1/4	57 1/4	57 1/4	55 1/2	57 1/4

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE	PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927 On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926	
	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
Indus. & Miscel. (Con.) Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
1,500 Advance Rumely pref.....100	30 1/4	Jan 25	41	Feb 9
4,800 Ahumada Lead.....100	34 1/2	Jan 26	5 1/2	Jan 9
2,200 Air Reduction, Inc. No par	13 1/2	Jan 26	14 1/2	Feb 18
31,900 Alaj Rubber, Inc. No par	9	Jan 4	12 1/2	Feb 1
5,600 Alaska Juneau Gold Mfg. No par	14	Jan 26	2 1/2	Feb 18
92,500 Allied Chemical & Dye No par	131	Jan 25	147 1/2	Feb 18
1,000 Preferred.....100	120 1/4	Feb 10	122 1/2	Feb 16
5,000 Allis-Chalmers Mfg. No par	88	Jan 25	92 1/2	Feb 18
Preferred.....100	109	Feb 9	111	Jan 10
15,300 Amalgamated Leather No par	16	Jan 25	24 1/2	Feb 11
16,600 Ameralg Corp. No par	31 1/2	Jan 26	37 1/2	Feb 7
3,900 Amer Agricultural				

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Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sales for the Week); STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927 (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like California Packing, California Petroleum, Callahan Zinc-Lead, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend ‡ Ex-rights

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927 On basis of 100-shares lots		PER SHARE Rangs for Previous Year 1926				
Saturday, Feb. 12.	Monday, Feb. 14.	Tuesday, Feb. 15.	Wednesday, Feb. 16.	Thursday, Feb. 17.	Friday, Feb. 18.		Shares	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest				
\$ per share							Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share				
103	103	102 1/2	106	102 1/2	106	100	Gen Gas & Elec pf A (7) No par	100	Jan 3	107 1/2	Jan 24	95	May	100	Dec
115	115	114 1/2	117	114 1/2	117	100	Preferred A (8) No par	115	Jan 15	115 1/2	Jan 28	105 1/2	Apr	113	Sept
97 1/2	100	97 1/2	100	97 1/2	100	100	Preferred B (7) No par	97 1/2	Jan 13	98 1/2	Feb 2	92 1/4	Apr	96	Jan
155 1/2	158 1/2	157 1/2	159 1/2	154 1/2	157 1/2	353,000	General Motors Corp. No par	145 1/2	Jan 25	159 1/2	Feb 15	113 1/4	Mar	225 1/4	Aug
120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	121	800	7% preferred No par	120	Jan 26	122	Jan 7	113 1/2	Jan	122 1/2	Dec
104	104	104	104	104	104	100	6% preferred No par	105	Jan 3	105	Jan 3	98 1/4	Apr	105	June
93	94	92 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	Gen Ry Signal new No par	82 1/2	Jan 14	96 1/2	Feb 18	60 1/2	Mar	93 1/2	Aug
40	43	40	43	40	43	40	General Refractories No par	38	Jan 14	43	Feb 5	36	May	49	Jan
42	42	42	42 1/2	41 1/2	42	41 1/2	Gimbel Bros. No par	40	Jan 4	44 1/2	Jan 28	41 1/4	Nov	75 1/2	Jan
102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	100	Preferred No par	102 1/2	Feb 7	104 1/2	Jan 11	100	Nov	113 1/2	Jan
20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	Gillette Co. No par	18 1/2	Jan 26	21 1/2	Jan 3	15 1/2	Jan	25 1/2	Jan
45 1/4	46 1/2	45 1/4	46 1/2	44 1/2	46 1/2	45 1/4	Gold Dust Corp. No par	42 1/2	Jan 29	47 1/2	Jan 9	41 1/2	Mar	55 1/2	Feb
54 1/2	55 1/2	52 1/2	54 1/2	52	53 1/2	52 1/2	Goodrich Co (B F) No par	42 1/2	Jan 3	55 1/2	Feb 14	39 1/2	Jan	70 1/4	Feb
99	99	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/2	99 1/2	99	Preferred No par	95	Jan 3	99 1/2	Feb 16	94 1/2	Dec	100	Feb
100 1/4	100 1/2	100 1/4	100 1/2	101	101	100 1/4	Goodyear T & Rub pf v t e No par	1,500	Jan 27	101	Feb 16	96 1/2	Dec	109 1/2	Aug
107	107	107	107	107	107	107 1/2	Prior preferred No par	105	Jan 7	107 1/2	Jan 26	104 1/2	Dec	109	Sept
65	66 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	66	66 1/2	65 1/2	Gotham Silk Hosiery No par	2,200	Jan 12	66 1/2	Feb 16	33 1/4	Mar	69 1/2	Nov
64 1/2	65 1/2	65	65 1/2	66 1/4	66 1/2	66 1/4	New No par	2,100	Jan 12	66 1/2	Feb 16	47 1/2	July	65 1/2	Nov
108 1/4	108 1/4	107 1/2	108 1/4	108	108	107 1/2	Preferred new No par	104	Jan 26	108 1/2	Feb 2				
8 1/4	9	8 1/4	8 3/4	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	Gould Coupler A No par	700	Feb 17	9 1/2	Jan 13	8	Oct	21 1/2	Jan
33 1/4	34 1/2	33 1/4	34 1/2	34	34 1/2	34	Granby Cons M Sm & Pr. 100	15,200	Jan 27	35	Jan 3	16 1/8	Mar	36 1/2	Dec
110 1/4	111 1/2	110 1/4	111 1/2	110 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	Great Western Sugar tem ct25	20,700	Jan 26	114 1/2	Jan 17	89	Apr	113 1/2	Dec
119	119 1/2	117 1/4	119	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	Preferred No par	130	Feb 15	121 1/2	Jan 17	108 1/2	Mar	118 1/2	July
31 1/2	32 1/2	31 1/4	31 1/4	31 1/2	32	32 1/2	Greene Cananea Copper No par	3,800	Jan 27	32 1/2	Feb 14	9 1/4	Apr	34 1/2	Dec
9	9	9	9	9	9 1/4	9 1/4	Guantanamo Sugar No par	1,100	Jan 25	10	Jan 4	5 1/8	Jan	10 1/2	Feb
59 1/4	63 1/4	62 1/2	63 1/2	60 1/4	62 1/4	60 1/4	Gulf States Steel No par	14,600	Jan 4	63 1/2	Feb 15	51 1/2	Oct	93 1/2	Jan
57	57 1/2	58	58	59 1/2	60	60	Hanna 1st pref class A No par	370	Jan 31	67	Jan 19	45	June	60 1/2	Dec
26	26 1/2	25 1/2	27	26	27	26 1/2	Hartman Corp class A No par	56	Jan 22	27	Jan 8	26	Oct	28 1/2	Nov
24 1/2	25 1/2	24 1/2	25 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	Class B No par	2,900	Feb 9	26 1/2	Jan 3	24 1/2	Dec	36 1/2	Sept
16 1/4	16 1/4	15 1/2	16 1/4	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	Hayes Wheel No par	2,466	Feb 15	26	Jan 3	17 1/2	Dec	48	Jan
84 1/4	84 1/4	82 1/2	85	84	84	84 1/2	Hoe (R) & Co tem ct5 No par	76 1/2	Jan 14	85	Feb 17	68	Mar	88	Dec
27 1/2	31 1/4	31 1/4	33 1/4	30 1/2	31 1/2	30 1/2	Homestake Mining No par	22	Jan 31	33 1/2	Feb 15	17 1/2	May	35 1/2	Aug
60	61	60 1/4	60 1/4	60	62	60	Household Prod. Inc. tem ct5 No par	1,000	Jan 25	63 1/2	Jan 12	47 1/2	Jan	63	Oct
48 1/4	49	48 1/4	48 1/4	48 1/2	47 1/4	48 1/4	Houston Oil of Tex tem ct5 No par	43 1/4	Jan 3	49 1/2	Feb 2	40	Mar	45 1/2	Jan
86	88	87	90	87	88 1/2	86	Howe Sound No par	18,500	Jan 11	91 1/2	Feb 7	50 1/4	Mar	71	Jan
37 1/2	38 1/2	38	38 1/2	38 1/2	39	38 1/2	Hudson Motor Car No par	6,000	Feb 14	40 1/2	Feb 2	27	Jan	45	Sept
64 1/2	66	64 1/2	65 1/2	62 1/2	64 1/2	62 1/2	Hupp Motor Car Corp. No par	37 1/2	Jan 24	66	Feb 9	40 1/2	Oct	123 1/4	Jan
21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	Hupp Motor Car Corp. No par	6,900	Jan 17	23 1/2	Jan 10	17	Mar	28 1/2	Jan
31 1/2	32 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2	30 1/2	Independent Oil & Gas. No par	30,800	Jan 3	32 1/2	Feb 1	19 1/2	Mar	34	Jan
15	15 1/4	15 1/4	15 1/4	15	15	15 1/4	Indian Motorcycle No par	1,200	Feb 8	15 1/2	Feb 7	14 1/2	Dec	24 1/2	Feb
8 1/4	9	9 1/4	9 1/4	8 1/2	9	8 1/2	Indian Refining No par	1,200	Jan 29	10 1/2	Feb 1	7 1/2	Oct	13 1/2	Feb
8 1/2	9	9 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	Certificates No par	8,200	Jan 12	9 1/2	Feb 3	7 1/2	Oct	12 1/2	Feb
9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	Ingersoll Rand new No par	92	Jan 10	95 1/2	Jan 3	80 1/4	Mar	104	Jan
41 1/4	41 1/4	41 1/2	41 1/2	42	42	42 1/4	Inland Steel No par	2,600	Jan 15	43 1/2	Jan 3	34 1/2	May	43 1/2	Dec
112 1/2	113	112 1/2	113	112 1/2	113	112 1/2	Preferred No par	111	Jan 3	111	Jan 11	108 1/4	Mar	115	Feb
23	23 1/2	23	23 1/2	23	23 1/2	23 1/2	Inspiration Cons Copper No par	4,100	Feb 14	25 1/2	Jan 12	20 1/4	Mar	28 1/2	Nov
10	10	10	10	10	10 1/2	10	Intercont'l Rubber No par	1,100	Jan 3	13 1/2	Jan 7	12	Dec	21 1/4	Feb
65	65	63	64	63	64	65	Internat Agricul. No par	9	Jan 25	10 1/4	Jan 4	9 1/2	Dec	26 1/4	Jan
59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	Prior preferred No par	60 1/2	Jan 26	65	Feb 14	56 1/2	Dec	95	Jan
41	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	Int Business Machines No par	11,500	Jan 13	60 1/2	Feb 16	38 1/2	Mar	56 1/2	Dec
105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	International Cement No par	8,400	Jan 21	52	Feb 17	44 1/2	Oct	71 1/2	Jan
47 1/2	48 1/4	49	51 1/2	50 1/2	51 1/2	50 1/2	Preferred No par	102 1/4	Jan 21	105 1/4	Feb 18	101 1/2	Oct	106	Jan
155 1/2	158 1/2	155 1/2	157 1/2	155 1/2	161 1/4	160	Inter Comb Eng Corp. No par	195,300	Jan 28	52 1/2	Feb 18	33 1/2	Mar	64 1/2	Jan
127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	International Harvester No par	47,100	Jan 18	163 1/2	Feb 17	112 1/4	Mar	158 1/2	Dec
7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	Preferred No par	3,000	Jan 12	128	Jan 2	118	Jan	129	Dec
41 1/4	42 1/4	41 1/4	42 1/4	40 1/4	41 1/4	40 1/4	Int Mercantile Marine No par	6 1/4	Jan 4	8 1/2	Feb 7	6	Sept	12 1/2	Feb
63	63 1/4	62 1/2	63 1/4	62 1/2	64 1/2	63	International Match pref. 35	30,800	Jan 6	44 1/2	Feb 7	27	Mar	46 1/2	Feb
42	43 1/4	42 1/4	43 1/4	42 1/4	42 1/2	41 1/2	International Nickel (The) 25	4,800	Jan 17	64 1/2	Jan 4	53 1/2	Mar	66 1/2	Feb
101	106	103	106	103	106	103	Preferred No par	37,100	Jan 3	43 1/2	Jan 11	32 1/2	Mar	46 1/4	Jan
55 1/4	56	55 1/2	55 1/2	54 1/2	55	55 1/2	International Paper No par	4,200	Jan 11	106 1/2	Feb 2	101 1/2	Jan	104 1/2	Dec
99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	Preferred (7) No par	400	Jan 3	99 1/2	Feb 14	89	May	100	Dec
160 1/4	161 1/4	161	161	160 1/4	161 1/4	160 1/4	International Shoe No par	100	Jan 21	161	Jan 4	135	May	175	Jan
127 1/2	128 1/2	127 1/2	128 1/2	126 1/2	128 1/2	126 1/2	Internat Teleg & Teleg No par	39,000	Jan 25	131	Feb 18	111	Mar	133	Jan
21	21	21	21	21	21	21	Intertec Corp. No par	5,400	Jan 31	23	Feb 15	18 1/2	July	29	Jan
57 1/2	57 1/2	57	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57	Jewel Tea, Inc. No par	3,000	Jan 3	59 1/2	Feb 9	25	Jan	56 1/2	Dec
120	125	115	125	120	125	125	Preferred No par	200	Jan 28	125	Feb 18	115 1/2	Jan	127 1/2	Nov
16	16 1/4	15 1/2	16 1/4	16	16	16	Jones Bros Tea, Inc. stpd. 100	2,600	Jan 3	16 1/2	Jan 19	9	Dec	19 1/2	Feb
19	19 1/2	19	19 1/2	19	19	19	Jordan Motor Car No par	2,500	Jan 18	22 1/2	Jan 5	12	Nov	66	Feb
113	113	113	113	113	113 1/4	113 1/4	Kansas Gulf No par	10	Jan 11	14	Jan 11	14	Mar	15	Nov
52	52 1/2	51 1/4	52 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2	52	Kan City P & L st pf A No par	112	Feb 10	114 1/2	Jan 13	107 1/4	Jan	115	Nov
10	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10	10 1/4	10	Kayser (J) Co v t e No par								

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Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Feb. 12., Monday, Feb. 14., Tuesday, Feb. 15., Wednesday, Feb. 16., Thursday, Feb. 17., Friday, Feb. 18.) and STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) No par, Miller Rubber etc., Montana Power, etc.). Includes sub-sections for PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1, 1927 and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926.

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

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE	PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927 On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926	
Saturday, Feb. 12.	Monday, Feb. 14.	Tuesday, Feb. 15.	Wednesday, Feb. 16.	Thursday, Feb. 17.	Friday, Feb. 18.			Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares	Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
54 53 ⁵	54 53 ⁵	54 53 ⁵	54 53 ⁵	54 54	54 55 ⁵	40,200	Sears, Roebuck & Co new	51 Jan 17	55 ⁵ Feb 15	44 1/2 Mar	53 ⁵ Sept
*59 60	60 1/4 61 1/4	60 1/4 61 1/4	60 1/4 63 ⁵	63 ⁵ 65 ⁵	64 65	12,200	Shattuck (F G).....No par	56 ⁵ Jan 17	65 ⁵ Feb 17	47 Mar	69 ⁵ Jan
*47 1/4 48 1/2	*47 1/4 48 1/2	*47 1/4 48 1/2	*47 1/4 48 1/2	*46 1/4 48	*46 1/4 48	-----	Shell Transport & Trading £2	44 1/2 Jan 4	47 ⁵ Feb 10	40 1/2 July	45 ⁵ Jan
31 1/2 31 3/4	31 1/2 31 3/4	31 1/2 31 3/4	31 1/2 31 3/4	31 1/2 31 3/4	31 1/2 31 3/4	15,100	Shell Union Oil.....No par	28 1/2 Jan 3	31 1/2 Feb 7	24 Mar	31 Nov
*107 1/2 108 1/2	*107 1/2 108 1/2	*107 1/2 108 1/2	*107 1/2 108 1/2	*107 1/2 108 1/2	*107 1/2 108 1/2	100	Preferred.....100	107 1/2 Jan 27	108 1/2 Jan 10	103 Mar	114 July
21 1/2 22	21 1/2 22	21 1/2 22	21 1/2 22	21 1/2 22	21 1/2 22	25,900	Simms Petroleum.....10	19 Jan 3	22 1/2 Feb 16	15 1/2 Aug	25 ⁵ Jan
35 1/2 36	35 1/2 36	35 1/2 36	35 1/2 36	35 1/2 36	35 1/2 36	4,800	Simmons Co.....No par	33 1/2 Jan 6	36 ⁵ Jan 10	28 ⁵ Oct	54 1/2 Jan
*108 1/4 109 1/2	*108 1/4 109 1/2	*108 1/4 109 1/2	*108 1/4 109 1/2	*108 1/4 109 1/2	*108 1/4 109 1/2	100	Preferred.....100	107 1/4 Jan 4	110 Feb 10	105 1/2 Nov	109 1/2 July
21 1/4 21 3/4	21 1/4 21 3/4	21 1/4 21 3/4	21 1/4 21 3/4	21 1/4 21 3/4	21 1/4 21 3/4	70,600	Sinclair Cons Oil Corp.No par	19 Jan 3	22 1/2 Jan 20	16 1/2 Oct	24 1/2 Feb
102 1/2 102 1/2	102 1/2 102 1/2	102 1/2 102 1/2	102 1/2 102 1/2	102 1/2 102 1/2	102 1/2 102 1/2	1,000	Preferred.....100	97 Jan 6	103 1/2 Jan 31	90 Mar	99 1/2 June
35 1/2 36	35 1/2 36	35 1/2 36	35 1/2 36	35 1/2 36	35 1/2 36	79,500	Skelly Oil Co.....25	34 1/4 Jan 4	37 Feb 18	26 1/2 Mar	37 1/2 June
102 1/2 102 1/2	102 1/2 102 1/2	102 1/2 102 1/2	102 1/2 102 1/2	102 1/2 102 1/2	102 1/2 102 1/2	40,000	Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron 100	123 1/4 Jan 20	131 1/2 Jan 10	103 Apr	142 1/2 Aug
35 1/2 36	35 1/2 36	35 1/2 36	35 1/2 36	35 1/2 36	35 1/2 36	2,800	South Porto Rico Sugar.....No par	15 1/2 Jan 25	17 1/2 Jan 10	12 Apr	16 1/2 Dec
102 1/2 102 1/2	102 1/2 102 1/2	102 1/2 102 1/2	102 1/2 102 1/2	102 1/2 102 1/2	102 1/2 102 1/2	5,000	Preferred.....100	119 Jan 6	125 Feb 18	110 Oct	121 Dec
168 170	167 168	168 169	168 169	169 172	168 170	2,800	Southern Calif Edison.....25	31 1/2 Jan 3	34 1/2 Jan 13	30 Dec	33 July
*123 1/2 124 1/2	*123 1/2 124 1/2	*123 1/2 124 1/2	*123 1/2 124 1/2	*123 1/2 124 1/2	*123 1/2 124 1/2	9,700	Southern Dairies of A.No par	3 1/2 Feb 4	4 5/8 Jan 13	41 Oct	55 1/2 July
32 1/2 33	33 33 1/2	33 33 1/2	33 33 1/2	33 33 1/2	33 33 1/2	6,900	Class B.....No par	12 Feb 1	20 Jan 7	17 1/2 Oct	35 1/2 Mar
37 1/2 38	35 1/2 37 1/2	35 1/2 37 1/2	35 1/2 37 1/2	35 1/2 37 1/2	35 1/2 37 1/2	10 1/4 13	*10 1/4 13	10 1/2 Feb 4	13 Jan 20	10 Dec	17 1/2 Feb
80 80	*78 1/4 78 1/4	*76 1/4 78 1/4	*76 1/4 78 1/4	*76 1/4 78	*76 1/4 78	200	Preferred.....100	77 Jan 12	80 Feb 14	72 Apr	82 1/2 Jan
21 1/4 21 1/2	21 1/4 21 1/2	21 1/4 21 1/2	21 1/4 21 1/2	21 1/4 21 1/2	21 1/4 21 1/2	14,100	Spicer Mfg Co.....No par	20 1/2 Jan 27	24 1/2 Feb 17	18 1/2 Apr	31 1/2 Feb
*101 104	*101 104	*101 104	*101 104	*102 105	*102 105	-----	Preferred.....100	106 Jan 10	106 Jan 10	101 Jan	107 1/2 Dec
55 55 1/2	54 1/2 55 1/2	54 1/2 55 1/2	54 1/2 55 1/2	54 1/2 55 1/2	54 1/2 55 1/2	4,700	Standard Gas & El Co.No par	54 Jan 25	55 1/2 Jan 5	51 Mar	69 Feb
59 59 1/2	59 59 1/2	59 59 1/2	59 60	59 59	59 59	1,500	Preferred.....50	57 1/2 Jan 3	60 Feb 16	53 1/2 Mar	57 1/2 Feb
71 71	*71 72 1/2	*71 72 1/2	*71 72 1/2	*71 71	*71 72 1/2	200	Standard Milling.....100	70 1/4 Jan 4	72 1/2 Feb 11	67 1/2 Oct	92 1/2 Feb
89 89	89 1/2 90	89 1/2 90	89 1/2 90	89 89 1/2	89 90	230	Preferred.....100	84 Jan 5	90 1/2 Feb 9	80 Mar	90 Feb
59 1/4 59 1/4	59 1/4 59 1/4	59 1/4 59 1/4	59 1/4 59 1/4	58 58 1/2	58 58 1/2	10,600	Standard Oil of Cal new.No par	58 Jan 3	60 1/4 Jan 19	52 1/2 May	63 1/2 Sept
39 1/2 40	39 1/2 40	39 1/2 40	39 1/2 40	39 39 1/2	39 39 1/2	57,700	Standard Oil of New Jersey .25	37 1/2 Jan 10	41 1/2 Feb 5	37 1/2 Dec	46 1/2 Jan
116 1/8 116 1/8	116 1/8 116 1/8	116 1/8 116 1/8	116 1/8 116 1/8	116 1/8 116 1/8	116 1/8 116 1/8	1,400	Preferred non-voting.....100	115 1/2 Jan 3	116 1/2 Feb 11	115 Nov	119 1/2 May
33 1/4 33 1/2	33 1/4 33 1/2	33 1/4 33 1/2	33 1/4 33 1/2	32 3/4 33 1/2	32 3/4 33 1/2	26,900	Standard Oil of New York .25	32 1/2 Feb 18	34 1/2 Jan 8	32 1/2 Dec	33 1/2 Dec
3 1/2 3 1/2	3 1/2 3 1/2	3 1/2 3 1/2	3 1/2 3 1/2	3 1/2 3 1/2	3 1/2 3 1/2	600	Stand Plate Glass Co.....No par	3 Jan 11	4 1/4 Jan 3	3 1/2 Nov	10 1/2 Feb
94 1/4 94 1/4	94 1/4 94 1/4	94 1/4 94 1/4	94 1/4 94 1/4	93 1/2 94	93 1/2 94	1,700	Stearns Products.....No par	90 1/2 Jan 4	96 1/2 Jan 12	75 Mar	96 1/2 Jan
63 1/2 64 1/2	64 1/2 65 1/2	64 1/2 65 1/2	64 1/2 65 1/2	63 1/2 64	63 1/2 64	7,100	Stewart-Parn Sp Corp.No par	62 1/2 Jan 20	67 1/2 Jan 5	61 Nov	92 1/2 Jan
49 49	49 49	49 49	48 1/2 49	50 50	48 1/2 49	400	Stramberg Carburetor.....No par	47 1/2 Jan 3	51 1/2 Jan 7	47 1/2 Dec	77 1/2 Jan
53 1/2 54 1/2	53 1/2 54 1/2	53 1/2 54 1/2	53 1/2 54 1/2	52 1/2 53	51 1/2 52 1/2	50,900	Studebaker Corp (The) new No par	51 1/2 Feb 18	56 1/2 Jan 7	47 Mar	61 Dec
*118 1/2 122	*120 122	*120 122	*120 122	*120 122	*120 122	-----	Preferred.....100	118 Feb 10	120 Jan 4	114 1/2 Feb	122 1/2 Sept
2 1/2 2 1/2	2 1/2 2 1/2	2 1/2 2 1/2	2 1/2 2 1/2	2 1/2 2 1/2	2 1/2 2 1/2	4,000	Submarine Boat.....No par	2 1/2 Jan 4	3 1/4 Jan 8	1 1/2 July	3 1/2 Feb
*20 1/2 22	20 20	20 20	20 20	*20 21	*20 21	1,100	Sun Oil.....No par	31 1/4 Jan 10	34 1/2 Jan 17	30 1/2 Mar	41 1/2 Jan
12 1/4 13 1/2	12 1/4 12 1/2	*11 1/2 12 1/2	12 1/4 12 1/2	12 1/4 12 1/2	12 1/4 12 1/2	127,500	Superior Oil.....No par	4 1/2 Jan 3	6 1/2 Feb 18	1 July	5 1/2 Dec
4 1/2 4 1/2	4 1/2 4 1/2	4 1/2 4 1/2	4 1/2 4 1/2	4 1/2 4 1/2	4 1/2 4 1/2	300	Superior Steel.....100	19 1/2 Jan 25	25 1/4 Jan 21	19 1/2 Apr	34 1/2 Sept
11 1/2 11 1/2	10 1/2 11	10 1/2 11	10 1/2 11	10 1/2 11	10 1/2 11	3,300	Sweets Co of America.....50	11 1/2 Jan 27	13 1/2 Feb 3	8 1/2 Apr	17 1/2 Sept
12 1/2 12 1/2	*12 12 1/2	*12 12 1/2	*12 12 1/2	*12 12 1/2	*12 12 1/2	900	Swymington temp cots.No par	4 1/2 Feb 8	6 Jan 14	4 Nov	14 1/2 Jan
56 1/2 57	57 57	57 57	57 57 1/2	57 57	56 1/2 57	300	Telautograph Corp.....No par	11 1/2 Jan 10	13 1/2 Jan 22	11 Apr	14 1/2 Jan
12 1/4 12 1/2	12 12 1/2	12 12 1/2	12 12 1/2	11 1/2 12 1/4	12 1/4 12 1/2	7,400	Tenn Copp & C.....No par	10 1/2 Jan 4	13 1/4 Jan 13	10 1/2 Dec	16 Feb
56 1/2 57	57 57	57 57	57 57 1/2	57 57	56 1/2 57	1,300	Texas Company (The).....25	55 1/2 Jan 26	58 Jan 17	48 Mar	58 Aug
56 1/2 57 1/2	56 1/2 57 1/2	56 1/2 57 1/2	56 1/2 57 1/2	56 1/2 57	56 1/2 57	13,700	Texas Corporation.....25	50 Jan 26	58 Jan 17	53 1/2 Nov	57 1/2 Dec
53 1/4 54 1/4	53 1/4 54 1/4	53 1/4 54 1/4	53 1/4 54 1/4	52 1/2 53 1/2	52 1/2 53 1/2	97,200	Texas Gulf Sulphur new No par	49 Jan 3	54 1/2 Feb 14	39 Oct	52 1/2 Nov
15 1/2 15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	15 15 1/2	15 15 1/2	13,600	Texas Pacific Coal & Oil.....10	14 1/2 Jan 27	16 1/2 Jan 12	12 Oct	19 1/2 Jan
15 1/2 16 1/4	15 1/2 16 1/4	15 1/2 16 1/4	15 1/2 16 1/4	17 1/8 18 1/2	17 1/8 18 1/2	33,400	Texas Pac Land Trust new .1	15 1/2 Jan 25	20 1/4 Jan 13	-----	-----
*27 1/4 27 1/2	*27 1/4 27 1/2	*27 1/4 27 1/2	*27 1/4 27 1/2	*27 1/4 27 1/2	*27 1/4 27 1/2	1,200	The Fair.....No par	24 1/4 Jan 11	28 1/2 Feb 18	26 1/2 Dec	34 Jan
48 1/2 49 1/2	48 1/2 49 1/2	48 1/2 49 1/2	48 1/2 49 1/2	49 49	49 49 1/4	1,300	Thompson (J R) Co.....25	47 Jan 26	49 1/2 Feb 18	42 1/2 May	50 1/2 Sept
*27 28	*27 27 1/2	*27 28	*27 28	*27 28	*27 28	700	Tide Water Oil.....100	27 1/2 Feb 8	29 1/2 Jan 13	27 Nov	39 1/4 Jan
88 1/2 88 1/2	88 1/2 88 1/2	88 1/2 88 1/2	88 1/2 88 1/2	88 1/2 88 1/2	88 1/2 88 1/2	78,700	Preferred.....100	89 1/2 Feb 2	89 1/2 Jan 19	87 1/2 Nov	103 Jan
92 93 1/2	92 93 1/2	92 93 1/2	92 93 1/2	91 1/2 92 1/2	91 1/2 92 1/2	400	Timken Roller Bearing.....No par	73 Jan 3	95 1/2 Feb 18	73 Mar	85 1/2 Nov
108 1/8 108 1/2	108 108 1/2	108 108 1/2	108 108 1/2	107 1/2 108 1/2	108 108 1/2	400	Tobacco Products Corp.....100	107 Jan 26	110 1/2 Jan 5	95 1/4 Mar	113 1/2 Sept
114 1/4 114 1/4	*114 114 1/2	*114 114 1/2	*114 114 1/2	*114 114 1/2	*114 114 1/2	122,100	Class A.....100	113 1/2 Jan 4	116 1/2 Jan 18	103 Mar	115 1/2 July
4 1/2 5	4 1/2 5	4 1/2 5	4 1/2 5	4 1/2 5	4 1/2 5	300	Transo'l Oil temet new No par	4 1/2 Jan 13	5 Feb 14	3 Mar	5 1/2 July
14 15	14 1/2 14 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2	14 14 1/2	14 14 1/2	1,000	Transac & Williams St'l No par	14 Feb 18	15 1/4 Jan 6	15 Aug	27 Jan
47 47 1/4	46 1/4 46 1/4	46 1/4 46 1/4	46 1/4 46 1/4	46 47	46 1/4 46 1/4	1,000	Underwriter Typewriter.....25	45 Jan 29	47 1/2 Jan 19	43 1/2 Nov	63 1/4 Jan
41 41	40 1/4 40 1/4	40 1/4 40 1/4	40 1/4 40 1/4	40 40 1/2	40 1/4 41	2,600	Union Bag & Paper Corp.....100	38 1/2 Jan 25	43 1/4 Jan 3	35 May	71 1/4 Jan
105 1/2 106 1/2	105 1/2 106 1/2	105 1/2 106 1/2	105 1/2 106 1/2	106 106 1/2	106 106 1/2	27,300	Union Carbide & Carb.No par	99 1/2 Jan 26	107 1/2 Feb 18	77 1/2 Mar	100 3/4 Dec
53 53 1/4	52 1/2 53 1/4	52 1/2 53 1/4	52 1/2 53 1/4	52 1/2 52 1/2	52 1/2 52 1/2	16,100	Union Oil California.....100	52 1/2 Feb 18	56 1/2 Jan 6	37 1/4 Jan	58 1/2 Dec
97 1/4 97 1/4	97 1/4 97 1/4	97 1/4 97 1/4	97 1/4 97 1/4	97 1/2 97 1/4	96 98	400	United Tank Car new.....100	94 Jan 3	98 1/4 Jan 19	93 Dec	95 1/4 Aug
95 95 1/4	95 95 1/4	95 95 1/4	94 1/4 95 1/4	94 1/2 95	94 94 1/4	6,000	United Cigar Stores.....25	93 1/4 Jan 25	100 Jan 6	83 1/2 Feb	109 1/4 Dec
*128 132	*128 132	*128 132	*128 132	*128 132	*128 132	-----	Preferred.....100	125 Jan 5	128 Jan 5	114 1/2 Mar	125 June
164 165 1/2	*163 1/2 165 1/2	*1									

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table containing bond records for U.S. Government, State and City Securities, Foreign Govt and Municipal, and various international bonds. Columns include Bond Description, Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Friday, Feb. 18), Week's Range or Last Sale, Range (Low/High), and Bonds Sold. Includes sub-sections for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Feb. 18.' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Feb. 18.' with various bond types like 'Central Ohio reorg 4 1/2%', 'Central RR of Ga coll g 5%', etc.

Due Feb. Due May. Due Dec.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Feb. 18.										BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Feb. 18.									
Interest Period	Price Friday, Feb. 18.	Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1.		Interest Period	Price Friday, Feb. 18.	Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1.							
		Bid	Ask		Low	High			Low	High		Low	High						
K C Ft S & M Ry ref g 4s...	1036	A	92 1/4	Sale	92 1/4	92 1/4	18	92	93	92	93	92	93						
K C & M R & B 1st g 5s...	1929	A	100 1/4	Sale	100 1/4	100 1/4	17	99 1/2	100 1/4	99 1/2	100 1/4	99	100 1/4						
Kansas City Sou 1st g 5s...	1950	A	73 1/2	Sale	73 1/2	73 1/2	17	72 1/2	74 1/2	72 1/2	74 1/2	72	74 1/2						
Ref & Imp 5s...	1950	J	99 3/4	Sale	99 1/2	99 1/2	42	99 1/4	100 1/4	99 1/4	100 1/4	99 1/4	100 1/4						
Kansas City Term 1st 4s...	1960	J	89	Sale	88 3/4	89	49	88	89 1/4	88	89 1/4	88	89 1/4						
Kentucky Central gold 4s...	1987	J	88	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	3	88	88 1/2	88	88 1/2	88	88 1/2						
Kentucky & Ind Term 4 1/2s...	1961	J	86	88	85 1/4	Dec'26	26	85	86 1/4	85	86 1/4	85	86 1/4						
Stamped	1961	J	90 1/4	Sale	89	90 1/4	9	88 1/2	90 1/4	88 1/2	90 1/4	88 1/2	90 1/4						
Lake Erie & West 1st g 5s...	1937	J	102 1/4	102 1/2	102 1/4	102 1/4	4	102 1/4	102 1/2	102 1/4	102 1/2	102 1/4	102 1/2						
Lake Erie & West 1st g 5s...	1941	J	100 3/4	104 1/4	100 3/4	Jan'27	27	100 3/4	104 1/4	100 3/4	104 1/4	100 3/4	104 1/4						
Lake Erie & Mich S g 3 1/2s...	1937	J	81	Sale	80 1/2	80 1/2	6	80 1/2	81 1/4	80 1/2	81 1/4	80 1/2	81 1/4						
Registered	1937	J	80 1/4	80 3/4	80 1/4	80 1/4	7	80 1/4	80 3/4	80 1/4	80 3/4	80 1/4	80 3/4						
Debtenture gold 4s...	1928	M	99 3/4	Sale	99 1/4	99 3/4	23	98 3/4	99 3/4	98 3/4	99 3/4	98 3/4	99 3/4						
25-year gold 4s...	1931	M	98 1/8	Sale	98	98 1/4	30	97 3/8	98 3/4	97 3/8	98 3/4	97 3/8	98 3/4						
Registered	1931	M	98 1/8	Sale	98	98 1/4	30	97 3/8	98 3/4	97 3/8	98 3/4	97 3/8	98 3/4						
Leh Val Harbor Term 5s...	1954	F	104 7/8	105	105 1/4	Jan'27	27	104 1/2	105 1/4	104 1/2	105 1/4	104 1/2	105 1/4						
Leh Val N Y 1st g 4 1/2s...	1940	J	98 3/4	99 1/8	98 1/2	Jan'27	27	98 1/4	98 3/4	98 1/4	98 3/4	98 1/4	98 3/4						
Lehigh Val (Pa) cons g 4s...	2003	M	87	87 1/2	87	13	86 1/4	87 1/2	87	86 1/4	87 1/2	86 1/4	87 1/2						
Registered	2003	M	84	84	84	18	84	84	84	84	84	84	84						
General cons 4 1/2s...	2003	M	98 3/4	Sale	98 1/2	99	18	97 3/4	98 3/4	97 3/4	98 3/4	97 3/4	98 3/4						
Lehigh Val RR gen 5s series...	2003	A	105 3/4	Sale	105 1/4	106 1/8	28	105 1/4	106 1/8	105 1/4	106 1/8	105 1/4	106 1/8						
Leh V Term Ry 1st g 5s...	1941	A	102 1/2	103 1/2	102 1/2	Jan'27	27	102 1/2	103 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2						
Leh & N Y 1st guar gold 4s...	1945	A	90 5/8	90 1/4	90 1/4	Jan'27	27	90	90 1/4	90	90 1/4	90	90 1/4						
Lex & East 1st 50-yr 5s gu...	1965	A	110 1/4	111	109 3/4	110 1/4	13	109 3/4	110 1/4	109 3/4	110 1/4	109 3/4	110 1/4						
Little Miami 4s...	1962	M	87	87	87	Jan'27	27	86 3/4	87	86 3/4	87	86 3/4	87						
Long Dock consol g 6s...	1935	A	109	Sale	109	109	3	108 3/4	109	108 3/4	109	108 3/4	109						
Long Isld 1st con gold 5s...	1931	J	96	96	96	Feb'27	27	95 3/4	96	95 3/4	96	95 3/4	96						
1st consol gold 4s...	1931	J	96	96	96	Feb'27	27	95 3/4	96	95 3/4	96	95 3/4	96						
General gold 4s...	1938	J	92 1/4	92 1/4	92 1/4	Feb'27	27	91 3/4	92 1/4	91 3/4	92 1/4	91 3/4	92 1/4						
Gold 4s...	1938	J	94 1/4	95 1/2	94 1/4	Feb'27	27	93 3/4	94 1/4	93 3/4	94 1/4	93 3/4	94 1/4						
Unified gold 4s...	1949	M	89 1/8	89 1/2	89 1/8	89 1/2	6	89 1/8	89 1/2	89 1/8	89 1/2	89 1/8	89 1/2						
Debtenture gold 5s...	1934	J	99 3/4	100	100	Feb'27	27	99	100 1/4	99	100 1/4	99	100 1/4						
20-year p m deb 5s...	1937	M	98 3/8	99 1/8	98 3/8	99	18	98 1/8	99 1/8	98 1/8	99 1/8	98 1/8	99 1/8						
Guar refunding gold 4s...	1949	M	90	91	89 1/4	Feb'27	27	89	89 3/4	89	89 3/4	89	89 3/4						
Nor Sh B 1st con g 5s Oc'32	1922	M	100 1/8	100 3/4	100 1/8	100 3/4	6	100	100 3/4	100	100 3/4	100	100 3/4						
Louisiana & Ark 1st g 5s...	1927	M	100 1/8	100 3/4	100 1/8	100 3/4	6	100	100 3/4	100	100 3/4	100	100 3/4						
Lou & Jeff Edge Co gu g 4s...	1945	M	90	90	90	Feb'27	27	89 3/8	90 1/2	89 3/8	90 1/2	89 3/8	90 1/2						
Louisville & Nashville 6s...	1937	M	105 1/4	106 1/8	106 1/8	106 1/8	1	105 3/4	106 1/8	105 3/4	106 1/8	105 3/4	106 1/8						
Collateral trust gold 6s...	1940	M	96 1/4	96 3/4	96 1/4	96 3/4	9	95 3/4	96 3/4	95 3/4	96 3/4	95 3/4	96 3/4						
10-year secured 7s...	1931	M	103 1/8	104 1/8	103 1/8	104 1/8	19	103 1/8	104 1/8	103 1/8	104 1/8	103 1/8	104 1/8						
1st refund 5 1/2s series A...	2003	A	106 1/2	108 1/8	106 1/2	108 1/8	5	105 3/4	106 1/2	105 3/4	106 1/2	105 3/4	106 1/2						
1st & ref 5s series B...	2003	A	106 1/2	108 1/8	106 1/2	108 1/8	5	105 3/4	106 1/2	105 3/4	106 1/2	105 3/4	106 1/2						
1st & ref 4 1/2s series C...	2003	A	100 1/8	100 3/4	100 1/8	100 3/4	12	99 3/4	100 1/4	99 3/4	100 1/4	99 3/4	100 1/4						
N O & M 1st gold 6s...	1930	J	103 3/8	107	103 3/8	Jan'27	27	103 3/8	103 3/8	103 3/8	103 3/8	103 3/8	103 3/8						
2d gold 6s...	1930	J	103 3/4	104 1/2	103 3/4	Jan'27	27	103 3/4	104 1/2	103 3/4	104 1/2	103 3/4	104 1/2						
Paducah & Mem Div 4s...	1946	F	94	94	94	Jan'27	27	93 3/4	94	93 3/4	94	93 3/4	94						
St Louis Div 2d gold 3s...	1980	M	67 3/8	67 3/8	67 1/4	67 1/4	4	67 1/4	67 3/8	67 1/4	67 3/8	67 1/4	67 3/8						
Mob & Montg 1st g 4 1/2s...	1945	M	100 1/2	100 3/4	100 1/2	100 3/4	6	100	100 1/2	100	100 1/2	100	100 1/2						
South Ry joint Monon 4s...	1952	J	88	91	87 3/4	88 3/4	11	87 1/2	88 3/4	87 1/2	88 3/4	87 1/2	88 3/4						
All Knox & Cin Div 4s...	1955	M	93 3/4	94 1/4	93 3/4	93 3/4	1	93 3/4	94 1/4	93 3/4	94 1/4	93 3/4	94 1/4						
Louvy Clin & Lin Div g 4 1/2s...	1934	M	100	100 1/4	100	100 1/4	1	100	100 1/4	100	100 1/4	100	100 1/4						
Mahon Coal RR 1st 6s...	1934	M	103 1/8	103 3/4	103	Dec'26	26	102 3/4	103 3/4	102 3/4	103 3/4	102 3/4	103 3/4						
Manila RR (South Lines) 4s...	1939	M	68 1/2	Sale	68 1/2	68 1/2	13	66	68 1/2	66	68 1/2	66	68 1/2						
1st 4s...	1939	M	76 3/4	Sale	76 3/4	77 1/4	7	73 1/2	77 1/4	73 1/2	77 1/4	73 1/2	77 1/4						
Manitoba S W Colonia 1st 5s...	1934	J	100	100 1/2	100	100 1/2	7	99 3/4	100 1/2	99 3/4	100 1/2	99 3/4	100 1/2						
Man G B & N W 1st 3 1/2s...	1941	J	85 1/4	85 1/4	85 1/4	Dec'26	26	84 3/4	85 1/4	84 3/4	85 1/4	84 3/4	85 1/4						
Mich Cent Det & Bay City 5s...	1931	M	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	Jan'27	27	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2						
Registered	1931	M	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	Jan'27	27	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2						
Mich Air Line 4s...	1940	J	95 1/8	95 1/8	95 1/8	95 1/8	6	95 1/8	95 1/8	95 1/8	95 1/8	95 1/8	95 1/8						
Registered	1940	J	95 1/8	95 1/8	95 1/8	95 1/8	6	95 1/8	95 1/8	95 1/8	95 1/8	95 1/8	95 1/8						
J L & S 1st gold 3 1/2s...	1951	M	83 3/8	83 3/8	83 3/8	Nov'26	26	83 3/8	83 3/8	83 3/8	83 3/8	83 3/8	83 3/8						
1st gold 3 1/2s...	1952	M	85 3/8	85 3/8	85 3/8	Jan'27	27	85 3/8	85 3/8	85 3/8	85 3/8	85 3/8	85 3/8						
20-year debtenture 4s...	1929	A	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	2	98 3/4	99 1/4	98 3/4	99 1/4	98 3/4	99 1/4						
Milw L S & West Imp g 5s...	1929	A	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	15	95 3/4	97 1/2	95 3/4	97 1/2	95 3/4	97 1/2						
Mil & Nor 1st ext 4 1/2s (blue)...	1934	F	101	100 3/4	100 3/4	Jan'27	27	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4						
Mil & Nor 1st ext 4 1/2s (blue)...	1934	F	95 1/2	97	94 1/2	Dec'25	25	94 1/2	97	94 1/2	97	94 1/2	97						
Cons ext 4 1/2s (brown)...	1934	J	95 1/8	98	96 1/4	Jan'27	27	95 3/8	96 1/4	95 3/8	96 1/4	95 3/8	96 1/4						
Mil Spar & N W 1st g 4s...	1941	J	91 3/4	94	92 1/2	92 3/4	3	92 1/4	94	92 1/4	94	92 1/4	94						
Milw & State L 1st g 3 1/2s...	1941	J	83	81 3/8	81 3/8	Dec'25	25	82 1/4	83 1/8	82 1/4	83 1/8	82 1/4	83 1/8						
Minn & St Louis 1st 7s...	1927	J	98 3/4	99 3/4	98 1/2	Dec'26	26	97 3/4	99 3/4	97 3/4	99 3/4	97 3/4	99 3/4						
1st guar g 7s...	1927	J	100 3/8	101	100	100	1	100	100	100	100	100	100						
1st consol gold 6s...	1934	M	55	Sale	55	57	6	55	57	55	57	55	57						
Temp cts of deposit...	1934	M	55	Sale	54	55	11	51 1/4	55	51 1/4	55	51 1/4	55						
1st & refunding gold 4s...	1949	M	20	21	21	21	2	17 1/2	21	17 1/2	21	17 1/2	21						
Ref & ext 50-yr 5s ser A...	1962	J	14 1/8	15	14	14	1	13	15 1/4	13	15 1/4	13							

Table with columns: Bonds, Price Friday, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and Bonds Sold. Includes entries like Pitts Clin Chlo & St L, Reading Co gen gold, and various municipal bonds.

Table with columns: Bonds, Price Friday, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and Bonds Sold. Includes entries like U N J RR & Can gen 4s, Adams Express coll tr g 4s, and various industrial bonds.

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Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked

Table of N.Y. Stock Exchange bonds with columns for Interest, Price, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of Standard Oil Stocks, Public Utilities, Railroad Equipments, and other securities with columns for Bid, Ask, and various price points.

* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶ New stock. † Flat price. ‡ Last sale. § Nominal. ¶ Ex-dividend. † 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 'Stock Exchange Closed' section.

Sales for the Week

STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE

Range Since Jan. 1.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926

Main table listing various stocks (Boston & Albany, Boston Elevated, etc.) with columns for shares, range since Jan 1, and per share price for 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 Feb. 12 to Feb. 18, 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, Feb. 12 to Feb. 18, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Feb. 12 to Feb. 18, both inclusive, 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, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Feb. 12 to Feb. 18, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Bonds (Concluded)—	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.		Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.			Low.	High.			
Midland Steel Prod com..*	46 1/4	43	46 1/4	570	42 1/2	Jan 46 1/2	Feb	31 1/4	31 1/4	31 1/4	3,748	28 3/4	Jan 31 1/4
Midland Util prior lien. 100	101 1/4	101 1/4	102	125	98	Jan 102	Feb	94 3/4	95 1/4	155	55	83 1/4	Jan 96
Preferred A.....100	99 1/4	97 1/4	99 1/4	70	97	Jan 99 1/4	Feb	92	92	110	110	106 1/4	Jan 112
Morgan Lithograph com..*	62	60	63	9,250	58	Jan 63	Feb	112	109	112	6	92 1/2	Jan 95
Mosser Leather Corp com..*	16	16	16	20	11	Jan 16	Jan	93	93	103	255	101 1/4	Jan 103
Nat Elec Power A part..*	23 1/2	23 1/2	24	460	23 1/2	Feb 25 1/2	Jan	58 1/2	58	59 1/2	7,222	58	Jan 60 1/4
7% preferred.....100	96	96	96	210	93 1/2	Jan 96	Feb	74	63	75	3,600	50	Feb 95
National Leather com.....10	3	2 1/2	3	286	2 1/2	Jan 4 3/4	Jan	53	52 1/2	53 1/2	2,055	52 1/2	Feb 56 1/4
National Standard com..*	33 1/2	32 1/2	33 1/2	3,890	30 1/2	Jan 33 1/2	Jan	53 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2	6,095	52 1/2	Feb 56 1/4
North American Car com..*	29	28 1/2	29 1/2	375	22 1/2	Jan 30	Jan	1.80	1.70	1.85	2,625	1.67 1/2	Jan 1.85
Nor West Util pr in prof 100	99 1/4	100	100	110	98 1/2	Jan 101	Jan	9 1/2	9	9 1/2	400	9	Jan 9 1/2
Novadel Process Co pref..*	26 1/2	26 1/2	27	220	25 1/2	Jan 27 1/2	Feb	98	98	5	98	98	Jan 99
Omnibus voting trust etfs..*	12	12	12	100	12	Feb 13	Jan	385	385	102	3.75	3.75	Jan 4.50
Penn Gas & Elec "A" com..*	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	325	19	Jan 21	Feb	9 1/2	9	9 1/2	140	9	Jan 9 1/2
Pick, Barth & Co part pf..*	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	62	19 1/4	Jan 21 1/2	Feb	95 1/4	95 1/4	97 1/4	95	95 1/4	Jan 98
Plines Winterfront A com.5	41 1/4	41	44	1,250	41	Feb 5 1/2	Jan	29	29	29 1/2	1,615	28	Jan 29 1/2
Pub Serv of Nor Ill com.100	135	134	135	132	130 1/2	Jan 136	Feb	* No par value.					
Pub Serv of Nor Ill com.100	134	135	135	75	132	Jan 136	Feb	Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions					
6% preferred.....100	103 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4	30	102	Jan 105	Feb	at Cincinnati Stock Exchange Feb. 12 to Feb. 18, both					
Q-R-S Service Co com.....*	36 1/2	35 1/4	36 1/2	1,380	32 1/2	Jan 36 1/2	Jan	inclusive, compiled from official lists:					
Quaker Oats Co com.....100	185 1/4	185	186 1/2	225	180	Jan 186 1/2	Feb	Industrial Stocks—					
Preferred.....100	108	108	108	70	107	Jan 108 1/4	Jan	Friday Last Sale Price.					
Real-Silk Hos com.....100	47	46	48	450	39 1/4	Jan 48	Feb	Week's Range of Prices.					
Reo Motor Car Co.....10	21 1/2	21 1/2	22	575	20	Jan 23 1/2	Jan	Sales for Week. Shares.					
Ryan Car Co (The) com.25	21	21	21 1/4	60	11	Feb 12 1/2	Jan	Range Since Jan. 1.					
St Louis Nat Stk Yds.....100	79	79	79	25	79	Feb 87	Jan	Low.					
Sears, Roebuck, com.....*	54 1/2	54	54 1/2	100	52	Jan 54 1/2	Feb	High.					
So Colo Pr Elec A, com.25	26 1/4	25 1/4	26 1/4	600	25 1/4	Jan 26 1/4	Jan	Amer Laund Mach, com.25					
South G & El 7% pf.100	98	98	98	25	94 1/2	Jan 98	Feb	Preferred.....100					
Sprague Sells Corp cl A.30	24 1/2	25	25	125	24 1/2	Feb 26 1/2	Jan	American Products, pref.....					
Stewart-Warner Speedom.....*	64	63 1/2	65	470	62 1/2	Feb 67 1/2	Jan	Amer Rolling Mill, com.25					
Swift & Company.....100	119	118 1/2	119	1,890	115 1/2	Jan 119	Feb	Preferred.....100					
Swift International.....15	20 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/4	3,110	20 1/2	Feb 23	Jan	Amer Seed Mach, com.50					
Thompson (J R), com.....25	49 1/4	48	49 1/4	900	47	Jan 49	Feb	Amerlwin Thermos.....					
Union Carbide & Carbon..*	107	105 1/2	107	210	99	Jan 107	Feb	Baldwin, new pref.....100					
United Biscuit class A.....*	42 1/2	42 1/2	43 1/2	13,400	2 1/4	Jan 6 1/2	Feb	Buckeye.....					
United Iron Works, com.....*	6 1/4	9 1/2	9 1/2	320	8 1/2	Jan 9 1/2	Feb	Burger Bros.....					
United L & Tr cl A pref.....*	91	91	91	110	50	Jan 52 1/2	Feb	Carey (Phillip), pref.....100					
Class B preferred.....100	51 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2	1,635	13 1/2	Feb 15 1/2	Jan	Campbell (T B).....					
Common class A new.....*	17	17	17	140	16 1/2	Jan 18	Jan	Champ Fibre, pref.....100					
Common class B new.....*	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	50	16 1/2	Feb 17	Jan	Churngold Corporation.....*					
United Pap Board com.100	99	95	99	1,245	92 1/2	Jan 109	Jan	Cincinnati Car Co.....					
U S Gypsum.....20	116 1/4	115 1/4	116 1/4	55	115 1/4	Feb 116 1/4	Feb	Cine Union Stk Yds.....100					
Preferred.....100	35	33 1/2	35	820	27 1/4	Jan 37	Feb	Cine Postal Term, pref.100					
Vesta Battery Corp com.10	11 1/2	11 1/2	12	795	8 1/4	Jan 13 1/4	Jan	City Ice & Fuel.....*					
Wahl Co com.....10	66 1/4	63 1/2	66 1/4	1,850	60 1/4	Jan 67	Jan	Cooper Corp, new pref.100					
Ward (Montgomery) & Co 10	114	114 1/4	114 1/4	45	114	Jan 117	Jan	Crown Overal, pref.....100					
Class A.....*	38	38	38	25	37 1/2	Jan 40	Jan	Dalton Add Mach, com.100					
Waukesha Motor Co com..*	16	15	16 1/2	4,350	14 1/2	Feb 16 1/2	Feb	Preferred.....100					
Williams Oil O Mat com..*	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	100	5	Feb 6 1/2	Feb	Douglas (John), pref.....100					
Wolf Mfg Corp com.....*	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	600	5	Feb 6 1/2	Feb	Dow Drug.....					
Voting trust certificates.....	5	5	5	600	5	Feb 6 1/2	Feb	Eagle-Picher Lead, com.20					
Wolverine Portland Cem 10	52	51 1/2	52	1,180	51	Jan 53	Jan	Formica Insulation.....*					
Wrigley (Wm Jr) Co, com.17	26 1/2	26	27	1,675	25	Jan 27 1/2	Jan	Giant Tire.....*					
Yates Machines, part pf..*	26	25	26 1/4	1,700	25 1/4	Jan 29 1/4	Jan	Gibson Art, com.....*					
Yellow Tr & Coach Mfg B 10	42 1/2	42 1/2	43 1/4	1,420	42 1/2	Jan 45 1/2	Jan	Globe Wernicke, pref.....100					
Yellow Cab Co Inc (Chic).....*	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	12,000	97 1/2	Jan 97 1/2	Jan	Gruen Watch, com.....*					
Bonds—	77 1/2	76 1/2	77 1/2	32,000	75	Jan 79	Jan	Preferred.....100					
Cent West P S con deb 6s '36	77 1/2	76 1/2	77 1/2	75	75	Jan 79	Jan	Hatfield-Reliance, com..*					
Chicago City Ry 5s.....1927	55 1/2	56	56	7,000	52 1/2	Jan 56 1/2	Feb	Preferred.....100					
Chic City & Con Rys 5s '27	77	77	77	6,000	74 1/2	Jan 77	Feb	Hobart.....					
Chicago Railways 5s.....1927	76 1/2	77	77	22,000	74 1/2	Jan 77	Feb	Jaeger.....					
1st M ctf of dep 5s.....1927	54	55	55	14,000	52	Jan 55	Feb	Johnston Paint, pref.....100					
5s series A.....1927	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1,000	99 1/2	Jan 99 1/2	Feb	Kaifnes first.....100					
Purchase money 5s, 1927	100	100	100	1,000	100	Jan 100	Jan	Kahn, partie.....					
Cudahy Pack Int M g 5s '46	97 1/2	97	98	38,000	96	Jan 98	Jan	Kodak Radio, pref.....20					
Holland Fur s f 6% g deb '36	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	1,000	97 1/2	Feb 97 1/2	Feb	Kroger, com.....100					
Hous G G Cos g 6 1/2 1931	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	1,000	97 1/2	Feb 97 1/2	Feb	New pref.....100					
Lake St Elev 1st 5s.....1928	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	10,000	75	Jan 76 1/2	Jan	Meade Pulp & Paper.....					
Metr W Side El ext g 4s.....'38	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	1,000	84 1/2	Jan 86	Feb	Nash "A".....					
Northwestern Elev 5s.....1941	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	12,000	99 1/4	Jan 105 1/4	Jan	Paragon Refining, com.25					
Pub Serv 1st ref g 5s.....1956	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	1,000	101 1/4	Jan 102	Jan	Procter & Gamble, com.20					
Swift & Co 1st s f g 5s.1944	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	12,000	97 1/2	Jan 97 1/2	Jan	6% preferred.....100					

* No par value.

San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange Feb. 12 to Feb. 18, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.	
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.
American Trust Co.....	380	359 1/2	398	736	300	Jan 398	Feb
Anglo Calif Trust Co.....	216	350	350	40	338	Jan 350	Feb
Anglo & Lon P Nl Bank.....	111 1/4	206	217	395	195	Jan 217	Jan
Bancitaly Corporation.....	260	105 1/4	114 1/4	70,571	89 1/4	Jan 114 1/4	Feb
Bank of California, N A.....	260	250	260	96	250	Feb 270	Jan
Bank of Italy.....	649 1/2	596	650	2,271	528	Jan 650	Feb
California Sugar pref.....	83	83	83 1/4	125	82	Jan 84	Jan
California Copper.....	4.35	4.40	4.40	250	4.00	Feb 5.00	Jan
Callf Oregon Power pref.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	103	25	102 1/2	Jan 104 1/2	Jan
California Packing Corp.....	67	66 1/2	67 1/4	1,960	65 1/2	Feb 69 1/2	Jan
California Petroleum com.....	30 1/4	30 1/2	31 1/4	3,760	30 1/4	Jan 33	Jan
Caterpillar Tractor.....	28	27	28 1/4	8,635	26 1/2	Feb 29 1/4	Jan
Coast Co Gas & El 1st pref	307	307	307	60	94	Jan 96	Feb
Crocker First Nat'l Bank.....	98	98	98 1/4	25	307	Jan 307	Feb
East Bay Water "A" pref.....	98	98	98 1/4	290	96	Jan 98 1/4	Feb
East Bay Water "B" pref.....	36	36	36 1/2	10	36 1/2	Jan 36 1/2	Jan
Emporium Corp., The.....	45	44	45	405	36	Feb 36 1/2	Jan
Ewa Plantation Co.....	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10	44	Feb 45	Jan
Federal Brands.....	90 1/4	90 1/4	90 3/4	1,220	9 1/2	Feb 11 1/2	Feb
Fireman's Fund Insurance.....	12 1/4	12 1/4	13	315	90	Jan 92 1/4	Jan
Foster & Kleiser corp.....	103 1/4	103 1/4	104	760	12 1/4	Feb 13 1/4	Jan
Great Western Power pref	103 1/4	103 1/4	104	226	103 1/4	Jan 104 1/4	Jan
Hale Bros Stores.....	45	44	45	10	35 1/4	Feb 36 1/4	Jan
Hawaiian Com'l & Sugar.....	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	137	48 1/2	Feb 50	Jan
Hawaiian Pineapple.....	42	42	42	430	54	Jan 55 1/2	Feb
Hawaiian Sugar.....	30	30	31	5	40 1/2	Jan 42	Feb
Home Fire & Marine Ins.....	41	40 1/4	42	230	30	Feb 32 1/2	Jan
Honolulu Cons Oil.....	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4	1,575	37 1/4	Jan 42 1/2	Feb
Hunt Bros Pack "A" com.....	13	13	13	320	25 1/2	Feb 26 1/2	Feb
Hutchinson Sug Plantat'n	33 1/2	33 1/2	34	210	12 1/2	Jan 13 1/2	Jan
Illinois Pacific Glass "A".....	58	58	58 1/2	3,225	32 1/2	Jan 34 1/2	Jan
Key System Transit pr pref	20	20	20	120	58	Feb 65	Jan
Preferred.....	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	35	20	Feb 31 1/2	Jan
L A Gas & Electric pref.....	50	50	55	190	98 1/2	Jan 100	Jan
Magnavox Co.....	26	26	26 1/4	500	40	Jan 75	Feb
Magnin, I com.....	46 1/2	45	47	725			

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Table of stock prices for various companies including Columbus Elec & Power, Commonwealth Power Corp, Common, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—For this week's record of transactions on the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange see page 1033.

New York Curb Market.—Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from Feb. 12 to Feb. 18, both inclusive, as compiled from the official lists. As noted in our issue of July 2 1921, the New York Curb Market Association on June 27 1921 transferred its activities from the Broad Street curb to its new building on Trinity Place, and the Association is now issuing an official sheet which forms the basis of the compilations below.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Indus. & Miscellaneous, Aeol Weber P & P, Ala Gt Sou RR, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for various companies including Columbus Elec & Power, Commonwealth Power Corp, Common, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Stocks (Concluded)	Par	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices		Sales for Week Shares	Range Since Jan. 1.			Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices	Sales for Week Shares	Range Since Jan. 1.		
			Low	Hgh.		Low	Hgh.	Low				Hgh.		
Nelson (Herman) Corp.	5	23 1/2	24 1/4	24 1/4	200	23 1/2	Feb 26	Jan 26						
Neptune Meter, class A.	*	24	24 1/2	24 1/2	600	22 1/2	Feb 24 1/2	Feb 24 1/2						
N E Pow Assn, new com.	50	50	50 1/2	50 1/2	200	50	Feb 55	Jan 55						
New preferred.		88	88	88	10	88	Feb 88	Feb 88						
New Eng Telep & Lead	100	119 1/4	120	13 3/4	50	112 1/2	Jan 120	Feb 120						
New Mex & Ariz Land.	1	12 1/2	13 1/4	13 1/4	6,100	11 1/4	Jan 13 1/4	Feb 13 1/4						
New Ori Grt Nor RR.	100	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	200	29 1/2	Jan 30	Feb 30						
New York Merchandise.	*	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	200	27 1/2	Jan 30	Feb 30						
N Y Telep 6 1/2% pref.	100	113 1/2	114 1/4	114 1/4	275	113 1/4	Jan 115	Jan 115						
Niles-Bement-Pond, com.	*	19	19	19	100	18 1/2	Jan 19	Jan 19						
Northeast Power, com.	17 1/2	17 1/2	18 1/4	18 1/4	4,200	16 1/4	Jan 18 1/2	Jan 18 1/2						
Northern Ohio Power Co.	11 1/4	11 1/2	12	12	5,600	9 1/2	Jan 12 1/2	Feb 12 1/2						
Nor States P Corp, com.	100	111 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	1,100	109 1/4	Jan 113 1/2	Feb 113 1/2						
Preferred.	100	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	150	100 1/2	Jan 102 1/2	Feb 102 1/2						
Ohio Pub Serv, 1st pref A.	104	104	104 1/4	104 1/4	60	104	Feb 105 1/2	Feb 105 1/2						
Ovington Bros part pref.	*	9	9 1/2	9 1/2	200	9	Feb 10	Jan 10						
Pa G & E, 1st pref.	25	24 1/2	25 1/4	25 1/4	200	24 1/2	Feb 26 1/2	Jan 26 1/2						
Pacific Steel Boiler.	12	12	12 1/2	12 1/2	1,200	12	Jan 12 1/2	Jan 12 1/2						
Parke Davis & Co.	138	137	139	139	70	137	Feb 146	Jan 146						
Pender (D) Grocery et B.	26	24	26	26	1,400	22	Jan 26	Feb 26						
Penn (J C) of A pref.	100	100	100 1/2	100 1/2	150	100	Jan 102 1/2	Jan 102 1/2						
Penn-Ohio Edison new.	100	97	100	100	200	27	Feb 27 1/2	Jan 27 1/2						
7% prior preferred.	100	99	100	100	140	97 1/4	Jan 100	Jan 100						
8% preferred.	100	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	120	80 1/2	Jan 82	Jan 82						
Warrants.	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	1,200	10 1/4	Jan 11 1/2	Jan 11 1/2						
Penn Ohio Secur Corp.	9	9	9 1/4	9 1/4	1,300	8 1/2	Feb 10 1/2	Jan 10 1/2						
Pa G & E cl A part stk.	*	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	100	19	Jan 21 1/2	Feb 21 1/2						
Penna Pow & Lt pref.	*	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	25	106	Jan 109 1/4	Feb 109 1/4						
Pennsylvania Salt Mfg.	50	74	74	74	25	74	Feb 74	Feb 74						
Penn Water & Power.	182	182	185	185	710	175 1/2	Jan 185	Feb 185						
Phelps Drug Stores.	31 1/2	30	31 1/2	31 1/2	800	29 1/2	Jan 31 1/2	Jan 31 1/2						
Phelps Dodge Corp.	100	116	116	116	20	116	Feb 131	Jan 131						
Phila Electric, com.	25	47	46 1/2	47	400	45 1/2	Feb 53	Jan 53						
Phillip-Morr Cons Inc com.	19 1/4	18 1/2	19 1/4	19 1/4	2,600	17	Jan 20 1/2	Jan 20 1/2						
Class A.	25	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	300	19 1/4	Feb 22	Jan 22						
Plek (Albert) Barth & Co.	*	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	600	12 1/2	Jan 13 1/2	Feb 13 1/2						
Prof of A (part pref).	*	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	100	20	Feb 21 1/2	Feb 21 1/2						
Preferred.	100	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	100	20	Feb 21 1/2	Feb 21 1/2						
Piedmont Northern Ry.	100	42 1/2	40	42 1/2	100	40	Feb 42 1/2	Feb 42 1/2						
Pillsbury Flour Mills.	50	59	53 1/2	59	700	52 1/2	Jan 59	Feb 59						
Pittsb & Lake Erie com.	50	180 1/2	175	180 1/2	4,200	167 1/2	Jan 180 1/2	Feb 180 1/2						
Pratt & Lambert.	*	52	52 1/2	52 1/2	200	51	Jan 53 1/2	Jan 53 1/2						
Procter & Gamble com.	20	184	184 1/2	185	120	180	Jan 192 1/2	Jan 192 1/2						
Puger Sound P&L com.	100	31	30 1/2	31 1/2	800	30 1/4	Jan 33 1/4	Jan 33 1/4						
Seven per cent pref.	100	107	107	107	10	103 1/2	Jan 107	Feb 107						
Pullman (new corp) w l.	74	74	76 1/2	76 1/2	4,900	74	Feb 76 1/2	Feb 76 1/2						
Rand-Kardex Bureau.	66 1/4	52	52	55 1/2	12,700	57	Jan 72 1/2	Feb 72 1/2						
Warrants.	52 1/2	52	52	55 1/2	191	40	Jan 65 1/2	Feb 65 1/2						
Remington-Rand w l.	100	34	34	34 1/2	11,800	33 1/2	Jan 34 1/2	Feb 34 1/2						
First preferred.	99	98 1/2	100	100	2,300	98 1/2	Feb 100	Feb 100						
Reo Motor Car.	10	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	1,600	20	Jan 23	Jan 23						
Republic Motor Truck.	*	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	500	4 1/2	Feb 5 1/2	Jan 5 1/2						
Richmond Radiator com.	23 1/4	20 1/4	23 1/4	23 1/4	2,700	20 1/4	Feb 23 1/4	Feb 23 1/4						
Preferred.	100	48	50 1/2	50 1/2	2,600	46	Feb 50 1/2	Feb 50 1/2						
Rickenbacker Motor.	1 1/2	1	1 1/4	1 1/4	3,700	95c	Feb 1 1/2	Feb 1 1/2						
Royal Bak Powd, com.	100	177	170	194	380	161	Feb 194	Feb 194						
Preferred.	100	101	101	101 1/2	110	100	Jan 101 1/2	Jan 101 1/2						
Royal Typewriter, com.	51	50	51	51	20	47	Jan 51	Feb 51						
Safety Car Bldg & Ltg.	100	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	20	125 1/4	Jan 127 1/2	Jan 127 1/2						
Safety Stores, com.	249	233	257	257	1,980	232	Feb 257	Feb 257						
St Regis Paper Co.	*	200	202	202	40	202	Jan 202	Jan 202						
Schulte Real Estate Co.	3	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	11,800	15 1/2	Jan 17	Jan 17						
Seaman Brothers, com.	25	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	106	27	Jan 28	Jan 28						
Servel Corp (Del) com.	8 1/2	8 1/2	9	9	8,400	7 1/2	Jan 9 3/4	Jan 9 3/4						
Sherwin-Wms Co com.	25	47 1/2	47 1/2	49	450	44	Feb 51 1/2	Feb 51 1/2						
Shredded Wheat Co.	57	57	57 1/2	57 1/2	400	56	Feb 57 1/2	Feb 57 1/2						
Sierra Pac Elec, pref.	100	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	10	88	Feb 88 1/2	Feb 88 1/2						
Silica Gel Corp, com, v t c	100	16	16 1/2	16 1/2	400	14 1/2	Jan 18 1/2	Jan 18 1/2						
Singer Manufacturing.	378	378	378	378	20	365	Jan 387 1/2	Feb 387 1/2						
Snia Viscosa ord (200 lire)	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	300	5	Jan 10 1/2	Feb 10 1/2						
Dep recs Chase Nat Bk.	100	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	400	5	Jan 9 1/2	Feb 9 1/2						
Sou Calif Edison, pref A.	25	28	28	100	27 1/2	28	Jan 28 1/2	Jan 28 1/2						
Preferred B.	25	25	25	100	24 1/2	25	Jan 25 1/2	Jan 25 1/2						
Sou Cities Util, com A.	100	28	28	28	100	23 1/2	Jan 28	Feb 28						
Preferred.	100	86	86	86	25	83	Feb 86	Feb 86						
Southern G & P, class A.	21	21	21 1/2	21 1/2	200	21	Feb 22 1/2	Jan 22 1/2						
S' eastern Pow & Lt com.	30 1/2	30	30 1/2	30 1/2	4,200	30	Jan 32 1/2	Jan 32 1/2						
Com vot trust certifs.	29 1/2	29	29 1/2	29 1/2	1,400	28	Jan 31	Jan 31						
87 preferred.	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	300	101 1/4	Jan 105	Jan 105						
Participating preferred.	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	500	6 1/2	Jan 6 1/2	Feb 6 1/2						
Warrants to pur com stk.	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	300	8 1/2	Jan 9	Jan 9						
Southwest Bell Tel pf.	116 1/2	116	116 1/2	116 1/2	50	114 1/4	Jan 118	Jan 118						
Spaulding (AG) & Bros, com.	100	105	105 1/2	105 1/2	220	104	Jan 105 1/2	Jan 105 1/2						
Stand Comm'l Tobacco.	117 1/2	115	117 1/2	117 1/2	20	115	Feb 117 1/2	Feb 117 1/2						
Stand G & E 7% pref.	100	106	107 1/2	107 1/2	700	104 1/2	Jan 107 1/2	Feb 107 1/2						
Stand Pow & Lt, class A.	25	23 1/4	23 1/4	23 1/4	100	22	Jan 24 1/2	Jan 24 1/2						
Stand Publishing et A.	25	23 1/4	23 1/4	23 1/4	100	22	Jan 24 1/2	Jan 24 1/2						
Stanley Co of America.	50	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	50	83 1/2	Jan 90	Feb 90						
Stromberg-Carlson Tel Mf.	40	40	40	100	30 1/2	40	Jan 42	Jan 42						
Stroock (S) & Co.	42 1/2	42	42 1/2	42 1/2	100	40 1/2	Jan 44	Feb 44						

Mining Stocks. (Concluded)	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Jan.	Feb.
Red Warrior Mining	33c	33c	39c	33,000	16c	Jan	39c	Feb
Reorg West Divide	22c	5c	5c	1,000	4c	Jan	6c	Jan
St Anthony Gold	22c	22c	22c	2,000	22c	Feb	22c	Feb
San Toy Mining	6c	6c	6c	6,000	5c	Jan	6c	Jan
Shattuck Denn Min Corp		5 1/2%	5 1/2%	700	3 1/2%	Jan	3 1/2%	Jan
So Amer Gold & Plat		3 1/2%	3 1/2%	100	5c	Jan	6c	Jan
Spearhead Gold Mining		20c	27c	16,000	2c	Feb	4c	Jan
Standard Silver-Lead		1 1/2%	1 1/2%	15,000	16c	Jan	27c	Feb
Teck-Hughes	6 1/2%	5 1/2%	6 1/2%	3,500	5 1/2%	Jan	6 1/2%	Jan
Tonopah Belmont Devel	1 1/2%	1 1/2%	1 1/2%	800	1 1/2%	Feb	2 1/2%	Jan
Tonopah Mining	3	3	3	100	3	Feb	3 1/2%	Jan
Tri-Bullion S & D	10c	7c	7c	1,000	7c	Jan	10c	Jan
United Eastern Mining	50c	50c	50c	100	50c	Jan	53c	Jan
United Verde Extension	24	24	24 1/2%	800	22 1/2%	Jan	24 1/2%	Feb
Utah Apex	6 1/2%	7 1/2%	7 1/2%	3,400	5 1/2%	Jan	7 1/2%	Feb
Utah Metal & Tunnel	1 1/2%	1 1/2%	1 1/2%	200	1 1/2%	Jan	2 1/2%	Feb
Walker Mining	90c	90c	90c	300	89c	Jan	95c	Jan
Wenden Copper Mining	2 1/2%	2 1/2%	2 1/2%	200	2c	Jan	3 1/2%	Jan
West End Consolidated	5	10c	10c	1,000	8c	Jan	14c	Feb

Bonds— (Continued)	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Jan.	Feb.
Narragansett Co col 5s '57	99	99	99	17,000	99	Jan	99	Jan
Nho Dist Prod 6 1/2s 1945	99 1/2%	98 1/2%	99 1/2%	29,000	98 1/2%	Jan	100	Jan
Nat Pow & Lt 6s A 2026	99 1/2%	99 1/2%	99 1/2%	52,000	98 1/2%	Feb	100 1/2%	Jan
Nat Pub Serv 6 1/2s 1955	100 1/2%	99 1/2%	101	67,000	97 1/2%	Jan	101 1/2%	Feb
Nevada Cons 6s 1941	95 1/2%	95 1/2%	97	63,000	95 1/2%	Feb	102 1/2%	Jan
New Oil Tex & M RR 6s '56	102 1/2%	102 1/2%	102 1/2%	4,000	102 1/2%	Jan	103 1/2%	Jan
N Y Trap Rock 1st 6s 1949	98 1/2%	97 1/2%	98 1/2%	46,000	97 1/2%	Feb	98 1/2%	Feb
Niagara Falls Pow 6s 1950	105 1/2%	105 1/2%	105 1/2%	1,000	104 1/2%	Feb	107	Jan
Nichols & Shepard Co 6s '37								
With stock purch warrants	98 1/2%	98	98 1/2%	15,000	98	Feb	98 1/2%	Feb
Nor States Pow 6 1/2s 1933	103 1/2%	113	113 1/2%	25,000	111 1/2%	Jan	114 1/2%	Feb
6 1/2s gold notes 1933	103 1/2%	103	103 1/2%	17,000	103	Jan	103 1/2%	Jan
Nor Amer Edis 5s A 1957	98	98	98	97,000	98	Feb	98 1/2%	Jan
Nor Cont'l Util 6 1/2s 1942	100 1/2%	100	100 1/2%	25,000	100	Feb	100 1/2%	Feb
Ohio Power 7s ser A 1951	106	106	106	2,000	105	Jan	106 1/2%	Jan
5s ser B 1952	98	98	98 1/2%	29,000	97 1/2%	Jan	99	Jan
4 1/2s series D 1956	90	89 1/2%	90	25,000	89 1/2%	Jan	90 1/2%	Jan
Ohio River Edison 5s 1951	98 1/2%	97 1/2%	98 1/2%	41,000	97	Jan	98 1/2%	Feb
Oklahoma Nat Gas 6s 1941	102 1/2%	101	102 1/2%	88,900	99	Jan	102 1/2%	Feb
Penn-Ohio Edison 6s 1950	120	119 1/2%	120	13,000	115 1/2%	Jan	117 1/2%	Jan
Without warrants	97 1/2%	96 1/2%	97 1/2%	27,000	95 1/2%	Jan	97 1/2%	Jan
Penn Pow & Light 5s 1952	99 1/2%	99 1/2%	99 1/2%	3,000	99	Jan	100	Jan
5s series D 1953	99 1/2%	99 1/2%	99 1/2%	1,000	99 1/2%	Jan	99 1/2%	Jan
Phila Electric 5s 1960	107 1/2%	107 1/2%	107 1/2%	4,000	107 1/2%	Jan	107 1/2%	Feb
6s 1941	103 1/2%	103 1/2%	103 1/2%	30,000	102 1/2%	Jan	104 1/2%	Jan
Phila Elec Pow 5 1/2s 1971	100 1/2%	100 1/2%	100 1/2%	19,000	99 1/2%	Jan	100 1/2%	Jan
Phila Rap & Tr 6s 1962	99 1/2%	98 1/2%	99 1/2%	190,000	98 1/2%	Feb	99 1/2%	Jan
Porto Rican Am Tob 6s '42	99 1/2%	98 1/2%	99 1/2%	19,000	95 1/2%	Feb	97	Jan
Potomac Edison 6s 1956	95 1/2%	95 1/2%	95 1/2%	70,000	100 1/2%	Jan	101 1/2%	Jan
Pub Serv Corp N J 5 1/2s '56	101 1/2%	101 1/2%	101 1/2%	9,000	103	Jan	103 1/2%	Feb
Pure Oil Co 6 1/2s 1933	103 1/2%	103 1/2%	103 1/2%	10,000	103	Jan	103 1/2%	Feb
Richfield Oil of Calif 6s 1941	99	99	99	10,000	99	Jan	99	Jan
Sauda Falls Co 5s 1955	99	98 1/2%	99 1/2%	77,000	97 1/2%	Jan	99 1/2%	Jan
Saxon Pub Works 6 1/2s 1951	99 1/2%	98 1/2%	99 1/2%	245,000	97 1/2%	Jan	99 1/2%	Jan
Schulte R E Co 6s 1935	86	86	86 1/2%	13,000	85 1/2%	Jan	87	Jan
6s without com stock 1935	86	85 1/2%	88	77,000	70 1/2%	Jan	89	Jan
Servel Corporation 6s 1931	101	101	101 1/2%	13,000	100 1/2%	Jan	101 1/2%	Feb
Shawshen Mills 7s 1931	102 1/2%	102 1/2%	103	19,000	101 1/2%	Jan	103	Jan
Siemens & Halske 7s 1935								
Stiemans & Halske 8s	106 1/2%	104 1/2%	106 1/2%	908,000	98	Jan	106 1/2%	Feb
6s with warrants 1951	102 1/2%	102 1/2%	102 1/2%	2,000	101 1/2%	Jan	102 1/2%	Jan
Sloss-Sheff S & I 6s 1929	102 1/2%	102 1/2%	102 1/2%	6,000	102 1/2%	Jan	102 1/2%	Feb
Purchase money 6s 1929	99 1/2%	99 1/2%	99 1/2%	26,000	99 1/2%	Jan	99 1/2%	Jan
Solvay-Amer Invest 5s 1942	99 1/2%	99 1/2%	99 1/2%	1,000	104 1/2%	Jan	105	Feb
Solvay & Cie 6s 1934	104 1/2%	104 1/2%	104 1/2%					
Southeast P & L 6s 2025	98 1/2%	98	98 1/2%	206,000	96 1/2%	Jan	99 1/2%	Jan
Without warrants	98 1/2%	98	98 1/2%	53,000	97 1/2%	Jan	98 1/2%	Jan
Sou Cal Edison 5s 1951	98 1/2%	98	98 1/2%	22,000	98	Jan	98 1/2%	Jan
New	101	101	102 1/2%	12,000	101	Jan	102 1/2%	Jan
6s 1944	103	102	103	3,000	102	Jan	103	Feb
Southern Gas Co 6 1/2s 1935	104 1/2%	104 1/2%	105 1/2%	22,000	104 1/2%	Jan	105 1/2%	Jan
Stand Oil of N Y 6 1/2s 1933	95 1/2%	95 1/2%	95 1/2%	460,000	95 1/2%	Feb	97 1/2%	Jan
4 1/2s when issued 1951								
Stines (Elgus) Corp 7%	99 1/2%	99 1/2%	99 1/2%	182,000	99 1/2%	Jan	99 1/2%	Jan
7s 1946 with warrants	99 1/2%	99 1/2%	99 1/2%	122,000	99 1/2%	Jan	99 1/2%	Feb
Stutz Motor 7 1/2s 1937	97	100	100	41,000	88	Jan	100	Feb
Sun Maid Raisin 6 1/2s 1942	98 1/2%	98 1/2%	98 1/2%	10,000	98 1/2%	Feb	98 1/2%	Feb
Sun Oil 5 1/2s 1939	100 1/2%	100	100 1/2%	28,000	99 1/2%	Jan	100 1/2%	Jan
Swift & Co 6s Oct 15 1932	99 1/2%	99 1/2%	99 1/2%	95,000	99	Jan	99 1/2%	Jan
Texas Power & Light 5s '56	96	95 1/2%	96	12,000	95 1/2%	Feb	97 1/2%	Jan
Thyssen (Aug) I & S 7s 1930	102 1/2%	102 1/2%	103	11,000	102 1/2%	Jan	103 1/2%	Jan
Trans-Cont'l Oil 7s 1930	99 1/2%	99 1/2%	99 1/2%	11,000	97 1/2%	Jan	99 1/2%	Feb
Ulen & Co 6 1/2s 1936	100	99 1/2%	100	34,000	99 1/2%	Jan	100	Jan
United El Serv (Unes) 7s '56	95	94 1/2%	97 1/2%	50,000	97 1/2%	Feb	99	Jan
United Industrial 6s 1941	69	70	70	12,000	60 1/2%	Jan	78	Jan
United Oil Prod 6s 1931	101 1/2%	101 1/2%	101 1/2%	9,000	101 1/2%	Feb	101 1/2%	Jan
U Rubber 6 1/2% notes '28	102	102	102 1/2%	25,000	102	Feb	103	Jan
Serial 6 1/2% notes '1929	102 1/2%	102 1/2%	103	9,000	102 1/2%	Jan	103	Jan
Serial 6 1/2% notes '1930	102 1/2%	102 1/2%	102 1/2%	5,000	102	Jan	102 1/2%	Feb
Serial 6 1/2% notes '1932	102 1/2%	102 1/2%	102 1/2%	2,000	102 1/2%	Feb	103	Jan
Serial 6 1/2% notes '1933	102 1/2%	102 1/2%	102 1/2%	5,000	102 1/2%	Jan	103	Feb
Serial 6 1/2% notes '1935	102 1/2%	102 1/2%	102 1/2%	6,000	102 1/2%	Jan	103	Feb
Serial 6 1/2% notes '1936	102 1/2%	102 1/2%	103	5,000	102	Jan	103	Feb
Serial 6 1/2% notes '1937	102 1/2%	102 1/2%	103	5,000	102	Jan	103	Feb
Serial 6 1/2% notes '1938	102 1/2%	102 1/2%	103	16,000	101 1/2%	Jan	102 1/2%	Feb
U S Smelt & Ref 5 1/2s 1935	102 1/2%	102	102 1/2%	7,000	98 1/2%	Jan	103 1/2%	Jan
United Steel Wks Burlach	102 1/2%	101 1/2%	102 1/2%					
Luxemburg 7s 1951	105 1/2%	105 1/2%	106 1/2%	289,000	102 1/2%	Jan	110 1/2%	Jan
U S Steel Works A 6 1/2s 1951	105 1/2%	105 1/2%	106 1/2%	108,000	95 1/2%	Jan	100 1/2%	Jan
With stk pur war warr	106	106	106 1/2%	19,000	102 1/2%	Jan	110	Jan
Without stock pur. warr	105	105	105 1/2%	2,000	104 1/2%	Jan	105	Jan
Series C	88 1/2%	88 1/2%	88 1/2%	2,000	88 1/2%	Feb	88 1/2%	Feb
Valvoline Oil 6s 1937	99 1/2%	98 1/2%	99 1/2%	211,000	97 1/2%	Jan	99 1/2%	Jan
Van Camp Pack 8s 1941	110 1/2%	108 1/2%	111 1/2%	172,000	105	Jan	111 1/2%	Feb
Wabash Railway 5s 1976	97	97	98 1/2%	14,000	97 1/2%	Feb	99	Jan
Werner Bros Pic 6 1/2s 1928	98	98	98	20,000	97 1/2%	Feb	99	Jan
Webster Mills 6s 1933	99	99	99	55,000	99	Jan	99	Jan
Western Power 5 1/2s 1957								
Wisconsin Cent Ry 5s 1930								

Foreign Government and Municipalities

	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Jan.	Feb.
Austria (Prov of Lower) 7 1/2s 1950	100 1/2%	100	100 1/2%	840,000	98 1/2%	Jan	100 1/2%	Jan
Baden (Germany) 7s 1951	100 1/2%	100 1/2%	101 1/2%	26,000	99	Jan	102 1/2%	Jan
Bolivia (Repub) ext 7s 1958	98 1/2%	98 1/2%	98 1/2%	13,000	98	Feb	99	Feb
Buenos Aires (Prov) 7 1/2s '47	99	98 1/2%	99 1/2%	54,000	97 1/2%	Jan	99 1/2%	Feb
7s 1936	98 1/2%	98 1/2%	98 1/2%	1,000	95 1/2%	Jan	99 1/2%	Feb
7s 1952	95 1/2%	95 1/2%	96 1/2%	23,000	95 1/2%	Jan	97 1/2%	Feb
7s 1957	95 1/2%	95 1/2%	95 1/2%	137,000	95 1/2%	Jan	96 1/2%	Jan
Costa Rica (Rep) 7s 1951	95 1/2%	95 1/2%	95 1/2%	24,000	95 1/2%	Jan	95 1/2%	Feb
Cundinamarca (Dept of) Colombia ext 7s 1946	94	93 1/2%	94 1/2%	48,000	93 1/2%	Feb	95 1/2%	Jan
Danish Cons Munc 5 1/2s '55	98 1/2%	98 1/2%	99	29,000	97 1/2%	Jan	99 1/2%	Jan
Denmark (King'm) 5 1/2s '55	100 1/2%	100 1/2%	101 1/2%	89,000	99 1/2%	Jan	101 1/2%	Feb
6s 1970	100 1/2%	100 1/2%	101	19,000	100 1/2%	Feb	101 1/2%	Jan
German Cons Munc 7s '47	101	101	101 1/2%	110,000	99 1/2%	Jan	102	Jan
Hamburg (State) Ger 6s '46	98 1/2%	97 1/2%	98 1/2%	59,000	95 1/2%	Jan	99 1/2%	Jan
Hungarian Land Mgt Inst 7 1/2s series A 1961	99 1/2%	99 1/2%	100	14,000	98 1/2%	Jan	100 1/2%	Feb
Indus Mgt Bk of Finland 1st mtg coll 8 7s 1944	100 1/2%	100 1/2%	100 1/2%	3,000	99 1/2%	Jan	101 1/2%	Jan
Medellin (Colombia) 8s '48	104 1/2%	104 1/2%	104 1/2%	19,000	103	Jan	104 1/2%	Feb
7s 1951	94	94	94 1/2%	61,000	93 1/2%	Jan	95	Feb
Mendoza (Prov) Argentina 7 1/2s 1951	98 1/2%	98 1/2%	98 1					

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the second week of February. The table covers 2 roads and shows 5.61% increase over the same week last year.

Second Week of February.	1927.	1926.	Increase.	Decrease.
Buffalo Rochester & Pitts.....	\$ 409,999	\$ 364,508	\$ 45,491	-----
Canadian Pacific.....	3,249,000	3,100,000	149,000	-----
Total (2 roads).....	3,658,999	3,464,508	194,491	-----
Net increase (5.61%).....			194,491	-----

In the table which follows we also complete our summary of the earnings for the first week of February:

First Week of February.	1927.	1926.	Increase.	Decrease.
Previously reported (2).....	\$ 5,026,952	\$ 4,748,126	\$ 278,826	-----
Canadian Pacific.....	3,119,000	3,083,000	36,000	-----
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic.....	82,681	93,845	-----	11,164
Georgia & Florida.....	32,900	38,300	-----	5,400
Minneapolis & St. Louis.....	263,012	293,952	-----	30,940
Mobile & Ohio.....	329,380	384,872	-----	55,492
Nevada-California-Oregon.....	4,409	3,627	782	-----
Southern Ry System.....	3,843,852	4,004,645	-----	160,793
St. Louis Southwestern.....	338,600	380,524	-----	41,924
Texas & Pacific.....	721,518	678,918	42,600	-----
Total (12 roads).....	13,767,783	13,715,430	358,208	305,855
Net increase (0.38%).....			52,353	-----

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	+957,369	4.79
3d week Nov. (15 roads).....	23,484,291	23,144,554	+33,737	0.14
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).....	13,010,000	12,886,210	+123,790	0.96
2d week Jan. (13 roads).....	14,583,490	13,746,043	+837,447	6.10
3d week Jan. (13 roads).....	14,070,737	14,195,271	-\$ 124,534	0.87
4th week Jan. (13 roads).....	19,730,700	19,198,456	+532,244	2.77
1st week Feb. (12 roads).....	13,767,783	13,715,430	+52,353	0.38
2d week Feb. (2 roads).....	3,658,999	3,464,508	+194,491	5.61

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.		
	1926.	1925.	Increase or Decrease.	1926.	1925.	Increase or Decrease.
Jan..	\$ 480,062,657	\$ 484,022,695	-\$ 3,960,038	\$ 102,270,877	\$ 101,323,883	+\$ 946,994
Feb..	459,227,310	454,198,055	+5,029,255	99,480,650	99,518,658	-\$ 38,008
March	528,905,183	485,236,559	+43,668,624	133,642,754	109,081,102	+24,561,652
April	498,448,309	472,629,820	+25,818,489	114,685,151	102,920,855	+11,764,296
May	516,467,480	487,952,182	+28,515,298	128,581,566	112,904,074	+15,677,492
June	538,758,797	506,124,762	+32,634,035	149,492,478	130,920,896	+18,571,582
July	555,471,276	521,596,191	+33,875,085	161,070,612	139,644,601	+21,426,011
Aug.	577,791,746	533,933,904	+43,857,842	179,416,017	166,426,264	+12,989,753
Sept.	558,945,933	514,750,924	+44,195,009	191,933,148	176,936,230	+14,996,918
Oct.	604,052,017	580,088,438	+23,963,579	193,990,813	180,629,394	+13,361,419
Nov.	559,935,895	531,099,465	+28,836,430	158,197,446	148,132,228	+10,065,218
Dec.	525,411,572	522,467,000	+2,944,572	119,237,349	134,504,698	-\$ 15,267,349

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 following shows the gross and net earnings for STEAM railroads reported this week:

Companies.	Gross from Railway—		Net from Railway—		Net after Taxes—	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
xAtlantic & St. Lawrence RR Co—						
December..	261,445	343,454	64,585	146,703	46,310	149,677
From Jan 1..	2,629,556	2,502,340	299,432	86,081	134,166	—95,904
Chicago & Illinois Midland—						
December..	188,916	98,014	—15,830	—2,973	—32,158	—16,330
From Jan 1..	1,471,041	1,006,818	248,312	360,366	149,230	276,506
xNewburgh & South Shore RR Co—						
December..	166,239	201,155	15,306	18,691	—42,479	41,894
From Jan 1..	2,013,708	2,086,098	446,950	450,506	235,899	243,712
xUnion RR—						
December..	736,534	874,565	—71,239	79,358	—70,728	53,459
From Jan 1..	11,899,781	11,454,385	2,487,835	2,566,482	2,021,788	2,170,888

— Deficit. x Corrected figures.

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.
Southern Can Pr.....	\$ 133,970	\$ 122,139	\$ 92,160	\$ 83,980
4 mos end Jan 31 '27.....	517,065	469,347	351,088	318,676

Companies.	Gross Earnings.	Net Taxes.	Fixed Charges.	Balance, Surplus.
Adirondack Power & Light Co	Jan '27 841,772	c303,597	164,909	138,689
12 mos end Jan 31 '27	821,522	c330,249	170,004	160,245
	9,347,451	c3,371,652	2,033,595	1,338,058
	8,404,042	c3,214,118	1,835,660	1,378,458
Cities Service Co	Jan '27 3,105,803	3,015,692	195,654	2,820,039
12 mos end Jan 31 '27	1,861,770	1,790,271	201,642	1,588,629
	26,682,396	25,688,084	2,652,402	23,035,682
	19,956,293	19,172,610	2,299,845	16,872,765
Detroit Edison Co	Jan '27 3,995,001	*1,507,012	c395,468	1,111,544
12 mos end Jan 31 '27	3,760,849	*1,562,260	c331,043	1,231,217
Jamaica Public Service Co Ltd	Dec '26 62,106	26,876	6,146	20,730
12 mos end Dec 31 '26	60,151	26,457	6,311	20,146
	652,104	255,387	74,605	180,781
	625,275	236,114	79,178	156,936
Northern Ohio Power Co	Dec '26 1,089,780	370,551	-----	-----
12 mos end Dec 31 '26	1,049,084	353,337	-----	-----
	12,040,841	3,107,292	2,323,875	783,417
	11,499,698	3,077,406	2,191,506	885,900
Portland Electric Power Co	Dec '26 1,090,607	415,483	216,322	199,161
12 mos end Dec 31 '26	1,028,568	439,877	209,497	230,380
	11,763,567	4,608,793	2,486,726	2,122,067
	11,045,063	4,458,871	2,485,985	1,972,886
Syracuse Ltg Co	Dec '26 603,613	c229,611	61,847	167,764
12 mos end Dec 31 '26	574,054	c169,781	—8,670	178,451
	6,675,317	c2,341,916	703,395	1,638,521
	6,072,197	c1,921,764	601,781	1,319,983

c After depreciation. * Includes other income. e Includes amortization of debt discount and expense. — Deficit.

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.

Northern Pacific Railway.

(Preliminary Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Rev. from freight trans.....	\$76,226,065	\$76,301,308	\$73,422,540	\$77,610,570
Rev. from pass. trans.....	12,639,990	13,201,179	13,167,942	15,438,784
Rev. from mail, express & other ry. operations	8,484,987	8,362,067	8,701,922	8,952,705
Total ry. oper. revs.....	\$97,351,042	\$97,864,554	\$95,292,404	\$102,002,059
a Railway oper. expenses	69,260,945	69,972,476	70,533,064	80,364,810
Operating ratio.....	70.12%	71.50%	74.02%	78.79%
Transportation ratio.....	33.17%	32.27%	35.88%	37.78%
Net rev. from ry. oper.....	\$29,090,097	\$27,892,078	\$24,759,340	\$21,637,250
Taxes.....	9,171,819	9,372,270	8,563,154	8,482,319
Equip. & jt. facil. rents.....	\$19,918,278	\$18,519,808	\$16,196,186	\$13,154,931
	4,295,422	3,707,511	3,664,891	3,945,627
Net ry. oper. income.....	\$24,213,700	\$22,227,319	\$19,861,077	\$17,100,557
Other income.....	12,093,576	11,079,164	11,483,432	11,181,676
Total income.....	\$36,307,276	\$33,306,483	\$31,344,508	\$28,282,233
Deduct. fr. income—Int.....	14,904,306	15,025,329	15,065,078	15,300,807
Other deductions.....	400,238	336,866	309,186	-----
Bal. for divs. & other corporate purposes.....	\$21,002,732	\$17,944,288	\$15,970,244	\$12,981,426
Dividends declared.....	12,400,000	12,400,000	12,400,000	12,400,000
Surplus.....	\$8,600,732	\$5,544,288	\$3,570,244	\$-----
Shares of stock outstanding (par \$100).....	2,480,000	2,480,000	2,480,000	2,480,000
Earned per share.....	\$8.47	\$7.24	\$6.44	\$5.23

a Includes depreciation of equipment charged at 4% and amounting in 1926 to \$4,067,483. This is a charge in the accounts and does not represent actual cash spent. b Includes \$8,301,790 dividends from C. B. & Q. stock. c Includes \$6,852,691 interest on bonds issued for account of C. B. & Q. stock.

A condensed balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1926 is given under "Investment News" below, in connection with the proposed unification plan with the Great Northern Ry.—V. 124, p. 917.

White Eagle Oil & Refining Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)

In the advertising pages of to-day's issue will be found a detailed statement regarding the company's property, production, marketing facilities, together with table of earnings from 1919 to 1926, both inclusive; also a balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1926. Our usual comparative income account statement and comparative balance sheet were given in V. 124, p. 661.

Shawinigan Water & Power Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)

President J. E. Aldred reports in part:

Financial.—The financial statement shows gross earnings for the year of \$7,660,207 and net of \$2,957,323 before depreciation. After making the usual appropriations and paying dividends at the rate of 8% per annum, the balance carried forward is \$758,859, subject to deduction for 1926 income tax. During the year directors authorized the transfer of \$200,000 from surplus account to depreciation reserve. Company has paid out for power purchased from other companies an amount of \$2,095,521, as against \$1,779,511 in 1925.

Expenditures on capital account required additional moneys and these funds were obtained by the sale in Oct. of \$3,000,000 series E bonds and in the latter part of the year by an issue of 25,000 new shares of the company, which were offered to shareholders on the basis of 1 new share for every 10 shares held. The price obtained was \$150 per share, and all shares offered were fully subscribed. The premiums arising from sale of shares to customers and employees in 1925 and the sale to shareholders in 1926 amount to \$1,679,360, which has been disposed of in the following manner: \$373,302 has been appropriated for the purpose of placing the pension fund on an actuarial basis; \$322,007 was used to augment the fire insurance reserve to \$500,000. The balance of the premiums, \$984,051 has been transferred to contingent reserve fund.

Directors have for some time had under consideration the question of changing the shares of the company, of a par value of \$100 each, into shares without par value. A special meeting of shareholders, held Dec. 15, authorized a change of the capital structure of the company by changing the 400,000 shares, \$100 each, into 1,600,000 shares, without par value. Each \$100 share shall be exchanged for 4 shares without par value. Company.—As indicating the company's growth over a period of 20 years, it is interesting to note that the financial statement for the year 1906

showed a gross income of \$362,396. Twenty years later the income for the month of Dec. 1926, was more than double the income for the entire year 1906. The assets of the company in that year amounted to \$12,250,347 while the present balance sheet shows assets of an aggregate book value of \$63,774,279. This comparison shows the remarkable expansion of the company, which is further emphasized by a comparison of the kilowatt hour output; in 1906 the output was 169,000,000 kilowatt hours, and in 1926 was 1,787,155,855 kilowatt hours, which does not include 342,725,960 kilowatt hours of secondary power. In 1906 the development at Shawinigan Falls was 64,600 h. p.; in 1926 the development is 249,000 h. p.

The income account and balance sheet for 1926, together with list of officers, will be found in the advertising pages of this issue.

RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings, all sources	\$7,660,208	\$6,702,034	\$5,741,079	\$5,110,539
Operating exp., &c.	3,243,141	3,001,158	2,420,528	1,939,646
Bond interest, &c.	1,459,744	1,334,538	1,274,652	1,189,333
Depreciation reserve	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
Dividends	(8%) 2,050,000	(7 1/2%) 1,676,250	(7) 1,400,000	(7) 1,400,000
Balance, surplus	\$557,323	\$340,089	\$295,899	\$231,560
Previous surp. (after adj.)	251,536	308,158	229,070	159,263
Total	\$808,859	\$648,247	\$524,967	\$390,813
Reserve and sinking fund	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Other reserves		25,000	25,000	25,000
x Total surplus Dec. 31	\$758,859	\$573,246	\$449,969	\$315,813
Shares capital stock outstanding (par \$100)	275,000	250,000	220,000	200,000
Earned per share	\$9.48	\$8.07	\$7.70	\$8.15
x Surplus subject to deductions for income tax.				

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

1926.		1925.		1926.		1925.	
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Property	17,192,101	17,078,360	Capital stock	27,500,000	25,000,000		
Machinery	6,475,334	6,386,029	Bonds	26,129,500	23,148,500		
Lines	11,515,374	7,992,892	Accts. & bills pay.	591,624	314,031		
Equipment	592,123	582,871	Int. & div. payable	1,003,095	902,255		
Prepaid charges	172,727	170,739	Sinking fund, &c.	3,959,220	2,566,862		
Securities of subsidiary, &c., eos.	23,040,928	19,020,702	Depreciation, reserve, &c.	3,831,981	3,281,069		
Accts. & bills receivable	2,181,551	3,074,156	Pension fund		60,000		
Call loans	1,392,000	750,000	Surplus x	758,859	573,247		
Temporary invest.	481,838						
Cash	730,273	790,215					
Total	63,774,280	55,845,964	Total	63,774,280	55,845,964		

x Subject to deduction for income tax.—V. 124, p. 113.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

STEAM RAILROADS.

Western Maryland RR. is Blamed for Oct. 1925 Strike of Enginem. Firemen and Hostlers in Report Made by Protestant, Catholic and Jewish Groups.—New York "Times" Feb. 14, p. 1.

New York Central RR. Gets Giant Locomotive.—Swifter and more powerful engine will be able to pull passenger trains of 20 cars faster than present type can pull 10 or 12 cars. Costs around \$100,000, but is expected to bring about great economy by elimination of running trains in "sections."—New York "Times" Feb. 15, p. 2.

Car Surplus.—Class I railroads on Feb. 8 had 257,767 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association has announced. This was a decrease of 1,781 cars compared with Jan. 31 at which time there were 269,548 cars. Surplus coal cars on Feb. 8 totaled 64,718, an increase of 2,130 cars within approximately a week while surplus box cars totaled 143,652, a decrease of 5,090 for the same period. Reports also showed 25,829 surplus stock cars, an increase of 1,541 over the number reported on Jan. 31 while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 12,446, an increase of 637 within the same period.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Feb. 12—(a) Pennsylvania RR. control of expenses.—p. 841. (b) Gross and net earnings of U. S. railroads for month of December.—p. 844. (c) Railroad revenue freight car loadings continue heavy because of the large movement of coal.—p. 857. (d) "Corner" in Wheeling & Lake Erie stock.—Purchase of control by other roads.—Gyrations of the stock.—p. 873. (e) Carl Williams resigns as member of U. S. (railroad) Board of Mediation.—P. N. Neff appointed.—p. 879. (f) Firemen and enginem. on Eastern roads granted wage increase of 7 1/2%.—p. 879. (g) 7 1/2% wage increase won by conductors and trainmen on Southeastern roads.—p. 879.

Alabama Central RR.—Abandonment of Line.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 29 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon, as to Inter-State and foreign commerce, its line of railroad, extending from Jasper to Manchester, a distance of 6.7 miles, and the line of railroad owned by the Manchester Saw Mills extending from Manchester to a point known as Sunlight, a distance of 6.3 miles, and of the line of railroad owned by the Manchester Coal Co. extending from Manchester to the mine of the coal company, a distance of approximately 2.25 miles, all in Walker County, Ala.—V. 121, p. 1565.

Atlanta Birmingham & Atlantic Ry.—Plan Declared Operative.—

Plans for the reorganization of the company have been declared operative by the Committee of reorganization composed of Francis R. Hart, George E. Warren, James H. Perkins and George E. Roosevelt.

In connection with the reorganization, the preferred stock of Atlanta, Birmingham & Coast RR., the new company organized to consummate the plan, is ready for distribution. Holders of certificates of deposit for income mortgage bonds or scrip issued by the above railroad company or first mortgage bonds of Atlantic & Birmingham Railway, in order to obtain the new preferred stock, must surrender their certificates of deposit in negotiable form to the depository which issued them. The fractional interests represented by the income bond scrip will be adjusted in cash.

The holders of over 98.7% of the income bonds and scrip and of over 97.7% of the first mortgage bonds have already become parties to the reorganization plan and agreement. With the approval of the United States District Court, action has been taken fixing April 16 1927, as the date on or before which holders of income bonds and scrip and first mortgage bonds not heretofore deposited may become parties to the plan and after this time no deposits of bonds will be received.—V. 124, p. 104.

Atlantic City RR.—Construction of Branch Line.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 29 issued a certificate authorizing the company to construct a branch line of railroad extending from a connection with its railroad in the borough of West Cape May, which adjoins the city of Cape May, in a westerly direction a distance of 2.64 miles to a terminal at the westerly end of Sunset Boulevard, Cape May Point, adjacent to the wharf of the Lewes-Cape May Ferry Co. now under construction on the Delaware Bay, all in Cape May County, N. J.—V. 122, p. 1164.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—To Issue Equipment Cts.—

The company has asked the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$9,750,000 4 1/2% equipment trust certificates, proceeds to be used in the purchase of 20 locomotives, 3,000 hopper cars, 1,500 box cars and other rolling stock at a total cost of \$13,930,477.

B. & O. Explains Deal in Western Maryland.—

Whatever part of the Western Maryland RR. stock, which Allen Property Custodian Howard Sutherland sold to the Bank of the Manhattan Co. on Feb. 15, went to the Baltimore & Ohio RR., represented part of the purchase of the 35% stock interest in the Western Maryland which was announced last week, according to an official of the Baltimore & Ohio.

"While it was stated that the Baltimore & Ohio had no negotiations with Mr. Sutherland," the official said, "it may be assumed that the shares, in part at least, represent purchases heretofore made by this road of 35%

of the Western Maryland stock. Whatever shares, sold by the Allen Property Custodian, which will come to the Baltimore & Ohio will not increase its holdings in Western Maryland. There has been no change in our holdings since the purchases which were announced early last week.—V. 124, p. 915.

Central RR. of New Jersey.—Bonds.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 29 authorized the company to issue, as co-maker, a bond in the principal amount of \$1,250,000 in connection with the acquisition of certain lands.

The report of the Commission says: "The applicant states that because of increased traffic its Bronx terminal located on the north bank of the Harlem River and east of Third Avenue, N. Y. City, is inadequate for its present needs, and that it is necessary for it to acquire additional land so that it may enlarge its terminal facilities at that point. Under date of Dec. 29 1926 the applicant entered into an agreement with the New York Building & Improvement Co. to purchase from it a tract of land comprising about 7 3/4 acres adjacent to the applicant's Bronx terminal, situated on the opposite side of Third Ave., and connected with the terminal by a spur track. The purchase price of this land is \$1,750,000, of which \$500,000 is to be paid in cash and the remainder evidenced by a bond for \$1,250,000, secured by a purchase-money first mortgage. The agreement provides that the applicant may assign its interest therein to any individual or corporation. There has been organized in New York the Edroyal Corp., all of the capital stock of which will be owned by the applicant. The applicant will assign its interest in the agreement mentioned to the Edroyal Corp. and title to this tract of land will be taken in the name of that company. "The applicant seeks authority to issue as a co-maker with the Edroyal Corp. a bond for \$1,250,000 secured by a purchase money 1st mtge. given by the Edroyal Corp. as mortgagor to the New York Building & Improvement Co. as mortgagee. The bond will be dated as of the date executed and will be payable five years after date, with interest at the rate of 5% per annum, payable semi-annually.

Commissioner Eastman (dissenting) says:

The Central of New Jersey is here proposing to acquire land for railroad use in N. Y. City. It could acquire this land directly. Instead it proposes to acquire it through a subsidiary corporation to be known as the Edroyal Co. All of the stock of this subsidiary will be owned by the Central of New Jersey. The Edroyal Co. will be completely the creature of the railroad company. There will be no reality in its independent existence, apart from technical legal form. The reason for resort to this device, as it is stated to us, is to avoid certain taxation in New York State.

It should be understood that it is not sought in any way to avoid taxes on the land. All that is sought, apparently, is to avoid subjecting the Central of New Jersey in New York to franchise taxation on its stock when similar taxes have already been paid in New Jersey. There is no concealment; everything is being done quite openly and, it is stated, in accordance with the laws of New York State. The device is a common one, and the Central of New Jersey is doing nothing that conflicts in any way with generally prevailing business and legal standards.

Nevertheless I think that the proposed transaction raises a question of public policy which is of some considerable importance. In my judgment, devices of this sort are essentially a perversion of the theory upon which corporate law rests, and the fact that they are possible under loose and imperfect State laws is not sufficient reason why we should countenance them. They permit, by a mere change in form without change in substance, things to be done lawfully which would otherwise be unlawful, and they are continually employed for that very purpose, sometimes with worthy motives, as is apparently the case here, and sometimes with less worthy motives. They camouflage realities by a maze of fictions. They enfeeble the law and tend ultimately to bring it into contempt and disrepute. As I see it, they run counter to sound public policy, and we ought to set ourselves against them. Where, as here, they are employed to avoid possible injustice through duplication of taxation, such wrongs ought to be attacked directly rather than avoided through indirection.

There is a further aspect to this matter. I do not know what corporate powers the Edroyal Co. possesses. It may be that it is organized only for the purpose of acquiring and owning land. But as a rule, I think, dummy corporations of this sort are given broad powers to engage in very nearly any business. The practical effect in such cases, where they are the subsidiaries of a railroad company, is a corresponding enlargement of the powers of the railroad company. Anything that the railroad company is unable to do under its own charter, it can then do through the subsidiary. I have no reason to believe that the Central of New Jersey proposes abuse in this instance, but such subsidiaries are not subject to the public supervision to which railroad companies are subject. For example, we have no power over their accounts nor power to examine in any way into their affairs. Through them it is possible to carry on operations alien to common carrier operations and inconsistent with their proper performance. A reference to our reports several years ago upon the financial affairs of the New York New Haven & Hartford RR. and what was done through such dummies as the Millbrook Co., the Providence Securities Corp. and the Billard Co. will sufficiently illustrate the point. The opportunity for abuse is clearly present, and in my judgment action on our part which permits that opportunity to exist is not consistent with the public interest.—V. 123, p. 3178.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Files Application with I.-S. C. Commission for Authority to Acquire Control of Erie and Pere Marquette Roads.—

The company Feb. 11 filed application with the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to acquire control of the Erie and Pere Marquette railroads through stock ownership. Simultaneously, in a separate petition to the Commission, approval is sought for a proposed issue of additional common shares of C. & O. stock of a par value of \$59,502,400, for the enhancement of the capital structure, through substitution of stocks for bonds, and for the purpose of reimbursing the company treasury for capital expenditures for additions and betterments.

Thus, what was outlined Feb. 7 (V. 124, p. 916), by Pres. W. J. Harahan of the Chesapeake & Ohio, as a plan of procedure, was crystallized Feb. 11 into definite action when counsel for that road went to the Commission with these two separate applications. The one relating to the proposed stock issue was filed under Section 20a of the Inter-State Commerce Act. That relating to the proposed acquisition of control was made under paragraph 2 of Section 5 of the Act.

In the latter petition, the C. & O. sets forth in detail the methods by which it is proposed to acquire the stock control of the roads. In addition to shares it now owns, the C. & O. will purchase, subject to the Commission's approval, shares of Erie and Pere Marquette covered in options obtained from O. P. Van Sweringen. It will acquire from the Nickel Plate Railroad Co. 174,900 shares of Pere Marquette common now under contract. Such additional shares of Erie and Pere Marquette will be purchased as will give the C. & O. a numerical majority of the capital stocks of the two companies.

A special committee of the C. & O. fixed the price on all of the Erie shares covered in the option from O. P. Van Sweringen. It named \$34.50 per share as the price on 345,239 shares of common. A fraction over \$45.87 per share was the price fixed for 23,695 shares of first preferred, and \$43.75 per share for 22,305 shares of 2d preferred. The shares, at these prices, aggregate \$3,348,350 less than the market price for the same stocks at the close of the market Jan. 31 1927.

O. P. Van Sweringen was approached by this special C. & O. committee and asked for an option on his Erie shares. Mr. Van Sweringen stated that the shares would be available at such terms as the committee might name and, accordingly, the prices were fixed. The committee included W. J. Harahan, George Cole Scott and John Stewart Bryan of Richmond, Va.; Otto Miller and Frank H. Ginn. Mr. Scott, incidentally, was formerly chairman of an opposition group of stockholders of which Mr. Bryan was also a member.

The price, in the Van Sweringen option, for 36,500 shares of Pere Marquette common is \$110 a share, an aggregate of \$4,020,000 less than the market price of these shares at the close of the market on Jan. 31, 1927.

The same price holds for 169,100 shares out of the total of 174,900 Pere Marquette common shares which the Nickel Plate is under contract to sell. For the balance called for in the Nickel Plate contract—5,800 shares—the sum to be paid will be the cost of the shares to the Nickel Plate, namely \$639,162.50 plus carrying charges and other proper expenses of acquiring the stock.

Apart from shares optioned or under contract the C. & O. reports various purchases that have been made in its behalf looking toward the present application to the Commission. Of the Erie stocks, 137,405 shares of 1st preferred, 50,495 shares of 2d preferred, and 357,300 shares of common have been purchased for its account. Similarly, 1,200 shares of Pere Marquette prior preference, 9,000 shares of preferred and 5,000 shares of common have been acquired for it.

The aggregate of all Erie shares, purchased, contracted for, or optioned in behalf of the C. & O. is about 936,000 according to the listings in the application. These represent a total cost, less interest, of \$36,511,072. Included are 161,000 1st preferred, 72,000 2d preferred, and 702,539 common.

The Pere Marquette shares, purchased, optioned or contracted for, total about 222,100 shares, including 1,200 shares of prior preferred, 9,000 shares of preferred, and 211,900 shares of common. The total cost, less interest, is \$24,236,508.

Declares Control in Public Interest.

As the intermediate step toward unification, the Chesapeake & Ohio asks authority to exercise "that character and degree of administrative control of operations of the Erie and Pere Marquette that is inherent in control by stock ownership of each constituent for the benefit of all of the carriers within the proposed group, and at the same time consistent with separate operation of and accounting by each of the carriers."

Advantages from an operating standpoint are set forth at considerable length. Emphasis is given to the benefits of the widespread, efficient distribution of coal, the encouragement of industrial development in the territory served, the flexibility of movement and the use of new routes ideally adapted to traffic needs.

The one existing gap in the grouping is rapidly being closed with the construction, now under way, of the 63-mile double-tracked roadway between Gregg and Valley Crossing, Ohio. This will link the line of the C. & O. with the Hocking Valley and facilitate movement from coal fields of southern West Virginia and eastern Kentucky to the Great Lakes' focal point of coal at Toledo, connecting there with the line of the Erie and the Pere Marquette, and with other railroads at intermediate points.

The C. & O.'s coal traffic, westbound, will move over this Gregg-Valley Crossing link, through Columbus, and, over the line of the Hocking, to Toledo for shipment via the Great Lakes. Much of this coal finds its way to Detroit, and points beyond in the States of Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska.

Although the C. & O. has a line from Cincinnati to Chicago, it is not adapted to the economical transportation of heavy coal traffic. The necessity confronts the C. & O. of either improving this line or else securing another economical route of greater capacity. The existing line of the Erie, from Marion, Ohio, to Chicago, would serve very effectively in this connection, inasmuch as it would provide a highly efficient through route between the coal fields and Chicago. This line is equal to any that could be constructed and far superior to that which the C. & O. could obtain by improving its Cincinnati-Chicago line.

Another of the benefits of unification cited is the improvement that would result in the service between the ports of Hampton Roads and the territory served by the Erie and Pere Marquette. Hampton Roads ports would be substantially benefitted by this traffic as would also those territories so served north of the Ohio River. The petition states:

"Such unification will encourage industrial development, as it will provide a wider distributing territory and improved service. The lines of the railroad of the applicant and of the Erie and the Pere Marquette are complementary to and supplementary of each other, and, from the standpoint of physical situation and traffic handled, logically lend themselves to unification and operation as a single system.

"The creation of such unified system will not only preserve existing routes and channels of trade and commerce, but will open to shippers for a large volume of present and future traffic, substituting single-line hauls for two or more lines of such system to compete on more equal terms with other systems serving the territory, particularly the New York Central, Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio systems.

"It will bring about a better co-ordination between the lines composing the system, simplify their relations to the traveling and shipping public and to public authorities, State and Federal, having jurisdiction over them; result in better balanced volume of traffic moving in opposite directions over the various lines of such system; bring about more efficient and dependable service to the public in transportation generally, by the elimination of delays at interchange points, by the use of shorter and more efficient routes; in some cases, by more efficient and adequate use of equipment and facilities and by co-ordinated single-system operation; result in the use of uniform standards and practices; and promote convenience and simplicity and effect substantial economies in operation and accounting." See also V. 124, p. 916.

John Stewart Bryan of Richmond, Va., has resigned as a director

Earnings for Calendar Years (1926 Preliminary).

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross	\$133,974,030	\$123,184,103	\$108,033,448	\$101,975,798
Expenses	90,970,788	88,981,419	82,781,703	78,889,777
Taxes, &c.	8,255,623	6,812,290	4,788,669	4,716,670
Operating income	\$34,747,619	\$27,390,394	\$20,463,076	\$18,369,351
Equipment, rents	2,263,405	Cr2,627,677	Cr1,429,844	Cr766,004
Net operating income	\$37,011,024	\$30,018,071	\$21,892,920	\$19,135,355
Other income	2,404,394	1,494,765	1,886,080	2,216,048
Total income	\$39,415,418	\$31,512,836	\$23,779,000	\$21,351,403
Int., rents, &c.	10,120,615	11,360,566	11,556,958	12,252,354
Net income	\$29,294,803	\$20,152,270	\$12,222,042	\$9,099,049
Preferred dividends	322,995	815,247	816,302	816,302
Common dividends	13,635,760	3,035,885	2,619,500	2,591,032
Sinking fund, &c.	127,297	124,269	120,972	119,619
Surplus	\$15,208,751	\$16,176,869	\$8,665,268	\$5,572,096
Com. shs. outstanding (par \$100)	1,170,503	906,912	672,657	654,257
Earns. per sh. on com.	\$24.75	\$21.32	\$16.78	\$12.48

Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville Ry. Co.—Prelim. Report.

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross	\$18,598,066	\$17,686,039	\$17,044,000	\$17,923,547
Expenses	13,327,121	12,869,194	12,468,741	12,943,457
Taxes, &c.	1,058,224	896,483	938,339	1,044,799
Operating income	\$4,212,721	\$3,920,362	\$3,636,920	\$3,935,291
Equip., rents, &c.	1,233,581	1,076,839	1,479,550	1,582,257
Net operating income	\$2,979,140	\$2,843,523	\$2,157,370	\$2,353,034
Other income	118,489	128,736	152,411	165,033
Total income	\$3,097,629	\$2,972,259	\$2,309,781	\$2,518,067
Interest, rents, &c.	1,407,989	1,351,510	1,305,035	1,262,062
Net income	\$1,689,640	\$1,620,749	\$1,004,745	\$1,256,005
Preferred dividends	199,652	199,652	199,652	199,652
Common dividends	734,790	524,850	472,365	341,153
Surplus	\$755,198	\$896,247	\$332,728	\$715,200
Shrs. com. stk. outst'd/g	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000
Earned per share	\$14.19	\$13.53	\$7.66	\$10.06

Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.—Abandonment of halco-Yutan Cut-Off—Bond Application.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 29 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon that part of its Chalco-Yutan line between Chalco Junction and a point about 3.79 miles east of Yutan, a distance of 8.08 miles, in Sarpy and Douglas Counties, Neb.

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$18,294,000 gen. mtge. 4% bonds, which will be used in retiring certain Nebraska extension 4% bonds maturing May 1. The company also asked for authority to issue \$30,000,000 of refunding mortgage 4½% gold bonds, a part of the proceeds to replace obligations bearing a higher interest rate, a part to substitute for previous authorized issues of a higher interest character which have not yet been sold and the balance, amounting to \$11,000,000, to provide funds for general additions and betterments.—V. 124, p. 501, 230.

Chicago & North Western Ry.—Bonds.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 22 authorized the company to procure the authentication and delivery of \$1,375,000 of general mortgage 4½% gold bonds of 1987 to be held by it until the further order of the Commission.—V. 124, p. 916.

Delaware Valley Ry.—Final Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$190,000 on the owned and used properties of the company, as of June 30 1919.—V. 123, 838.

Denver & Rio Grande RR.—Tentative Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$96,465,948 on the owned, and \$98,520,359 on the used property of the company, (incl. leased lines), as of June 30 1919.—V. 123, p. 1111.

Great Northern Ry.—Unification Plan.—See Northern Pacific Ry. below.—V. 124, p. 917, 788.

Gulf Mobile & Northern RR.—Proposed Acquisition.

The stockholders will vote March 14 on approving the purchase of the bonds and stock and the leasing of the Birmingham & Northwestern Ry. The Gulf Mobile & Northern R.R. now owns all the outstanding funded debt of the B. & N. Ry.—consisting of \$400,000 1st mtge. 6s, due March 1 1927, and \$400,000 income mtge. 4½s, due April 1 1947—and a majority of the outstanding and authorized \$300,000 capital stock. The Birmingham & Northwestern Ry. extends 50 miles from Jackson to Dyersburg, Tenn.—V. 124, p. 788.

Hawkinsville & Florida Southern Ry.—Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$1,083,545 on the properties of the company, as of June 30 1915.—V. 118, p. 3077.

Huntington & Broad Top Mountain RR. & Coal Co.—Earnings Cal. Years—

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Operating income	\$874,884	\$786,783	\$677,758	\$990,081
Other income	34,406	36,029	35,626	152,919
Total income	\$909,290	\$822,812	\$713,384	\$1,143,000
Operating expenses, &c.	644,902	620,031	586,682	794,103
Interest, deprec., &c.	308,149	299,618	307,522	303,875
Deficit	\$43,762	\$96,836	\$180,820	sur\$45,021

Kansas City Terminal Ry.—Tentative Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$37,437,292 on the used, and \$37,299,066 on the owned property of the company, as of June 30 1916.—V. 122, p. 2795.

Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.—Time Extended.

Notice is being issued to the holders of the 1st consol. mtge. 5% gold bonds, due 1934 and Des Moines & Fort Dodge RR. 1st mtge. 4% gold bonds, due 1935 that the time for the deposit of the bonds with the joint committee or with the American Exchange Irving Trust Co. has been further extended to April 1 1927, on which date such time will expire. Thereafter bonds may be deposited only on such terms as may be imposed by the committee. A substantial majority in principal amount of bonds of each issue has been deposited and foreclosure proceedings are now well under way. The committee includes, Walter H. Bennett, chairman; Frederick J. Lisman, (of F. J. Lisman & Co.), and L. Edmund Zacher.—V. 124, p. 788, 502.

Northern Pacific Ry.—Unification Plan of Northern Pacific Ry. and Great Northern Ry.

The plan for unification of Northern Pacific and Great Northern Ry. companies was announced Feb. 14 by a committee composed of George F. Baker, Chairman, Arthur Curtis James, Deputy Chairman; J. P. Morgan, Louis W. Hill and Howard Elliott. Reference to the plan discloses that it contemplates, subject to the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission, direct operation of the lines of railroad of the Northern Pacific Ry., Great Northern Ry. and Spokane Portland & Seattle Ry., through lease of the properties of these companies to a new operating railroad company which will also exchange its stock share for share for stock of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern. Application will be made to the Commission for approval of the leases and of the acquisition by the new railroad company of the stocks of the two Northern companies just as soon as deposits of stock in accordance with the plan have, in the opinion of the committee, progressed sufficiently.

The plan is noteworthy for its unusual simplicity and freedom from complicating factors, due to the fact that each of the Northern companies has outstanding only one class of stock, and that the shares of each company are given equal treatment under the plan by the terms of which they are exchangeable share for share for the new railroad company's stock, which will have full voting rights.

In addition to the close community of interests between the two Northern roads which has existed for 26 years as to their joint ownership of the Burlington, and for a period but slightly less as to their joint ownership of the Spokane Portland & Seattle, the two roads have long been closely associated in the minds of the investing public. A recent study made by the officers of the two companies shows that the same persons now own over 59% of the stock of Great Northern Ry. and over 62% of the stock of Northern Pacific Ry., a result which has been brought about by the free exercise of the investment opinion of a large number of individuals, acting independently, over a period of a great many years. These individuals will be entitled to receive in the aggregate in exchange for these stocks approximately 61% of the stock of the new railroad company. The unification contemplated, therefore, gives practical effect to a common ownership which already to a large extent exists in fact, and assures the economies and benefits which should result therefrom.

Francis T. Ward, 23 Wall St., New York, is Secretary of the Committee, and Walker D. Hines, and Davis, Polk, Wardwell, Gardiner & Reed, Counsel. The depositaries are as follows: (a) Capital stock of Northern Pacific Ry., J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall St., New York; (b) Preferred stock of Great Northern Ry. The First National Bank, 2 Wall St., New York.

For the convenience of European holders, Messrs. Morgan, Grenfell & Co., 22 Old Broad St., E. C., London, Eng., and Messrs. Morgan & Cie, 14 Place Vendome, Paris, France, will receive deposits of stock certificates for transmission to New York in exchange for which certificates of deposit will be mailed from New York to the depositor.

A letter addressed to stockholders of Northern Pacific Ry. Co. and Great Northern Ry. Co., signed by Howard Elliott, Chairman, and Charles Donnelly, President of the Northern Pacific, and by Louis W. Hill, Chairman of the board, and Ralph Budd, President of the Great Northern, states in part as follows:

As a result of studies made under our direction, we believe that 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.

All of this will inure to the benefit of stockholders in the way of increased net earnings and of improved credit, and will promote as well the public interest; because while revenues are now inadequate, and could be made adequate under existing conditions only by increases in rates, these economies will go far towards producing the same result by a reduction in expenses.

The plan contains the following introductory statement setting forth the major considerations which have led to its approval by the directors and officers of the Northern companies and by the committee:

The Northern Companies, operating approximately 15,000 miles of railroad, have for a great many years had a community of interest in the railroad system of over 11,400 miles operated by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy RR., and its subsidiaries, and in the railroad system of over 900 miles operated by the Spokane Portland & Seattle Ry. and its subsidiaries. For more than 26 years the Northern companies have owned in equal shares a very large majority, now over 97% of the \$170,839,100 capital stock of the Burlington and for more than 20 years have owned in equal shares the entire \$40,000,000 capital stock of the Spokane company. The Northern companies also own or control in equal shares the entire outstanding \$73,710,000 1st mtge. 4% gold bonds of the Spokane company.

Inasmuch as the two Northern companies have thus long been committed to a complete community of interest in the more than 12,300 miles of railroad referred to, it seems appropriate to their board of directors, subject to the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission, to place in a common control, the capital, and as soon as feasible, the operation, of the Northern companies themselves. Such unification of control is all the more logical inasmuch as it would be detrimental to the public interest, as well as to the interest of the stockholders, for either Northern company to disassociate itself from any interest in the Burlington company or the Spokane company.

Since such present interest of either Northern company cannot be advantageously terminated, even if such termination were technically practicable, the situation calls for completion through the unification herein recommended.

Such unification will, it is believed, lead to substantial economies in operation and to important increases in the efficiency with which service to the public can be rendered by the two Northern companies, and will also be calculated to promote even more effective policies than are at present practicable for the development of the properties of the Burlington and Spokane companies. Thus the unification here recommended should prove highly advantageous from all standpoints both to the public and to the stockholders.

The boards of directors of the Northern companies have long been giving careful study to these matters, impelled not only by the considerations above mentioned but by the fact that further unification of control of railroads has been established as a policy by Congress, has been repeatedly urged by the President as being in the public interest, and has in various important instances received the sanction of the I.-S. C. Commission.

As a result of their study of the matter the boards of directors of the two Northern companies recommend to their stockholders the unification outlined in this plan, believing it to be in the interest of the stockholders, and of the public. Various large stockholders, having made a careful study of the situation, concur in this conclusion. In order to carry out these views and to provide a method by which all stockholders of both Northern companies may share equally in the resulting advantages, the committee has been formed and the plan and agreement now submitted have been formulated.

Method of Accomplishing Unification.

Unification is to be accomplished in the following manner: A railroad corporation now existing or to be organized, (called the new company) will lease the properties of the Spokane Portland & Seattle Ry. and thereafter will exchange its new stock, share for share, for the stock of the Northern companies. As soon as feasible, the new company, or a company directly or indirectly controlled by the new company will also acquire by lease the railroads and properties of each of the Northern companies. The terms of each lease, as to the properties to be leased, rental to be paid, and all other provisions thereof shall be as agreed upon by the companies, parties thereto, subject to the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission, and the committee shall have full discretion to adopt as a factor in the plan, or in any modified or substitute plan, any such lease the terms of which shall have been so approved.

The committee shall have power to provide that the new company shall, subject to the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission, acquire control by purchase, lease or otherwise, of any additional railroads, bus lines or other transportation facilities and properties which it may deem beneficial to or in furtherance of the plan, or of any modified or substitute plan, and to issue the obligations or stock of the new company therefor.

Approval of I.-S. C. Commission.

The issue of the new stock and the leases contemplated by the plan will be subject to the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission and to compliance with such legal requirements as counsel to the committee may advise. The necessary application or applications to the Commission will be made as soon as deposits under the plan have progressed sufficiently in the opinion of the committee.

There is every reason to hope that, subject to the approval of the Commission, with the prompt co-operation of the stockholders, the unification can be accomplished in a comparatively short time. To that end holders of stock of the Northern companies are requested to deposit their holdings subject to the plan and deposit agreement with the respective depositaries and to execute and return proxies to the committee as soon as possible.

Provision for Expenses.

Deposits of stock will be without expense to depositors. The cash requirements of the plan are to be met as provided in the deposit agreement.

The New Company.

The unification may be accomplished by the utilization of any existing corporation or by the organization of a new corporation under the laws of such State or States as the committee may determine.

The authorized capital stock of the new company shall be the amount of stock which shall be necessary to acquire the capital stock of the two Northern companies and, in case the committee shall deem desirable, the amount necessary to acquire the control of any additional railroads, bus lines or other transportation facilities and properties as hereinbefore provided.

Description of New Stock.

The new stock shall be common stock, all of one class, and each share thereof shall have equal voting rights. It may be without par value, or may have a par value of \$100 per share, as the committee may determine.

The new stock may be issued in temporary form in the first instance or interim certificates may be issued thereof. Scrip may be issued and distributed in lieu of fractions of a share of new stock. Such scrip may be non-dividend bearing, but shall be exchangeable for new stock when presented in proper multiples, on terms and conditions approved by the committee.

Methods of Participation in Plan.

The holders of stock of the Northern companies may assent to the plan by depositing their stock with the designated depository for such stock, at its office in the city of New York, or with any of the designated agents of such depository, on or before April 15 1927, or such later date as the committee shall determine.

All dividends collected on deposited stock will be paid to the holders of record of certificates of deposit representing such stock.

The depositaries shall issue or cause to be issued certificates of deposit, transferable in such manner as the committee may determine, for all stock deposited hereunder, and every holder of such a certificate of deposit shall be bound by the provisions of the plan.

Application will be made to list the certificates of deposit on the New York Stock Exchange.

Treatment of Deposited Stock.

Depositors of capital stock of the Northern companies, in respect of each share of such stock represented by their certificates of deposit will be entitled to receive, on the completion of the unification and on surrender of their certificates of deposit, duly endorsed, to the depository which issued the same, new stock when issued and ready for delivery, at the rate of one share of new stock for each share of such capital stock of the northern companies represented by the surrendered certificates of deposit.

Provisions for Declaring Plan Operative.

The committee in its absolute discretion may determine whether and when a sufficient amount of stock of the Northern companies shall have been deposited to render it advisable to declare operative the plan, or any modified or substitute plan.

In case the committee shall declare operative the plan, or any modified or substitute plan, it shall thereupon give notice to that effect in the manner provided in the deposit agreement.

Present Capitalization of the Northern Companies.

(A) Northern Pacific Railway Co.
Condensed General Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1926.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Inv't in road & equip.	\$584,371,485	Capital stock	\$248,000,000
Dep. in lieu of mtged property sold	704,134	Grants in aid of constr.	489,150
Miscell. physical prop.	10,086,456	Funded & long-term dt.	319,481,000
Inv. in affil. cos.	180,520,536	Current liabilities	16,548,878
Other investments	6,345,906	Deferred liabilities	225,569
Current assets	36,541,736	Unadjusted credits—	
Deferred assets	235,382	Accrued depr.—equip	43,439,986
Unadjusted debits	9,638,386	Other	12,406,924
		Appropriated surplus	17,731,756
		Profit and loss	170,120,809
Total	\$828,444,072	Total	\$828,444,072

(B) Great Northern Railway Co.
Condensed General Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1926.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Inv. in road & equip.	\$480,883,385	Capital stock	\$248,934,950
Imp'ts. on leased ry. prop.	131,572	Premium on capital stk.	81,268
Sink. fds. & deposits in lieu of mtged. prop. sold	38,936	Grants in aid of constr.	721,979
Misc. physical property	5,283,568	Funded & long-term dt.	333,394,545
Investments in affil. cos.	242,686,819	Current liabilities	22,851,038
Other investments	5,475,585	Deferred liabilities	13,357,884
Current assets	59,209,860	Unadjusted credits—	
Deferred assets	13,341,275	Accrued depr.—road, equip. and miscell.	29,606,841
Unadjusted debits	16,077,291	Other	19,740,544
		Appropriated surplus	41,154,906
		Profit and loss	113,284,335
Total	\$823,128,290	Total	\$823,128,290

Present Capitalization of Major Controlled Companies.

(A) Spokane Portland & Seattle Railway Co.
Condensed General Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1926.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Inv. in road & equip.	\$64,356,901	Capital stock	\$40,000,000
Miscell. physical prop.	759,710	Funded & long-term dt.	77,191,413
Investments in affil. cos.	37,832,842	Current liabilities	27,591,226
Other investments	10,807	Deferred liabilities	21,578
Current assets	2,241,702	Unadjusted credits—	
Deferred assets	15,304,926	Accrued depr.—road and equipment	1,891,139
Unadjusted debits	16,029,268	Other	16,442,890
		Appropriated surplus	62,961
		Prof. & loss debit bal.	Def26,665,512
Total	\$136,536,155	Total	\$136,536,155

(B) Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad Co.
Condensed General Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1926.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Inv. in rd. & equipment	\$580,430,377	Capital stock	\$170,839,100
Deposits in lieu of mortgaged property sold	27,800	Funded and long-term debt	209,692,000
Misc. physical property	947,471	Current liabilities	15,312,013
Invest. in affiliated cos.	44,905,393	Deferred liabilities	66,385
Other investments	7,682,917	Unadjusted credits—	
Current assets	36,571,201	Accrued deprec., equ.	67,398,404
Deferred assets	307,019	Other	17,219,608
Unadjusted debits	7,462,576	Appropriated surplus	44,486,634
		Profit and loss	153,319,890
Total	\$678,334,034	Total	\$678,334,034

—V. 124, p. 917, 789.

Norwich & Worcester RR.—Bonds Offered.—Kidder, Peabody & Co. and R. L. Day & Co., Boston, are offering at 98 1/8 and int., to yield about 4.60%, \$1,800,000 1st mtge. 4 1/2% bonds.

Dated March 1 1927; due March 1 1947. Int. payable M. & S. Legal for savings banks in Mass.

The Norwich & Worcester RR. comprises about 70 miles of track from Groton, Conn., to Worcester, Mass., and 47 miles of yard tracks and sidings. The property is leased to the N. Y. N. H. & Hartford RR. until 1969. The rental paid consists of 8% on the company's \$3,000,000 outstanding pref. stock, interest on its funded debt, taxes and assessments. The mortgage limits the funded debt to the part of the company's stock. These bonds are secured by a first lien on the Norwich & Worcester RR. and represent the only funded debt.—V. 106, p. 924.

Pennsylvania RR.—Control of Expenses.

See editorial columns in last week's "Chronicle" p. 841.—V. 124, p. 789.

St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.—Asks to Issue Stock—Interest on Income Bonds.

The company has applied to the I.-S. Commission for authority to issue and sell \$15,096,240 of preferred stock or a like amount of common stock, at its option, stating that market conditions at the time when the issue is to be made will determine whether preferred stock or common stock will be issued. If preferred stock is to be used authority is also asked for the issue of \$13,586,616 of common stock in conversion. The application is supplemental to that filed on Jan. 22 for authority to issue preferred stock.

The directors have declared the regular semi-annual interest installment of 3% on the cumulative adjustment mortgage bonds for the 6 months ended Dec. 31 1926, payable April 1.

During this period, the balance available for interest on the adjustment bonds was \$7,280,124, or practically 6 times the amount required.—V. 124, p. 641.

Southern Pacific Co.—Saving on Reclaimed Material.

Southern Pacific's activity during 1926 in carefully collecting its worn out and discarded material and reclaiming it, saved the company \$725,160 of reclaimed material and \$125,865 on recovered material, a total of \$851,025, according to A. S. McKelligon, general storekeeper. In addition to the material reclaimed, the company sold old metal to the value of \$685,982 and itself used scrap valued at \$997,339. This makes a total of \$2,544,346 gained by the company through the collection of scrap material, its reclamation and through its use of sale as old metal.—V. 124, p. 917, 641.

Western Maryland RR.—Alien Property Custodian Sells Stock Holdings.

A large block of stock in the Western Maryland, seized by the Alien Property Custodian during the World War, has been sold to the Bank of the Manhattan Co., New York, representing other interests. Howard Sutherland, Alien Property Custodian, said the consideration was \$4,010,000.

The stock, 55,000 shares of common and 19,070 shares of first preferred, was the property of the Deutsch Bank of Berlin. Mr. Sutherland said that he had the written consent of the owners to sell. By refusing to sell the same shares one year ago, he said he had obtained approximately \$2,000,000 more than was possible at that time.

The consent of the Deutsch Bank was not given in the previous instance. (See also Baltimore & Ohio RR. above).—V. 124, p. 917.

Wheeling & Lake Erie RR.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross revenue.....	\$20,925,898	\$20,395,618	\$18,332,401	\$19,213,668
Operating expenses.....	14,984,089	14,400,990	14,410,273	14,753,220
Taxes, &c.....	1,668,649	1,572,566	1,260,338	1,328,724
Operating income.....	\$4,273,160	\$4,422,062	\$2,661,790	\$3,131,724
Equip., rents, &c.....	125,716	57,091	300,302	420,970
Net operating income.....	\$4,398,876	\$4,364,971	\$2,361,488	\$2,710,754
Other income.....	294,299	237,582	208,895	172,190
Total income.....	\$4,693,175	\$4,602,553	\$2,570,383	\$2,882,944
Fixed charges.....	1,185,821	1,316,275	1,287,640	1,337,666
Net income.....	\$3,507,354	\$3,286,278	\$1,282,743	\$1,545,278

For details regarding stock operations, &c. see under "Current Events and Discussions" in last week's "Chronicle" p. 873. See also V. 124, p. 918, 789.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Western Union Telegraph Co. Reduces Cable Press Rates Between U. S. and Great Britain and Ireland 2 Cents per Word.—"Wall Street Journal" Feb. 16, p. 15.

Hudson Boulevard (N. J.) Bus Drivers Win \$1 50 per Day Wage Increase After Strike on Feb. 5.—Two-year contract signed. Slight changes were also made in overtime and working conditions.—N. Y. "Times" Feb. 18, p. 11.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Output. According to an announcement by this company, the West Penn Electric Co., which controls its electric subsidiaries, shows a net power output for Jan. 1927 of 152,249,870 k.w.h., a new high record in any calendar month. This compares with 126,299,339 k.w.h. for Jan. 1926, a gain of over 20½%.—V. 124, p. 789.

Arkansas Power & Light Co.—Registrar.—The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed registrar and paying agent of the first and ref. mtge. gold bonds, 5% series, due 1956. See also V. 123, p. 2893, 3180.

Arkansaw Water Co.—Definitive Bonds Ready.—Definitive 1st mtge. 5% series "A" gold bonds, due Oct. 1 1956 are now ready for delivery in exchange for outstanding interim receipts at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City. (For offering, see V. 123, p. 1760, 1630).—V. 123, p. 1873.

Ashland (Ky.) Home Telephone Co.—Bonds Offered.—Security Trust Co., Lexington, Ky., and Bacon, Whipple & Co., Chicago, are offering at 100 and int. \$400,000 1st mtge. 5½% gold bonds, series A.

Dated Feb. 1 1927; due Feb. 1 1922. Principal and int. (F. & A.) payable at National City Bank, New York; Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, or Security Trust Co., Lexington, Ky., trustee. Denom. \$1,000. Red. as a whole but not in part upon three months notice on any int. date at the following prices and int.: 105 on or before Feb. 1 1942; thereafter, on or before Feb. 1 1947, at 102½; thereafter, on or before Aug. 1 1951, at 101.

Data from Letter of Thomas A. Combs, President of the Company. Company provides telephone service without competition to a population of more than 30,000 in Ashland and Catlettsburg Ky. As of Jan. 1 1927 the company had 5,158 urban subscribers stations. The Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co. (Bell System company operating in the Southeastern States, including Kentucky) owns 25% of the stock of this company.

Security.—Secured by a first lien on all the tangible property, rights and franchises of the Company, and will constitute the only funded debt outstanding. As of Jan. 1 1927 J. E. Jazco, Appraisal Engineer of the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co., appraised the real estate, buildings and telephone plant and property of the company as having a net sound value after depreciation of \$690,015.

Earnings Years Ending December 31.

	Gross Revenue.	Net Avail. for Depreciation, Federal Taxes and Interest Charges.	Depreciation Charges.	Net Earnings After Depreciation.
1925.....	\$193,400	\$90,844	\$26,590	\$64,254
1926.....	205,875	96,961	33,025	63,936

Average net earnings after depreciation for the 2 years ended Dec. 31 1926 were 64,095, which is 2.91 times maximum annual interest charges of \$22,000 on this issue.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to defray in part the purchase price of the properties acquired.

Capitalization.

	Authorized.	Issued.
1st mtge. 5½% gold bonds, series "A".....	\$3,000,000	\$400,000
Common stock (no par value).....	75,000 shs.	25,000 shs.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—New Issue of 100,000 Shares of Class A Stock Offered.—A further step in the program of the company towards providing funds for the acquisition of new properties for new construction and to some extent, for retirement of senior obligations has been taken through the offering of 100,000 shares of class A stock by a syndicate headed by John Nickerson & Co. The stock is offered at \$40 50 per share. Part of the proceeds of the offering and the recent offering by Harris, Forbes & Co. of \$40,000,000 of 5½% conv. debentures which were heavily oversubscribed, will be used to pay for the purchase of additional public utility properties or securities of companies deriving their income from such properties, not heretofore identified with the Associated Gas & Electric System. The balance will be used to further simplify the capital structure of the Associated Gas & Electric System through the payment of bonds and indebtedness incurred in retiring bonds of the company and indebtedness and preferred stocks of subsidiary and affiliated cos. for new construction and for other corporate purposes. The company after this financing will have on hand approximately \$18,000,000 of free cash.

Class A stock has priority over class B stock and common stock both as to assets and dividends. Participating and non-callable. The class A stock is fully paid and non-assessable and is entitled to non-cumulative dividends at the rate of \$2 per share per annum, payable, when and as declared, Q-F., in priority to the class B stock and the common stock. After the full quarterly priority dividend on the class A stock has been declared and set apart for the current dividend period, dividends may be declared in the same period on the class B stock, to the extent of \$2 per share per annum and, at the option of the board of directors, to the common stock, not exceeding in the aggregate (for both the class B stock and the common stock) the total amount of the quarterly priority dividend on the class A stock. Participating dividends may then be paid on the class A

stock, provided an equal aggregate amount remains available for participating dividends then or thereafter on the common stock, which amount, common stock, in determining the surplus available thereafter for further participating dividends on the class A stock. Dividends are not subject to present normal Federal income tax. The class A stock is entitled upon dissolution or liquidation to \$35 per share in priority to the class B stock and common stock. After this preferential payment to the class A stock has been provided for and an equal aggregate amount has been set aside for distribution to the class B stock and common stock, then, if the aggregate participating dividends previously paid on the class A stock have exceeded the aggregate participating dividends previously paid on the common stock, an amount equal to the excess may be set aside for the common stock. Of the remaining assets, one-half is to be distributed to the holders of the class A stock, and one-half to the holders of the common stock. The class A stock is without par value and has limited conditional voting rights.

Transfer agents, Seaboard National Bank, New York, and State Street Trust Co., Boston. Registrars; National Bank of Commerce, New York, and the First National Bank, Boston.

Business and Property.—Company and its subsidiary and affiliated companies own, control or operate public utility properties which have been in continuous and successful operation for varying periods up to 75 years, and supply electricity, gas and (or) water to more than 440,000 consumers, serving a total population estimated to exceed 2,300,000 in 1,000 communities, principally in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Illinois, New Hampshire, Maine, Connecticut, Vermont, Ohio, South Dakota, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana and the City of Manila.

Listing.—The present outstanding class A stock is listed on the Boston Stock Exchange and on the New York Curb Market. It is expected application will be made in due course, for the listing of this additional stock.

Outstanding Capitalization of Associated Gas & Electric Co. as of Dec. 31 1926 (after giving effect to important financial changes to Jan. 15 1927 and to present financing).

5½% conv. debenture bonds (V. 124, p. 919).....	\$40,000,000
Perpetual conv. debentures and option warrants.....	12,527,707
Preferred stocks (all of equal rank and no par value).....	496,427 shs.
Class A stock (no par) (including this issue).....	500,000 shs.
Class B stock (no par).....	300,000 shs.
Common stock (no par).....	1,231,154 shs.
Subsidiary and (or) affiliated companies—	
Funded debt and preferred stocks.....	\$104,956,050
Common stocks (par or stated values).....	8,883
	\$104,964,933

x Preferred stocks are stated at par or at liquidation value if without par value. There are also outstanding 13,018 shares of Clarion River Power Co. participating stock, the value of which is contingent on additional water power developments by that company.

y After giving effect to the proposed retirement of \$5,000,000 of bonds and (or) preferred stocks out of proceeds of the current financing. The 496,427 shares of preferred stocks, shown above, consist of 148,499 shares of original series (\$3 50 dividend); 54,310 shares of \$6 dividend series, 198,849 shares of \$6 50 dividend series and 94,769 shares of \$7 dividend series.

Further data regarding the properties, &c., are given in V. 124, p. 919.

Simplification Marks Epochal Year for System—To Spend Large Sum for New Construction in 1927.

The preliminary consolidated earnings statement (below) shows record gross earnings of \$29,284,246, an increase of \$9,833,100 or 50% as compared with 1925, and consolidated net earnings, after operating expenses, maintenance and all taxes, &c., of \$13,136,892, which is an increase of \$5,681,942 or 76%. Thus for each of the 12 months of the year the System has shown the largest gross and net earnings of any similar preceding period in its history, the various 12-month reports reflecting the progress of the system since dates of acquisition of subsidiaries by the Associated Gas & Electric Co. of New York.

It is announced that estimated expenditures for construction in 1927 will total \$10,985,000, including \$2,700,000 to be expended this year for completion of projects started in 1926 but not completed at the end of 1926. This total compares with expenditures of \$9,500,000 during 1926, and with \$17,000,000 in 1925. Of the 1927 total there will be spent on New York State properties \$2,700,000; Pennsylvania, \$3,900,000; Staten Island and Long Island, \$2,700,000; Massachusetts and New Hampshire, \$550,000, and Kentucky and Tennessee, \$300,000.

The annual report for 1926 will call the attention of the stockholders to the marked simplification of the system's corporate structure brought about by refinancing operations within the last 12 months. This financing included the issuance of \$65,000,000 Associated Electric Co. 5½% convertible gold bonds, sold in April 1926, and representing the largest public utility bond issue ever floated, through which approximately \$40,000,000 of bonds and preferred stocks were paid off; sale of preferred stock of Associated Gas & Electric Co. through customer-ownership financing; marketing in the Spring of last year approximately 30,000 shares of \$6 50 dividend series preferred stock and 30,000 shares of class A stock; the sale last Dec. of 100,000 shares of preferred stock, and the sale last week of an issue of \$40,000,000 debentures which were oversubscribed in a couple of hours. Not only did these financing operations retire numerous higher face-rate securities of the system, but they also provided necessary funds for acquisition of properties to round out the system and for construction purposes.

During the last several years the management has devoted considerable attention to acquiring additional new properties, rehabilitation and interconnection through construction of transmission lines of properties acquired. To reap the advantage of the work already done, an intensive campaign for new business in the various territories served is now actively under way. It is stated it is not the plan of the management during the current year to expend much money on large construction projects, practically the entire amount being required for extensions to serve additional consumers.

It is estimated by officials of the company that gross earnings for 1927 will run above \$35,000,000, without taking into account any new properties which it is stated it is always the policy of the Associated Gas and Electric Co. to acquire when it can be done on a basis advantageous to the common stockholders.

There has been practically a complete elimination of minority holdings in the past year.

Consolidated Statement of Earnings and Expenses of Properties Since Dates of Acquisition.

	1926.	1925.	Increase—	%
12 Months Ended Dec. 31—			Amount.	
Gross earnings & other income.....	\$29,284,246	\$19,451,146	\$9,833,100	50
Operating exps., maint., all taxes, &c.....	16,147,354	11,996,196	4,151,158	35
Net earnings.....	\$13,136,892	\$7,454,950	\$5,681,942	76
Preferred dividends of subsidiary and affiliated companies & all interest.....	7,646,327	4,086,670	3,559,657	87
Balance.....	\$5,490,565	\$3,368,280	\$2,122,285	63
Preferred dividends paid or accr.....	1,651,778	828,673	823,105	99
Balance.....	\$3,838,787	\$2,539,607	\$1,299,180	51
Provision for replacements & renewals.....	1,627,193	1,036,113	591,080	57
Balance.....	\$2,211,594	\$1,503,494	\$708,100	47
Class A priority dividends (\$2 per share).....	613,000	456,496	156,574	34
Balance for class A participation, class B and common dividends, and surplus.....	\$1,598,524	\$1,046,998	\$551,526	53

The foregoing earnings available for payment of class A priority dividends were \$7 21 a share on the average shares (306,535) outstanding during 1926, compared with similar earnings in 1925 of \$6 58 a share on the average number of shares (228,248) outstanding during that year. Of such earnings the amount distributable as priority and participating dividends combined, were \$3 62 a share on the average shares in 1926 as compared with \$3 29 per share in 1925.—V. 124, p. 919.

Baltimore Electric Co.—To Transfer Property to Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co.—To Retire Bonds and Preferred Stock.—

See Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. of Balt. below.—V. 124, p. 233.

Boston & Worcester Street Ry.—Application Denied.—

The application of Receiver Franklin T. Miller to issue \$100,000 receiver's certificates to finance continued operation has been denied. The receiver has now applied to the court for authority temporarily to suspend all electric railway service, with permission, however, to resume operation between Boston and Wellesley Hills and possibly South Framlingham as soon as arrangements for electric power can be made.

In connection with Receiver Miller's petition, Roland W. Boyden, appearing for the American Trust Co., trustee for the \$2,500,000 of bonds, said that a committee of bondholders was trying to complete arrangements to continue the company.

Judge Carroll said it was a serious matter for the court to take the responsibility of continuing a public service corporation which is being run at a loss, and he suggested that certain lawyers interested in the affairs of the railway that they try to devise a plan for the operation of the road. If they cannot agree about the matter in the course of a month the court may grant permission to abandon the service. ("Electric Ry. Journal")—V. 124, p. 504.

Brooklyn City RR.—Earnings.—

Period—	1926—Dec.—	1925.	1926—6 Mos.—	1925.
Gross earnings	\$1,011,499	\$1,035,337	\$5,806,138	\$5,899,772
Oper. exp., taxes, &c.	869,974	841,006	4,900,749	4,852,726
Net earnings	\$141,525	\$194,331	\$905,389	\$1,047,046
Fixed charges	47,880	47,557	280,923	325,530
Surplus	\$93,645	\$146,774	\$624,466	\$721,516

Brooklyn Edison Co., Inc.—To Increase Capital Stock—No Immediate Financing.—The stockholders will vote Feb. 28 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$75,000,000 (\$74,993,800 outstanding) to \$100,000,000, par \$100. President Matthew S. Sloan says in substance:

Since practically all the present authorized capital stock is issued and in the hands of the public, it is a matter of corporate routine to ask shareholders to authorize the creation of more stock. The proposal is being submitted to them this month to avoid calling a special meeting for the purpose later in the year. We will do some financing this year, but whether in bonds or stocks will depend on market conditions. We probably will not initiate this financing for another five or six months.—V. 124, p. 919.

Central Illinois Public Service Co.—Stock Application.

The company has applied to the Illinois Commerce Commission for authority to issue 2,896 shares of common stock. On June 30 last this company had outstanding 58,939 shares of no par common with paid-in value of \$14,304,150, all owned by the Middle West Utilities Co.—V. 124, p. 505.

Central Indiana Power Co.—Tenders.—

The Union Trust Co., trustee, 7 South Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill., will until Feb. 26 receive bids for the sale to it of (a) 1st mtge. coll. & ref. gold bonds, series A, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$6,689,222, at prices not exceeding 107½ and int.; and (b) 1st mtge. coll. & ref. gold bonds, series B, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$5,296,111, at prices not exceeding 102½ and int.—V. 122, p. 3337.

Charleston City Ry.—To Redeem Bonds.—

The South Carolina Power Co. is notifying holders of 1st mtge. gold bonds, due 1938, of the Charleston (S. C.), City Ry., that it will redeem all of these bonds on July 1 1927 at 105 and int. to that date. Bonds with coupons attached are to be surrendered to the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. of Baltimore, Md., for payment and redemption on the date mentioned.

It is further announced that at any time prior to July 1 1927 the South Carolina Power Co., as successor of the Charleston City Ry., will purchase any of the said bonds with all unmatured coupons attached which are delivered for sale at the office of the trust company at 105 and int. to date of delivery.—V. 115, p. 2266.

Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee RR.—Notes Offered.—An issue of \$2,500,000 3-year 5½% notes is being offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co. and the National City Co. at 99.50 and int., to yield over 5.65%.

Dated Feb. 1 1927, due Feb. 1 1930. Int. payable F. & A. in Chicago and New York, without deduction for Federal income taxes not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Red. all or part at any time upon 30 days' notice at the following prices and int.: prior to Feb. 1 1928 at 101; on Feb. 1 1928 and thereafter to maturity at 100. Company will agree to reimburse the holders of these notes, if requested within 60 days after payment, for the Penn. 4 mills tax, and any personal property or exemption tax in Connecticut, not exceeding 4-10% of the principal in any year, and for the Massachusetts income tax on the int. not exceeding 6% of such interest per annum.

Issuance.—Authorized by the Illinois Commerce Commission and the Railroad Commission of Wisconsin.

Data from Letter of Pres. Britton I. Budd, Chicago Feb. 11.

Company.—Owns and operates the railroad running from Evanston, Ill., along the shore of Lake Michigan to Milwaukee, Wis., with a branch to Mundelein, Ill., all electrically operated. Through lease and traffic agreements, the company operates into the loop district of Chicago and south to 63d St., and renders a complete service to its patrons. Company has recently completed a new line extending from the lines of the Chicago Rapid Transit Co. at Howard St., Chicago, through the Skokie Valley, connecting with the main line near Lake Bluff, Ill. Under lease and traffic agreements the Chicago Rapid Transit Co. operates trains over the first 5 miles of this line, to Niles Center, paying a rental sufficient to cover its proportionate share of fixed charges.

Consolidated Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding
Prior lien 7% cumulative stock	\$10,000,000	\$6,914,500
Preferred 6% non-cumulative stock	5,000,000	5,000,000
Common stock	5,000,000	5,000,000
Underlying divisional 5% bonds, due July 1 1936	(Closed)	c4,000,000
1st & ref. M. gold bds., ser. A 6%, due Jan. 1 1955	b	9,726,500
do Series B 5½%, due April 1 1956		2,750,000
3-year 5½% gold notes (this issue), due Feb. 1 1930		2,500,000
5-year non interest bearing notes, due July 1 1928		d2,684,208

a Includes amount now being sold on deferred payment plan. b Issuance of additional bonds limited by the restriction of the mortgage. c Does not include \$5,500,000 pledged as part security for the 1st & ref. mtge. bonds. d Exchangeable at maturity at option of company for 5-year 5% notes or 6% non-cumulative preferred stock.

The above table does not include \$1,453,400 equipment trust certificates and \$614,770 real estate mortgages, interest on which is included in operating expenses.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire floating debt and for capital expenditures for additions and betterments to the company's property.

Consolidated Statement of Earnings 12 Months Ended Nov. 30 1926.

Gross revenues, including other income	\$7,843,438
Operating expenses, including maintenance, rentals & taxes	6,080,471
Net earnings before depreciation	\$1,762,967
Annual int. requirements on \$18,976,500 mtge. bonds & int. bearing notes presently to be outstanding, incl. these notes, amounting to	\$1,072,340

Colorado Central Power Co.—Definitive Bonds Ready.—The Guaranty Trust Co. is now ready to deliver definitive 1st mtge. 5½% sinking fund gold bonds, due Dec. 1 1946, in exchange for interim certificates. See V. 123, p. 2896, 3037.

Cities Service Co.—Earnings.—

12 Months Ended Jan. 31—	1927.	1926.
Gross earnings	\$26,682,395	\$19,956,292
Expenses	994,311	783,682
Net earnings	\$25,688,083	\$19,172,609
Interest & discount on debentures	2,652,401	2,299,844
Net to stock	\$23,035,682	\$16,872,765
Dividends preferred stock	6,294,188	5,273,553
Net to common stock & reserves	\$16,741,493	\$11,599,211
Number times preferred dividends earned	3.66	3.2
Per cent earned on avge. amt. com. stk. outstand'g	21.38%	15.30%

Commonwealth Edison Co.—Bond Application.—

The company has applied to the Illinois Commerce Commission for authority to issue and sell or pledge \$15,000,000 1st mtge. coll. 4½% gold bonds, series D, and to issue and pledge \$15,000,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds.—V. 123, p. 2653.

Community Power & Light Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31—	1926.	1925.
Gross revenues	\$4,084,319	\$3,522,531
Operating expenses, maint., taxes and insurance	2,552,597	2,150,633
Net earnings	\$1,531,722	\$1,371,898
Annual interest charges	596,275	527,525
Bal. avail for other int., Fed. taxes, &c.	\$935,447	\$844,373

—V. 124, p. 920.

Connecticut Electric Service Corp.—New Pres., &c.—

Pres. J. Henry Roraback of the Connecticut Light & Power Co., has been elected President of the Connecticut Electric Service Corp., succeeding Paul Thompson, who has been acting President since the death of Randall Morgan of Philadelphia.

The directors on Feb. 9 authorized the expenditure of about \$500,000 for the construction of 40 miles of electric power transmission lines through which eastern and western Connecticut will be linked to insure uninterrupted service. The link will extend from the Connecticut Light & Power Co. lines near Meriden to the Eastern Connecticut Power Co. lines at Montville.—V. 121, p. 3130.

Connecticut Light & Power Co.—New Director.—

George T. Kimball, President of the American Hardware Corp., has been elected a director to succeed the late Randall Morgan.—V. 124, p. 790.

Consolidated Gas Co. of New York.—Applies to Commission for Authority to Issue Stock—Subsidiaries Also Seek Authority.—

The company has applied to the New York P. S. Commission for authority to issue 720,000 shares common capital stock (no par value) and 1,200,000 shares of \$5 cumulative preferred stock (no par value) and for authority to acquire obligations of the New York Edison Co., the Astoria Light, Heat & Power Co., the Astoria Light, Heat & Power Co., Westchester Lighting Co., New York & Queens Electric Light & Power Co., and New York & Queens Gas Co., which these companies propose to issue as follows:

- (a) The New York Edison Co. 1,800,000 shares of its common stock (no par value) which company seeks authority to acquire 280,000 shares of common capital stock without par value of the United Electric Light & Power Co.
- (b) The United Electric Light & Power Co. 260,000 shares of common stock without par value.
- (c) The Astoria Light, Heat & Power Co. 40,000 shares of common stock without par value.
- (d) Westchester Lighting Co. 190,000 shares of common stock without par value.
- (e) New York & Queens Electric Light & Power Co. \$10,000,000 10-year 6% debentures.
- (f) New York & Queens Gas Co. 64,200 shares of common stock without par value.

Hearing in the above matters will be held by the Commission on Feb. 23. V. 124, p. 643, 505.

Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. of Balt.—Acquires Properties of Baltimore Electric Co.—

In connection with the recent financing of this company (V. 123, p. 2897) through which bonds and preferred stock of the Baltimore Electric Co. of Baltimore City, a subsidiary, were called for redemption, the stockholders of the Consolidated company and the Baltimore Electric Co. on Feb. 9 voted to transfer the entire property of the Baltimore Electric Co. to the Consolidated company. This action is to simplify and strengthen the Consolidated company's financial structure. (See also V. 124, p. 234 and V. 123, p. 3181.)

Permanent Bonds Ready.—

Permanent bonds are now ready in exchange for temporary 1st ref. mtge. 5% sinking fund gold bonds, series "F," due June 1 1965, at the offices of Lee, Higginson & Co. (For offering see V. 123, p. 2897.)

Offers \$2,000,000 6% Preferred Stock to Customers.—

The company is offering directly to its customers \$2,000,000 6% preferred stock at 105 and divs. Each subscriber is limited to 10 shares and payment may be made in cash or \$8 monthly a share.—V. 124, p. 790, 643.

Cumberland County Power & Lt. Co.—Annual Report.

(Including operations of Cumberland County Power & Light Co. and Portland RR. Co. leased.)

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross income	\$4,026,673	\$3,892,442	\$3,857,706	\$3,771,968
Operating expenses	1,752,007	1,672,960	1,777,049	1,899,369
Taxes accrued	388,578	343,073	333,536	309,157
Depreciation	370,200	356,200	328,200	265,200
Other deductions	730,530	758,056	746,589	747,341
Preferred divs. (6%)	241,416	241,416	199,419	159,549
Common dividends	(\$8)320,000	(\$8)257,500	(\$5)139,744	(\$8)107,872

Balance, surplus	\$223,942	\$263,237	\$333,169	\$283,480
Shares common stock outstanding (no par)	40,000	35,000	30,000	26,968
Earned per share	\$13 59	\$14 88	\$15 76	\$14 51
x Par value, \$50.				

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 (Cumberland County Power & Light Co.).

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Plant account	\$16,172,981	\$15,432,106	Preferred stock	\$4,024,000	\$4,024,000
Securities	591,228	591,778	Com. stk. surplus	4,404,338	3,880,310
Cash & cur. assets	798,920	1,052,977	Funded debt	9,000,000	8,253,000
Unam. disc. on sec.	1,581,956	443,526	Accts. pay. & acc.	399,351	510,748
Prep'd & def. chgs	27,590	21,244	Portland RR. Co.		
Special funds		37,820	construction, &c.	494,697	484,270
			Deprec. reserves	820,475	621,970
Total (each side)	19,172,674	17,609,452	Unadjusted credits	29,884	35,154

x Represented by 40,000 shares of no par value.—V. 123, p. 709.

Eastern Gas & Electric Securities Corp.—Bonds Offered.—

Hincks Bros & Co., Bridgeport, are offering at 100 and int. \$200,000 collateral trust 6% gold bonds, series A.

Dated Feb. 1 1927; due Feb. 1 1947. Int. payable F. & A. without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Red. upon 60 days' notice at 105 and int. Conn. 4-mill personal property tax refunded. Merchants' National Bank, New Haven, Conn., trustee.

Preferred Stock Offered.—The same bankers are offering at \$100 per share 3,000 shares no par \$7 preferred stock.

Dividends payable Q.-F. Red. on any div. date on 30 days' notice at \$107 per share and div. until Feb. 1 1932, and thereafter at \$1 more per share for each additional year or fraction thereof until a price of \$110 and

div. is reached, which figure shall stand as the maximum redemption price. Merchants' National Bank, New Haven, Conn., registrar.

Capitalization.

Collateral trust 6% bonds, this issue.....	\$1,000,000
Preferred stock (no par value).....	6,000 shs
Common stock (no par value).....	25,760 shs.

Business and Properties.—Corporation is a Connecticut corporation formed to acquire and own practically the entire common stocks, except directors' qualifying shares, of the Rockville-Willimantic Lighting Co. and the Fulton Light, Heat & Power Co. These shares will be deposited in the form of voting trust certificates as security for the above named collateral trust bonds.

Rockville-Willimantic Lighting Co. was incorp. in Conn. in 1909. It operates under perpetual franchises and supplies gas and electricity to the cities of Rockville and Willimantic, Conn., and electricity in numerous towns in Windham and Tolland Counties, Conn. These communities have been long established, contain many well known and prosperous industries and are enjoying a healthy steady growth both in business and population. Company manufactures its gas in its own plants in Rockville and Willimantic. It generates a portion of its electricity at its hydro-electric plants at Stafford Springs, Conn., but purchases the major portion of its output from the New England Power Co. under an advantageous contract.

The Fulton Light, Heat & Power Co. was organized in New York in 1902. It supplies electricity to Fulton, Granby and Volney, all in Oswego County, N. Y. Its franchises are either perpetual or for very long terms and with minor exceptions, exclusive. Company generates about half of its current in its own hydro-electric plant and buys the remainder from the Oswego Falls Corp. and the Syracuse Lighting Co.

The combined companies supply electricity to a population of about 76,000 and gas to about 20,000. For the year 1926 their output was about 17,665,000 k.w.h. in electricity and over 70,000,000 cubic feet of gas.

Consolidated Income Account of Operating Companies.

Years Ended Dec. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.	Average.
Gross operating revenue.....	\$842,030	\$783,466	\$734,988	\$786,828
Operating income.....	318,160	287,954	257,604	287,906
Other income.....	3,525	3,155	1,758	2,813
Total income.....	\$321,685	\$291,109	\$259,362	\$290,719
Int., tax., depr. & oth. prior chges.	163,659	151,812	146,594	154,022

Available for common stock depos. \$158,026 \$139,297 \$112,768 \$136,697 The average annual earnings for the past 3 years, available for the collateral deposited as security for these bonds, have been \$136,697, or 2.25 times the interest requirement of \$60,000 of these bonds. For the year 1926 the net earnings of \$158,026 were 2.6 times such interest requirements.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to pay in part for the acquisition of stocks of operating companies and for various other corporate needs. Incidentally a majority of this issue of series A bonds, one-half of the pref. stock and all of the common stock are being retained for investment by interests identified with the management of the company.

Electric Bond & Share Co.—New Vice-President.

Ralph B. Fearin has been elected a Vice-President. Mr. Fearin's principal work for the company will be in connection with public relations and legal matters.—V. 124, p. 505.

Electrical Securities Corp.—Tenders.

Offers will be received until 10 a. m. on Feb. 28 at the office of the Guaranty Trust Co., trustees, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, for the sale to it at the lowest prices offered (not exceeding 103 and int.) of collateral trust sinking fund 5% bonds of the below mentioned series, in such amounts as will exhaust the following sums: 9th series, \$43,506; 10th series, \$12,207; 15th series, \$73,200; 16th series, \$131,338; 17th series, \$109,276. Interest on the above bonds purchased will cease on March 1.—V. 123, p. 2390.

General Telephone Co.—Definitive Notes Ready.

Definitive 1-year 5% collateral trust gold notes, dated Nov. 1 1926, due Nov. 1 1927, are now ready for delivery in exchange for outstanding interim certificates at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City. For offering, see V. 123, p. 2776.

Gulf States Utilities Co.—Definitive Bonds Ready.

The Chase National Bank is prepared to deliver definitive 1st mtge. & ref. 5% gold bonds, series "A," in exchange for and upon surrender of the outstanding temporaries. (For offering see V. 123, p. 1875).—V. 123, p. 1996.

Hartford (Conn.) Electric Light Co.—Stock Increased.

The stockholders on Feb. 8 increased the authorized capital stock from \$16,000,000 (\$12,000,000 outstanding and \$4,000,000 pledged for conversion of notes) to \$20,000,000, par \$100. The company now has a bill pending in the General Assembly at Hartford, Conn., to amend its charter in relation to capital, making the limit \$30,000,000.—V. 124, p. 791.

Helena Light & Ry.—Time Extended.

The bondholders' protective committee for the \$878,000 1st mtge. sinking fund 5% bonds has extended the time to March 7 1927, in which bonds may be deposited with the depository, American Exchange Irving Trust Co., 60 Broadway, N. Y.—V. 123, p. 3038.

Indianapolis Power & Light Corp.—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding 1st coll. trust gold bonds, series A, dated May 1 1926, have been called for payment May 1 next at 104 and int. at the Chase National Bank of the City of New York, trustee, 57 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 122, p. 2948.

International Power Co., Ltd.—Makes Offer to Porto Rico Rys. Co., Ltd., Common Stockholders.

See Porto Rico Rys. Co., Ltd., below.—V. 122, p. 1609.

Interstate Power Co. (Del.)—Debentures Offered.

In line with its plan for simplifying the capital structure through retirement of previous outstanding bond issues of the company and of underlying bonds and preferred stocks of subsidiaries, and to amalgamate the various properties into one operating unit, the company is offering through a syndicate headed by the Chase Securities Corp. a new issue of \$7,500,000 6% gold debentures. Included in the syndicate making this offer are West & Co.; Pynchon & Co.; Federal Securities Corp. and W. S. Hammons & Co. The debentures are priced at 98½ and int. to yield over 6.10%.

Dated Jan. 1 1927; due Jan. 1 1932. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at Chase National Bank, New York, trustee; interest also payable at Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Red. as a whole at any time, or in part on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 105 prior to Jan. 1 1932; at 104 on said date and thereafter prior to Jan. 1 1937; at 103 on said date and thereafter prior to Jan. 1 1942; at 102 on said date and thereafter prior to Jan. 1 1947; and at 101 on said date and thereafter prior to maturity, plus int. in each case. Int. payable without deduction for Federal income tax up to 2%. Penna. 4-mills and Calif. 5-mills taxes, and Mass. 6% income tax on int. refundable.

The proceeds received by the company from the present financing, including the recent sale of \$20,000,000 1st mtge. gold bonds, will be used in the retirement of previous bond issues of the company and of underlying bonds and preferred stocks of subsidiary companies, to permit consolidation of the properties into one operating unit, and for other corporate purposes.

Compare offering of \$20,000,000 1st mtge. gold bonds in V. 124, p. 920.

Interstate Public Service Co. (Del.)—New President, &c.

E. Van Arsdel has been appointed President, succeeding Harry Reid. This change becomes effective March 7 at which time Mr. Van Arsdel will be formally elected to the position. Other new appointments are: L. L. Oppenheimer as Vice-President in charge of the operation of the electric gas and water utilities; L. M. Brown as Vice-President in charge of operation of the railway lines; W. Marshall Dale as Vice-President & Treas.

A. D. Jones as Vice-President & Audit. in charge of accounting and stores.—V. 124, p. 507; V. 123, p. 581.

Laclede Gas Light Co.—Larger Dividend.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$3 a share on the common stock placing that issue on a \$12 a year basis, compared with \$8 regular and \$2 extra previously. The dividend is payable March 15 to holders of record March 1.—V. 124, p. 111.

Lincoln (Neb.) Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Earnings.

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Total telephone revenue.....	\$2,760,596	\$2,644,233	\$2,538,928	\$2,512,580
Total telephone expenses.....	2,147,453	2,010,849	1,915,735	1,900,674
Net telephone earnings.....	\$613,143	\$633,384	\$623,193	\$611,906
Sundry net earnings.....	43,343	44,616	62,581	43,841
Total net earnings.....	\$656,486	\$678,000	\$685,774	\$655,747
Deduct interest.....	153,336	142,665	116,648	113,850
Divs., pref. & common.....	415,868	429,327	471,990	469,391
Balance, surplus.....	\$87,282	\$106,008	\$97,136	\$72,506

—V. 123, p. 1762.

Kansas City Power & Light Co.—Registrar.
The Chase National Bank of the City of New York has been appointed registrar for 10,000 shares of 1st pref., series B, stock.—V. 122, p. 1446.

Lowell (Mass.) Gas Light Co.—Offer Made Stockholders.

The directors announce that an offer has been received from Estabrook & Co. of Boston for the purchase of a controlling interest in the capital stock at a price of \$80 per share. The acceptance of this offer is being recommended in a letter to the stockholders by Pres. George S. Motley, and by the directors. If the sale is consummated the company will be placed under the executive management of Stone & Webster, Inc., who now manage the Lowell Electric Light Corp. The offer does not apply to the class "A" stock recently issued to employees and customers, the sale of which, under its terms, is restricted until Jan. 1 1930.—V. 123, p. 2261.

Mackay Companies.—New Trustee.

F. G. Osler of Osler & Hammond, Toronto, and a director in Dominion Bank, has been elected a trustee of Mackay Companies. President Clarence H. Mackay stated that the consolidated current assets, the greater portion of which is represented by readily marketable securities and cash, aggregate \$24,000,000, while current liabilities total \$2,500,000. During the past six years over \$25,000,000 has been expended for additions and improvements to the telegraph and cable plant, all of this money being provided from reserves and earnings.—V. 122, p. 1917.

Mexico Tramways Co.—Interest Due Sept. 1 1920.

On and after March 1, coupon No. 28, dated Sept. 1 1920, detached from the gen. consol. 1st mtge. 50-year 5% gold bonds, will be paid at the Bank of Montreal, Toronto, Montreal or London, England, or at the agency of the Bank of Montreal, New York, at the holder's option.—V. 124, p. 236.

Milwaukee Electric Ry. & Light Co.—Earnings.

	1926.	1925.	1924.
Operating revenues.....	\$26,219,754	\$23,992,653	\$22,559,912
Operating expenses.....	15,369,657	14,415,619	14,169,176
Depreciation.....	2,043,192	1,847,078	1,627,102
Taxes.....	2,283,191	2,160,756	1,757,306
Net operating revenues.....	\$6,523,714	\$5,569,200	\$5,006,327
Non-operating revenues.....	335,349	357,675	252,884
Gross income.....	\$6,859,063	\$5,926,876	\$5,259,211
Interest charges.....	2,833,364	3,088,044	2,933,490
Net income.....	\$4,025,699	\$2,838,832	\$2,325,721

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets	1926.	1925.	Liabilities	1926.	1925.
Property & plant.....	\$3,689,426	\$3,689,426	Preferred stock.....	15,357,584	14,546,891
Capital expend.	7,409,146	—	Common stock.....	19,000,000	11,250,000
Sundry investments.....	1,356,454	2,359,399	Funded debt.....	41,395,500	47,045,900
Reserve, sinking & spec. fund assets.....	928,981	584,078	Accounts payable.....	733,135	702,956
Cash.....	1,216,774	771,799	Notes & bills pay.....	1,800,000	545,000
Notes & bills rec.....	25,039	11,109	Inter-c. accounts.....	4,589,973	4,231,713
Accts. receivable.....	1,956,592	2,075,313	Misc. current liab.....	1,357,150	836,792
Inter-c. accounts.....	2,827,826	3,411,858	Trusts accrued.....	946,557	695,055
Material & suppl.....	2,506,494	2,582,279	Unmat'd int. acer.....	211,492	475,515
Prepaid accounts.....	26,628	22,970	Dividends accrued.....	105,576	105,070
Open accounts.....	1,426,894	881,026	Misc. liab. accrued.....	7,342	1,128
Bond & note disc.....	3,930,035	3,182,527	Reserves.....	17,381,111	15,967,732
			Suspense accounts.....	364,214	412,167
			Surplus.....	4,050,655	2,755,834
Total.....	107,300,287	99,571,784	Total.....	107,300,287	99,571,784

—V. 123, p. 2900.

Minnesota Southern Telephone Co.—Bonds Offered.

Metcalf, Cowgill & Co. and James A. Cummins & Co., Des Moines in Dec. last offered at 100 and int. \$130,000 3-year 6% 1st mtge gold bonds, series A.

Dated Dec. 1 1926; due Dec. 1 1929. Int. payable J. & D. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Red., all or part, on 30 days' notice at 100 and int. Iowa personal property taxes (other than succession or inheritance taxes) not in excess of 6 mills refunded. Des Moines National Bank, trustee.

Company.—Owns and operates a modern telephone system in southern Minnesota, serving Slayton, Iona, Currie, Lake Wilson, Balaton, Avoca, Chandler, Hadley, Wirock and Dovray. Company operates approximately 1,750 stations and serves a population of nearly 13,000 in four counties, without competition. Company also operates over 200 miles of toll lines which are the source of a large revenue. The lines of the company are connected with the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. system, through the Tri-State Telephone & Telegraph Co.'s lines, with whom satisfactory working agreements have been maintained for many years.

The properties include exchanges in 5 cities, 4 of which are in cable; 1,050 miles of pole lines; 37,500 feet of overhead and underground cable; 200 miles of toll lines, and 1,100 miles of rural wire.

Security.—These bonds will be secured by a direct 1st mtge. on all of the land, buildings and equipment of the company. The properties show a reproduction value as of Oct. 1 1926 of \$449,205 and a sound depreciated value of \$395,350.

Earnings.—Earnings of the properties have shown a steady increase, consistent with their growth, over a period of 20 years. Gross earnings for the year ending Dec. 31 1926 (Dec. estimated) were \$33,350. Net earnings, after operating expenses, were \$17,047. This is over 2.18 times annual interest requirements on this issue.

Mohawk Valley Co.—Earnings.

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Earnings from operation.....	\$11,658,748	\$10,445,908	\$9,590,189	\$9,098,200
Expenses (incl. deprec.).....	6,367,737	5,943,345	5,523,376	5,354,180
Taxes & uncollect. bills.....	1,329,677	1,129,267	967,854	990,715
Net income.....	\$3,961,334	\$3,373,307	\$3,098,959	\$2,753,304
Non-operating revenue.....	27,706	57,035	108,066	84,929
Gross income.....	\$3,989,040	\$3,430,342	\$3,207,025	\$2,838,233
Interest, rentals, &c.....	1,248,153	1,422,729	1,413,074	1,162,773
Divs. on subsidiary stks. not owned.....	956,810	518,320	410,760	360,472
Dividends.....	(\$2)1,499,360	(\$40)1,049,552	(12%)\$996,616	(8)\$997,444
Balance, surplus.....	\$284,716	\$439,741	\$483,575	\$715,244
Shares of cap. stk. outstanding.....	x750,000	x750,000	y75,000	y75,000
Earn. per share on cap. stock.....	\$2 38	\$1 99	\$18 45	\$17 54
x Shares of no par value. y Shares par value \$100.—V. 122, p. 1456.				

Monongahela West Penn Public Service Co.—Acquis.
The company has acquired the Spencer (W. Va.) Water & Ice Co., which has over 1,100 consumers.
The Monongahela company is an operating unit of the West Penn Electric System, which, with this recent acquisition, now serves over 200,000 electric consumers in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia.—V. 124, p. 372.

New York Steam Corp.—Bonds Sold.—The National City Co. and Cassatt & Co. have sold at 96 and int. to yield about 5.30%, an additional issue of \$3,000,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds. Dated May 1 1926; due May 1 1951 (see description in V. 122, p. 2330.)

Issuance.—Authorized by the New York P. S. Commission.
Data from Letter of James D. Hurd, President of the Corporation Company.—Is the largest company of its kind in the United States. Supplies steam for heating and power purposes in the downtown financial district and in extensive uptown commercial and residential sections in the City of New York. The franchise under which the corporation operates is very satisfactory and, in the opinion of counsel, grants the right, without limit as to time, to lay mains and pipes in any of the streets of the Island of Manhattan and to supply steam for power, heating and cooking.

The rates in effect during the past eight years, under a schedule approved by the Public Service Commission, automatically fluctuate with the cost of fuel to the corporation, thereby assuring a continuance of the satisfactory increases in net earnings as the business expands.
The corporation furnishes steam to over 1,850 buildings in N. Y. City, a number of which have no boiler equipment and have relied on the service for upward of a quarter of a century. The cubic contents of the buildings connected with the corporations' system and those for which contracts have been closed aggregate 1,025,000,000 cu. ft. Of this amount 580,000,000 cu. ft. or over 56% of the total are represented by 1,400 buildings which contain no steam generating equipment whatsoever and in many instances not even smoke stacks. A comparison of these figures with the 389,000,000 cu. ft. content of all buildings connected with the system during the heating season of 1921-22 indicates the very substantial growth of the corporation's business.

Purpose.—Proceeds will reimburse the corporation in part for expenditures in connection with the construction of the new Kip's Bay steam station, the first two units of which are now in operation, and for other important property additions, including the extension of the corporation's mains in the uptown district.

Capitalization upon Completion of Present Financing.

Cum. pref. stock, 66,930 shs. without par value (41,930 shs. \$7 div. series and 25,000 shs. \$6 div. series), at minimum liquidation price of \$100 a share	\$6,693,000
Common stock, 30,000 shs. without par value, representing the balance of stated capital	7,320,000
1st mtge. gold bonds—6% series due 1947	5,693,500
5% series due 1951 (including this issue)	5,487,000

Earnings for Calendar Years.

Calendar Years	Gross Earnings	Exp., Maint. & Taxes other than Fed.	Net before Federal Taxes	Int. on Funded Debt
1922	\$3,409,234	\$2,598,421	\$810,813	\$287,856
1923	3,724,097	2,787,670	936,427	310,004
1924	3,843,973	2,754,494	1,089,478	316,188
1925	4,334,388	3,139,537	1,194,851	347,899
1926	5,518,449	3,904,117	1,614,332	424,163
1927*	5,749,694	4,033,106	1,716,587	434,568

* Twelve months ended Jan. 31 1927.—V. 123, p. 3183.

North American Co.—Div. Payable in Stock.
The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividends at 1 1/2% on the preferred stock and 2 1/2% on the common stock, both payable April 1 to holders of record March 5. The dividend on the common stock will be paid in common stock at par, or at the rate of 1-40 of one share for each share held. The common dividend is at the same rate as paid quarterly since Oct. 1 1923.

Treasurer Robert Sealy, Feb. 14, says: "The company will arrange, upon request of any stockholder, for either the sale of dividend stock, the purchase of fractional scrip to complete a full share, or the sale of fractional scrip."

"Heretofore it has been our practice to make purchases for account of common stockholders on the basis of the market price at the date the order to buy was received. In order to simplify the handling of orders, however, it has been found necessary to fix a date for determining the price of stock or scrip, and unless instructed by stockholders to the contrary, purchases and sales for their account will be made on the basis of the last sale on the New York Stock Exchange on March 15 1927. Sales will be made at the rate of 2 1/2 cents per 1-40 share below such quotation and purchases at the same rate above it."

"Unless we hear from common stockholders to the contrary by March 15 1927, certificates for shares of common stock or scrip representing fractions of shares of common stock to which they will be entitled in payment of such dividend, will be mailed to them."

Consol. Income Statement for Calendar Years (Incl. Subs.).

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings	\$115,850,466	\$93,028,967	\$80,117,255	\$75,465,267
Op. Ex., Main. & taxes	64,382,878	54,987,125	50,161,763	48,289,198
Net income	\$51,467,589	\$38,041,842	\$29,955,492	\$27,176,069
Other income	4,143,441	3,574,836	1,885,331	730,988
Total income	\$55,611,030	\$41,616,678	\$31,840,823	\$27,907,057
Interest charges	16,414,630	13,001,930	9,862,179	8,830,273
Pref. div. of subs.	8,355,465	4,624,595	2,469,710	1,813,414
Minority interests	1,369,363	1,266,130	1,130,357	1,009,917
Reserve for deprec.	11,908,094	9,427,912	7,795,811	6,867,996
Preferred dividends	1,820,108	1,763,620	1,344,942	1,143,022
Common dividends	3,932,625	3,223,819	2,815,727	3,038,653
Balance, surplus	\$11,810,875	\$8,308,673	\$6,422,096	\$5,203,784
Total to deprec. res. & to sur. af. all divs.	\$23,718,969	\$17,736,585	\$14,217,907	\$12,071,780
Shs. of com. outstanding (par \$10)	4,091,322	3,701,517	2,923,651	2,648,907
Earn. per sh. on common	\$3.85	\$3.12	\$3.16	\$3.11

x Preliminary—V. 123, p. 3321.

Oregon Telephone Co., Marshfield, Ore.—Bonds Offered.—Peirce, Fair & Co., Portland, Ore., and Mercantile Securities Co. of California are offering at 100 and int. \$300,000 1st mtge. 6% 25-year gold bonds, series "A."

Date Feb. 1 1927; due Feb. 1 1952. Interest payable F. & A. at United States National Bank of Portland (Ore.), trustee, and the American Trust Co., San Francisco, Calif., without deduction for Federal normal income tax not exceeding 2%. Company agrees to refund, Calif. personal property taxes not exceeding 5 mills. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 103 and int. for first 10 years, 102 for next 5 years, 101 for next 5 years and 100 for last 5 years.

Data from Letter of Pres. Charles Hall, dated Jan. 20.
Company.—Organized in Oregon in Oct. 21 1926. Is a consolidation of the McMinnville Telephone Co.; Hillsboro Telephone Co.; Multnomah & Clackamas County Mutual Telephone Co.; Newberg Telephone Co.; Scholls Telephone, and the Western Oregon Telephone & Telegraph Co. These companies all serve without competition a rich agricultural and dairying territory in the northern part of Oregon, adjacent to Portland, with an estimated population of 45,000. Company has arrangements for the interchange of toll business with the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. Company owns and operates approximately 4,587 miles of wires and cables and 473 miles of pole lines. There are 12 exchanges in its system giving service to 6,341 telephones.

The properties of the company were appraised as of Nov. 1 1926, at a depreciated reproduction value of \$967,995.

Capitalization Outstanding at Conclusion of this Financing.

1st mtge. 6% gold bonds, series "A" (this issue)	\$300,000
Preferred 7% cumulative voting stock	x200,000
Common stock, class A	y250,000
do class B	150,000

x Owned by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. y Owned by the Coos & Curry Telephone Co.

Earnings.—The books of all the companies now comprising the company have been audited by Haskins and Sells, for the 12 months ending Oct. 31 1926. The consolidated net earnings available for interest upon these bonds before depreciation and Federal income tax were \$60,103, or over three times the annual interest requirements of \$18,000. It is estimated by the management that earnings for the year 1927 will be increased to a minimum of \$70,000 due to economies resulting from unified management and control.

Purpose of Issue.—Proceeds from this issue of bonds together with moneys received from the sale of securities junior thereto will be used to reimburse the company for funds expended in acquisition of these properties and for other corporate purposes, including additions and betterments.

Sinking Fund.—Under the terms of the mortgage there is provided an annual sinking fund equal to 2% of the par value of all bonds secured by this mortgage outstanding at the close of the previous fiscal year. Of this amount one-half must be used for the purchase or redemption of 1st mtge. bonds; the other half, at the request of the corporation, may be invested by the corporation in new construction, extensions and betterments, against which no bonds can be issued or must be used to purchase or redeem bonds of this issue.—V. 123, p. 2655.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Acquires Line.
Hazel Gold Mining Co., which has been distributing electricity to the people of French Gulch, Shasta County, Calif., has decided to confine itself to the business of mining. With the approval of the California RR. Comm. it will sell its 4 miles of distribution line to the Pacific Gas & Electric Co., from which it has been buying current for resale. This company will rebuild and extend the plant.—V. 124, p. 922.

Pennsylvania Water & Power Co.—Stock Split-Up.
The stockholders will vote May 10, on changing the authorized capital stock from 135,000 shares, par \$100, to 540,000 shares of no par value, four new shares to be issued in exchange for each share held.

Rumors Denied.—Before sailing on the Duilio for a business trip to France and Italy, J. E. Aldred, head of the investment banking firm of Aldred & Co., stated: "There is no truth in the report that the Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore will absorb the Pennsylvania Water & Power Co. Both companies are progressing satisfactorily."

Discussing the split-up of the shares of the Pennsylvania Water & Power and a possible change in dividend rate, Mr. Aldred, said: "The shares of the company were paying \$8 annually before they were split up four for one a few days ago. There will be no change in the rate at present and each share will pay \$2 annually."—V. 124, p. 782, 236.

Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co.—To Pay Notes.
Notice has been given that the \$5,750,000 of 3-year 6% secured gold notes, series "A," with accrued interest, will become due and payable on March 1 1927 at the office of the Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, Ill.—V. 124, p. 648.

Peoples Light & Power Corp.—Sub. Co. Acquisition.
The Gas & Electric Improvement Co. of Chicago, through E. Chandler Beach, has sold to W. B. Foshay Co. the Austin Gas Co. of Austin, Tex., an artificial gas system supplying gas fuel without competition to Austin. Austin has a population of 50,000 and is the capital of the State. The property will be controlled and operated as Peoples Utilities Texas Corp., a subsidiary of the Peoples Light & Power Corp., the latter being the corporation formed by the Foshay interests to operate its utility properties.—V. 124, p. 922, 792.

Pittsburgh Utilities Corp.—Notes Called.
All of the outstanding \$10,000,000 2-year 5% 1st Lien Gold Notes, dated April 15 1926 have been called for payment April 18 next at 100 1/2 and int. at the First National Bank of the City of New York.—V. 123, p. 2140.

Porto Rico Rys. Co., Ltd.—Offer for Stock.
Chairman W. D. Ross, in a circular letter to the common stockholders, says in part: "I have received an offer from the International Power Co., Ltd., directed to the holders of the common shares of the Porto Rico Rys. Co., Ltd., to allot and issue in exchange for every three shares of the outstanding common stock of your company, two fully paid shares of cum. 7% 1st pref. stock of \$100 each (dividends accruing from Jan. 1 1927), and two fully paid common shares of no par value of the International Power Co., Ltd., or to purchase any or all of your common shares for cash at \$70 per share."

[Shareholders who accept the offer are requested to forward their stock certificates to the International Power Co., Ltd., 164 St. James St., Montreal, Canada, on or before Feb. 28 1927.]—V. 123, p. 3184.

Public Service Electric & Gas Co.—Absorb Public Service Electric Power Co.—New Financing—Latter Co. to Be Dissolved.

This company, the chief operating subsidiary of the Public Service Corp. of New Jersey, has filed with the New Jersey P. U. Commission an application for permission to issue \$18,712,000 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds, 5% series, due in 1965, at 95; \$4,173,600 6% cum. pref. stock, 1925 series, at par, and 300,000 shares of common stock without par value at \$10 per share. It is proposed to use the proceeds from the sale of these securities for the purchase of the Public Service Electric Power Co., which is now leased to the Electric & Gas Co. for a period of 999 years. The price to be paid, as set forth in the application, is \$24,950,000. When the sale is completed the lease is to be canceled and the Public Service Electric Power Co. dissolved.

The capitalization of the Public Service Electric Power Co. is as follows: 300,000 shares of common stock without par value (issued at \$10 per share); \$6,000,000 of 7% pref. stock callable at 115, and \$14,000,000 6% bonds callable at 107 1/2. To call the \$6,000,000 of preferred stock will require the payment of \$900,000 in premiums. To call the \$14,000,000 of 6% bonds will require the payment of \$1,050,000 in premiums or a total of \$1,950,000, so that the total amount required to call the bonds and preferred stock and to acquire the common stock is \$24,950,000.

Fixed charges on the securities which the Electric & Gas Co. proposes to issue will be \$935,600 and the dividend on the preferred stock, not a fixed charge, will be \$250,416 so that the total charge against income ahead of common stock, which will be owned by Public Service Corp. of New Jersey, will be \$1,186,016, as against a present fixed charge in the form of rental under the lease of \$2,100,000. The rental was fixed to yield an amount equal to 2 1/2 times the bond interest in order to insure the sale of the bonds. Since the Kearny Station enterprise was undertaken, the Public Service Electric & Gas Co. has been formed with a financial structure of such strength that the separate existence of the Public Service Electric Power Co. is no longer necessary, it is announced.—V. 124, p. 923.

Public Service Electric Power Co.—To Dissolve.
See Public Service Electric & Gas Co. above.—V. 124, p. 237.

Quebec Power Co.—Rights.
The stockholders of record March 15 will be given the right to subscribe on or before May 1 for additional common stock at par (\$100 per share). Subscription will be payable at the Montreal Trust Co., Montreal, or at Aldred & Co., London, England in installments of 50% each on May 1 and July 1 next. At the latter date, there will be outstanding \$10,000,000 out of an authorized issue of \$15,000,000 common stock.

Calendar Years—

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross inc. from all sources	\$1,238,301	\$1,046,944	\$908,471	\$544,090

—V. 124, p. 923.

Republic Ry. & Light Co.—To Dissolve.
The stockholders on Feb. 15 approved a plan for the dissolution of the company, to become effective March 1.

At the annual meeting, which preceded the special meeting, the stockholders elected as directors the following: Henry L. Bogert, Jr., H. A. Clarke, Herbert L. Dillon, Clarence L. Harper, John C. Harrington, Alfred L. Loomis, John H. Pardee, R. P. Stevens, Landon K. Thorne, who, when dissolution of the company becomes effective, will become liquidating trustees.

See also letter of President R. P. Stevens in V. 124, p. 237.

Rockville-Willimantic Lighting Co.—New Control.
See Eastern Gas & Electric Securities Corp. above.—V. 116, p. 947.

Shawinigan Water & Power Co.—New Common Stock Put on a \$2 Annual Dividend Basis.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the new no par value common stock, payable April 11 to holders of record March 25. This dividend is equivalent to the rate paid quarterly since Oct. 10 1925 on the old common stock of \$100 par value, which was recently exchanged for new stock on a basis of 4 new for 1 old. See V. 124, p. 113.

Silesia Electric Corp. (Elektrizitätswerk Schlesien Aktiengesellschaft).—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$1,000,000 sinking fund mtge. gold bonds, 6½% series, due 1946, now outstanding with authority to admit to the list \$3,000,000 additional upon official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding interim receipts, making the total amount applied for \$4,000,000.

Income Account for Stated Periods.

	Year Ended 6 Mos. End	Year Ended 6 Mos. End
	Dec. 31 '25	June 30 '26
Total revenue	\$3,073,042	\$1,535,651
Total expenses	1,823,175	854,547
Taxes	254,037	187,249
Depreciation	309,524	142,857
Interest	9,311	28,844
Net earnings	\$676,996	\$322,155

—V. 123, p. 3185.

South Carolina Power Co.—Bonds Called.

See Charleston City Ry. above.—V. 124, p. 649.

Southern Berkshire Power & El. Co.—Voting Trust.

A voting trust has been created for the purpose of realizing not less than \$100 per share for the first five years and not less than \$125 per share the next five years. The duration of the voting trust will be ten years unless in the meantime a satisfactory offer for the sale of the stock is received.—V. 120, p. 1205.

Southern Ice & Utilities Co.—Tenders.

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York, trustee, 37 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until Feb. 21 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtge. gold bonds, convertible 6% series, due Feb. 1 1946, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$40,000, at prices not exceeding 105 and int.—V. 122, p. 1764.

Southwestern Light & Power Co.—To Inc. Bonds & Stocks.

The stockholders will vote Feb. 25 (a) on authorizing the issuance of bonds from time to time by the company in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$100,000,000, of which approximately \$6,000,000 are to be issued forthwith for the purpose of financing in part the acquisition of additional properties and retiring existing mortgage indebtedness of the company; (b) on increasing the authorized preferred stock from 25,000 shares without par value to 75,000 shares without par value; (c) on changing the designation of the class "B" common stock to "common stock" and increasing the authorized shares of said class of stock from 25,000 shares without par value to 125,000 shares without par value; and (d) on authorizing the sale of the increased shares in such manner and upon such terms and for such consideration as the directors may from time to time determine.—V. 124, p. 649.

Standard Power & Light Corp.—Earnings.

Consolidated Earnings Statement 12 Months Ended Nov. 30 1926.
(Including subsidiary and affiliated companies.)

Gross earnings from all sources: (a) Philadelphia Co. system, \$64,546,389; (b) Market Street Ry. Co., \$9,882,943; (c) Ohio Natural Gas Producing & Distributing System, \$569,519.	\$74,998,851
Operating expenses, maint. & taxes (incl. Federal taxes)	46,339,285
Net earnings: (a) Philadelphia Co. system, \$26,605,877; (b) Market Street Ry., \$1,789,656; (c) Ohio Natural Gas Producing & Distributing System, \$264,032.	\$28,659,566
Interest and dividend charges on securities of subsidiary and affiliated companies now in hands of public (*), minority interests' proportion of undistributed earnings, rentals and sundry expenses	\$13,482,112
Depreciation, depletion, amortization and reserves	8,482,807
Balance of earnings applicable to securities of subsidiary companies now owned by Standard Power & Light Corp.	\$6,694,647
Other income, less expenses	63,049
Gross income applicable to Standard Power & Light Corp.	\$6,757,696
Annual requirements for present funded debt and pref. stocks of Standard Power & Light Corp.: (1) \$10,000,000 Pittsburgh Utilities Corp. 5% notes, \$500,000; (2) \$14,000,000 6% gold debentures, \$840,000.	1,340,000
Balance	\$5,417,696
220,000 shares preferred stock at \$7 per share	1,540,000
2,948,709 shares participating preferred stock at \$1 per share.	2,948,709
Balance	\$928,987

*The subsidiary and affiliated companies have outstanding with public \$135,856,280 bonds, \$63,805,310 pref. stocks and \$25,208,900 common stocks.

Income Statement for 12 Months Ended Dec. 31 1926 (Corporation Only).

Gross revenue—Dividends on preferred and comm stocks owned, \$3,869,835; engineering and supervision profits, \$97,000; interest earned, \$3,009; total	\$3,969,845
General expenses and taxes	36,960
Interest charges	870,298
Dividends on preferred stock	1,019,861
Dividends on participating preferred stock	1,279,557
Surplus for the year	\$763,168
Surplus Dec. 31 1925	159,564
Surplus Dec. 31 1926	\$922,732

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1926 (Corporation Only).

Assets	Liabilities
Securities owned	2-yr. 5% 1st lien notes assum. \$10,000,000
Cash	30-year 6% debentures 14,000,000
Accts. receiv., subsidiary and affiliated companies	Cap. stk. without par value 63,560,479
Dividends receivable	Accts. payable, sub. co. 20,375
Organization account	Int. accrued on notes 104,167
	Divs. accrued on pref. stock 198,333
Total	Surplus 922,732

a 220,000 shares pref. stock, 2,948,709 shares participating pref. stock and 440,000 shares common stock.

Corporation 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%. Compare also V. 124, p. 793.

United Electric Light Co. of Springfield, Mass.—Par Value of Shares Changed.

The stockholders on Feb. 3 voted to change the authorized capital stock from 40,000 shares, par \$100, to 160,000 shares of no par value, four new shares to be issued, in exchange for each share of stock owned.—V. 124, p. 924.

Washington Water Power Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross revenue	\$6,050,686	\$5,807,432	\$5,299,927	\$5,087,336
Operating expenses	1,803,690	1,679,643	1,577,294	1,496,833
Taxes, incl. income tax	721,379	683,637	628,474	632,664
Interest	551,671	681,552	633,661	607,464
Retirement expense	945,355	903,525	793,756	733,349
Preferred dividends	50,454			
Common dividends (8%)	1,843,160	1,704,238	1,625,561	1,575,106
Balance, surplus	\$134,977	\$154,837	\$41,181	\$41,920
Com. shs. out. (par \$100)	230,914	230,015	205,733	201,804
Earns. per share on com.	\$8.57	\$8.08	\$8.09	\$5.01

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Assets—			Liabilities (Con.)	
Plant & equip't	36,233,504	34,611,293	Com. stock subs.	\$ 8,353
Invest. in oth. cos.	4,500,319	4,537,480	5% coll. tr. bonds	214,000
Cash	909,044	839,519	5% 1st ref. mtge. bonds	5,203,000
Mater. & suppl.	502,297	550,183	5% gen. mtge. bds.	5,000,000
Notes & accts. rec.	1,065,866	1,135,143	3-4-5% debentures	1,400,000
Prepaid accounts	9,292	20,514	Okan. Val. Pr. bds.	247,700
Subsc. to cap. stk.	305,005	60,736	2-yr. 6% notes	3,600,000
Work in progress	4,327,409	—	Chelan prop. purch. contract	1,250,000
Suspended accts.	696,192	745,094	Notes payable	180,000
Total	48,548,928	42,499,964	Accounts payable	257,056
			Divs. pay. Jan. 15	461,494
Liabilities—			Accrued accounts	665,729
6½% pref. stock	2,360,000	2,300,000	Unadjusted credits	475,397
Common stock	23,091,400	23,001,500	Surplus, retirement and damage res.	7,288,154
6½% pref. stock subscribed	607,150	—	Total	48,548,928
Prem. on cap. stk.	86,295	73,620		42,499,964
V. 123, p. 1998.				

Washington Gas Light Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Operating revenues	\$5,283,010	\$4,916,550	\$4,892,881	\$4,889,104
Operating expenses	3,607,061	3,504,789	3,296,685	3,543,033
Net operating revenue	\$1,675,948	\$1,411,761	\$1,596,197	\$1,346,072
Other income	54,533	57,136	99,653	87,225
Total income	\$1,730,482	\$1,468,897	\$1,695,850	\$1,433,297
Taxes & uncollectibles	409,864	363,825	387,653	306,379
Interest	571,616	526,034	507,066	488,841
Amort. of debt disc. & exp	17,645	17,645	17,642	66,935
Other deductions	5,314	3,120	16,592	14,771
Dividends (\$3.60)	468,000	468,000	468,000	468,000
Net corporate income	\$258,044	\$90,273	\$298,897	\$88,372
Shares of cap. stk. outstanding (par \$20)	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000
Earn. per share on cap. stock	\$5.58	\$4.29	\$5.90	\$4.28
x After setting up \$70,000 to apply on income tax for the year 1925.—V. 123, p. 2903.				

Washington-Virginia Ry.—Sale.

The property will be sold at auction in April next, the date to be fixed later. Circuit Court Judge Samuel G. Brent has named John S. Barbour, Judge J. K. M. Norton and Gardner L. Boothe with Edward Hopkinson of Philadelphia as commissioners of sale. Company has been in receivership since Nov. 23 1923.—V. 121, p. 1791.

West Penn Electric Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1926.
Gross earnings after all charges, including reserves for renewals & replacements	\$31,472,134	\$34,437,010
1st preferred dividend requirement	3,574,197	4,605,188
Class A dividend requirement	3,430,808	1,548,729
Balance		414,806
—V. 124, p. 376.		

Western Union Telegraph Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$25,000,000 25-year 5% gold bonds, due Dec. 1 1951. The Exchange has also authorized the listing of \$5,182,900 additional capital stock, making the total amount applied for \$105,000,000 (being the total authorized amount). Of the foregoing stock \$182,900 is to be issued for cash at not less than par (\$100 per share), and the proceeds used for general corporate purposes outside the State of New York and not within that State. The \$5,000,000 additional capital stock has been offered for subscription to officers and employees under an employees' stock subscription plan.—V. 124, p. 376.

Western United Gas & Electric Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1926.
Gross earnings and other income	\$6,044,053	\$6,758,887
Operating expense, maintenance and taxes	3,430,808	3,633,388
Earnings from operations	\$2,613,245	\$3,125,499
Annual int. requirement on \$24,300,000 30-yr. 5½% 1st M. bds.	\$1,336,500	
Balance		\$1,788,999
Annual div. requirement on \$6,988,700 6½% pref. stock		454,271
Net earnings before providing for depreciation, management fees, amortization of debt discount and Federal taxes		\$1,334,729
Note.—Depreciation calculated on the basis of 12½% of gross operating revenue, less actual maintenance charges, amounts to \$309,080.—V. 124, p. 114.		

Wisconsin Public Service Corp.—Earnings.

The annual report, just issued, gives the following comparative income and expense account of the corporation and subsidiary, including new properties for the period operated only:

12 Mos. Ended Dec. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings	\$4,454,565	\$3,980,288	\$3,654,351
Oper. expenses, maint. and taxes	2,608,345	2,452,499	2,305,135
Interest	899,019	684,397	598,138
Preferred dividends	283,344	219,877	147,000
Bal. for ret. res., com. div. am. & sur.	\$663,857	\$623,515	\$604,079

Effective Feb. 1 1927 the Standard Gas & Electric Co. subscribed for \$3,000,000 additional common stock of the above company, subject to authorization by the Wisconsin RR. Commission. Under the customer ownership plan of preferred stock distribution, the net total of sales from treasury in 1926 was \$1,445,700 par value. The company now has a total of 4,800 preferred shareholders.—V. 124, p. 924.

Worcester Suburban Electric Co.—Voting Trust.

A voting trust has been created for the purpose of realizing not less than \$150 per share during the first five years and not less than \$175 per share the next five years. The duration of the voting trust will be ten years unless in the meantime a satisfactory offer for the sale of the stock is received.—V. 124, p. 794.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

Refined Sugar Prices.—On Feb. 14 Arbuckle Bros. reduced price 10 pts. to 5.95c. per lb. On Feb. 15 the following companies reduced prices as follows: American, 20 pts. to 6.05c.; Federal, 10 pts. to 6.05c.; McCahan, 20 pts. to 6.05c.; National, 20 pts. to 6.05c.; Reverse, 10 pts. to 6.05c.; and Warner 20 pts. to 6.05c.

Tire Prices Reduced 7½% to Manufacturers.—Goodyear, Firestone and other leading tire makers reduce prices 7½% to manufacturers. Dealers' prices remain unchanged.—"Wall Street News" Feb. 16.

American Brass Co. Advances Prices ¼ Cent per Pound.—"Boston News Bureau" Feb. 12.

Rayon Prices Advance.—Viscose Co. on Feb. 14 and Du Pont Rayon Co. on Feb. 16 advance price of 300 denier rayon yarns in "B" and "C" grades. New prices are: "B," \$1.23 per lb. and "C," \$1.20 per lb. "A" remains unchanged at \$1.25 per lb.—"Wall Street News" Feb. 16.

Strikers at Gera Mills and New Jersey Worst End Year-Old Struggle.—Vote 165 against 45 to end strike through efforts of arbitration committee.—New York "Times" Feb. 17, p. 12.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Feb. 12.—(a) Paper and pulp products had record year in 1926, p. 860. (b) Settlement by Elihu Root of dispute between plasterers' and bricklayers' unions ends long strife in building trades, p. 860. (c) A. & P. to cut bread prices; company's 13-oz. loaf to

be sold for 5 cents, marking return to pre-war level, p. 861. (d) Collapse of strike of box-makers' union, in progress 17 weeks, p. 861. (e) Woonsocket (R. I.) Worsteds Mills cut wages 10%, p. 861. (f) Judge Elbert H. Gary denies reports that he is to retire from U. S. Steel Corp., p. 876. (g) Sales of guaranteed mortgages in 1926 largest on record, according to New York Title & Mortgage Co., p. 876.

Air Reduction Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
3 Mos. End. Dec. 31—				
Gross income	\$3,400,475	\$3,014,542	\$2,309,081	\$2,529,121
Operating expenses	2,046,637	1,845,078	1,559,196	1,650,043
Reserves	493,048	410,851	282,550	255,086
Bond int. & exp.				21,074
Prem. on bonds red.				23,255
Bal. before Fed. tax.	\$860,789	\$758,613	\$467,335	\$579,652
Sbs. of com. outstanding (no par)	208,855	201,123	191,014	173,587
x Earn. per sh. on com.	\$4.12	\$3.77	\$2.45	\$3.34
x Earned per share on common before Federal tax.—V. 123, p. 2522.				

Allerton Corporation.—Debentures Offered.—An offering of a new issue of \$2,000,000 6% sinking fund convertible gold debentures at 97½ and interest, to yield over 6¼%, has been made by a banking group consisting of Parsly Bros. & Co., Philadelphia; Brokaw & Co., Chicago, and J. A. Ritchie & Co., Inc., of New York.

Dated Jan. 1 1927; due Jan. 1 1942. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at Central Union Trust Co. of New York, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Redeemable, all or part, on any interest date upon 60 days' notice, to and including Jan. 1 1929, at 105 and interest; thereafter, to and including Jan. 1 1931, at 104 and interest; thereafter, to and including Jan. 1 1934, at 103 and interest; thereafter, to and including Jan. 1 1938 at 102 and interest; thereafter, to and including July 1 1941 at 101 and interest. Interest payable without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Refund of the Minn., Penn., Conn., Kan. and Calif. tax, not to exceed 4 mills; Maryland 4½ mills tax; Kentucky and Dist. of Colum. 5 mills tax; Mich. 5 mills exemption tax; Virginia 5½ mills tax, and Mass. income tax not to exceed 6%.

Data from Letter of James S. Cushman, President of the Company.
 Corporation.—Will own all of the capital stock of Allerton New York Corp., Allerton Realty Co., and Allerton 55th Street Corp., which own five buildings in New York City, all being in complete and profitable operation (see Allerton New York Corp. in V. 124, p. 794).

The appraised value, less depreciation and exclusive of furniture and fixtures, of the Allerton properties in New York City, is in excess of \$9,466,093, against which there will be \$5,517,500 first mortgage bonds.

The Allerton Corp. also owns 49% of the voting stock of both the Allerton Co. of Chicago and the Allerton-Cleveland Co., and will have an option to purchase sufficient stock of both these companies to acquire control. The property of the Allerton-Cleveland Co. has an appraised valuation, exclusive of furniture and fixtures, of \$2,340,470, against which there are outstanding \$1,597,500 first mtge. bonds guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Allerton Corp.

Capitalization—

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
6% sinking fund convertible gold debentures	\$3,000,000	\$2,000,000
7% cumulative preferred stock, class B	6,000,000	1,625,400
a Class A common stock (no par shares)	150,000	
a Class B common stock (no par shares)	100,000	52,951

a Now known respectively as participating stock and common stock. There are authorized sufficient shares of 7% cumulative preferred stock, class A, the issuance of which is restricted for conversion only, par for par, of \$1,166,000 notes of the corporation, for the retirement of which provision will be made.

Equity.—Based upon appraised value, less depreciation, the equity of the Allerton Corp. properties in New York City total \$4,426,163. In addition, the corporation will have an investment of \$1,798,582 in the Cleveland and Chicago Allerton residences upon the application of certain proceeds from present financing. The equity in the New York properties and the investment in the Cleveland and Chicago properties plus other assets, thus aggregate \$6,605,471, or over \$3,300 for each \$1,000 debenture to be presently outstanding. Upon completion of the present financing, current assets will substantially exceed current and accrued liabilities.

Earnings.—The consolidated earnings of the Allerton Corp. and its subsidiaries, for the years ended Nov. 30, adjusted to give effect to the application of the proceeds of these debentures, are reported as follows:

	1926.	1925.
Gross revenues	\$1,562,097	\$1,696,737
Oper. exp., maint. and taxes, other than Fed'l taxes	726,468	774,764
Balance	\$835,629	\$921,973
Annual int. & sk. fd. chgs. on funded debt of subs.	381,062	381,062
Balance	\$454,567	\$540,911
Annual interest charges on these debentures		\$116,725

Conversion.—These debentures will be convertible into class A common stock of the corporation at the following prices: to and including Jan. 1 1932, \$25 per share; thereafter, to and including Jan. 1 1937, \$35 per share; thereafter, to and including Jan. 1 1942, \$45 per share. Debentures, which may be called for redemption shall be convertible as aforesaid to and including the 10th day prior to the date of redemption.

Upon the dissolution and liquidation of the corporation, after the rights of preferred stock have been satisfied, Class A common stock is entitled to receive \$60 per share before class B common receives any reimbursement. Class A common stock may be redeemed, at the option of the corporation, upon 30 days' notice at \$60 per share.

After payment of dividends on outstanding preferred stock, class A common stock is entitled to non-cumulative dividends at the rate of \$2 per share per annum before any dividends may be paid upon class B common stock; thereafter, class B common stock is entitled to non-cumulative dividends at the rate of 50c. per share per annum; and thereafter, class A common stock and class B common stock are entitled to receive dividends, share and share alike. The corporation will formally adopt the policy of placing class A common stock, when and as issued, upon a dividend basis of \$2 per share per annum.—V. 124, p. 794.

Allerton New York Corp., N. Y. City.—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 6½% bonds (known as "Allerton House, 130 East 57th St., bond issue"), numbered 169 to 1,502, both incl., aggregating \$945,000, dated March 15 1922, have been called for payment March 15 1927 at 105 and int. at the office of S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., at 565 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City, or at 310 South Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. Of the original issue of \$1,100,000, \$112,500 have been retired by serial maturities, and an additional \$42,500 will mature on March 15. See also V. 124, p. 924.

American Brown Boveri Electric Corp.—

Three more patrol boats for the U. S. Coast Guard Service were successfully launched on Feb. 14 at the corporation's Camden, N. J., ship-building plant. Including these vessels, 16 of the 33 "rum chasers" ordered by the Government from this corporation at a total cost exceeding \$2,000,000 have been finished. Fifteen more are under construction on the ways, and keels for the remaining two will be laid shortly.—V. 124, p. 651, 925.

American Cellulose & Chemical Mfg. Co., Ltd.—Div.

The directors have declared a div. of 1¼% on the 7% cum. 1st Partic. Pref. stock, issued prior to June 30 1926, payable March 15 to holders of record March 1. A distribution of 3¼% was made on the pref. stock on Dec. 31 1926.—V. 123, p. 3040.

American Colortype Co. (New Jersey)—Bonds Offered.

—Harris, Forbes & Co., New York, are offering \$2,000,000 6% sinking fund gold debenture at 99½ and int. to yield about 6.05%.

Dated Feb. 1 1927; due Feb. 1 1942. Int. payable F. & A. at Harris, Forbes & Co. New York, or at the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee. Callable on any int. date on 30 days' notice, at 105 and int. through Feb. 1 1932, thereafter at 103 and int. through Feb. 1 1937, and thereafter at 101 and int. until maturity. Denom. \$1,000. Company will agree to pay interest without deduction for any Federal income taxes

not exceeding 2%. Penn., Conn. and Calif. taxes not exceeding 4 mills refundable.

Sinking Fund.—The trust agreement will provide for minimum annual sinking fund payments calculated to retire at least two-thirds of this issue by maturity, and for additional payments based on consolidated net earnings and on common stock dividends paid which it is expected will materially accelerate the minimum rate of retirement.

Data from Letter of G. W. Reynolds, President of the Company.

Company.—Organized in 1902 in New Jersey. Was one of the pioneer companies in the field of commercial color printing in this country and has maintained its position as one of the leaders in this field ever since its organization. With subsidiaries, it is to-day the largest producer of high grade art and commercial colortype printing in the United States. Company enjoys very favorable relations with its customers, and in many instances this relationship has extended over a period of 20 years or more. Company numbers among its customers nationally known magazines, large mail order and other mercantile houses, as well as commercial printers. An unusual degree of diversification and stability is afforded the company by the widely divergent lines of business in which its customers are engaged. The company owns and operates, either directly or through subsidiary companies, plants in Newark, N. J., Chicago, Ill. and Red Oak, Ia. In New York City it operates plants on leased premises.

Capitalization

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Common stock	150,000 shs.	120,000 shs.
Preferred stock, 7% cumulative	\$1,000,000	\$897,300
6% sinking fund gold debenture bonds (this issue)		\$2,000,000

None of the company's subsidiaries have any funded debt and their capital stocks are all owned except directors' qualifying shares by the American Colortype Co. with one exception, where a minority interest of 37%, having a book value of \$71,949 is outstanding with the public.

Consolidated Earnings.—The operation of company and its subsidiaries have been continuously profitable, never having shown a loss in any year since the organization of the company in 1902. Net sales for the years ended Dec. 31 have been as follows:

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
\$6,586,640	\$7,046,926	\$7,740,519	\$8,260,691	

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire bank loans, to defray the cost of an extension to the Chicago plant, and for other corporate purposes.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1926 (after this Financing).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$553,433	Accounts payable	\$693,847
Accounts receivable	2,819,168	Debenture bonds	2,000,000
Inventory	1,265,713	7% preferred stock	897,300
Deferred expense	229,361	Com. stock (no par)	2,400,000
Real estate, plants, &c., after depreciation	1,670,493	Minority int. in National Art Co.	71,949
		Surplus	475,072
Total	\$6,538,168	Total	\$6,538,168

There is a contingent liability for additional Federal taxes of \$40,000 not included above.

American Home Products Corp.—Report.

Earnings Statement for the Year Ending Dec. 31 1926.

Net profit, \$1,278,415; est. income tax, \$167,899; net income	\$1,110,516
Div. to minority holders in subsidiary co.	1,433
Dividends paid & payable	600,000
Surplus adjustment	24,183

Net income	\$484,901
Earned per share on 300,000 no par shares capital stock	\$3.70

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1926.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Land, bldgs., equip., &c. (less reserve for depreciation)	\$308,734	Capital stock	\$6,600,455
Cash	1,344,009	Min. stockholders int. in subs.	294
Investments	59,087	Accounts payable	51,785
Accounts receivable	666,691	Property purchase obligations	111,152
Notes receivable	16,538	Dividends payable	120,000
Inventories	306,552	Res. for Fed. & State taxes	168,817
Prepaid expense	23,165	Reserve for contingencies	150,000
Good-will, trade-marks, &c.	4,962,659	Surplus	484,901
Total	\$7,687,434	Total	\$7,687,434

x Represented by 300,000 shares of no par value.—V. 123, p. 2393.

American Laundry Machinery Co.—To Retire Pref. Stk.

The company has called for redemption all of the \$1,929,500 outstanding 7% pref. stock at 125 and divs., effective July 1 next.

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, payable June 1 to holders of record May 23. A quarterly distribution of like amount is payable on the common stock on March 1 next.—V. 123, p. 2781.

American Metal Co. (Ltd.)—Annual Report.

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Calendar Years—				
Income after expenses	\$4,498,897	\$5,296,109	\$5,317,995	\$4,948,467
Deprec., depl., &c., res.	1,694,041	1,605,956	1,285,168	2,245,261
Prov. for red. of invest. & inventory	147,548	335,287	721,781	
Preferred dividends	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
Common dividends	2,376,003	1,926,775	1,773,395	1,642,467
do rate	(\$4)	(\$3¼)	(\$3)	(\$3)

Balance, surplus	def\$68,694	\$1,077,091	\$1,187,651	\$ 710,739
Profit and loss surplus	\$10,278,989	\$10,348,170	\$9,264,946	\$8,152,175
Shares of common stock outstanding (no par)	594,278	593,505	591,593	590,790
Earn. per share on com.	\$3.88	\$5.06	\$5.01	\$3.98

x Includes approximately 90% of Cia Minera de Penoles, S. A., earnings.

y After provision for United States and Mexican Federal income taxes, but before depreciation, &c. a Includes \$1,000,000 special appropriation to general reserve.—V. 124, p. 651.

American Mfg. Co. (Mass.)—1927 Dividends.

The directors have declared four regular quarterly dividends of 1¼% each on the pref. stock and 1½% each on the common stock, payable March 31, July 1, Oct. 1 and Dec. 31 to holders of record two weeks previous. Like amounts were paid on the respective issues in 1926, and in addition an extra distribution of 2% was made on the common stock on March 31 1926.—V. 122, p. 1173.

American Multigraph Co.—New Director.

E. B. Green, Chairman of the executive committee of the Cleveland Trust Co., has been elected a director to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of O. F. Gloré of Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co.—V. 122, p. 1920.

American Snuff Co.—Annual Report.

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Calendar Years—				
x Net earnings	\$6,673,450	\$1,640,158	\$1,858,588	\$2,082,520
Pref. dividends (6%)	237,168	237,168	237,168	237,168
Common dividends. (12%)	1,320,000	(12) 1,320,000	(12) 1,320,000	(14) 1,540,000

Balance, surplus	\$116,282	\$82,990	\$301,420	\$305,352
Surp. res. for wk. cap.	698,274	698,274	698,274	698,274

Profit and loss surplus	\$5,026,920	\$4,910,638	\$4,827,648	\$4,526,230
Shares of common outstanding (par \$100)	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000
Earn. per share on com.	\$13.06	\$12.75	\$14.74	\$16.78

x After deducting all charges and expenses of management, including provisions for income taxes.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Real estate, machinery & fixt.	\$12,331,762	Preferred stock	3,952,800
Supplies, &c.	6,607,943	Common stock	11,000,000
Securities	1,089,887	Pref. div. payable	59,292
Cash	1,198,461	Com. div. payable	330,000
Bills & accts. rec.	2,076,514	Taxes, ins., adv., disc'ts, &c., res.	993,509
		Depreciation res.	1,815,457
Total (each side)	23,271,325	Accounts payable	93,347
—V. 122, p. 1173.		Undivided profits	5,026,921

American Woolen Co.—Sells Hecla Mill.—

The company has sold the Hecla Mill at Uxbridge, Mass., to the Cherry Valley Woolen Co. The sale includes land, building, machinery and tenements. The Hecla is the only narrow loom mill owned by the American company and is one of its small units.—V. 124, p. 510.

Anglo American Corp. of So. Africa, Ltd.—Report.—

Quarter Ended Dec. 31 1926—	Brakpan Mines Ltd.	Spring Mines Ltd.	West Springs Ltd.
Working revenue	£406,702	£390,672	£234,042
Working costs	239,518	197,323	137,823
Working profit	£167,184	£193,349	£ 96,219

—V. 124, p. 651.

Anglo-American Oil Co., Ltd.—Rights, &c.—Secretary A. H. Hewett, in a letter to the shareholders, says in substance:

The directors have recently entered into a contract for the acquisition by this company of the preference and outstanding ordinary shares in another company, which carries on a considerable business in the distribution of petroleum products in the United Kingdom.

This company already holds a minority of the ordinary shares of said company, and the directors consider that the acquisition by this company of the remaining, or sufficient of the remaining shares to give complete control of the company and its business will be beneficial to the general interests of your company.

The consideration for the acquisition of the outstanding ordinary shares of the other company is the exchange of one fully paid non-voting ordinary share of £1 in your company for every two fully paid ordinary shares of £1 in the other company. The directors estimate that the transaction will incur the issuing of not exceeding 160,380 new non-voting shares of your company.

It becomes necessary before the directors can utilize the new non-voting shares proposed to be issued in manner above prescribed, to offer them to the present members in proportion to the existing shares held by them, and, therefore, the offer is now being made in the terms set forth below, but the directors ask the shareholders not to accept the offer so that they may deal with the shares so offered in the manner hereinbefore mentioned. The directors particularly point out that in the event of the offer being accepted, either in whole or in part, it would frustrate the contract they have entered into as above.

Offer.—The directors now offer to shareholders of the company 160,380 new non-voting shares in the proportion of one new share for every 25 shares held by them in the issued capital, but where shareholders hold an odd number of shares the offer does not extend to the odd shares. The price at which the new shares are offered is £4 5s. 6d. per share, or \$20 74, taken at \$4 85¼ to the pound sterling. Applications for the proportion of the new shares will be received on or before March 10 next either at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, or at the head office of the company, 36 Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, London, S. W. 1.—V. 124, p. 925.

Anglo-Chilean Consolidated Nitrate Corp.—Plant.—

President E. A. Cappelen Smith states that the corporation's Coya Norte plant is now in operation, and already has treated approximately 100,000 tons of nitrate-bearing rock. The results from these first operations show an extraction of the nitrate contained in the rock of 94%. This compares with an extraction not in excess of 55% of nitrate contained in the ground by the old process now in universal use. The plant is gradually being brought up to capacity production.—V. 123, p. 2904.

Arcade Building & Realty Co., Seattle, Wash.—Bonds Offered.

Blyth, Witter & Co. and John E. Price & Co., Seattle, Wash., are offering at 100 and div. \$1,200,000 1st mtge. leasehold 6% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1927, due Jan. 1 1947. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at Bank of California, National Association, Seattle, Wash., trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Red. all or part, on any int. date on 20 days' notice at 101 and int.; also red. for sinking fund commencing July 1 1929 at 101 and int. on 20 days' notice. Int. payable without deduction for Federal income taxes not in excess of 2%.

Data from Letter of David Whitcomb, President of Company.

Company.—Owns the leasehold under lease expiring Dec. 31 2004 to the entire block, 360x235 feet, known as Arcade Square, bounded by First and Second Aves. and Union and University Sts., and a lease expiring Dec. 31 2005 to 40x111 feet of the property directly across First Ave. known as the Hotel New Vendome and a traffic tunnel under First Ave. 12x17 feet, connecting said two properties under permit from the city of Seattle and giving access to the waterfront.

Building.—The southerly one-half of Arcade Square is improved by a store and office building, 4 stories on Second Ave. and 7 stories on First Ave. The ground floor is 100% rented to responsible tenants, including Browning, King & Co., Rhodes Bros. Co., Eggert Shoe Co., E. N. Brooks & Co. and F. W. Woolworth Co. The upper floors containing 113,737 square feet of shops and offices are more than 95% rented. This issue will provide a part of the funds for construction, on the northerly one-half of Arcade Square, of a modern, reinforced concrete building which has been leased for a period of 30 years to Rhodes Department Store, one of Seattle's old and well-established mercantile concerns. Fronting 170 feet on First and Second Aves. and 235 feet on Union St., the building will have a height of 6 stories on Second Ave. and 7 stories on First Ave. There will be a storage basement under the entire area and a sub-basement connecting with the tunnel driveway under First Ave.

Security.—Bonds are to be a direct obligation of company and are to be secured by a first closed mortgage on all of the company's leasehold interest in Arcade Square and the Hotel New Vendome property and Rhodes Department Store leases and all other sub-leases on these properties and a tunnel driveway which has been constructed under First Ave. from Arcade Square to Post St.

Earnings.—Net earnings, after Federal taxes and before depreciation, for the 5 years ended Dec. 31 1925 have averaged \$206,109 a year, or more than 1.85 times maximum interest and sinking fund requirements of this issue. Net earnings for 1926, partly estimated, were \$180,486, the decrease being due to vacation of shops and offices in preparation for construction of Rhodes Department Store. Based upon the minimum rental provided upon completion of Rhodes Department Store Building, it is estimated that the net earnings will be not less than \$227,000 per year, or more than 3.15 times the maximum interest requirements of this issue.

Arlington Mills, Lawrence, Mass.—Buys Plant.—

The company is reported to have purchased at auction for \$30,000 the plant, machinery and water rights of the Methuen Mills, one of the oldest cotton plants in New England. The latter suspended operations several months ago.

This purchase was solely a move to protect the Arlington rights. The Methuen dam and water rights, it is stated, represent the only valuable water rights between the New Hampshire reservoirs of the Arlington Mills and Lawrence. The machinery is to be sold separately and does not go with the purchase. The Arlington Mills at present has no plans whatsoever with respect to the Methuen plant.—V. 124, p. 651.

Autocar Co., Ardmore, Pa.—New Directors.—

C. S. Newhall and R. P. Page Jr. have been elected directors, filling vacancies caused by the death in January of L. L. Woodward, President, and the retirement of E. A. Fitts.—V. 124, p. 510.

Automatic Movie Display Corp.—New Motion Picture Industrial Corporation Formed with Capital of 300,000 Shares.

The incorporation in Delaware of the above corporation, headed by John R. Freuler, during the war Chairman of the Motion Picture Board of Trade and for many years identified with some of the largest film companies of the country, has been announced. The corporation has been formed to acquire the "Vitalux" automatic moving picture machine, an invention of Herman C. Schlicker, a graduate of Ilmenau Polytechnic Institute of Germany.

The corporation will have an authorized issue of 300,000 shares of capital stock. Mr. Freuler, the President, has provided over \$250,000 for the development work. Mr. Schlicker is Vice-Pres. and besides being the inventor of the "Vitalux," which operates by electricity without the attendance of an operator and is contained in a cabinet similar to that used for the Victrola, was associated with the Deutsche Bioscope Co. as well as American companies of importance, since coming to the United States.

The corporation owns, without royalty obligations, United States letters patent covering the various features of this new equipment. Tests and demonstrations have been made over the last year and a half. Manufacturing facilities have been provided at Milwaukee, where the machine is now being turned out in quantity. Operating headquarters are located at 130 West 46th Street, N. Y. City. The company owns its own laboratory equipment which will develop and print the films, and its own department will service the automatic machines under lease to advertisers.

The "Vitalux" differs from the "Trans-Lux" (used largely by brokers) in that the latter is used for "stills" while the former is distinctly a motion picture exhibition machine. The "Vitalux" film, however, makes provision for both movies and "still" pictures. The machine has been standardized as to details and the company expects to place in service, during 1927, not less than 2,000 machines. It can be placed in show windows, theatre and hotel lobbies, and other public places. The new type of film has withstood daily continuous runs of from 150 to 300 hours, only the pressing of a button being necessary to put the motion picture into play.

Baker-Vawter Co., Benton Harbor, Mich.—Merger.—

See Remington Rand, Inc., below.—V. 123, p. 3188.

Baldwin Locomotive Works.—New Directors.—

The annual report for the year 1926 (see under "financial reports" on preceding pages), discloses two changes in the directorate: Francis M. Weld of New York, and Alva O. Dinkey of Philadelphia, succeeding Harold T. White and Samuel F. Pryor of New York. Archibald H. Ehle was made Vice-President in charge of domestic sales, succeeding Grafton Greenough.—V. 124, p. 238.

(L.) Bamberger & Co., Newark, N. J.—Pref. Stock Sold.—

Lehman Brothers, New York, have sold at 104 and div. \$10,000,000 6½% cumulative pref. (a. & d.) stock. Of the \$10,000,000 stock, \$2,000,000 has been retained by the management for themselves and employees.

Preferred as to dividends, and as to assets to the extent of \$110 per share, and divs. in the event of any liquidation, voluntary or involuntary. Dividends payable quarterly, cumulative from March 1 1927. Red., all or part, at 110 and divs. Corporation agrees on or before the March 1 1930 and in each year thereafter to acquire by redemption or purchase at not exceeding the redemption price, out of surplus and net profits, at least 3% of the largest amount in par value of the pref. stock which shall ever have been issued and outstanding.

Listing.—It is expected that application will be made to list this stock on the New York Stock Exchange.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
6½% cumulative pref. stock (par \$100 per sh.)	\$12,500,000	\$10,000,000
Common stock (no par value)	500,000 shs.	500,000 shs.

Data from Letter of Louis Bamberger, President of Company.

History and Expansion.—The Bamberger store is the largest department store in New Jersey. It was founded in 1893 by Felix Fuld, Louis M. Frank and Pres. Bamberger as a co-partnership, and from the very date of its inception it has enjoyed remarkable success. Building operations are now in progress which will, within a period of probably 18 months, increase present space to over 1,000,000 square feet, and double present facilities. Toward the cost of this addition, estimated at approximately \$10,000,000, the corporation has arranged a mortgage loan of \$6,000,000, out of which it will pay off the present mortgage of \$1,625,000.

Sales and Profits.—Net sales and consolidated net profits of the corporation and its subsidiaries after interest, depreciation and Federal income taxes have been as follows for years ended Jan. 31:

Year	Sales	Net Profits as Above.	Pref. Div. Times Earned.	Req. Times Earned.
1923	\$21,975,361	\$1,673,029	2.42	
1924	26,163,936	2,079,100	3.19	
1925	28,003,301	2,287,258	3.51	
1926	29,952,279	2,394,457	3.68	
1927	32,508,089	2,784,837	4.25	

Consolidated Balance Sheet as of Jan. 31 1927.

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Cash	\$1,255,391	Accounts payable	\$1,091,837
Investments	5,011,492	Deposit accounts	1,388,978
Bills receivable	179,755	Accrued int. and expenses	233,174
Accounts receivable	4,264,942	Res. for taxes and conting.	550,000
Inventory	4,062,127	6½% preferred stock	10,000,000
Sundry investments	299,130	Common stock	2,500,000
Land, buildings, &c.	7,309,568	Earned surplus	6,707,386
Deferred charges	148,971		
Total	\$22,531,377	Total	\$22,531,377

—V. 123, p. 3323.

Bayuk Cigars, Inc.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings	\$2,564,442	\$2,122,188	\$2,225,991	\$2,227,995
Other income	60,632	58,323	111,805	45,193
Total income	\$2,625,074	\$2,180,511	\$2,337,796	\$2,273,188
Exp., int., deprec., &c.	1,517,563	\$1,453,236	\$1,346,123	\$1,233,936
Federal taxes	153,861	93,224	128,288	136,920
First preferred dividends	134,267	129,717	136,064	95,418
Second preferred divs.	86,750	86,963	87,190	98,868
Surplus	\$732,633	\$417,371	\$639,030	\$708,046
Shs. of com. outst. (no par)	77,121	77,121	77,121	77,121
Earns. per sh. on com.	\$9 50	\$5 41	\$8 29	\$9 18

Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$524,720	1st pref. 7% stock	2,810,600
Trade debtors	1,867,625	8% 2d pref. stock	3,500
Inventories	7,176,644	7% 2d pref. stock	1,234,000
Revenue stamps	29,144	Com. stock (77,121 shares, no par)	1,668,089
Rec. fr. tob. br'k'rs	33,775	Notes payable	2,555,000
Due from officers and employees	8,130	Trade creditors	383,514
Investments	558,416	Sundry accts. pay.	18,366
Land, buildings, equipment, &c.	1,290,185	Accrued wages	66,026
Cigar machines	13,440	Prov. for Federal, &c. tax	153,861
Prepaid insurance, taxes, &c.	75,894	Sink. fd. pref. stk.	85,211
Reorg., &c., exp.	183,423	Dividends payable	70,851
Commission on sale of pref. stock	124,105	Surplus	2,712,079
Claim against insurance co.	629		2,077,040
Total	\$11,761,396	Total	\$11,761,396

—V. 124, p. 511.

Belding Heminway Co.—Smaller Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable April 1 to holders of record March 21. This compares with quarterly dividends of 75 cents per share paid previously. The directors stated that it was deemed wise to put the dividend on a basis which could be continued through the year. It was also announced that the company has more than \$1,650,000 cash on hand and a surplus of over \$2,500,000.

Income Account Years Ended Dec. 31.

	1926.	1925.
Total income	\$1,507,453	\$1,697,331
Depreciation	250,624	107,869
Interest & amortization	343,037	—
Federal income taxes	118,500	195,100
Net profit	\$797,293	\$1,394,362
Preferred stock dividends	7,651	55,536
Common stock dividends	1,245,096	1,037,580

Balance to surplus—def\$455,455 \$301,246
x Belding Bros. & Co.—V. 123, p. 2781.

Booth Mfg. Co., New Bedford, Mass.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Real estate & machinery	\$1,804,367	\$1,777,325	\$344,100
Merchandise	303,820	380,341	852,800
Cash and accounts receivable	161,803	202,227	59,000
Prepaid insurance	8,266	7,795	16,357
Treasury stock	9,600	9,600	733,456
			59,000
Total (each side)	\$2,287,856	\$2,377,290	88,200
			193,943

—V. 122, p. 1174.

(J. G.) Brill Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Properties accounts	7,670,291	7,739,993	4,580,000
Patents	1	1	4,810,200
Good-will	1	1	780,075
Material, raw & in process	3,639,069	3,301,928	4,000
Bills receivable	404,842	170,124	109,178
Accts. receivable	1,707,606	1,736,538	58,086
Marketable secur.	588,393	603,343	5,120,015
Misc. Investments	536,630	972,622	4,916,668
Cash	1,411,249	650,333	
Deferred assets	103,383	50,471	
Total (each side)	\$12,026,729	\$12,026,729	\$15,461,555

The usual comparative income account appeared in V. 124, p. 926.

(P.) Burns & Co., Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd., Montreal, are offering at 100 and div. \$2,100,000 7% sinking fund cumulative preference shares.

Dividends payable Q-F, at any branch in Canada of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Callable, all or part, at 105 and div. on any div. date on 60 days' notice. Transfer agents, National Trust Co., Ltd., Toronto.

Capitalization—Authorized \$5,000,000. Outstanding \$3,078,500. Preference shares 7% cumulative 4,000,000. Ordinary shares 6,000,000. First mtge. bonds to the extent of \$5,000,000 have been authorized, of which \$3,500,000 have been issued. Of this latter amount \$421,500 have been retired by operation of the sinking fund to Feb. 1 1927. \$4,000,000 preference shares (incl. this issue) have been authorized and issued, of which \$57,000 have been redeemed to Feb. 1 1927. A further amount will be redeemed in respect of the earnings for the year 1926.

Company—Is one of the oldest and most successful of the Canadian meat packing companies. Since its inception in Calgary, Alberta, in 1890, it has steadily developed, and with one exception during the post-war reconstruction period, the company has made satisfactory profits each year. From a modest beginning the company has extended its operations coincident with the growth and settlement of the Western Canadian provinces, until to-day it owns over 50,000 acres of ranch and farm lands, and owns or controls 7 packing houses, 16 wholesale fruit depots, 95 retail stores and more than 40 creameries. Company has, in addition, important agencies in Europe, the West Indies and the Orient.

Purpose—Company has for some time had in contemplation the extension of its activities, enabling it to dispose of its products throughout Canada. Heretofore the company has disposed of large quantities of its products obtained in the West, on a brokerage basis through established companies in Winnipeg, Toronto and other Eastern centres. Through the recent connections established in Eastern Canada and the acquisition of a packing plant in Winnipeg, the company now has proper facilities for handling this substantial volume of desirable business. This present offering of pref. stock is to reimburse the company for expenditures made in acquiring ownership or control of these properties, and for additional working capital.

Earnings—Based on the certificate of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., the company's auditors, for 4 years and 6 months ending Dec. 31 1925, and on statement for the year ending Dec. 31 1926, supplied by the company, but not yet audited, earnings (after giving effect to the present financing by the elimination of non-recurring interest charges and after all operating charges, including bond interest and Federal income tax), available for dividend on preference stock, depreciation and discount on securities would have been as follows:

	1926.	1925.
Average annual earnings for 5 1/2 years ending Dec. 31 1926	\$692,544	\$718,202
Earnings for year ending Dec. 31 1925	759,338	759,338
Earnings for year ending Dec. 31 1926	276,010	276,010

The above figures do not take into consideration any benefit that may be derived from the new connections recently established.—V. 122, p. 2047.

Burroughs Adding Machine Co.—Usual Cash Div.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly cash dividend of 75c. a share on the common stock, no par value, payable March 31 to holders of record March 15. The stock will be quoted ex- the 33 1/3% stock dividend on March 2. The continuation of the regular dividend is equivalent to a distribution of \$1 a share on the old capitalization.—V. 124, p. 795.

California Glass Co.—Acquisition.—

This company has acquired the J. A. Fraters Co., Los Angeles, Calif., (not San Francisco as previously reported), effective as of Jan. 1 1927.—V. 124, p. 796.

Calumet & Hecla Consol. Copper Co.—Earnings.—

Receipts—		Disbursements—	
1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Copper sales	\$3,849,478	\$4,678,049	\$14,334,979
Custom milling & smelt.	28,383	28,331	82,374
Dividends	31,900	9,186	36,670
Interest	124,275	138,043	263,660
Miscellaneous	15,701	10,010	28,805
Total receipts	\$4,049,738	\$4,863,619	\$14,741,487
			\$14,450,830
Copper on hand	\$3,528,556	\$5,607,267	\$10,130,246
Prod., sell., adm. & taxes	2,637,957	2,601,623	9,975,183
Deprec'n and depletion	1,125,592	1,261,679	3,411,629
Miscellaneous	7,940	12,310	44,613
Total expenditures	\$6,200,045	\$9,482,879	\$23,561,670
Less copper on hand	3,372,632	4,694,745	10,320,499
Net expenditures	\$2,827,413	\$4,788,134	\$13,241,171
Gain for period	\$1,222,325	\$75,485	\$1,500,317

x After deducting credit of \$283,719 to make net for year agree with amount per settlement with Federal Government.—V. 124, p. 796.

Calvert Mortgage Co.—Bonds Offered.—W. W. Lanahan & Co. and Strother, Brogden & Co., Baltimore, are offering at par and int. an issue of 6% 1st mtge. real estate collateral trust gold bonds, which, together with an issue offered in July 1 1926 and identical in all respects, brings the total outstanding up to \$3,000,000.

The bonds, dated July 1 1926 and Jan. 1 1927, mature in 1, 2, 5 and 10 years. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at Equitable Trust Co., Baltimore, or at the office of the Calvert Mortgage Co., Baltimore, without deduction for the normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2% per annum. Callable upon 30 day's notice at par and int., plus 1/2 of 1% for each year or fraction thereof from redemption date to maturity. Trustees, Equitable Trust Co. and Hugh L. Pope, Baltimore, Md.

The bonds are the direct obligation of the company, which has a paid-in capital of \$350,000. The security for the bonds consists of guaranteed first mortgages on real estate, which are made for not more than one-half the appraised value of the properties in the case of straight mortgages and for not more than 60% of such value in the case of mortgages which are amortized to 50% in 3 years. All of the properties are completed and owned

in fee simple by responsible borrowers. The properties are located in cities in the Middle Atlantic, Southern and Southwestern States. The security does not include any "specialties," such as theatres, hotels, large apartment buildings, office buildings, manufacturing plants and other properties designed for a single use.

Payment of both principal and interest on all of the mortgages securing the bonds is guaranteed unconditionally and irrevocably by the Maryland Casualty Co., Baltimore, Md.

Carib Syndicate, Ltd.—Plan for Reorganization of Capital Structure.—The stockholders will vote March 28 on approving the following plan:

It is proposed to increase the number of shares from 8,000 shares to 800,000 shares, and simultaneously to reduce the par value of all such shares from \$25 each to 25 cents each, the new stock to be all of one class and having full voting rights. This will effectuate an increase in the number of shares and a reduction in the par value thereof without changing the total amount of previously authorized capital stock. There are now issued and outstanding 5,250 shares, \$25 each.

Upon effecting the change in the number of authorized shares from 8,000, par \$25 each, to 800,000, par 25 cents each, 100 shares of new stock will be issued to the registered holders of every share of old stock.

The trustees under the sub-share agreement dated Nov. 29 1919, will receive new shares in lieu of the shares now held by them, in the ratio of 100 shares of new stock to each share of old stock. Holders of sub-shares will be entitled to receive from the trustees new shares under the terms of the sub-share agreement dated Nov. 29 1919, pursuant to new share.

The committee (composed of Arthur H. Bunker (Chairman), Marshall W. Pask, William B. Scarborough, James K. Trimble and James A. Wilsey with Robert O. Dawson of 14 Wall St., N. Y. City, as Secretary), formed under the deposit agreement of Dec. 13 1926, on Feb. 14 announced its approval of the above plan. This plan also has the unanimous approval of the board of directors and of the trustees under the sub-share agreement of 1919.—V. 124, p. 652, 512.

Caterpillar Tractor Co. (& Sub. Co.)—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.
Net sales	\$20,699,103	\$20,859,842
Net profit before Federal tax	\$5,003,095	\$4,457,560

Consolidated Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	
Plant, equip., &c.	\$7,766,733	\$4,887,442	Capital stock	\$8,125,000
Cash in banks and bank time etcs.	1,523,000	1,439,528	Accts. payable, including prov. for	1,466,039
of deposit	7,307,938	5,267,687	Fed. income tax	981,618
Inventories	500,000	500,000	Capital surplus	6,054,697
Marketable sec.	3,460,037	3,452,492	Earned surplus	5,306,914
Notes & accts. rec.	275,058	275,058		2,594,968
Patents	2,176	38,890		
Investments	147,709	216,782	Total (each side)	\$20,982,651
Deferred charges				\$15,577,879

x After deducting \$3,188,393 reserve for depreciation. y Represented by 1,625,000 shares of no par value in 1926, as against 260,000 shares (par \$25) in 1925.—V. 123, p. 3324.

(J. I.) Case Threshing Machine Co.—Resumes Common Dividends at the Rate of 6% Per Annum.—The directors on Feb. 18 declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% on the outstanding \$13,000,000 common stock, par \$100, placing the issue on a \$6 annual basis. This is the first common cash dividend since the 10% distribution made on Jan. 28 1920. On Dec. 15 1920, a stock dividend of 39,000 shares of common stock was paid on the junior issue.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the preferred stock.

Both dividends are payable April 1 to holders of record March 14.

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net income	\$3,817,429	\$2,793,674	\$147,711	\$634,633
Reserve for contingencies	300,000	500,000		
Balance	\$3,517,429	\$2,293,674	\$147,711	\$634,633

—V. 123, p. 847.

Cathedral Apartments (California-Jones Investment Co.), San Francisco, Calif.—Bonds Offered.—S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., are offering at par and int. \$800,000 1st mtge. fee 6 1/4% serial coupon gold bonds, safeguarded under the Straus plan.

Dated Oct. 15 1926; due serially, Oct. 15 1929-38. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100c. Interest payable A. & O. Callable at 102 and int. Bonds and coupons payable at offices of S. W. Straus & Co.—Exempt from personal property tax in California. U. S. Federal income tax, 2%, paid by borrower.

These bonds are secured by a direct closed first mortgage on the land in fee and on the building now being erected, and by Straus Plan provisions for monthly deposits to meet principal and interest payments promptly when due. The land on which this building is being erected comprises approximately 14,000 sq. ft. at the southwest corner of California and Jones Sts., San Francisco. The Cathedral Apartments building is to be 16 stories high with basement and sub-basement, of steel frame class A, fireproof construction with exterior architectural design developed in concrete and cast stone trim. The building will contain 333 rentable rooms comprised in 90 apartments; 26 of five rooms each, 33 of four rooms, 11 of three rooms, 18 of two rooms, and 2 single-room apartments. The basement and sub-basement will contain 60 private locker rooms for tenants, storage rooms for house supplies and equipment, receiving room, janitor's apartment, and garage space for 50 cars.

The value of the land and completed building, the property mortgaged as security for this bond issue, is independently appraised in excess of \$1,360,000. This bond issue, therefore, amounts to less than 59% of the value of the mortgaged property.

Net annual earnings of this property, after deductions for taxes, insurance, operation and ample allowance for vacancies, are estimated at \$101,786 available for payments required under this bond issue. This is more than twice the greatest annual interest charge and is \$34,567 in excess of the greatest combined annual interest and serial principal requirements hereunder.

Certain-tyed Products Corp.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	
Land, bldgs., machinery, &c.	\$18,201,036	\$17,273,876	1st pref. 7% stock	4,300,000
Good-will, trademarks, &c.	1	1	2d pref. 7% stock	2,675,000
Cash	1,087,256	973,507	Common stock	212,720,000
Notes receivable	254,069	343,614	Notes payable	600,000
Accts. receivable	2,628,896	2,681,592	Accounts payable	757,022
Inventories	5,387,340	5,490,682	Dividends payable	429,063
Inv. in other cos.	17,550	18,372	Accrued local and Federal taxes	344,961
Exp. paid in adv.	213,736	172,968	Surplus	5,963,860
Total	\$27,789,905	\$26,954,612	Total	\$27,789,905

x Land, buildings, machinery and equipment at manufacturing plants, warehouses and offices, at sound value as determined by appraisal, plus subsequent expenditures at cost, less reserve for depreciation, \$14,522,556; water power rights at Marselles, Ill., at appraisal value, less amortization, \$656,979; gypsum deposits at appraisal value, plus subsequent expenditures at cost, less depletion, \$3,021,500. z Common stock, 307,000 shares of no par value, at value declared under laws of Maryland or at issue price. a Includes surplus of \$1,360,000 applied in redemption of first preferred stock; capital surplus of \$2,888,880 and earned surplus of \$1,714,980. The usual comparative income account was given in V. 124, p. 927.

Chesebrough Mfg. Co. Consolidated.—Dividend Rate Increased on Common Stock from \$3 to \$4 per Annum.—The directors on Feb. 17 declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the outstanding \$3,000,000 common stock, par \$25, payable March 31 to holders of record March 10. During 1926 the company paid four quarterly dividends of 75 cents per share on the common stock, and in addition four extra dividends of 25 cents per share and a special distribution of 50 cents per share, making a total of \$4.50 per share for the year.—V. 123, p. 2660.

Chicago Fuse Manufacturing Co.—Report.

Year Ended Dec. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net sales	\$2,294,953	\$2,237,284	\$1,878,147	\$1,913,507
Cost of sales & expenses	1,992,073	1,987,842	1,693,263	1,631,412
Net profit	\$302,880	\$249,442	\$184,884	\$282,095
Other income (net)	38,100	31,800	23,700	35,000
Federal taxes				
Net earnings	\$264,780	\$217,642	\$161,184	\$247,179
Shares of common stock outstanding (no par)	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Earn. per share on com.	\$4.41	\$3.63	\$2.69	\$4.12

Note.—Dividends at the rate of \$2.50 per annum (62½ cents quarterly) have been paid on the outstanding 60,000 shares of capital stock since July 1 1924.—V. 124, p. 512.

Childs Co., New York.—Annual Report.
[Including Childs' Dining Hall Co. and Childs Co. of Providence.]

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Restaurant sales	\$26,136,540	\$24,493,006	\$23,483,854	
Building rentals	1,276,311	1,132,388	1,161,710	
Total sales	\$27,412,851	\$25,625,393	\$24,675,564	
Cost of restaurant sales	22,543,021	21,166,053	20,550,396	
Cost of building rentals	781,489	1,058,634	1,074,974	
Total cost of sales	\$23,324,509	\$22,225,687	\$21,625,369	
Gross income from restaurants & bldgs	4,088,342	3,399,706	3,050,195	
Less other departmental loss & exp.	290,074	304,212	287,383	
Gross income from operation	\$3,798,268	\$3,095,494	\$2,762,811	
Federal and State tax reserve	327,526	298,463	945,051	
Other general expenses	827,838	798,598		
Net income from operation	\$3,142,914	\$2,806,633	\$1,817,760	
Other income (net)	Dr. 132,849	Cr. 364,248	Cr. 578,838	
Total income	\$2,510,056	\$2,362,680	\$2,396,598	
Depreciation	826,726	706,786	587,629	
Net profit	\$1,683,330	\$1,655,894	\$1,808,969	
Previous surplus	5,938,808	5,782,250	5,028,910	
Total surplus	\$7,622,138	\$7,438,145	\$6,837,879	
Reserve account	154,506	158,663	147,950	
Preferred dividends Childs Co.	350,000	350,000	350,000	
Pref. divs. Childs Dining Hall Co.		6	6	
Common dividends (cash)	813,969	743,000	557,672	
Common dividends (stock)	271,323	247,667		
Profit and loss surplus	\$6,032,334	\$5,938,808	\$5,782,251	
Shares of com. outstanding (no par)	\$346,825	\$333,909	\$237,863	
Earned per share on common	\$3.84	\$3.91	\$6.13	

—V. 124, p. 927.

Clinchfield Coal Co.—No Action on Common Dividend.—The directors on Feb. 17 took no action, on the dividend due at this time on the common stock. The previous payment was 50 cents per share made on Dec. 15 last, while on Oct. 1 1926, a distribution of \$1 per share was made on this issue.—V. 123, p. 2660.

Coca Cola Bottling Corp. (Del.)—Stock Offered.—Merz & Back, Cincinnati, and the N. S. Talbott Co., Dayton, recently offered at \$27.75 per share 20,000 shares class "A" stock (no par value).

Class A stock is preferred as to dividends to the extent of \$2.50 per share per annum, payable Q-J. Participates equally with class "B" after class "B" has received \$2.50 per share in any one year and is not callable or redeemable under any circumstances, nor can any funded debt be created or capitalization increased without the consent of the class A stockholders as required by statute.

Company.—Organized in Delaware to acquire by purchase the entire capital stock of Cleveland Coca Cola Bottling Co. and the Cincinnati Coca Cola Bottling Works Co. Plants located at Cleveland, O., Cincinnati, O., and Maysville, Ky. The business of the company consists of the bottling and distribution of Coca Cola in 27 counties in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. The business is conducted under a perpetual and exclusive franchise issued by the parent company and carrying with it all the "good-will" accruing through the tremendous sums spent in advertising.

Capitalization to Be Authorized and Outstanding.

Class A stock	20,000 shs.
Class B stock	20,000 shs.
Purpose.	This financing is for the purpose of acquiring all of the assets, accounts and franchises of Cleveland Coca Cola Bottling Co. and to supply necessary working capital.
Earnings.	After eliminating certain non-recurrent charges in the Cleveland plant:
Before taxes and depreciation	1925. 1926.
	\$147,538 \$137,343
After taxes and depreciation (net)	86,286 88,458
Listing.	Application will be made to list these shares on the Cincinnati Stock Exchange.

Collins & Aikman Co.—To Retire Preferred Stock.—The directors have called for the redemption on May 1 of all the outstanding 7% cum. conv. pref. stock at 110 and divs. The privilege of converting the preferred stock into common in the ratio of one preferred share for two common shares may be exercised until the redemption date.—V. 124, p. 116.

Colombia Syndicate.—Option on Leases Approved.—The stockholders on Feb. 7 approved a contract with the South American Gulf Oil Co., a subsidiary of the Gulf Oil Corp., granting the Gulf company an option to April 30 1927, to acquire leases of the Colombia Syndicate for a substantial cash payment, plus an over-riding royalty and all percentage of net profits from operations. Under the contract the Gulf company will pay \$500,000 to the Colombia Syndicate for the transfer of leases, &c., also an over-riding royalty of 6% of the market value of oil and petroleum products produced, and, in addition, 10% of the net profits derived by Gulf from the properties it elects to operate.

The stockholders also approved an amendment to the certificate of incorporation, providing in substance "that shares of the capital stock of the company shall at no time be held by or in the name of any Government other than, or any official or commercial entity owned or controlled directly or indirectly by any Government other than the Republic of Colombia, South America."—V. 124, p. 653.

Consolidated Cigar Corp. (& Subs.)—Comb. Earnings.

Period Ended Dec. 31 1926—	Month.	6 Months.
Profit after depreciation, interest, &c	\$276,186	\$1,966,531
Estimated Federal & State taxes	35,500	272,000
Preferred dividends all companies	21,350	140,500
Balance for common	\$219,336	\$1,554,031
Earnings per sh. on 250,000 no par common shares	\$0.88	\$6.22

—V. 123, p. 2267.

Courtaulds, Ltd., England.—Final Dividend.—Harvey Fisk & Sons announce the receipt of a cable from London stating that Courtaulds, Ltd., has declared a final dividend for 1926 of 16¼% on the ordinary shares, free of income tax.—V. 123, p. 330.

Crane Simplex Co., N. Y. City.—Receivership Sale.—Henry C. Johnson, auctioneer, sold at auction Feb. 14, at the company's plant, Long Island City, the entire stock. Augustus G. Klages is receiver.—V. 115, p. 2798.

Crown Cork & Seal Co.—To Recapitalize.—Submission of a plan to the directors for the recapitalization to be voted upon at the annual meeting of the stockholders March 2 has caused a division in the board. Five directors voted in favor of advising the adoption of the plan and four voted against adoption. One director who was absent has signed a letter to the stockholders in favor of the plan. Luther M. R. Willis, Chairman of the Board, heads the faction in favor of recapitalization, and lined with him are the majority of the board, as follows: T. E. Cottman, E. L. Norton, S. A. Russell of New York; E. J. Smead, Jr., D. M. Lyden, President; W. W. Abell, Graflin Cook and Gates D. Fahnstock of New York.

Each faction are seeking proxies for the annual meeting. If the plan is adopted by the stockholders, six shares of convertible preferred stock without par value will be issued for each share of \$100 par value capital stock now outstanding. In addition to the 60,000 shares of convertible preferred stock, the plan contemplates the authorization of 190,000 shares of common stock, 90,000 of which will be issued only upon conversion of the convertible preferred stock. The remaining 100,000 shares of common stock will be sold at \$15 a share, bringing an aggregate of \$1,500,000, and by utilizing approximately this sum for the purchase of first mortgage bonds the amount of bonds outstanding will be reduced to a point where, under the terms of the mortgage, dividends can be paid. The convertible preferred stock will be entitled to a cumulative preferential dividend of \$2.50 a share per annum from April 1 1927. ("Wall Street Journal.")—V. 123, p. 586.

Dalton Adding Machine Co.—Merger Plan.—See Remington Rand, Inc., below.—V. 124, p. 928.

Dartmouth Mfg. Co., New Bedford.—Smaller Divs.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.50 a share on the common stock and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 a share on the preferred stock, both payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 14. Previously quarterly dividends of \$2 a share were paid on the common stock.—V. 122, p. 1317.

Davega, Inc., New York.—Retail Sales.—Period End. Jan. 31— 1927—Month—1926. 1927—11 Mos.—1926.

Retail sales	\$288,780	\$221,478	\$2,698,531	\$1,907,950
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—V. 124, p. 797, 513.

Detroit Masonic Country Club.—Bonds Offered.—Harris, Small & Co. and Watling, Lerchen & Co., Detroit, are offering at 100 and int. \$400,000 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1927; maturing serially Jan. 1 1929-1938. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 each. Callable, all or part, at 102 and int. on any int. date on 30 days' notice. Int. (J. & J.) payable without deduction of the normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2% per annum. Principal and int. payable at the office of Detroit Trust Co., Detroit, trustee. Legal investment for savings banks in Michigan. Tax exempt in Michigan.

These bonds are secured by a 1st mtge. on 302 feet of lake frontage between Jefferson Ave. and Lake St. Clair at the foot of Masonic Boulevard, over 250 acres of land west thereof and all of the buildings and fixtures now owned by the club. This property, which is only about 7 miles north of Grosse Pointe Shores, one of Detroit's most exclusive residential suburbs; has been appraised by Detroit Trust Co. as follows: Land, \$345,705; buildings, \$500,000; total, \$845,705.

There will be a monthly sinking fund, beginning Jan. 20 1927, amounting to one-sixth of the next maturing interest payment; and a monthly sinking fund, beginning Jan. 20 1928, amounting to one-twelfth of the next maturing principal installment, both funds to be deposited with the trustee.

The membership of the Detroit Masonic Country Club, organized in 1919, is limited to members of Masonic orders and now numbers over 2,500. The club has facilities for practically every form of outdoor recreation, and the clubhouse, commanding a view of the lake and considered one of the finest in the Detroit district, is splendidly equipped for handling all types of entertainment.

Douglas-Pectin Corp.—Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the outstanding capital stock, both payable March 31 to holders of record March 1. In each of the two preceding quarters extra dividends of 50c. per share were paid.—V. 123, p. 2661.

(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co. (Inc.)—Common Stock Placed on an \$8 Annual Dividend Basis.—The directors on Feb. 14 declared a quarterly dividend of \$2 per share on the common stock, no par value, payable March 15 to holders of record March 1. A quarterly distribution of \$1.75 per share was made on Dec. 15 last, while on Jan. 5 this year an extra dividend of \$5 per share was paid on the common stock. (For record of dividends paid on the common stock since 1919 see V. 123, p. 986 and 2661.)

This company owns approximately 25% of the outstanding common stock of the General Motors Corp. on which the directors of the latter corporation Feb. 10 increased the dividend from \$7 to \$8 per share per annum (see V. 124, p. 931).

Board of Directors Increased.—The membership of the board was increased to 31 by the addition of 5 members, all of whom have been importantly identified for a long time with the company's activities. They are: William P. Allen, general manager of the paint, lacquer and chemicals department; Jasper E. Crane, President of the Du Pont National Ammonia Co.; F. B. Davis, President of the Du Pont Viscoid Co.; A. B. Echols, who recently was elected Treasurer, and Willis F. Harrington, General Manager of the dyestuffs department.—V. 124, p. 784, 683.

Elyria (O.) Iron & Steel Co.—10% Stock Div.—The directors have declared a 10% stock dividend on the common stock, payable March 5 to holders of record Feb. 25.—V. 123, p. 2397.

Erie Steam Shovel Co.—Earnings.—The company reports for the six months ended Dec. 31 1926 net profits of \$884,091 after depreciation, &c., but before Federal taxes. This compares with \$717,024 before taxes in the similar period of 1925. After deduction of taxes net income available for dividends was \$761,591, equivalent after allowing for six months dividends requirements on \$3,000,000 7% pref. stock, to \$1.64 a share on the 400,000 shares (par \$5) common stock outstanding. This compares with \$618,644 or \$1.28 a share on present share basis in same period of previous year.

Sales for the period were 22% in excess of those of corresponding period of 1925.—V. 123, p. 2397.

Eastern Manufacturing Co.—Annual Report.
[Including Katahdin Pulp & Paper Co., Liberty Paper Co., Lincoln Pulp Wood Co. and South Brewer Pulp Wood Co.]

Calendar Years.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross revenue	\$11,144,364	\$10,649,017	\$10,066,381	\$10,907,968
Freight, disc't & ch'g's to sales	461,400	479,617	375,259	364,630
Operating expenses	9,324,445	8,819,487	8,444,481	8,752,670
Adm. & selling exps.	625,287	669,904	512,914	481,374
Other ch'g's & inc. (net)	Dr. 78,941	Dr. 28,203	Dr. 33,433	Cr. 7,167
Interest	253,504	244,513	257,067	289,131
Depreciation	296,928	290,519	349,374	352,485
Net income	\$103,859	\$116,774	\$93,853	\$674,845
Previous surplus	2,258,131	2,325,422	2,355,812	1,828,463
Surplus adjustments (Dr.)	88,831	184,065	124,243	147,496
Profit and loss surplus	\$2,273,159	\$2,258,131	\$2,325,422	\$2,355,812

Comparative Balance Sheet.

[Eastern Mfg. Co., Liberty Paper Co., Lincoln Pulp Wood Co., Katahdin Pulp & Paper Co. and South Brewer Pulp Wood Co.]

	Jan. 1 '27.	Jan. 2 '26.		Jan. 1 '27.	Jan. 2 '26.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Timberlands (less reserve).....	2,262,683	2,275,167	Preferred stock.....	39,700	39,700
Plant account (less reserve).....	4,858,954	5,003,399	1st pref. stock.....	3,014,000	3,014,000
Treasury stock.....	9,958	9,958	2d pref. stock.....	1,000,000	1,000,000
Cash.....	185,380	310,485	Common stock.....	785,450	785,450
Accts. receivable.....	782,505	895,532	Mtge. notes & bds.	2,728,250	2,781,750
Notes receivable.....	51,271	74,450	Accounts payable.....	271,202	303,729
Inventory.....	1,687,445	1,643,821	Notes payable.....	1,467,323	1,252,020
Pulpwood & adv.....	2,490,912	2,174,684	Accrued expenses.....	29,588	56,159
Miscellaneous.....	599,749	433,272	Res. for Fed. taxes.....	200,000	200,000
Prepaid expenses.....	286,642	297,972	Reserve for plant apprec. (net).....	1,406,826	1,427,801
			Surplus.....	2,273,159	2,258,131
Total.....	13,215,498	13,118,739	Total.....	13,215,498	13,118,739

Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Co.—Annual Report.—

	1926.	1925.
Net sales to customers and dealers.....	\$12,023,484	\$10,090,152
Manufacturing, administrative and selling costs.....	9,604,933	8,150,933
Miscellaneous charges against income.....	244,154	81,614
Provision for Federal income tax and reserves.....	295,000	231,000
Dividends paid.....	1,000,000	856,720
Premium on preferred stock retired.....		21,894
Net addition for the year.....	\$879,397	\$747,988
Profit and loss surplus.....	\$4,648,494	\$3,769,098
Earnings per share on 250,000 no par shares.....	\$7.52	\$6.50

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1926.	1925.		1926.	1925.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Cash.....	\$697,036	\$505,776	Accts. payable for purch., &c.....	\$547,668	\$446,562
Marketable secur.....	223,653	223,926	Royalties.....	96,000	96,000
Notes & accts. rec.....	3,609,019	3,036,060	Prov. for est. Fed. tax & for res'ves.....	295,000	231,000
Inventories.....	1,122,872	1,075,549	Def. royalty payts.....	186,000	282,000
Misc. accts. & adv.....	50,729	28,075	Land contracts pay.....		150,000
Real est., equip., &c.....	1,192,110	1,159,044	Res. for conting.....	227,321	175,601
Prepaid ins., exp., &c.....	84,374	100,129	Cap. stk. (250,000 shares, no par).....	1,000,000	1,000,000
Impt. to leased prop., less amor.....	20,690	21,701	Surplus.....	4,648,494	3,769,098
Total.....	\$7,000,483	\$6,150,261	Total.....	\$7,000,483	\$6,150,261

Everett Mills, Boston.—New Financing or Liquidation.—

The stockholders will vote Feb. 23, (1) on reducing by such amount as the stockholders may determine the present stock, the reduction to be accomplished by cancelling a pro rata part of the holdings of each stockholder without any payment by the corporation; (2) on increasing the authorized stock by such amount as the stockholders may determine, the increase to be either common stock or preferred stock having such preference rights and limitations as the stockholders may determine; (3) on changing the present shares having a par value of \$100 each to shares without par value.

The stockholders will also vote on authorizing the sale of any or all of the assets of the corporation for cash or for property (either shares of stock or other property), or to sell such assets partly for cash and partly for such other property, and to authorize the directors to determine the property to be sold and the consideration to be received therefor and all other terms of sale and to authorize the final liquidation and winding up of the corporation.

Treasurer F. C. McDuffie in a letter to stockholders dated Feb. 10, says in substance:

On Dec. 31 1926, according to its balance sheet, current liabilities were \$1,139,820, of which \$1,120,000 was represented by notes falling due in 1927 (largely early in the year), all endorsed by Smith Hogg & Co., the selling agents of the mill.

On the same date the current assets of the mill according to its balance sheet were \$1,333,445. The excess of current assets over current liabilities was \$193,625. This amount includes prepaid items of insurance \$80,681, interest \$6,376 and taxes \$19,790 amounting to \$106,847.

Smith Hogg & Co. has notified the mill that if further substantial losses in net current assets should occur then, unless new capital should be paid in, they could not continue to endorse the mill's paper because of their known practice never to endorse paper for any mill whose current assets may be less than its current liabilities.

The mill is not in a position to make current borrowings without endorsement. If the endorsement were withdrawn, the mill could not continue its business without new capital.

The Treasurer and the Directors have given most careful consideration to the situation, and they have reached the following conclusions:

(A) If new capital is to be paid in, the amount should be about \$700,000. With that amount paid in, the selling agents would continue to endorse the mill's notes and there would be sufficient margin on which to continue business.

(B) New capital would probably have to be obtained principally from the present stockholders. If the present stockholders are to be asked to contribute new capital, the terms should be made favorable; as, for example, by reducing the present stock from 21,000 shares of a par value of \$100 each to 7,000 shares without par value, and by offering for subscription 7,000 new shares of 7% preferred stock, each preferred share to carry with it a bonus of one new common share (or a total of 7,000 shares of common stock to be issued as bonus), so that the subscribers for the 7,000 shares of preferred stock would also acquire one-half of the total common stock. Another plan might be to reduce the present common stock still more and then offer 7,000 new shares of common stock at \$100 per share.

(C) Borrowing money through bonds secured by a mortgage on the plant, even if such a loan could be made, would not be practical, because the mortgage would probably prevent the mill from having sufficient other credit.

(D) If new capital cannot be obtained, early liquidation may at any time become inevitable.

The Directors have appointed a committee to co-operate with the Treasurer in assembling information as to the most advantageous methods of liquidation: whether (1) by selling for cash either the stock or assets as a whole; or (2) by liquidating the inventory and selling the assets for cash in different lots; or (3) by liquidating most of the assets for cash and taking stock in some other mill, perhaps in the South, for some of the assets, such as machinery and trade names; or (4) by finding some opportunity for consolidation with another mill on a stock basis or on a basis of part stock and part cash.

To determine whether it would be advisable for the stockholders to contribute additional capital, the Treasurer and Directors feel that the following facts should be considered:

The loss of the mill, for the recent years ending March 31, according to its books have been as follows:

	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	x1926.
Loss.....	\$426,207	\$174,680	\$142,968	\$960,098	\$559,569	\$468,109

x Nine months ending Dec. 31 1926, estimated. * Profit.

In 1922 the mill was shut down for 6 months during a strike. During most of the period from 1922 to 1926, the price of cotton was falling very sharply.

In the period from April 1 1900, to April 1 1914, the net profits of the mill averaged \$193,846 per year. From April 1 1914 to April 1 1921, the net profits of the mill averaged \$484,509 per year.

Condensed balance sheet of Dec. 31 1926, is as follows:

	1926.	1925.
Assets—		
Cash & securities.....	\$51,966	
Accounts receivable.....	241,877	
Inventories.....	932,755	
Deferred charges.....	106,847	
Plant (after depreciation).....	2,717,119	
Total.....	\$4,050,564	
Liabilities—		
Notes payable.....	\$1,120,000	
Accrued items.....	19,820	
Capital stock.....	2,100,000	
Surplus.....	810,744	
Total.....	\$4,050,564	

* At cost or market whichever is lower.

The plant is in excellent physical condition. It has recently been appraised by Charles T. Main, an experienced mill engineer, as having a replacement value, less depreciation, of over \$5,000,000. The looms are all automatic. The reputation of the mill's goods is excellent.

The product of the mill is colored yarn goods, such as shirtings for men's wear and gingham for women's wear. The cloth is made of the coarser numbers of yarn, and is not in the fancy class. It is, therefore, open to competition from the South, where the cost of manufacture of the class of goods made by the Everett Mills is less. While the mill could make somewhat finer goods than it has made, it would be unduly expensive to equip the mill to make fancy goods or to make any large production of cloth over 32 inches wide.

The Treasurer and Directors believe that the present outlook is better than at any time in the last few years, (1) because cotton cannot continue to fall in price to anything like the extent that it has since 1921, and a very large part of the recent losses is due to that drop; and (2) because for the last two years the style has tended away from gingham towards prints and more fancy styles, and it might be expected that the style will swing back as it has done in the past; and (3) because the selling agents report that the selling prospects are more favorable than at any time in the last three years.

Unless new capital is subscribed, the directors would certainly recommend that authority for prompt liquidation be given by the stockholders.

The Treasurer and Directors are unwilling to give an opinion that the mill can show a profit in the next year, but if conditions in the cotton industry in New England should greatly improve, the investment of further capital by the stockholders might be to their great advantage.—V. 122, p. 3459.

Famous Players-Lasky Corp.—Earnings (Incl. Subs.).—

	Quarter Ended—	9 Months Ended—
	Oct. 2 '26.	Sept. 26 '25.
Net profit after all chgs.....	\$1,052,830	\$1,408,330
& res. for Fed., &c. tax.....	\$130	\$3,640
Earned per sh. on com.....	\$7.52	\$10.12

Fansteel Products Co.—300% Stock Dividend.—

The directors have declared a 300% stock dividend on the outstanding 40,000 shares of no par value, payable to holders of record Feb. 21. The 160,000 shares to be outstanding following the above distribution were put on a \$3 annual dividend basis by the declaration of a quarterly dividend of 75¢. Per share, payable May 17 to holders of record April 29.—V. 124, p. 797.

Fashion Park, Inc., Rochester, N. Y.—Common Stock Offered.—

A. G. Becker & Co. are offering at \$28 50 a share an issue of 30,000 shares of common stock. The offering of stock involves no change in the control or management of the business. This stock has been placed on a \$2 per annum dividend basis, by the declaration of a quarterly dividend of 50 cents a share, payable May 31 to holders of record May 17.

Dividends exempt from Normal Federal Income Tax. Transfer Agents: Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and Chase National Bank, New York. Registrars: First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and National Park Bank, New York.

The pre. stock is red. all or part at any time upon 90 days' notice at 110 and div., and beginning Oct. 1 1929 10% of the par amount now outstanding shall be retired each year through call at 100 and div. The amount of preferred stock shall not be increased nor shall any stock having preference over or equal with the preferred stock be issued without the consent of the holders of at least ¼ of the outstanding preferred and common stocks.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
8% cumulative pref. stock, (\$100 par).....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Common stock (no par value).....	200,000 shs.	150,000 shs.

Data from Letter of Edward Rosenberg, President of the Company.

Company.—Is successor by change of name to Rosenberg Bros. & Co., Inc., manufacturers of clothes tailored at Fashion Park. Company has for many years been known as Fashion Park to the trade and to consumers through extensive advertising of its trade name. Fashion Park, Inc., located at Rochester, N. Y., is an important manufacturer of clothes for men, with wide distribution throughout the United States. The business, established in 1867, and incorp. in New York in 1909, has been one of the chief factors in the development of the clothing industry in Rochester. Company's trademark "Tailored at Fashion Park" has been extensively advertised over a period of years in principal magazines. Because of the high character of the company's customers, credit losses have been negligible, averaging about ¼ of 1% over a long period of years.

Earnings.—Earnings applicable to common stock in the last 4 fiscal years, adjusted to give effect to a saving in interest of \$12,000 a year on a mortgage which is now being retired and to the elimination of a non-recurring interest charge during 1926 of \$27,850, have been independently certified for the years ended Nov. 30 as follows:

	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.
Net earnings app. to com. stock.....	\$367,339	\$383,620	\$457,110	\$561,989
Earnings per share.....	2.44	\$2.55	3.04	\$3.74

Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1926 (after giving effect to this financing).

	Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash.....	\$ 332,166	8% preferred.....
Liberty bonds.....	732	Common (no par value).....
Notes receivable.....	126,649	Notes payable.....
Accts. receivable, less reserve.....	2,142,154	Accounts payable.....
Inventory.....	1,402,767	Accr. Accts., incl. Fed. taxes.....
Investments, misc. notes, &c.....	385,602	Reserve for expenses.....
Land, buildings, &c.....	1,468,997	Surplus.....
Goodwill.....	1	
Deferred charges.....	35,715	
Total.....	\$5,894,784	Total.....

First Bohemian Glass Works, Ltd. (Erste Boehmische Glasindustrie A. G.).—Bonds Sold.—

F. J. Lisman & Co. and First Federal Foreign Investment Trust have sold at 97¼ and int., to yield over 7.20% \$1,500,000 7% closed 1st mtge. secured 30-year sinking fund gold bonds, with stock purchase warrants in the ratio of 10 shares of common stock for each \$1,000 of principal amount.

Date Jan. 1 1927; due Jan. 1 1957. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable without deduction for any present or future taxes of the Republic of Czechoslovakia or any taxing authority therein in U. S. gold dollars of the present standard of weight and fineness in New York at the office of F. J. Lisman & Co., fiscal agent, New York; also payable at the option of the bondholder, at the Bohemian Union Bank in Prague in U. S. gold dollars or in Czech crowns at the current rate of exchange. American trustee, Central Union Trust Co., New York. Foreign trustee, Bohemian Union Bank, Prague. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Callable as a whole or in part (not less than \$50,000) at 60 days' notice on any int. date on and after Jan. 1 1928 up to Jan. 1 1929 at 105 with successive semi-annual reductions in call price of ½ of 1% up to Jan. 1 1933 and thereafter at par.

Sinking Fund.—A cumulative sinking fund of ½% semi-annually beginning July 1 1927 will be provided calculated to retire the entire issue by maturity through purchase in the open market, or by drawings by lot at 105 up to Jan. 1 1929, thereafter with successive semi-annual reductions of ½ of 1% up to Jan. 1 1933 and thereafter at par.

The following is a summary of a letter of Pres. Carl Vopelius to the bankers, dated Bleistadt, Czechoslovakia, Feb. 4 1927:

History & Business.—The First Bohemian Glass Works, Ltd., was founded and incorp. in 1893; it is to-day the largest factory in the world producing glass by the Fourcault system, with an output in 1926 of 43,000,000 sq. ft. of glass. Company's main products include window glass, demi plate glass, photo glass, cast glass and mirrors.

The Fourcault system was adopted in 1920 by the company which has since considerably developed and improved it. Under this system the whole process of glass manufacture is done by machine, eliminating costly hand finishing and reducing the cost of production to such an extent as to enable the company to compete successfully in the international markets. Com-

pany's plant is of entirely modern construction, the greater part having been erected during the last three years.

The company has its own hydro-electric generating plants and obtains 80% of its total fuel supply from its own coal mines.

Security.—(1) This loan will be secured by a first lien on the proceeds of all sales of the company's products outside of Czechoslovakia to be collected by the Bohemian Union Bank in Prague and set aside in a special trust account. Out of such account 1-12th of the annual service charges of this loan will be paid monthly to the fiscal agent for account of the bondholders. The proceeds from sales of the company's products abroad in 1926 amounted to \$1,584,464, equal to over 15 times maximum annual interest charges and over 13 times annual interest and sinking fund charges on this loan.

(2) Further, this loan will be secured by a closed first mortgage on the company's entire real property, covering more than 340 acres at Bleistadt near Carlsbad, Czechoslovakia, including the main plant (26½ acres) of entirely modern construction, fixed machinery and equipment, 2 hydro-electric plants, 2 coal mines, land, buildings, and 48 dwelling houses. The total value of the property to be mortgaged has been appraised at a sound value of \$4,161,000.

(3) As further collateral security the company will pledge with the Foreign trustee its entire holdings in the Torgauer Glashuetten A. G., Torgau, in Leipzig, Germany, in the Vetreria Italiana Balzaretto Modigliani Livorno, Italy, and in the Richardhuette A. G., fuer Glasfabrikation, Sulzbach, Saar Territory, representing a combined value of over \$675,000. The total value of property to be mortgaged and pledged (in addition to a first lien on the company's export revenues) amounts to \$4,836,000.

Earnings.—Company's net earnings after depreciation based on book values without giving effect to subsequent appraisals of fixed assets, applicable to interest and profit taxes were as follows: 1924, \$250,000; 1925, \$332,680; 1926, \$471,297.

Earnings for 1926 were equal to about 4½ times maximum annual interest charges and 3.92 times annual interest and sinking fund charges on this loan.

Company's earnings in the five pre-war years 1910-1914 inclusive after depreciation applicable to interest and profit taxes (as furnished by the company's officials) approximated \$131,000 annually.

Distribution of Output—Business International.—The business of the company is mainly export and it is not dependent on any one market or group of markets for the sale of its products. It exports to all European countries, North and South America and every important part of the British Empire. For the last two years approximately one-third of its total foreign sales have been to North and South America, where its demi plate glass is well known and widely used by builders, automobile manufacturers, carriage builders, interior decorators, &c.

The company has its selling organizations, with main office in Prague, and branches in New York, London, Vienna, Budapest and Bucharest, and has its agents in the principal countries of Europe, North and South America and Asia.

Sales.—Company's sales have shown a strong upward tendency in recent years; in 1926 the sales of the company's products abroad were over 80% of the total:

	Total Sales.	Thereof Sold Abroad.	Thereof Sold in U. S. & So. America Excluding Canada.
1910-1914 (average)-----	\$800,000		
1923-----	\$1,320,000	\$900,000	\$212,000
1924-----	1,450,000	1,050,000	283,000
1925-----	1,747,338	1,505,096	622,190
1926-----	1,851,690	1,584,464	680,159

Participations Outside Czechoslovakia.—Company has recently introduced the Fourcault system outside of Czechoslovakia into the following glass manufacturing companies, in which it owns a considerable interest: Torgauer Glashuetten A. G., Torgau, near Leipzig, Germany. Vetreria Italiana Balzaretto Modigliani in Livorno, Italy. Richardhuette A. G. fuer Glasfabrikation, Sulzbach, Saar.

The works at Sulzbach and Livorno produced over 21,000,000 sq. ft. of glass in 1926, and paid dividends for 1925 of 20% and 25% respectively; at least equal dividends are expected to be paid for 1926. The Torgauer Glashuetten A. G. commenced production in Dec. 1926 and should reach full capacity during the present year. The combined output of these three plants in 1927 is expected to exceed 40,000,000 sq. ft. of glass.

Dividend Record.—Company has an unbroken dividend record for the 30 years following its inception in 1893 up to and including 1923. For 1924 and 1925, although fully justified by earnings, the company paid no dividends, because a large program of extension and modernization was carried through mainly out of current earnings. A dividend of at least 10% is expected to be paid for 1926.

Capitalization.—These bonds will represent the company's only funded debt. The total authorized capitalization, in addition to this issue, consists of Kc. 15,000,000 par value common shares, 75,000 shares of Kc. 200 each, thereof at present outstanding Kc. 10,000,000 par value common shares, 50,000 shares of Kc. 200 each.

The market value of the shares, which are listed on the Prague and Vienna Stock Exchanges, was \$18.25 per share as of Feb. 3 1927.

The net asset value of the company's shares, based on a valuation of the real property as appraised by the American Appraisal Co., is equal to over \$82 per share.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—The bonds will carry warrants entitling the holders to purchase shares of the common stock of the First Bohemian Glass Works, Ltd., of Kc. 200 par value, on the basis of 10 shares for each \$1,000 bond, at the following prices per share including commissions: During the year 1927 at \$20 per share, during the year 1928 at \$21 per share, during the year 1929 at \$22 per share. Company has agreed to deposit with the Foreign trustee 15,000 shares of its already issued stock and has agreed not to increase its capital beyond 75,000 shares within the next three years.

Purpose of Issue.—Proceeds of this issue will be used to liquidate bank loans, to provide additional working capital and for other corporate purposes *Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1926 (Adjusted to Give Effect to the Present Financing).*

Assets	Liabilities
Fixed assets-----	7% 1st mtge. bonds-----
Investments-----	Accounts payable-----
Inventories-----	Officials & employ-----
Acc'ts rec. (less reserve)-----	Capital, surplus and Reserves
Cash-----	
Deferred charges-----	
Total-----	Total-----

Conversion of Czechoslovakian to U. S. currency for 1923 at the rate of 3 U. S. cents, for 1924 at the rate of 2.92 U. S. cents, for 1925 and 1926 at the rate of 2.96½ U. S. cents equal to Kc. 1.

First National Pictures, Inc.—Earnings.—
Nine Months Ended Sept. 30—
 Net income after charges----- 1926. 1925.
 —V. 123, p. 2525. \$707,847 \$1,628,917

Fisher Lumber Co., Marcola, Ore.—Bonds Offered.—Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., Portland, Ore. are offering at prices, ranging from 5.97% to 6.69%, according to maturity, \$100,000 1st mtge. 6½% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1927; due serially. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the office of Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., Portland, Ore., without deduction for any normal Federal income tax except in excess of 2%, and any income tax of the States of Oregon, Wash. and Calif. which may be hereafter deductible at the source. Company covenants to refund. Calif. personal property taxes not to exceed 5 mills per annum. Title & Trust Co., Portland, Ore., trustee. Red. all or part in numerical order on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at 102 and int. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c. Legal investment for Oregon savings banks.

Data from Letter of Fred Fischer, Pres. of the Company.
 Company.—Incorp. in Sept. 1910, to engage in the manufacture and sale of lumber and timber and has successfully operated at its present location for 16 years. Company's properties now include 101,365,000 feet of timber, which is included under a mortgage securing this issue, together with logging railroad and equipment, logging equipment, camps, sawmill, planing mill, dry kilns, sheds and all other necessary facilities for conducting a complete and efficient sawmilling operation. The sawmill plant has a capacity of 22,000,000 feet annually, single shift. A conservative valuation of the properties securing the issue is as follows: Timber and lands, \$304,095; plant, railroad and equipment (after depreciation), \$142,947; total, \$447,042. This figure \$4.47 of security for each \$1,000 bond, or nearly 4½ to 1.

Earnings.—Average net earnings, before interest and income tax but after depreciation, for the 5 years, 1922 to 1926, both incl., are \$24,995, over 3.8 times maximum interest requirements of total bond issue of \$100,000. During that period the company depreciated its properties out of earnings to the amount of \$116,599. Net earnings before interest and income tax for 1926 amounted to \$32,805.

The trust deed provides that no dividends shall be declared or paid until \$50,000 of bonds have been retired and then at not to exceed 6% per annum, payable only in such years as the company's net earnings shall exceed \$25,000.

Sinking Fund.—The first maturity is July 1 1928, but sinking fund payments of \$2 per 1,000 ft. on mortgaged timber and 50c. per 1,000 on all other timber sawn, begin to operate from date bonds are issued and will automatically work to call for redemption all bonds—in their numerical order—thereby paying off bonds long in advance of their maturities at premium rate of 102 and int. (unless purchasable for less). Should the company operate entirely on mortgaged timber, the \$2 sinking fund would retire total bond issue when only 50,000,000 ft. (49% of total) had been cut.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used to complete purchase of additional timber which will automatically come under the mortgage, to retire outstanding indebtedness and for other corporate purposes.

(Fred H.) Fitch Corp., Kansas City, Mo.—Bonds Offered.—Prescott, Wright, Snider Co., Wichita, Kan., recently offered at prices to yield from 6 to 6½%, according to maturity, \$225,000 1st (closed) mtge., fee and leasehold 6½% serial gold bonds. Principal and interest guaranteed by endorsement by Fred H. Fitch.

Dated Jan. 1 1927; due serially 1928-37. Int. payable J. & J. without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Kansas 2½ mills tax refunded. Principal and int. payable at New England National Bank & Trust Co. in Kansas City, Mo., trustee, or at First National Bank, St. Louis, Mo. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Red., all or part (in inverse order of maturity) on any int. date upon 4 weeks' notice at par and int. plus a premium of ¼% for each 6 months or fraction thereof from date of payment to date of maturity.

The corporation, incorp. in Missouri, was organized for the purpose of owning real estate and leases on real estate and for the erection of improvements on such real estate and leaseholds and to operate such improvements. The property is located at Kansas City, Mo., and St. Louis, Mo.

The bonds are a direct obligation of the corporation and will be secured by a direct first closed mortgage on the land owned in fee, the leaseholds and the improvements thereon. The pledged property, as appraised, plus the cost of the new improvements and the estimated cost of the St. Louis construction, has a value of \$413,650, equivalent to more than \$1,800 for each \$1,000 bond of this issue.

(The) 5959 Kenmore Building (Corp.), Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—Leight, Holzer & Co., Chicago, recently offered at 100 and int. \$200,000 1st mtge. serial 6½% coupon gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 6 1927; due serially 1929 to 1937. Int. payable J. & J. Callable, all or part, on any int. date upon 60 days' notice in reverse of the numerical order of the bonds at 103 and int. to and incl. Jan. 6 1929; thereafter to and incl. Jan. 6 1932 at 102½ and int.; and thereafter to and incl. July 6 1936 at 102 and int. Principal and int. payable at office of Leight, Holzer & Co., Chicago.

These bonds will be secured by a closed 1st mtge. on the land in fee, fronting 50 feet on Kenmore Ave., with a depth of 150 feet, and a 6-story fireproof building to be erected at 5959 Kenmore Ave., Chicago, Ill. The mortgage is also a first lien on the earnings to be derived from the building. The total 1st mtge. bond issue represents approximately 61% of the fair market value of the land in fee and building.

The Chicago Title & Trust Co., Chicago, is trustee and has issued a guarantee policy for the full amount of the loan (\$200,000). Each bond is duly authenticated by them as trustee under the deed of trust and bears their certification.

The value of the security upon completion, exclusive of furnishings, is appraised at \$325,000.

Fleischmann Co.—Common Stock Put on a \$3 Annual Dividend Basis.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 75c. a share on the common stock, no par value, payable April 1 to holders of record Mar. 14. This compares with quarterly dividends of 50c. a share paid since and including April 1 1926. In addition, extra distributions of 25c. each were made on July 1 1926 and on Jan. 3 1927.—V. 123, p. 2908.

Follansbee Brothers Co., Pittsburgh.—Bonds Offered.—Lee, Higginson & Co., New York, and the First National Bank at Pittsburgh, are offering at 99½ and interest, to yield about 5.05%, \$3,250,000 first mtge. 5% sinking fund gold bonds.

Delivery will be made, in the first instance, of interim receipts of Lee, Higginson & Co., carrying a coupon for interest at the rate of 5% per annum from March 1 1927 to June 1 1927, exchangeable for first mortgage 5% bonds of the company, when, as and if issued, bearing interest from June 1 1927.

Dated June 1 1927; due June 1 1947. Interest payable J. & D. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Interest payable at offices of Lee, Higginson & Co., in New York, Boston and Chicago, and at the First National Bank at Pittsburgh, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 c. Callable on 30 days' notice, as a whole at any time, or in part on any interest date, at 101 and interest. Free of Penn. 4 mills personal property tax.

Capitalization to Be Outstanding upon Completion of Present Financing.
 First mtge. 5% sink. fund gold bonds (closed), due June 1 1947, this issue-----\$3,250,000
 Purchase money mortgages (on Pittsburgh and Detroit warehouse properties not subject to this mortgage)-----139,372
 Notes, unsecured (for mining rights)-----11,010

Capital stock (one class)-----\$7,306,500

Data from Letter of Wm. U. Follansbee, President of the Company.

Company.—Incorp. in Penna. in 1894, a continuation of business established in 1812. Manufactures black, blue, polished, full finished, automobile and electric steel sheets. Company has important position and high reputation for quality in lines of product manufactured. Its plants, comprising both steel works and rolling mills, are at Follansbee, W. Va., and near Toronto, Ohio. Coal producing property is owned adjacent to the Toronto plant. In connection with the distribution of its products, company maintains offices in New York, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Cleveland, Chicago and Nashville, and offices and warehouses in Pittsburgh, Rochester, Detroit, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Louisville and Memphis. Sales, 1926, more than \$15,000,000.

Purpose.—Proceeds of this issue, together with other funds available, are to be used for the retirement of the company's entire outstanding issue of \$3,400,000 20-year 7% collateral trust gold bonds, effecting a substantial reduction in the company's annual interest charge requirements.

Security.—These bonds are to be secured by a closed first mortgage on manufacturing plants and properties (including 8 open hearth furnaces, 17 sheet mills, 6 tin mills and tinplate department, and coal property), together having a conservative book valuation of more than \$8,000,000, after deducting reserves for depreciation, or more than 246% of this issue.

Sinking Fund.—Annual sinking fund for retirement of bonds, first payment June 1 1929, sufficient to retire more than 55% of entire issue prior to maturity.

Sales and Net Earnings Available for Interest Charges, After All Depreciation Charges and Inventory Adjustments.

Year	Sales	Net Earnings	Sales	Net Earnings
1922-----	\$9,970,590	\$659,712	1925-----	\$14,514,198
1923-----	14,931,862	985,324	1926-----	\$990,825
1924-----	13,401,711	899,164		1,211,759

Average annual net earnings for the five years ended Dec. 31 1926, available for interest, after all depreciation charges, were \$949,357, or more than 5.5 times \$169,960 interest requirement on total funded debt to be outstanding on completion of this financing and in no year of the period have such net earnings been less than \$659,712, or 3.8 times this requirement.

Balance Sheet December 31 1926.

Adjusted to show condition upon completion of this financing and retirement of \$3,400,000 collateral trust gold bonds.		
Assets—		
Plants, warehouses & equip	\$10,715,866	
Investments	326,000	
Cash	422,968	
Accounts & notes receivable	1,049,082	
Inventories	2,969,738	
Prepaid items	45,002	
Deferred charges	138,750	
Copyrights, trade marks, &c.	13,470	
Liabilities—		
First mortgage 5% bonds	\$3,250,000	
Purchase money mtgs.	139,372	
Notes (for mining rights, unsecured)	11,010	
Accounts payable	644,639	
Accrued interest	79,537	
Accrued taxes	147,587	
Reserve for depreciation of plants, &c.	1,498,805	
Reserve for coal depletion	51,592	
Other reserves	92,386	
Capital stock	7,306,500	
Surplus	2,469,448	
Total (each side)	\$15,690,876	

V. 123, p. 3327.

Ford Motor Co., Detroit.—Loses Suit.—

A judgment of \$362,846 against the company in favor of the Parker Rust-Proof Co. was given in a decision Feb. 14 by W. S. Sayres, Master in Chancery. The plaintiffs sued in 1916 for infringement of patent. Federal Judge Tuttle decided March 27 1925 that the patents of the Parker Co. had been infringed upon and referred the matter to the Master in Chancery to fix a judgment. The plaintiff originally petitioned for \$2,000,000 in damages. The Master in Chancery held that the infringement was unintentional. The \$362,846 represented the sum that the Ford company would have paid the Parker company in royalties had it originally bought the rights to the process.—V. 124, p. 930, 797.

Fourth & Market Realty Co., San Francisco.—Bonds Offered.—

Anglo London Paris Co. and Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., San Francisco, are offering at 100 and int. \$1,350,000 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1927; due serially 1931-1942. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at Anglo & London Paris National Bank, San Francisco, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Callable as a whole or for sinking fund upon 30 days' notice at 103 and int. up to and incl. Jan. 1 1932; thereafter at 102 and int. up to and incl. Jan. 1 1937, and thereafter at 101 and int. Exempt from personal property tax in California.

Property.—The property is situated on the east side of Fourth St., San Francisco, Calif. The improvements consist of: (1) 11-story and basement feet on both Stevenson and Jessie Sts. There are 13 stores on the ground floor, the second and third floors are designed for offices and the remaining upper floors are divided into large rooms suitable for occupancy by manufacturers of wearing apparel and textile agencies. (2) The rear building, 5 stories and basement, is a class "B" structure and covers the balance of the real property. The 3 lower floors are occupied by a garage with a storage capacity of 800 cars. The 2 upper floors are divided into 36 large rooms which are connected with the front building for elevator service. Both buildings are modern in every respect and are equipped with privately owned water system and heating plant.

Security.—These bonds are secured by a closed 1st mtge. on the land and buildings above described. This property is appraised at \$2,250,000.

Earnings.—Phillip P. Paschel, William A. Magee and L. A. Weidenmuller state: "After carefully estimating the income and taking therefrom operating costs and 5% for vacancies, it is our opinion that the net income on this property, per annum, will be \$200,000." This represents nearly 2 1/2 times the maximum annual interest requirements.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture provides that there shall be paid to the trustee beginning Jan. 1927, and monthly thereafter to and incl. Dec. 1929, the sum of \$6,750 to be used solely for interest on these bonds and that beginning Jan. 1930, and monthly thereafter to and incl. Dec. 1941, there shall be paid to the trustee the sum of \$1,500 to be applied first to the interest fund requirements and the balance solely to the retirement of these bonds.

Fox Film Corp.—Completes Construction Program.—

Completion of a construction program, involving the expenditure of approximately \$1,000,000, was announced last week by the corporation. The expenditures were made during the past year at the Fox Film studios in Hollywood and Fox Hills, Calif. The program involved, among other things, the erection of 3 new stages, each 150 by 350 ft., which are said to be the largest in the United States. Included in the other improvements are 4 new projection rooms equipped with modern machinery, administration buildings, and additional quarters for scenario writers as well as bungalows constructed especially for the stars. A new 500 k.w. motor generator has just been installed which when hooked up with the plant already in operation, will supply enough illumination for a city of 150,000 population.—V. 123, p. 3190.

Freeport Texas Co.—Annual Report.—

Vrs. End. Nov. 30—	1925-26	1924-25	1923-24	1922-23
Gross sales	\$9,422,899	\$7,227,877	\$4,863,743	\$6,102,036
Cost of sales	6,520,829	5,041,389	3,479,826	3,930,985
Shipp'g, sell'g & gen. exp	805,867	1,092,275	944,522	831,615
Net profit	\$2,096,202	\$1,094,213	\$439,395	\$1,339,435
Other income	68,493	64,478	19,030	35,002
Gross income	\$2,164,695	\$1,158,688	\$458,425	\$1,374,437
Prospecting expenses			244,649	130,676
Res. for depreciation	245,144	267,516	295,960	361,211
Tax reserve	110,511	140,862	243,578	112,439
Net profit	\$1,808,040	\$750,310	def\$325,762	\$770,111
Prev. sur. & depl. res.	4,225,479	4,673,119	5,236,641	4,466,530
Total surplus	\$6,034,519	\$5,423,429	\$4,910,879	\$5,236,641
Net loss on sale of equip.			237,759	
Surplus & depl. reserve	\$6,034,519	\$5,423,428	\$4,673,119	\$5,236,641
Shares of cap. stk. outstanding (no par)	729,844	729,844	729,844	729,844
Earned per sh. on cap. stk	\$2.48	\$1.03	Nil	\$1.06

Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

	1926	1925	1926	1925
Assets—				
Real estate	\$1,186,022	\$1,228,504		
Plant, equip., &c.	9,590,279	9,278,830		
Oil & sulphur wells	264,731	291,331		
Sulphur deposit	16,155,829	17,634,172		
Cash	1,548,880	2,225,461		
Accounts receivable	1,598,741	507,082		
Notes receivable	85,260	144,529		
Inventories	3,875,014	3,594,560		
Deferred assets	555,672	203,653		
Total	\$34,860,429	\$35,108,244		
Liabilities—				
Capital stock	\$7,323,022	\$7,323,022		
Accounts payable	654,778	537,227		
Vouchers payable	292,233	153,948		
Meter deposits	2,315	2,000		
Accr. val. underpl.				
sulphur deposit	16,155,829	17,634,172		
Reserves	x4,397,733	3,943,270		
Deferred liabilities		91,176		
Surplus	6,034,519	5,423,428		
Total	\$34,860,429	\$35,108,244		

* For depreciation, \$3,639,849; for amortization, \$249,679; for depletion of oil deposits, \$397,719; for taxes, \$110,486. y 729,844 shares of no par value.—V. 123, p. 3190.

Garod Corp., Newark, N. J.—Receivership.—

Judge Runyon at Newark, Feb. 1 last, appointed Isaac P. Rodman of South Orange, receiver.—V. 122, p. 356.

General American Tank Car Corp.—Permanent Clfs.—

Permanent equipment trust certificates, series 16, are now ready for delivery in exchange for temporary certificates of this issue at the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co., Broad Street office, Philadelphia, Pa. (For offering, see V. 123, p. 1120).—V. 124, p. 655.

General Electric Co.—Supplementary Compensation.—

Supplementary compensation totaling \$1,358,670 was distributed in February to 30,518 factory and office employees who have been in the employ of the company for 5 years or more. The distribution was based on 5% of the employees' earnings for the 6 months from July 1 to Dec. 31 1926. Payments were made in General Electric Employees' Securities Corp. bonds or in cash, as the employees desired.—V. 124, p. 655, 241.

General Motors Acceptance Corp.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net earnings for year	\$5,193,202	\$2,356,736	\$2,247,177	\$1,295,789
Undivided prof. prev. yr.	3,374,998	2,368,262	1,201,085	229,257
Tot. undivided profits	\$8,568,200	\$4,724,998	\$3,448,262	\$1,525,045
Dividends	3,390,000	1,350,000	1,080,000	480,000
Balance	\$5,178,200	\$3,374,998	\$2,368,262	\$1,045,045
Shares of capital stock outstanding (par \$100)	250,000	135,000	90,000	60,000
Earned per share	\$20.77	\$17.45	\$24.96	\$21.59
Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.				
Assets—				
Cash in banks & on hand	\$37,930,068	\$13,870,952	\$11,424,921	\$6,729,781
Cash in trust		7,944,914	3,572,406	2,951,417
Notes & bills receivable (U. S. and Canada)	218,696,222	104,575,200	54,913,771	67,319,444
do foreign	13,428,857	11,711,559	7,952,255	7,051,488
Due from bks. on disc'ts	505,410	328,344	222,798	809,650
Accounts receivable			293,419	223,434
Int. earned not received				5,336
Furn. & eq. (less depr.)	943,921	353,411	341,404	331,361
Investments	81,000	906,000	6,000	6,000
Cash and secur. pledged by for. custs. (contra)			85,063	80,506
Deferred charges	3,193,440	767,640	421,533	604,769
Total	\$274,778,919	\$140,458,051	\$79,233,569	\$86,113,186
Liabilities				
Capital stock	\$25,000,000	\$13,500,000	\$9,000,000	\$6,000,000
Serial gold notes	50,000,000			
Notes and bills payable	165,545,623	109,975,698	61,092,761	72,012,871
Dealers' reposition res.	4,640,414			
Accounts payable	4,912,240	3,423,810	817,526	1,809,811
Cash & secur. pledged by for'n custs. (contra)			85,063	80,507
Accrued int. on notes	851,883			
Int. & chgs. rec. in adv.			1,979,135	2,361,873
Reserves	4,174,618	2,303,377	1,640,823	1,303,079
Unearned income	8,225,940	4,505,167		
Surplus & undiv. prof.	11,428,201	6,749,998	4,618,262	2,545,045
Total	\$274,778,919	\$140,458,051	\$79,233,569	\$86,113,186

V. 124, p. 798.

General Motors Corp.—\$25,000,000 7% Preferred Stock Sold.—

J. P. Morgan & Co. have sold at \$120 per share, to yield over 5.80%, \$25,000,000 7% preferred stock. Preferred as to assets and cumulative dividends over all other stock of the corporation. Red. all or part on any div. date at \$125 per share. Divs. payable Q-F. The 7% preferred stock constitutes the senior security. There will be a total of \$130,333,200 7% preferred stock outstanding upon the issuance of this additional amount, a total of \$1,582,800 of 6% preferred and 6% debenture stocks, and 8,700,000 shares of common stock. The indicated aggregate market value of the common stock, at current quotations, is over \$1,300,000,000.

Data from Letter of Pres. Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., Feb. 15.

Organization & Business.—The organization of the corporation effects the operation under one central control of a number of separate units, manufacturing a complete line of motor vehicles in each price class, as well as parts and accessories.

The chief products of the corporation are the Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Oakland, Oldsmobile and Pontiac passenger cars and commercial vehicles; various parts or accessories such as Delco and Remy electrical systems, Hyatt and New Departure bearings, Harrison radiators, etc.; and, outside of the automobile business, Delco-Light farm lighting units and the Frigid-air electrical refrigerating machines. All the plants and other assets employed in the manufacture of these products are owned directly by General Motors Corp. Also, the corporation now owns directly all the property formerly held by Fisher Body Corp. In addition to the assets owned directly, the corporation owns the entire capital stock of General Motors Acceptance Corp., and 57% of the voting stock of Yellow Truck & Coach Manufacturing Co., which manufactures trucks, motor coaches or buses, and taxicabs.

Part of Issue.—The proceeds of the present issue of \$25,000,000 7% preferred stock will reimburse the treasury of the corporation for part of the capital expenditures made in 1926, amounting to approximately \$108,550,000. This replenishment of cash is in line with the corporation's policy of maintaining a strong cash position in view of the magnitude of its operations.

Calendar Years.	Earnings Available for Dividends		Net After Fed. Taxes.	Pref. Divs.	Balance for Common Stock.	No. of Times Pfd. & Deb. Dts. Earn'd
	No. Cars Sold.	Total Net Sales.				
1919	391,738	509,676,694	60,005,484	\$2,125,513	55,792,971	14.2
1920	393,075	567,320,603	37,750,375	5,620,426	32,129,940	6.7
1921	214,799	304,487,243	d38,680,770	6,310,010	d44,990,780	Nil
1922	456,763	463,706,733	51,496,135	6,429,228	45,066,907	8.0
1923	798,555	698,038,947	62,067,526	6,887,371	55,180,155	9.0
1924	587,341	568,007,459	45,330,888	7,272,637	38,058,251	6.2
1925	835,902	734,592,592	106,484,756	7,639,991	98,844,765	13.9
1926	1,234,850	1,058,153,338	176,085,144	7,645,287	168,439,857	23.0
Totals	4,913,023	4,903,983,609	500,539,538	52,017,463	448,522,075	
Averages	614,128	612,997,951	62,567,442	6,502,183	56,065,259	9.6

The above statement of net income does not include the corporation's proportion of the undistributed earnings of subsidiary companies not consolidated; it includes the entire earnings of Fisher Body Corp. only from June 30 1926 as of which date the corporation acquired the outstanding 40% minority interest in Fisher Body Corp.

During the 8 years covered by the above table, net income after Federal taxes has averaged annually more than 9 times the preferred and debenture dividends paid (averaging \$6,502,183 per annum). In each year of this period with the exception of 1921, net income has amounted to more than 6 times the preferred and debenture dividends paid, and in 1926 amounted to approximately 23 times such dividend payments.

The corporation's average annual net income available for dividends during the above 8 years, was equal to more than 6.65 times the annual dividend requirements of approximately \$9,400,000 on the preferred and debenture stocks to be presently outstanding.

Of the \$48,522,075 earned for the common stock in the 8 years ended December 31 1926, the corporation reinvested \$166,989,980 in the business.

Summarized Analysis of Asset Position Dec. 31 1926.

Current & working assets (incl. \$135,398,386 of cash and U. S. Government securities)	\$336,338,213
Current liabilities	144,332,596
Balance or net current assets	\$192,005,617
Real estate, plants & equipment, less depreciation reserves	310,481,563
Investment in companies not consolidated	79,715,822
Other assets, including good-will	70,466,167
Total	\$652,669,169
Deduct—Contingent & other reserves	15,999,166
Interest of minority stockholders	2,420,685
Total net assets	\$634,257,318
Preferred & debenture stocks	\$109,916,000
Common stock (no par value), issued, 8,700,000 shares	435,000,000
Surplus	89,341,318

Giving effect to the issuance of this \$25,000,000 additional 7% preferred stock, the total net assets as of Dec. 31 1926 would amount to approximately \$663,000,000, in comparison with the \$130,333,200 of preferred stock to be presently outstanding. These net assets are equivalent to more than \$508 per share of 7% preferred stock, of which amount \$169 per share consists of net current assets.

The value of the corporation's real estate, plants and equipment is conservatively stated in its balance sheet. Liberal amounts for depreciation

have been charged against earnings, and on Dec. 31 1926 total depreciation reserves amounted to more than \$123,892,000.

January Car Sales.—President Alfred P. Sloan Jr., in a statement regarding the corporation's January sales, says in substance:

Our retail sales for January total 81,010 cars, as against 53,698 cars for the corresponding month of 1926 and further with 25,593 in 1925. The fact that the increase this year over last is 50.9% requires further elaboration in order to avoid misunderstanding. The general trend of sales has not materially altered—our increase being accounted for by the improved position of the corporation's Chevrolet car and on account of the Pontiac, which, from the standpoint of retail sales, was not a factor a year ago, having just come into production.

The following tabulation shows monthly sales of General Motors cars by dealers to ultimate consumers and sales by the manufacturing divisions of General Motors to their dealers:

	Dealers' Sales to Users—		Divisions' Sales to Dealers.	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
January	81,010	53,698	25,593	99,367
February	84,971	39,579	91,313	49,146
March	106,051	70,594	113,341	75,527

These figures include passenger cars and trucks sold in the United States, Dominion of Canada and overseas by the Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Oakland, Buick and Cadillac manufacturing divisions of General Motors.—V. 124, p. 931, 799.

(The) Georgian, Inc., Boston.—Acquisition.

The corporation has purchased the Charlesbank Lunch at 647 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, Mass. This gives the company a system of 11 restaurants, 3 of which are in Cambridge. The management, it is stated, is now negotiating for several other locations and developments may be expected shortly. See also V. 124, p. 379.

Giant Portland Cement Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net profit from oper., after prov. for deprec., local and State taxes, Bank and other interest, rents, &c.	\$584,912	\$536,498	\$458,491	\$438,566
Total income	\$604,466	\$556,170	\$470,537	\$452,098
Deduct—Int. on bonds &c.	6,539	8,149	15,831	22,736
Fed. inc. tax for year	72,957	63,929	49,461	24,179
Amount written off Norfolk property—Loss on dismantling machinery, &c.	31,233	50,289	148,181	237,560
Pref. divs. paid—(26%)	486,564	(17)318,096	(14)261,892	(7)131,600
Balance, surplus	\$7,172	\$115,706	\$154,629	\$35,023
Shares of common stock outstanding (par \$50)	22,108	22,121	22,126	22,152
Earns. per sh. on com.	\$16.41	\$13.69	\$5.71	\$1.13

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Real est., bldgs., machinery, &c.	\$2,935,070	\$2,906,666	Preferred stock	\$1,871,400	\$1,871,150
Cash	197,208	290,565	Common stock	1,105,400	1,106,050
Notes and acc'ts. rec.	142,259	85,839	1st mtg. 6s.	100,000	121,000
Loaned on collat. demand notes	50,000	200,000	Accounts payable	155,910	95,962
Sundry debtors	3,051	2,252	Cust's credit bal.	2,381	2,119
Rents & int. rec.	939	1,301	Payroll and un-claimed wages	19,633	19,488
Inventories	523,807	360,438	Accr. int. & taxes	76,359	67,078
Deferred charges	25,646	8,046	Res. for contingencies, &c.	18,756	18,902
Fund for red. bds.	29,960	49,828	Surplus	564,506	610,335
Stock & mortgages owned	6,404	7,142	Tot. (each side)	\$3,914,345	\$3,912,083

(H. W.) Gossard Co.—Pref. Stock Reduced.

The stockholders have voted to reduce the authorized preferred stock from \$693,000 to \$632,000.—V. 124, p. 799, 655.

Gulf Oil Corp.—Subs. Co. Granted Option.

See Columbia Syndicate above.—V. 124, p. 380.

Hamilton-Brown Shoe Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Real est., bldgs. & machinery	\$936,514	\$954,558	Capital stock	5,000,000	5,000,000
Lasts & dies	662,260	939,730	Notes payable	2,737,500	1,870,000
Cash	3,509,315	3,864,618	Accounts payable	1,151,801	798,413
Due from cus'ts	351,233	271,732	Div. pay. Jan. 2.	50,000	150,000
Acc'ts & notes rec.	47,208	37,108	Due to off. & empl.	71,603	85,763
Co. stk. for empl.	6,138,375	5,001,373	Due to depositors	114,104	106,342
Inventories	2,255,264	81,445	Federal & State income taxes	50,000	107,000
Inv. in sub. cos.	90,867	94,867	Other reserves	30,775	30,388
Securities owned	80,399	67,257	Surplus	2,865,652	3,164,784
Deferred charges	12,071,435	11,312,690	Tot. (each side)	12,071,435	11,312,690

x Real estate, incl. buildings, \$1,835,341, less depreciation, \$1,131,029; machinery and fixtures, \$794,739, less depreciation, \$562,538. y Lasts and dies, \$152,646; less depreciation, \$152,645. z Comprising investment in and advances to subsidiary and affiliated companies.

John W. May and Charles P. Ladd have been elected directors.—V. 122, p. 618.

Harbison-Walker Refractories Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net earnings	\$4,707,545	\$4,551,620	\$4,171,398	\$4,358,708
Deprec., deple'n, &c.	708,167	704,127	675,285	707,126
Pref. dividends (6%)	179,000	164,435	159,576	160,723
Common dividends—(8%)	2,765,651	(8)2,444,131	(6)1,524,849	(6)1,522,761
Balance, surplus	\$1,054,638	\$1,238,927	\$1,811,688	\$1,968,098
Previous surplus	3,765,741	11,526,814	7,715,126	5,747,028
Adj. of res. (prior yrs.)	—	—	Cr2,000,000	—
Com. stk. div. (33 1-3%)	—	9,000,000	—	—
Profit & loss surplus	\$4,820,379	\$3,765,741	\$11,526,814	\$7,715,126
Shares com. stock outstanding (par \$100)	360,000	360,000	270,000	270,000
Earned per share	\$10.61	\$10.22	\$12.36	\$12.9

x After deducting \$1,305,289 expenditures for ordinary repairs, also Federal taxes, y \$550,000 charged off for depreciation of plants and equipment; \$118,793 charged off for depreciation of mining and tram outfits; \$39,373 charged off for depletion of clay, coal and gaster properties.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Property account	27,981,891	27,995,576	6% preferred stock	3,000,000	3,000,000
Betterments completed	4,607,383	4,591,616	Common stock	36,000,000	36,000,000
Bett. uncompleted	46,326	46,326	Reserves	2,345,722	1,968,146
Deferred charges	986,972	958,931	Acc'ts. payable	1,198,823	1,189,184
Inventories	3,066,756	2,250,653	Pay rolls	217,995	224,722
Ac'ts. receivable	2,951,811	3,122,274	Surplus	4,820,379	3,765,741
Notes receivable	59,374	41,705	Tot. (each side)	47,582,919	46,147,793
Cash	1,710,103	2,108,991			
Invest. securities	6,172,304	5,031,720			

Hamilton Mfg. Co., Lowell, Mass.—Offer to Stockholders.

Marden & Murphy, of Lowell, Mass., are mailing to stockholders of the Hamilton Mfg. Co., in accordance with their contract to purchase the properties of the company for \$700,000 under a decree of the Massachusetts Superior Court, an offer of participation in a new Massachusetts corporation to be organized by them. This is to be organized along the lines approved

by the court, viz.: the new corporation will be capitalized at 7,000 shares of no par common stock and 7,000 shares of 5% preferred stock, par \$100. The present Hamilton shareholders are offered blocks of one share of preferred and one share of common stock at \$100 per block in the ratio of one block to every five shares of Hamilton stock now held. This offer expires March 12.

In their letter, Marden & Murphy state that they have not completed any financing arrangement for a cotton or textile unit in the new No. 7 mill, or elsewhere at the plant.

Minority Stockholders Object to Proposed Sale.

At a meeting called by five minority stockholders of the Hamilton Mfg. Co. to oppose the proposed sale of the property by the receivers to Marden & Murphy. Attorney Walter M. Burse stated that the offer for the purchase of the property is grossly inadequate, and that the terms of the proposed reorganization are unfair and inequitable to stockholders. Also that the ostensible purchasers are to receive for their services in acting as straw men \$35,000 in cash plus an indeterminate number of shares in the proposed new corporation. Mr. Burse declared an appeal would be made to the allowance of the decree by the Court, and he believed this would be heard by the Supreme Court before the end of the court year, that is, probably in April. In reply to a question, J. F. Keating, one of the five minority stockholders who called the meeting, said he had been informed that \$1,100,000 of notes endorsed by Frederic C. Dumaine, Jr., had been paid off, leaving about \$700,000 unpaid.—V. 123, p. 2526.

(M. A.) Hanna Co., Cleveland.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net inc. after all charges	\$3,609,913	\$1,958,016	\$154,596	\$4,276,753
Interest on funded debt	409,485	408,609	592,004	514,792
Depreciation & depletion	1,419,091	1,365,242	1,181,737	1,382,039
Federal taxes	233,656	60,871	32,427	52,080
Net corporate profit	\$1,547,681	\$123,294	\$1,651,572	\$2,327,842
Previous surplus	1,614,052	1,885,542	4,693,095	3,545,004
Miscellaneous adj.	Dr64,525	Cr164,280	Cr42,142	—
Total surplus	\$3,097,208	\$2,173,116	\$3,083,665	\$5,891,147
Dividends paid by Co.	—	—	—	—
On 1st pref. 7% cum'd	—	395,302	810,901	826,175
On 2d conv. pref. 8% cum'd	—	51,896	207,584	201,789
Divs. paid by other co.'s controlled (but not wholly owned) (net)	189,370	111,867	179,638	170,088
Surplus carried to balance sheet	\$2,907,838	\$1,614,052	\$1,885,542	\$4,693,095
Shs. com. stk. outst'd/g (no par)	291,844	291,844	282,844	282,844
Earned per share	\$1.57	nil	nil	\$3.69

Note—Dividends have been paid to June 20 1925 on 1st preferred stock and to March 20 1925 on the 2nd convertible preferred stock. x Applicable to the M. A. Hanna Co. stock, \$1,496,389; applicable to other capital stock outstanding \$51,292.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Property accounts	\$24,635,454	\$23,896,614	1st pref. 7% stock	\$11,199,400	\$11,199,400
Cash	315,832	357,342	2d conv. 8% pref.	3,186,000	3,186,000
U. S. Liberty bds.	370,000	249,297	Common stock	12,000,000	12,000,000
Due from cust'rs.	4,858,400	4,132,363	Other capital stock	—	—
Current advances	1,240,285	2,159,991	outstanding	\$3,301,062	3,340,982
Miscell. accounts	586,719	373,141	10-yr. 6% debens.	6,300,000	6,649,500
Inventories	9,803,201	7,750,639	Inv. m. 5s S. Co.	3,360,000	—
Miscell. advances	721,202	412,398	Long-term liability	1,688,064	1,688,064
Inv. in securs. of other cos.	4,618,969	5,760,002	Ac'ts. payable	4,639,508	4,139,872
Deferred assets	678,698	953,528	Accrued taxes	375,510	224,614
Total (each side)	47,828,401	46,045,315	Other accr. liab.	484,465	366,562
			Misc. reserves	591,214	636,269
			Res. gen. cont'g.	795,341	1,000,000
			Surplus	2,907,838	1,614,052

a Represented by 291,844 shares no par value. b Minority stock of companies consolidated in this statement.—V. 124, p. 380.

Hare & Chase, Inc.—Protective Committee.

A protective committee of the preferred stockholders of the company, dealers in automobile commercial paper, control of which was recently taken over by New York interests associated with the Royal Indemnity Co., was formed at a meeting of about 200 preferred holders held in Philadelphia Feb. 4.

This committee, consisting of three members, from Philadelphia, one from Baltimore and one from Richmond, is directed to investigate the affairs of the company and make recommendations at the earliest date possible for protecting the interests of the preferred holders.

Percy H. Clark, director of the company and Chairman of the meeting, was made a member of the committee along with Philip L. Poe of Baltimore and Charles Johnston of Richmond. Two other members from Philadelphia will be appointed.

The difficulties of the company are the consequences of a contract for the purchase of paper issued by the General Finance Co. of Indianapolis, a receiver for which was appointed a few days ago, the stockholders were told by Mr. Clark. Hare & Chase, Inc., is liable for \$4,600,000 of this paper which has been rediscounted with the banks, he said, the paper having been issued in financing the purchase of taxi cabs.

Some of the paper purchased by Hare & Chase, Inc., from the General Financing Co. was issued by the Quaker City Cab Co. of Philadelphia and interests affiliated with Hare & Chase are now co-operating with officials of the cab company in the conduct of the business, Mr. Clark explained. [The cab company was placed in receivership Feb. 10 on the application of Hare & Chase, Inc.]

Interests identified with the Royal Indemnity Co. on Feb. 11 formally assumed control of Hare & Chase, Inc. A resolution was adopted reducing the number of directors from 15 to 7. Two members of the old board were retained. The directors elected are: C. E. Trinder, Milton B. Ignatius and H. A. Portington, representing the Royal Indemnity Co.; C. S. Newhall, Vice-President and Secretary of the Pennsylvania Co. for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities; H. M. Walker, of the Equitable Trust Co. of New York, and Edward H. Lycett, Jr., and Percy H. Clark. The last two named were members of the previous directorate. The office of President is still vacant, and for the present, members of the executive staff will be retained.—V. 124, p. 799.

Hawaiian Pineapple Co., Ltd.—Stock Dividend, &c.

The stockholders on Feb. 10 increased the capital stock from \$9,075,000 to \$10,000,000 by the issuance of 46,250 shares, par \$20, of which approximately 45,000 shares will be issued as of Feb. 28 1927 as a 10% stock dividend to stockholders of record Feb. 18 1927, and the remainder will be issued from time to time thereafter subject to disposition by the directors by sale to employees of the company or otherwise as the directors may deem for the best interests of the company.

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
x Net profit on sales	\$3,380,422	\$2,904,838	\$3,176,454	\$3,635,524
Depreciation	423,224	386,514	320,390	268,842
Interest charges	108,338	92,483	51,815	29,138
Special credits	—	—	Cr1,205	—
Special charges	14,617	39,356	29,401	25,928
Res. for income taxes	505,291	391,802	456,633	551,605
Net income	\$2,328,952	\$1,994,684	\$2,319,421	\$2,760,000
Previous surplus	4,391,767	5,434,694	4,097,124	2,282,514
Profit & loss credits	27,299	48,854	39,950	98,895
Total	\$6,748,018	\$7,478,232	\$6,456,495	\$5,141,419
Res. for empl. pensions	—	50,000	—	25,000
Loss on investment	—	25,000	—	—
Divs. paid (in cash)	903,817	1,053,903	1,021,802	1,019,295
do (in stock)	—	2,007,560	—	—
Profit & loss, surplus	\$5,794,201	\$4,391,767	\$5,434,694	\$4,097,124
Shares of capital stock outstanding (\$20 par)	452,045	451,944	300,851	300,000
Earns. per sh. on cap. stk.	\$5.15	\$4.41	\$7.71	\$9.20

x Including other incomes.—V. 123, p. 3328.

Harmony Mills, Inc.—Earnings.—
Calendar Years—

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net loss after depreciation	\$106,817	\$223,504	\$482,719	gain\$387,101

Balance Sheet as of December 31.

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Real estate and machinery	\$4,833,866	\$4,915,326	Preferred stock	\$1,419,800	\$1,430,000
Inventory	1,440,269	1,533,501	Common stock	4,196,400	4,196,400
Cash & accts. rec.	381,619	408,109	Notes & accts. pay.	674,834	657,308
Marketable securities	4,028	4,910	General reserve	—	6,613
			Surplus	368,747	571,525
Total	\$6,659,782	\$6,861,846	Total	\$6,659,782	\$6,861,846

—V. 122, p. 891.

Heine Boiler Co., St. Louis.—New Control.—
 See International Combustion Engineering Corp. below.—V. 117, p. 1892.

Hecla Mining Co.—Smaller Dividend, &c.—
 The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share, payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 15. This compares with quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share paid since and including March 15 1925.
 The directors approved the construction of a zinc reduction plant to cost between \$1,250,000 and \$1,500,000 near Kellogg, Ida., by the Sullivan Mining Co., in which the Hecla company has a half interest. It will be completed in about one year.—V. 123, p. 2785.

(George W.) Helme Co., Inc.—Annual Report.—
Calendar Years—

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net earnings	\$2,223,920	\$2,203,725	\$2,199,749	\$2,096,307
Pref. divs. (7%)	280,000	280,000	280,000	280,000
Common divs. (28%)	1,680,000	(27)1620,000	(27)1620,000	(19)1140,000

Balance, surplus

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Balance, surplus	\$263,920	\$303,724	\$299,749	\$676,307
Previous surplus	3,833,571	3,529,847	3,230,097	2,553,790

Profit & loss surplus

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Profit & loss surplus	\$4,097,491	\$3,833,571	\$3,529,847	\$3,230,097

Shares of common stock outstanding (par \$25) 240,000 240,000 240,000 240,000
 Earn. per sh. on common \$8.10 \$8.02 \$8.00 \$7.57
 * After deducting all charges and expenses of management, and making provision for the estimated amount of Federal tax on profits, and making suitable additions to the general funds for advertising, insurance, &c.—V. 123, p. 2909.

Hudson Motor Car Co.—Merger Rumors Denied.—In a letter to all Hudson-Essex distributors and dealers, President R. B. Jackson on Feb. 12 said:

Once again the rumor-mongers have been persistent with stories as to changes in policy and management of the Hudson Motor Car Co. These stories are all entirely without foundation.
 Probably the most frequent of these stories is covered in a statement made public to-day by Edsel Ford, President of the Ford Motor Co., which said: "There is not now and never has been any foundation for the rumor that the Ford Motor Co. has acquired or is seeking control of the Hudson Motor Car Co. This rumor has persisted until in some quarters sheer repetition has given it a status of fact. For this reason we again make formal denial, and state that the rumor, in all its forms, is unfounded."
 For our own part, we hereby assure our distributors and dealers that there is no truth whatsoever in these reports.—V. 124, p. 932, 783.

Hupp Motor Car Corporation.—Earnings.—
Calendar Years—

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Sales	\$50,342,606	\$43,847,198	\$32,320,706	\$38,013,014
Net profits after taxes	\$5,507,628	\$2,919,464	\$1,095,160	\$2,646,438
Preferred dividends	—	—	—	37,822
Common dividends (11%)	1,037,173	(10)913,809	(7)685,357	(12)786,603

Balance, surplus

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Balance, surplus	\$2,470,455	\$2,005,655	\$409,803	\$1,822,013

—V. 124, p. 800.

Illinois Wire & Cable Co.—Initial Dividend.—
 The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the outstanding common stock (par \$10), payable April 1 to holders of record March 15. See also V. 124, p. 380.

Indian Motorcycle Co.—50c. Common Dividend.—
 The directors have declared a dividend of 50c. per share on the outstanding 100,000 shares of no par value common stock, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 21. The company has been paying 50c. per share at intervals of four months.—V. 123, p. 2662.

Indiana Pipe Line Co.—Report for Years Ended Dec. 31.

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net income	\$817,631	\$919,801	\$599,433	\$965,944
Dividends	700,000	400,000	600,000	800,000

Balance, sur. or def. sur

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Balance, sur. or def. sur	\$117,631	sur\$519,801	def\$567	sur\$165,944

Shares of cap. stk. outstanding (par \$50) 100,000 100,000 100,000 100,000
 Earn. per share on cap. stock \$8.17 \$9.19 \$5.99 \$9.65

Comparative Balance Sheet, Dec. 31.

Assets—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Pipe line plant	\$5,156,287	\$5,103,530	\$5,126,038	\$5,097,255
Materials & supplies	43,380	52,978	66,647	110,592
Cash, other investments & accts receivable	5,848,405	5,465,380	4,941,566	4,982,731
Total	\$11,048,072	\$10,621,889	\$10,134,251	\$10,190,577
Liabilities—				
Capital stock	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Accts pay., incl. res. for taxes, fire insurance, annuities, &c.	1,040,151	865,196	899,187	1,040,710
Res. acct for accr. depr.	2,549,256	2,415,659	2,363,832	2,278,068
Profit and loss	2,458,664	2,341,034	1,871,232	1,871,799
Total	\$11,048,072	\$10,621,889	\$10,134,252	\$10,190,577

—V. 123, p. 3043.

International Combustion Engineering Corp.—Acq.
 The corporation has announced the acquisition of the capital stock of the Heine Boiler Co., one of the oldest and leading water-tube boiler manufacturers in the United States. This acquisition gives the International Combustion Engineering Corp. large boiler shop facilities at St. Louis, Mo., and Phoenixville, Pa.
 All types of water-tube boilers will be manufactured at St. Louis, including the new sinuous header type recently placed on the market. The manufacture of the Ladd water-tube boilers and the new combustion steam generators will also be centered in the St. Louis plant.
 The acquisition of the Heine company will enable the International corporation to furnish to its customers complete steam generating units fired with pulverized fuel or mechanical stokers, all of its own manufacture.
 It is understood this new acquisition requires no financing by the International corporation, the Heine company having been acquired through a cash payment. C. R. D. Meier will remain as President of the Heine Boiler Co.—V. 124, p. 515.

Jaeger Machine Co., Columbus, O.—Annual Report.—
Statement of Profit & Loss for the Year Ending Nov. 30 1926.

Earnings for the year	\$480,522
Provision for Federal income tax	57,500
Provision for amortization of patents	50,000
Net profit for year	\$373,022
Dividends	250,000
Balance to surplus	\$123,022
Earned per share on 100,000 no par shares capital stock	\$3.73

Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1926.

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Land, bldgs., machinery, &c., less depreciation	\$186,934	Capital stock (100,000 shares, no par)	\$1,124,000
Patents, less amortization	453,458	Accounts payable	50,280
Cash	108,794	Accrued taxes	65,000
U. S. Treasury, &c., bonds	558,447	Dividend payable	62,500
Accrued interest	5,290	Surplus	470,935
Notes & accts. rec., less res've	78,073		
Inventories	383,719		
Total	\$1,772,715	Total	\$1,772,715

Island Creek Coal Co.—400% Stock Dividend.—
 The directors on Feb. 15 declared a 400% stock dividend on the outstanding 118,801 8-9 shares of common stock, par \$1, payable March 10 to holders of record Feb. 24. See V. 124, p. 800, 515.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—January Sales—Annual Report.—
First Four Weeks of—

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Sales	\$1,086,812	\$1,115,701	\$1,059,583	\$990,729

Years Ended—

	Jan. 1 '27.	Jan. 2 '26.	Dec. 27 '24.	Dec. 29 '23.
Net sales	\$14,568,258	\$14,178,478	\$13,603,745	\$12,554,875
Operating profit	1,215,243	749,288	773,808	713,906
Other income	228,494	207,354	210,589	—

Total income

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Total income	\$1,443,737	\$956,642	\$984,397	\$713,906
Federal tax reserve	185,685	117,694	129,321	89,705

Balance

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Balance	\$1,258,052	\$838,948	\$855,076	\$624,201
Bad debts res. not requir.	—	—	—	208,959
Pref. divs. (22 3/4%)	650,675	(14)463,275	—	—

Surplus

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Surplus	\$607,377	\$375,673	\$855,076	\$833,160
Profit & loss, surplus	1,239,311	998,414	654,555	def200,520

Shares of common outstanding (no par) 120,000 120,000 x120,000 x120,000
 Earns. per sh. on com. x Par \$100. \$8.89 \$5.14 \$5.00 \$3.08
 Note.—Preferred stock dividends in arrears at Jan. 1 1927 amount to 14%, or \$382,200.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

	Jan. 1 '27.	Jan. 2 '26.	Jan. 1 '27.	Jan. 2 '26.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Land, bldgs., &c.	\$738,070	754,259	Preferred stock	2,730,000
Good-will	120,000	120,000	Common stock	x120,000
Inventories	2,125,838	2,194,509	Letters of credit & acceptances	653,783
Accts. & notes rec.	287,322	399,017	Accounts payable	105,109
Investments	1,057,781	1,014,795	Sundry accruals	225,364
Trust funds	54,528	62,450	Pref. divs. uncl.	60
Cash	514,928	460,211	Federal inc. taxes	185,685
Advances	488,100	542,358	Surety deposits	117,694
Other deferred charges	113,182	124,749	Res. for conting.	185,908
			Surplus	1,239,311
Total	5,499,748	5,672,350	Total	5,499,748

x After deduction of \$542,031 for depreciation. y Marketable securities include company's common stock held for employees. z Represented by 120,000 shares of no par value.—V. 124, p. 515.

Kaufmann Department Stores, Inc.—To Decrease Stock.
 The stockholders will vote Feb. 21 on decreasing the authorized preferred stock from \$1,425,000 to \$1,350,000, par \$100. The \$75,000 preferred stock has been acquired for the "special surplus fund."—V. 122, p. 1320.

(Julius) Kayser & Co.—To Recapitalize—New Issue of Debentures Created.—The stockholders on Feb. 18 voted to change the capital structure of the company and to create an issue of \$7,000,000 20-year 5 1/2% debentures, as outlined in V. 124, p. 933.

(G. R.) Kinney Co., Inc.—January Sales.—

	1927.	1926.	Decrease.
Month of January—			
Sales	\$913,016	\$991,874	\$78,858

—V. 124, p. 515, 343.

Kraft Cheese Co., Chicago.—To Increase Stock—Divs.—
 The stockholders will vote in April on increasing the authorized capital stock (par \$25 per share) from 350,000 shares to 500,000 shares.
 The directors have declared the usual quarterly dividend of 37 1/2c. in cash and 1 1/2% in stock on the common stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 10. This rate has been paid since July 1 1925.—V. 124, p. 381

Lake St. John Power & Paper Co., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.—
 Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd., are offering at 99 1/2 and int. \$5,000,000 1st mtge. sinking fund 6 1/2% 20-year bonds, series "A."

Dated Feb. 1 1927: due Feb. 1 1947. Principal and int. (F. & A.) payable in Canadian currency at Imperial Bank of Canada in Toronto and Montreal, Can., or in New York in U. S. gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, or in London in sterling at the fixed rate of \$866 2/3 to the pound. Red., all or part, for sinking fund or otherwise, on any mt. date on 60 days' notice at 105 and int. to and incl. Feb. 1 1937; at 104 and int. thereafter to and incl. Feb. 1 1942, and at 103 and int. thereafter and before maturity. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c* and r. Int. payable without deduction for U. S. Federal normal income tax not in excess of 2%. National Trust Co., Ltd., Toronto, trustee.

Capitalization—

First mortgage bonds	\$15,000,000	To be Issued.
Mortgage debentures	7,500,000	3,000,000
7% pref. stock (\$100 par value cum. from July 1 1928)	2,000,000	2,000,000
Common stock (no par value)	100,000 shs.	100,000 shs.

Data from Letter of E. A. Wallberg, President of the Company.
 Company.—Has had in course of construction since July last at Mistassini on the Mistassini River near Lake St. John, Que., a complete pulp and newsprint paper mill, having a rated capacity of 220 tons of newsprint paper per day. It is expected that this mill will be in operation by December 1927. Company contemplates extending the present development from 220 tons of newsprint paper per day to 440 tons per day.
 Company holds under lease from the Government of the Province of Quebec extensive timber limits on the Mistassini and Aux Rats Rivers, north of Lake St. John. These limits cover about 1,000 square miles, and it has been conservatively estimated by two experienced timber cruisers that they contain not less than 6,000,000 cords of pulpwood, thus ensuring an adequate supply of low-cost wood for over 60 years for the mill now in course of construction. Company is ideally situated in relation to its wood supply.
 Company has a favorable power contract with Duke-Price Power Co., Ltd., ample for its requirements and extending beyond the term of the bonds. It also holds under lease from the Quebec Government water-power sites on the Mistassini and Mistassini rivers, estimated to be capable of developing 20,000 h.p. at a low cost.
 On account of its exceedingly low-cost wood and power, and its thoroughly modern mill, the company will be one of the lowest-cost paper producers in Canada.
 Satisfactory assurances have been obtained as to the construction this year of a connecting railway line between Mistassini and the Canadian National Ry. system, which will give the company excellent communication with its newsprint markets.
 Sale of Paper Output.—Company has contracted with one of the largest and financially strongest publishing interests in the United States for the sale for the term of 10 years of the entire capacity output of the newsprint paper mill now under construction.
 Purpose.—Proceeds of this issue and of the sale of debentures will be used entirely for construction of the mill, payment for properties and for working capital.
 Security.—Secured by a specific first charge on real and immovable property of the company, including the mill, timber leases and power sites, and a floating charge on all other assets of the company, now or

hereafter owned. Company will covenant to pay no dividends on its capital stock which would reduce the net current assets of the company below \$800,000.

Sinking Fund.—The trust deed will provide an annual sinking fund for series A bonds sufficient to redeem 60% of these bonds by maturity. The first payment under this sinking fund is due Feb. 1 1931.

Assets.—The value of net tangible assets of the company, available for the security of these bonds upon the completion of the plant has been conservatively estimated at \$1,250,000.

Earnings.—The management estimates that the annual net earnings of the company, based upon the present price of newspaper, available for interest on these bonds, depreciation and income tax will be not less than \$1,350,000. Interest charges on these bonds will amount to \$325,000 per annum.

Lamson & Hubbard Corp.—4% Accumulated Divs.

The directors have authorized a payment of \$4 per share on account of accrued dividends on the outstanding \$1,431,700 7% pref. stock, par \$100, payable April 8 to holders of record April 1. Arrearages to date amount to 39 3/4%.—V. 122, p. 1463.

Larabee Flour Mills Corp.—Stock Decreased.

Vice-Pres. Harry G. Randall states: "The location of the principal office or place of business of the corporation has been changed from Topeka, Kan. to Kansas City, Kan., and the capital stock has been decreased from \$6,500,000 to \$10,000.—V. 123, p. 333.

(The) Lasalle & Koch Co., Toledo, O.—Bonds Offered.

Bell & Beekwith, Toledo, are offering at prices to yield from 4.57 to 5.87%, according to maturity, \$750,000 1st closed) mtge. leasehold 6% serial gold bonds.

Dated Feb. 1 1927; due serially, \$50,000 each Feb. 1 1928-42. Denom. \$1,000c*. Interest payable F. & A. at Toledo Trust Co., Toledo, Ohio, trustee, without deduction of normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Red., all or part, on any int. date on 60 days' notice at following rates: Up to Feb. 1 1928 at 103 1/2% and int.; up to Feb. 1 1929 at 103 and int.; up to Feb. 1 1930 at 102 1/2% and int.; thereafter at 102 and int.

Data from Letter of Alfred B. Koch, President of the Company.

Security.—Specifically secured by a first mortgage on the 99-year lease owned by the company, namely the Scott Realty Co. lease, the Spitzer Building Co. lease and the Smith & Baker lease.

The property of the Scott Realty Co. consists of real estate on the southeasterly corner of Adams and Huron Sts., Toledo, Ohio, with a frontage of 120 ft. on Adams St. and 255 ft. on Huron St., on which property the present building occupied by the Lasalle & Koch Co. is located. The fee title to this real estate is in the name of the Scott Realty Co., and this real estate and the Lasalle & Koch Co. lease thereon are conservatively valued at \$2,000,000. There are outstanding at this time \$950,000 1st mtge. 6% serial bonds of the Scott Realty Co.

The Spitzer Building Co. 99-year lease covers the 25 ft. on Huron St. lying between the Spitzer Bldg. and Scott Realty Co. property and secures to the Lasalle & Koch Co. permanent light and air for its store building.

The Smith & Baker 99-year lease covers the real estate on the south-westerly corner of Adams and Superior Sts., Toledo, Ohio, with a frontage of 120 ft. on Adams St. and 100 ft. on Superior St.

The company has obtained disinterested appraisals of Scott Realty Co., Spitzer Building Co., and Smith & Baker 99-year leases and its leasehold and equitable interest in the land and buildings covered thereby. This appraisal is in the sum of \$1,220,000 after deduction of the \$950,000 1st mtge. bonds of Scott Realty Co., but does not include the cost of the contemplated additions and improvements which are to be made from the proceeds of this issue of bonds.

Purpose.—Proceeds of this issue of bonds will be used by the company for the construction of three additional floors to the present Lasalle & Koch Bldg., and the acquiring of the necessary fixtures and equipment. The building now contains 284,160 sq. ft. of floor space and the additional three floors containing approximately 75,000 sq. ft. of floor space will provide the company with much-needed room for expansion.

Lawyers Mortgage Co.—Mortgages Accepted.

At a meeting on Feb. 10 the executive committee accepted mortgages aggregating \$9,003,550, distributed as follows: Manhattan, \$440,600; Bronx, \$4,271,500; Westchester, \$167,000; Brooklyn, \$2,645,000, and Queens, \$1,479,450.—V. 124, p. 381.

Liggett-Winchester-Ley Realty Corp.—Bonds Called.

Certain guaranteed 7% s. f. gold bonds, due March 1 1942, aggregating \$112,000, have been called for payment March 1 next at the Bankers Trust Co., 14 Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 120, p. 591.

Lincoln Park Vista Apartments, Chicago.—Bonds Offered.

Garard Trust Co., Chicago, are offering at par and int. \$550,000 1st mtge. 6 1/2% serial gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 3 1927; due serially Jan. 1 and July 1 1929 to 1937. Principal and int. payable J. & J. at the office of Garard Trust Co. or Chicago Title & Trust Co., Chicago, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Callable in inverse order by number on any int. payment date after 2 years, upon 30 days' notice at 102. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%.

The bonds are secured by a closed 1st mtge. on land and building situated at Nos. 2135-2140 Lincoln Park, West, Chicago, conservatively appraised upon completion at \$900,000. The building, 11 stories in height, contains 100 one, two and three furnished apartments. An annual net income of \$110,000, over 3 times the maximum annual interest charge, may reasonably be expected from the operation of the apartments. Monthly deposits of one-twelfth of all principal and interest payments due each year will be made in the office of Garard Trust Co.

(P.) Lorillard Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Real estate, mach. and fixtures—	9,972,906	9,194,907	
Leaf tobacco, man-ufactured stock and oper. supp.	32,491,507	30,425,459	
Stock in other cos.	2,177,500	2,187,600	
Tr-mark, brands, &c.	21,228,892	21,228,892	
Cash.	6,296,417	9,195,852	
Accounts and bills receivable.	10,104,603	9,960,050	
Total.	\$2,271,825	\$2,192,660	
The income account was published in V. 124, p. 933.			

Louisiana Oil Refining Corp.—Earnings.

	Quarter Ended—		Calendar Years—	
	Dec. 31 '26.	Sept. 30 '26.	1926.	1925.
Net oper. earnings—	\$1,003,982	\$1,220,021	\$4,257,365	\$2,571,799
Deductions—	40,869	1,393	99,886	104,299
Interest paid—	50,606	45,207	224,671	270,760
Depletion—	177,911	103,112	413,694	282,860
Depreciation—	285,292	253,056	947,871	765,325
Drilling expenses, &c.—	23,002	62,593	176,976	128,556
Amort. of bond discount	9,313	9,313	109,667	28,000
Amort. of pref. stk. disc.	96,882	129,817	18,626	—
Estimated Federal taxes	—	—	—	—
Net income.	\$320,107	\$615,530	\$2,265,974	\$992,179

Louisiana Pulp & Paper Co.—Sale.

The company, of which P. J. Cullen of Bastrop, La., is Vice-Pres. and Gen. Mgr., has been sold to Bond & Goodwin, Inc., New York bankers, for more than \$8,000,000, it is announced. The deal was consummated at the offices of the St. Louis Union Trust Co., St. Louis, J. L. Johnston of Bond & Goodwin, Inc., purchasing substantially all stock and outstanding securities for his firm. It is understood that the company, which owns 160,000 acres of timber lands in Louisiana, will be sold to the International Paper Co. of New York.

McCall Corporation.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net sales—	\$10,735,199	\$9,711,645	\$9,012,449	\$7,912,267
Oper. exp. & deprec'n—	9,270,546	8,461,693	8,221,440	7,000,061
Operating profit—	\$1,464,653	\$1,249,952	\$791,009	\$912,206
Other income—	77,299	41,619	51,309	54,196
Total income—	\$1,541,952	\$1,291,572	\$842,317	\$966,402
Reserves for taxes, &c.—	218,049	186,515	145,550	215,975
Res. for doubtful accts.—	99,996	91,767	91,521	—
First preferred dividends—	—	337,862	\$211,085	\$168,868
Rate on 1st pref.—	—	29%	17 1/2%	14%
Second pref. divs.—	\$307,859	(15)143,190	—	—
Common dividends—	599,099	—	—	—

Balance, surplus— \$316,949 \$532,238 \$394,161 \$581,559
 Shares of common stock outstanding (no par)— 240,000 a54,390 a42,300 a42,200
 Earn. per sh. on common— \$4.82 \$16.24 \$12.31 \$15.78
 A consists of shares of \$100 par value. x Of this amount \$84,000 represents the regular current dividend on this class of stock and the balance was applied as against arrearages on this stock. y Being 7% (\$66,822) for current year on all shares outstanding, 1 1/4% (\$16,706) for current year on shares not exchanged for common stock and 23 1/2% (\$224,331) for arrearages of dividends in full.—V. 124, p. 119.

McCallum Hosiery Co.—25c. Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of 25c. a share on the common stock (no par value), payable March 8 to holders of record Feb. 26.—V. 123, p. 1513.

Mathieson Alkali Works, Inc.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
xTotal earnings—	\$2,725,559	\$2,285,553	\$1,521,477	\$1,833,734
Deprec'n & deple'n—	771,626	657,320	553,336	549,238
Income charges (net)—	48,877	15,724	21,295	37,551
Federal income tax—	225,570	147,476	73,780	150,000
Preferred dividends—	174,563	175,567	344,634	250,549
Common dividends—	588,828	147,207	—	—

Balance, surplus— \$916,095 \$1,142,260 \$528,430 \$846,394
 Shs. of com. outst. (no par)— 147,207 147,207 \$177,714 \$177,714
 Earn. per share on com.— \$10.34 \$8.76 \$4.49 \$7.19
 x After deducting manufacturing, selling and general administrative expenses. y Consists of shares of par value \$50.—V. 124, p. 381.

Mergenthaler Linotype Co.—Extra Dividend of 25 Cents.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 25 per share on the outstanding 256,000 shares no par value capital stock, both payable Mar. 31 to holders of record Mar. 5. One June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 31 1926 dividends of like amounts were paid.—V. 123, p. 2664.

Metro-Goldwyn Pictures Corp.—Earnings.

12 Weeks Ended—	Nov. 20 '26.	Nov. 21 '25.
Gross profit—	\$1,733,747	\$1,267,027
Operating expenses—	1,297,607	1,026,459
Operating profit—	\$436,140	\$240,568
Other income—	147,592	71,252

Profit before Federal taxes— \$583,732 \$311,820
 The annual report for the year ended Aug. 31 1926 (not Dec. 31) was given in V. 124, p. 244.

Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Co. of N. Y.

Hervey J. Drake of the New York firm of Bonyng & Barker, attorneys, has been appointed as Asst. General Counsel.—V. 124, p. 933.

Metropolitan Chain Stores, Inc.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.
Gross sales—	\$11,006,876	\$8,675,403
Net profit—	1708,209	\$609,529
Reserve for inc. tax & mgrs.' commissions—	776,562	138,728
Preferred dividends—	122,850	122,850
Net income—	\$408,797	\$347,951
Shares common stock outstanding (no par)—	130,900	130,900
Earned per share—	\$3.13	\$2.66

Miami Paper Co.—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding \$668,000 10-year mtge. 7 1/2% s. f. gold bonds dated Mar. 1 1921 have been called for payment Mar. 1 next at 105 and int. at the Union Trust Co., Cleveland, O. (See also Oxford Miami Paper Co. in V. 124, p. 383.)—V. 124, p. 381.

Minneapolis Heat Regulator Co.—Bonds Offered.

Wells-Dickey Co., Minneapolis, recently offered at prices to yield from 5 to 5.30%, according to maturity, \$200,000 series "A" 1st mtge. serial gold bonds (maturing Feb. 1 1934-43) and \$100,000 series "B" bonds (maturing Feb. 1 1929-33).

Dated Feb. 1 1927. A legal investment for trust funds in Minnesota. Denom. of \$1,000 and \$500. Int. payable F. & A. without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2% at the office of the Minneapolis Trust Co., trustee. Red., all or part, on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 100 and int.

Company.—Was originally incorporated in 1893, succeeding to a business established in 1885. Is the largest manufacturer of automatic heat controlling devices in the world. The regulator, which is suitable with coal, oil or gas, is principally used for house control, but also in many industrial fields, including refrigeration, enameling ovens, dry kilns and power stations. It is in general use throughout the United States and has been sold in practically every country in the world. Branch offices or distributors are located at principal cities in United States.

Security.—Secured by a 1st mtge. amounting to \$200,000 on all the company's fixed property. The property is modern in every respect. The present 6 story plant, built in 1912, has 70,000 sq. ft. of floor space, and a 6-story addition also containing 70,000 sq. ft. is now under construction. The land and buildings alone, exclusive of machinery and equipment, have been appraised in excess of \$425,000. The series "B" bonds are not secured by mortgage.

Earnings.—Company's sales over a period of years have shown consistent and substantial gains. Net earnings available for interest after depreciation for the past 7 years have been as follows: 1920, \$146,517; 1921, \$43,719; 1922, \$166,504; 1923, \$247,390; 1924, \$257,812; 1925, \$424,846; 1926, \$488,000 (preliminary audit).

National Cloak & Suit Co.—January Sales.

Month of January—	1927.	1926.	1925.
Sales—	\$2,573,046	\$2,832,347	\$2,990,908

—V. 124, p. 658.

National Enameling & Stamping Co.—To Change Par Value of Common Shares.

The stockholders will vote March 8 on changing the common stock from the par value of \$100 a share to no par value, share for share, and on reducing the number of directors from 15 to 11. The company has an authorized issue of 20,000,000 common stock, par \$100, of which there is \$15,591,800 outstanding.—V. 123, p. 852.

National Tea Co., Chicago.—January Sales.

Month of January—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Sales—	\$4,563,812	\$4,544,995	\$3,929,127	\$3,249,138

—V. 124, p. 516.

Neild Mfg. Co., New Bedford, Mass.—Extra Div.

An extra dividend of \$1 per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$2 per share, was paid Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 10. Like amounts were also paid three months ago.—V. 123, p. 2401.

Neisner Bros, Inc.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net sales	\$4,497,208	\$2,695,697	\$1,907,469
Net profit after taxes, &c.	292,618	218,035	87,506
Preferred dividends	54,296	19,582	11,780
Net income	\$238,321	\$198,453	\$75,726
Earned per share on (80,000 (no par) shares, common)	\$2 98	\$2 48	\$0 95

—V. 124, p. 801.

New Bedford (Mass.) Storage Warehouse Co.—Stock Dividend.—

The stockholders on Feb. 1 voted to increase the outstanding stock (par \$100 per share) from \$450,000 to \$600,000 by the issue of 1,500 additional shares, and to distribute these additional shares as a 33 1/3% stock dividend pro rata among the stockholders of record Feb. 1. Fractional shares will not be issued.

Fractional scrip, being issued to bearer, is transferable by delivery. The scrip must be presented to Treasurer Howard C. Dyer at the office of the company, 162 Front St., New Bedford, Mass., on or before March 1 1927 in amounts entitling the bearer to one or more full shares.

Treasurer Dyer says: "It is expected that holders of scrip will be readily able to purchase in the open market additional scrip needed to complete full shares. The fractional scrip is entitled to no dividend or voting rights." [The company also has outstanding a total funded debt of \$172,000.]

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1926.

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Cash and accts. receivable	\$57,662	Capital stock	\$450,000
Notes receivable	87,127	Notes payable	100,000
Prepaid accounts	10,013	Accts. payable and reserves	7,028
Coal and lumber on hand	458	Bonded debt	7,000
Real estate, buildings, machinery and equipment	928,786	Mortgage loan	165,000
Investment account	503	Reserve for depreciation	155,276
		Surplus	200,247
Total	\$1,084,549	Total	\$1,084,549

New Jersey Zinc Co.—Quarterly Report.—

Period—	1926.	1925.	1924.
x Income	\$2,074,101	\$1,958,556	\$7,039,358
Int. on 1st mtge. bonds	475,000	400,000	1,048,318
Employees profit sharing	475,000	450,000	450,000
Dividends	(2)981,632	(2)981,632	(12)5,889,792
Balance, surplus	\$617,469	\$486,924	\$674,566
Earns per share on 490,000 shares (par \$100)	\$4 22	\$3 90	\$14 34
x Income (inci. dividends from subsidiary companies) after deductions for expenses, taxes, depreciation, maintenance, repairs, depletion and contingencies.	\$1,683,896	\$1,607,538	\$1,673,823

—V. 123, p. 2530.

New York Cannery, Inc.—May Defer Dividends on Pref. Stock.—White, Weld & Co., in a letter to the preferred stockholders of the above corporation, Feb. 10, said in part: "New York Cannery, Inc., completed its 8th fiscal year on Jan. 31 1927. The annual audit and inventory is now being made and the accountants' report is expected to be ready about March 25. Meanwhile no complete statement as to the financial results of the year's operations is possible."

It is, however, already clear that there will be a substantial loss. The unsatisfactory conditions in the vegetable canning industry which began to develop in the latter part of 1926 have become more acute within recent weeks. The unusually large aggregate packs of peas and corn throughout the country following the large carry-over of the same stocks in the previous year, have resulted in a forced liquidation by the industry and greatly depressed the market for these products. New York Cannery, Inc. deliberately reduced its production in these lines in the past year, but the general market conditions became so demoralized as to oblige the company to sell a substantial part of its principal assets at or below cost.

In addition to the lowering of market values, this situation has strengthened the tendency of distributors of canned foods to buy only to cover immediate needs with a retarding of both sales and shipments. This condition has prevented the normal liquidation by New York Cannery, Inc. of its reasonable indebtedness. To urge sales on the present depressed market would be to sacrifice high quality and non-perishable food products and incur unwarranted losses.

Pending the restoration of normal market conditions through readjustment of supply and demand, the conservation of the cash resources of the company is of paramount importance to the stockholders, and we are informed that the directors will probably consider it necessary to defer the payment of dividends on the preferred stock. (There are outstanding 60,000 shares of \$6 cum. conv. pref. stock, no par value, on which the last quarterly dividend of \$1 50 per share was paid Dec. 1 1926.—Ed.)

Notwithstanding these unfavorable developments, the management of the company feels that there are a number of definitely encouraging factors in the present situation. The position of "Snider's" brand products is satisfactory, both as to inventories and distribution, which shows steady gains. It is hoped, moreover, to bring about substantial reduction in general costs of production during the coming year. There is justification for believing that the abnormal conditions of the past year will, within a reasonable time, be corrected through a readjustment of production and the industry thus restored to a normal basis.

We are closely in touch with the situation and will advise you promptly of further developments. Meanwhile we are devoting every effort to the protection of the interests of the preferred stock, of which both the management and ourselves are large holders. See also V. 123, p. 2787.

New York Merchandise Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Years Ended—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net avail. for com. stock	\$318,965	\$258,263	\$218,751
Earns. per sh. on com. stock	\$4 25	\$3 44	\$2 92

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1926.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$310,171	Dividend payable	\$11,107
Accounts receivable	1,351,154	Accept. under commercial letters of credit	429,958
Trade accept. receivable	24,587	Notes payable	400,000
Notes receivable	182,198	Miscell. liabilities & accr.	27,382
Life insurance policies	12,939	Due to affiliated company	12,155
Merchandise inventory	1,343,830	Res. for discount & taxes	99,539
Capital stock of affil. cos.	76,084	7% 1st pref. stock	752,000
Furn. & fixt., less deprec.	20,942	7% 2d pref. stock	200,000
Unexpired insurance	4,500	Com. (105,000 shs. no par)	300,000
		Surplus	1,094,262
Total (each side)	\$3,326,404		

—V. 124, p. 245.

Nichols & Shepard Co., Battle Creek, Mich.—Notes Sold.—Eastman, Dillon & Co. and Taylor Ewart & Co., Inc., have sold at 97 1/4% and int., to yield over 6.30%, \$2,000,000 10-year 6% sinking fund convertible gold notes with stock purchase warrants attached.

Dated Feb. 1 1927; due Feb. 1 1937. Int. payable F. & A. in New York or Chicago without deduction for Federal income taxes up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Red. all or part at 102 1/2% and int. on any int. date upon 60 days' notice. Company will agree to reimburse residents of Penn. and Conn. for personal property taxes not exceeding 4 mills; of the District of Columbia, Kentucky, Kansas and Mich., not exceeding 5 mills; and of Mass. for the income tax on the interest not exceeding 6%, if requested in proper form within 60 days after payment. First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Trustee.

Convertible.—Each note will be convertible at the option of the holder after two years until maturity in the ratio of 10 shares of 7% cumulative preferred stock for each \$1,000 note on a basis equivalent to 92 until March 1 1929, 94 thereafter until Feb. 1 1931, and 96 thereafter until maturity. Adjustment to be made for the amount due noteholder for interest and dividends, the balance due to be paid by the Company to the holder in cash.

Stock Purchase Warrant.—Each note will carry a warrant, exercisable at any time up to Feb. 1 1937, and detachable only after Feb. 1 1928, entitling the holder thereof as provided in the indenture to purchase the no par common stock of the company at \$20 per share, in the ratio of 20 shares for each \$1000 principal amount of notes.

Data from Letter of Lewis J. Brown, Vice-Pres. of the Company.

Company.—Founded in 1848 and incorp. in Mich. in 1886. Has operated successfully for 79 years in the manufacture and sale of grain threshing machinery. From an initial investment of \$25,000 the company has grown to its present position and is now one of the three largest manufacturers of grain separators in the world. Its present net worth of \$4,376,896 has been built up almost entirely out of earnings, the issuance of these notes being the first public financing in the history of the company. Company's product is distributed under the trade name of "Red River Special" through 22 factory branches and representatives located in all principal agricultural sections of the United States and Canada.

Company's plant located in Battle Creek, Mich. comprises approximately 600,000 sq. ft. of floor space, which is adequate for contemplated increased production.

Earnings.—After depreciation, earnings available for interest and Federal taxes for the year ended Dec. 31, 1926 were \$617,748, equivalent to 5.14 times the annual interest charges of this issue, and compare with corresponding earnings of \$427,492 in 1925, equivalent to 3.56 times such annual interest charges. Annual earnings after depreciation for the 12 years ended 1926 show average annual earnings available for interest and Federal taxes of over twice the annual interest charges of this note issue, notwithstanding losses incurred in 1921, 1922 and 1924.

Financial.—The consolidated balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1926, after giving effect to this financing, shows net tangible assets of \$6,298,101, equivalent to \$3,149 per \$1,000 note of this issue. Current assets amount to \$5,328,177 as against current liabilities of \$528,718, a ratio of 10 to 1. Net current assets are \$4,797,458, equivalent to \$2,398 for each \$1,000 note of this issue. Valuable patents and good-will are carried on the company's books at \$1.

Sinking Fund.—The trust indenture will provide for a minimum sinking fund, payable semi-annually, of \$60,000 per annum for the first two years, of \$80,000 annually for the next two years, of \$100,000 annually for the following two years, of \$120,000 for each of the succeeding two years, and of \$140,000 annually for the remaining two years to maturity. The indenture will further provide that 10% of the net earnings of the company, available for dividends, in addition to the above shall be paid into the sinking fund. It is estimated that this sinking fund will retire over 70% of the issue by maturity, without taking into consideration any conversion of notes into preferred stock.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire floating indebtedness and thereby provide additional working capital for increased business.

North American Car Corp.—To Extend Facilities.—

Extensive facilities for transporting poultry will be provided by this corporation which is planning to construct shortly some 400 poultry cars. These cars will be operated in addition to the equipment furnished by the recent acquisition of the Palace Poultry Car Co.

President H. H. Brigham stated that although the annual report covering the company's operations during the fiscal year ended Jan. 31 last, would not be ready for some time yet, preliminary figures show earnings for December and January to be the largest in the company's history.

An increase of more than 25% in the car equipment operated by the North American Car Co. was reported by the president and of this, a large part was not delivered until the last quarter of the year. New cars now under construction total 600. The new Seaboard Export Oil Terminal of the company located at New Orleans, is now in full operation and current earnings from that source are adding substantially to the company's net results.—V. 124, p. 934.

Northern Pipe Line Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net income all sources	\$374,906	\$310,748	\$214,205	\$308,155
Dividends	320,000	240,000	240,000	400,000
Rate	(8%)	(6%)	x(6%)	x(10%)
Balance, surplus	\$54,906	\$70,748	def\$25,795	def\$91,845
Shares capital stock outstanding (par \$100)	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Earned per share	\$9.37	\$7.77	\$5.35	\$7.70

x These dividends were distributed from earnings accumulated since March 1 1913.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Pipe line plant	\$3,072,730	Capital stock	\$4,000,000
Mats & supplies	32,711	Accts. pay. & tax reserve, fire ins.	4,000,000
Cash, oth. invest's	28,973	annuities, &c.	606,331
Cash, oth. receiv.	3,489,227	Accr. depr. reserve	1,753,564
	3,517,006	Profit and loss	234,773
Total (each side)	\$6,594,668		\$6,396,343

—V. 123, p. 2530.

Ohio Oil Co.—New President, &c.—

Otto D. Donnell, Vice-President and Treasurer, has been elected President to succeed his father, James C. Donnell, who died recently. C. L. Fleming, Secretary, has been elected a director succeeding to the vacancy caused by Mr. Donnell's death. F. A. Billstone has been elected Treasurer.

H. B. Carpenter has been elected a Director and Vice-President of the Lincoln Oil Refining Co. and F. E. Hurley, a Director of the Mid Kansas Oil & Gas Co. They fill positions formerly held by O. D. Donnell.—V. 124, p. 934, 383.

Pacific Mills, Lawrence, Mass.—New Director.—

Wilbur E. Lowell has been elected a director.—V. 124, p. 802.

Peoples Drug Stores, Inc.—Initial Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 25c. a share on the common stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 8.—V. 124, p. 934.

Philadelphia & Camden Ferry Co.—Stock Reduced.—

The stockholders Feb. 18 approved a decrease in the total authorized capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$1,600,000 and the reduction of the par value from \$50 to \$40 per share by the payment in cash of \$10 per share to the stockholders. A meeting of the directors has been called for Feb. 21 to take such further action as may be necessary in the matter.—V. 124, p. 802.

Pittsburgh Malleable Iron Co.—Rights.—

The stockholders of record Feb. 1 have been given the right to subscribe on or before Feb. 21 for 3,000 additional shares of capital stock at par (\$50 per share) on the basis of one share for each 5 shares held. Payments for the new stock may be made as follows: 50% on or before Feb. 21 1927; 25% on or before March 21 1927, and 25% on or before April 21 1927.—V. 123, p. 465.

Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corp. & Subs.—Report.—

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.
Gross income from all sources	\$10,151,293	\$8,819,002
Oper. cost, selling & gen. expenses & taxes	8,366,731	7,187,246
Gross profit	\$1,784,561	\$1,631,756
Depletion, amortization and depreciation	1,151,480	1,105,652
Net income before deductions	\$633,081	\$526,104
Interest, mortgages, &c.	191,659	192,214
Provision for Federal taxes	78,156	19,100
Balance of net income	\$363,266	\$314,790
Surplus Jan. 1	2,657,043	2,621,807
Profit and loss credit	—	200
Gross surplus	\$3,020,309	\$2,936,798
Provision for divs. on preferred stock	215,039	232,005
Miscellaneous deductions	90,323	47,749
Surplus Dec. 31	\$2,714,948	\$2,657,043
Shares of common stock outstanding (par \$100)	120,000	120,000
Earned per share on common	\$1.24	\$0.69

—V. 123, p. 2912.

Quaker Oats Co.—Special Dividend.—The directors on Feb. 16 declared a special dividend of \$5 per share and the

regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the outstanding 450,000 shares of common stock, no par value, payable April 15 to holders of record April 1. In the previous two quarters regular dividends of \$1 each were paid on this issue. A year ago an extra distribution of \$2 50 per share was made on the common stock with the then regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share. (See also record of dividend payments since 1907 in our "Railway and Industrial Compendium" of Nov. 27 1926, page 226.)—V. 123, p. 854.

Quaker City Cab Co.—Receivership.—

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed against the company in the United States District Court at Philadelphia Feb. 10 by Hare & Chase, Inc., dealers in auto commercial papers and by two others. Charles Sinkler was named temporary receiver. See also Hare & Chase, Inc., above.

Quissett Mill, New Bedford.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Real est. & mach.	\$2,268,879	\$2,264,141	Common stock	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Cash, receivables and investments	1,811,632	1,731,471	Preferred stock	305,000	305,000
Inventory	727,333	849,791	Accounts payable	39,004	37,003
			Reserve for taxes	74,932	80,161
			Res'v for deprec.	1,679,002	1,629,002
Total (each side)	\$4,807,844	\$4,845,405	Profit and loss	709,906	794,238

—V. 122, p. 2812.

Rand Kardex Bureau, Inc.—Unification Plan Announced—Terms of Exchange.—

See Remington Rand, Inc., below.—V. 124, p. 935.

Rand Mines, Ltd.—Dividend on "American" Shares.—

The Bankers Trust Co., as depositary of certain ordinary sterling shares of Rand Mines, Ltd., has received dividend No. 47 of 50% and is paying to holders of its certificates for "American" shares (each such certificate representing 2½ deposited ordinary shares), \$1 52 per "American" share, the equivalent of such dividend at the current exchange rate. The dividend will be paid on Feb. 28 to holders of record of "American" shares on Feb. 21. A dividend of \$1 52 per "American" share was also paid on Aug. 30 last.

Gold Output (In Ounces) for Six Months Ended Jan. 31 1927.

Jan. 1927.	Dec. 1926.	Nov. 1926.	Oct. 1926.	Sept. 1926.	Aug. 1926.
839,000	836,157	840,276	853,296	839,939	843,854

—V. 124, p. 384.

Remington Rand, Inc., New York.—Plan of Unification, &c.—In a joint letter to the stockholders of (a) Remington Typewriter Co., (b) Rand Kardex Bureau, Inc., and (c) the Dalton Adding Machine Co., B. L. Winchell, Chairman of the Board, and James H. Rand Jr., Pres. of the company, outline the plan to unify the business of the above companies under this new holding company. The letter states in substance:

Remington Rand, Inc.—Has been formed in Delaware for the purpose, among other things, of effecting a unification of the businesses of Remington Typewriter Co., Rand Kardex Bureau, Inc., and the Dalton Adding Machine Co. Rand Kardex Bureau, Inc., is arranging to acquire the assets and business of the Baker-Vawter Co. of Benton Harbor, Mich.

Remington Typewriter Co.—whose product was first placed on the market in 1874, developed the first practical writing machine, and became the founder of the modern office equipment industry. During 53 years Remington products have expanded through successive developments, and the company now has a complete typewriter line, embracing standard typewriters, noiseless typewriters, electrical typewriters, tabulating typewriters, portable typewriters, and bookkeeping typewriters.

The Remington product is used in every country within the confines of civilization, and there are to-day over 1,000 Remington sales offices rendering a service which completely encircles the globe.

Among the recent Remington developments of exceptional importance are the noiseless typewriter, the electrical typewriter and some notable advances in the field of accounting devices, including the new front-feed bookkeeping typewriter. All of these machines meet demands which are great and growing. These developments open new and larger fields and promise a future growth in Remington business considerably in excess of what has hitherto been simply the normal expansion in the use of its product.

Rand Kardex Bureau, Inc., has heretofore acquired the businesses and assets of Rand Co., Inc.; American Kardex Co., Inc.; Index Visible, Inc., and Library Bureau, and is the world's leading manufacturer and distributor of filing, record-keeping and record-protecting devices. It also distributes the products of the Safe Cabinet Co.

Rand Kardex products include modern visible filing equipment, steel and wood filing cabinets, office furniture, indexing systems, safes and safe cabinets, guides, folders and filing supplies. Over 4,000 different items are provided to meet modern business needs.

Its sales organization of trained representatives working out of 219 branch offices in the United States and 115 agencies in foreign countries, constitutes one of the most complete and effective international distributing organizations in existence. Over 1,000,000 customers include practically all domestic insurance companies, 25,000 banks, and Federal, State and foreign Governments.

A recent survey shows that only 10% of the possible market for visible filing equipment is being supplied. Potential sales volume on this product alone promises a large and rapid growth of the present business.

It is also significant to note that about 60% of present sales consist of supply and repeat business, including the manufacture of over 1,000,000,000 record cars a year.

Dalton Adding Machine Co. was incorporated in 1902 to introduce the ten-key Dalton—a distinct advance in the development of high-speed mechanical calculation.

The increasing popularity of the Dalton machine testifies to a broadening appreciation of the four fundamentals of simplicity, speed, versatality and durability made possible by the ten-key principle and its touch method of operation.

Dalton machines are in extensive use in such institutions as the Federal Reserve Bank, Western Union, New York Life Insurance Co., Prudential Life Insurance Co., American Railway Express Co. and Western Electric Co.

To-day the Dalton product, of over 150 models for practically every computing need of business, including adding-calculating machines, the direct subtractor, multiplex ledger posting and statement machine, enjoys a world-wide reputation for mechanical excellence.

Baker-Vawter Co., originator and one of the largest producers of loose leaf ledgers, was organized in 1896, the first loose leaf ledger being put on the market by this company in 1897. The original plant in Chicago has been augmented by seven additional factories to meet the increasing demand for loose leaf accounting devices and supplies. In addition to the standard loose leaf ledgers and supplies the introduction of the fan-fold forms for billing and order writing opens a new and added market for Baker-Vawter products.

The stockholders of Baker-Vawter Co. have approved of the sale of the entire assets of the company to Rand Kardex Bureau, Inc., but the carrying out of the general plan is not dependent upon such acquisition.

Basic Advantages.

Remington Rand Inc. through this unification will provide the most complete service of business and office equipment yet offered to the business world. This grouping of leading allied lines not only represents a definite advance in labor-saving and cost-reducing service for business men, but it also promises the dual advantages of reduced overhead costs and accelerated sales expansion for each of the divisions included in the new organization.

Irrespective of the increase in the volume of business, the elimination of duplication in overhead (such as parallel offices, warehouses, delivery service, &c.) should effect economies that will increase net profits.

Each product will gain the immediate advantage of being represented by a force of over 4,500 field representatives—the most complete international distributing organization in the world. It is the intention of the management not merely to retain the trained men now selling the products, but to increase the sales staffs. Each of the companies will

now have direct contracts for the sale of its products with the customers of each of the others. Every new contact made for any one of them establishes a contact for all of them.

Thus the bringing together of these established non-competing but related businesses should result in real economies, vital sales stimulation and expansion possibilities which should add materially to earnings and the intrinsic value of the securities of the new corporation.

Earnings.—Growth of business is reflected by the following net earnings (partially estimated) after depreciation, but before Federal taxes and interest, of the four named companies and (or) their predecessors for the past five years:

	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.
\$1,990,004	\$3,741,417	\$3,958,798	\$6,110,024	\$7,716,378

Annual interest charges on notes and bonds of the four named companies outstanding as of Dec. 31 1926 amount to \$253,161 per annum. The new corporation is now negotiating for the acquisition of two other companies, either one of which would bring the net earnings for 1926, on the above basis, up to at least \$8,500,000.

Authorized Capitalization of Remington Rand Inc.

7% cumulative 1st preferred stock (par \$100)	\$20,000,000
8% cumulative 2d preferred stock (par \$100)	6,000,000
Common stock (no par)	2,500,000 shs.

The 7% cum. 1st pref. stock is preferred as to dividends and assets red. in whole or in part at par and div. on any div. day upon notice as provided in the certificate of incorporation; div. payable Q.-J.

The 8% cum. 2d pref. stock has preference over common stock as to dividends and assets; red. in whole or in part at par and div. on any div. day upon notice as provided in the certificate of incorporation; div. payable Q.-J.

All stock has equal voting rights. No stockholders of any class is entitled as of right to subscribe for any new or additional issue of stock of any class. The board of directors may mortgage the property and assets of the corporation with the consent of the holders of a majority of the issued outstanding capital stock having voting power.

Terms of Exchange.

The new corporation offers to exchange on or before March 11 1927 its various classes of stock for stock in Remington Typewriter Co., Rand Kardex Bureau, Inc., and Dalton Adding Machine Co. on the following terms and conditions:

(1) Remington Typewriter Co.: (a) *First Preferred.*—1.15 shares of Remington Rand Inc. 7% cum. 1st pref. stock for each share of Remington Typewriter Co. 7% 1st pref. stock. (Equivalent to \$8 05 return on each share of present holdings so long as the new 1st pref. stock remains outstanding.)

(b) *Second Preferred.*—1.15 shares of Remington Rand Inc. 8% cum. 2d pref. stock for each share of Remington Typewriter Co. 8% 2d pref. stock. (Equivalent to \$9 20 return on each share of present holdings so long as the new 2d pref. stock remains outstanding.)

(c) *Common Stock.*—4½ shares of Remington Rand Inc. no par value common stock for each share of Remington Typewriter Co. common stock.

(2) Rand Kardex Bureau, Inc.: (a) *Class A Preferred Stock.*—One share of Remington Rand Inc. 7% cum. 1st pref. stock for each share of Rand Kardex Bureau, Inc., class A 7% pref. stock.

(b) *Common Stock* (both classes; including 88,952 shares of common stock issuable on or before Dec. 31 1930, upon exercise of options granted in January 1926 and outstanding Jan. 1 1927, entitling the holders thereof to purchase from the company such shares at prices ranging from \$42 50 to \$60 per share).—Two shares of Remington Rand Inc. no par value common stock for each share of Rand Kardex Bureau, Inc., common stock of either class.

(3) Dalton Adding Machine Co.: (a) *Preferred Stock.*—1.15 shares of Remington Rand Inc. 7% cum. 1st pref. stock for each share of Dalton Adding Machine Co. 7% partic. pref. stock. (Equivalent to \$8 05 return on each share of present holdings so long as the new 1st pref. stock remains outstanding.)

(b) *Common Stock* (including 13,400 shares of common stock, \$100 par value, issuable on or before July 1 1941, upon conversion par for par of outstanding gold notes).—One-half share of Remington Rand Inc. 7% cum. 1st pref. stock and one share of Remington Rand Inc. no par value common stock for each share of Dalton Adding Machine Co. common stock.

The amount of stock of the new corporation requisite for the exchange upon the foregoing bases of all of the stock of the old companies outstanding Dec. 31 1926 would be: First pref. stock, \$13,547,078; 2d pref. stock, \$5,743,100; common stock (no par), 1,401,793.9 shares.

Depository.—The National City Bank of New York is depository for the stock of the old companies.

The offer to exchange is conditions upon the following: If on March 11 1927 (or on such earlier or subsequent date not later than June 1 1927, as may hereafter be designated by the new corporation) there is deposited with the depository, and (or) the new corporation shall otherwise acquire, stock constituting a majority of the voting stock and a majority of the total number of shares of all other classes of stock of each of the old companies, the new corporation shall declare the plan effective and the depository shall proceed with the exchange. If on March 11 1927 (or on such earlier or subsequent date not later than June 1 1927 as may hereafter be designated by the new corporation) there is deposited with the depository and (or) the new corporation shall otherwise acquire, stock constituting a majority of the voting stock and a majority of the total number of shares of all other classes of stock of two of the old companies, the new corporation may declare the plan effective, and in that event the exchange of the stock of the said two old companies as to which such majorities have been deposited shall be made; and the depository shall send written notice to the depositors of stock in the company as to which such majorities have not been deposited and (or) acquired, notifying them that they may withdraw from the plan within 30 days from the date of mailing of such notice; any stock which shall not have been withdrawn within that time will be exchanged in accordance with the plan.

All dividends payable to holders of record of deposited securities as of a date prior to that when the plan is declared operative will be made available to holders of the corresponding certificates of deposit.

The holders of certain blocks of common stock of the old companies have indicated their willingness to offer their holdings to the corporation for a cash consideration which is regarded as more favorable to the new corporation than the above-mentioned exchange bases. The new corporation may deem it more desirable to acquire the same by cash purchase than by an exchange of securities, which would result in a corresponding reduction in the maximum amount of common stock of Remington Rand Inc., which would be outstanding as above set forth. For this purpose or for the acquisition of the securities of additional companies or for other corporate purposes the new corporation may issue additional amounts of the above-mentioned stocks or issue obligations or other securities.

The boards of directors of the old companies have unanimously approved of the foregoing bases of exchange and recommend that all stockholders take advantage thereof. In view of the pending plan of reorganization, the directors of the old companies have not thought it appropriate at this time to pay common dividends in excess of the current rates. It is anticipated, however, that upon the plan being declared operative, and its advantages thus assured, a dividend policy will promptly be inaugurated which will afford a more liberal distribution than is now provided by the old companies.

Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1926.

(Prepared from preliminary statements at Dec. 31 1926 (excepting that of Remington Typewriter Co., which are at Nov. 30 1926).)

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$3,887,739	Accts. and notes payable	\$1,878,588
U. S. Liberty bonds	102,156	Accr. items, int., prov. for taxes & def'd inc.	2,502,293
Notes & accts. rec. (less reserve)	13,142,707	Dividends payable	601,242
Inventories	13,278,223	5-yr. 5½% gold notes (of Rand Kard. Bur., Inc.)	2,050,200
Miscell. investments & receivables (less res.)	2,033,627	Dalton Adding Machine Co. 8% notes	1,340,000
Land, buildings, equip., leaseholds (less depr.)	13,833,441	1st mtge. 6s (Baker-Vawter Co.)	1,000,000
Deferred charges	807,928	Min. stockholders' int. (Rand subsidiaries)	7,437
Good-will, patents, &c.	14,828,668	Sundry reserves	2,078,580
		Net worth	\$50,455,848
Total (each side)	\$61,914,789		

x Represented by capital stock to be outstanding as above outlined. —V. 124, p. 935.

Remington Typewriter Co.—Unification Plan Announced—Terms of Exchange.—See Remington Rand Inc.

above. President B. L. Winchell, in a letter dated Feb. 14 says in substance:

A new company to be known as Remington Rand Inc. (see above) has been organized for the purpose of unifying the interests of several of the leading institutions now engaged in office appliance industries.

This is called an age of "big business"; possibly this may be better expressed as an age in which business economies are necessary and must be secured through co-ordination.

The excessive cost of selling organizations for comparatively small institutions is one of the marked weaknesses of the present business world, and this is particularly true in respect of those companies engaged in the sale of office appliances.

Not only in America, but throughout the world, the concerns mentioned above in this instance, are duplicating their selling efforts to an extent which insures good rewards for intelligent efforts made under a co-ordinated management.

Furthermore, smaller communities can be profitably served through joint agencies of the new associated companies which none of the constituent companies have been able to profitably enter singly.

The companies about to be so associated are all, in my opinion, in position to contribute their fair share of profits, and the proposed offer has been carefully worked out in such a way that the directors have unanimously approved the basis of exchange offered therein.—V. 124, p. 935.

(R. J.) Reynolds Tobacco Co.—Dividend Ruling.

The Committee on Securities early this week ruled that the common and class B common stocks shall be quoted ex- the 25% stock dividend on Feb. 18. (See also V. 124, pp. 659 and 384).—V. 124, p. 936.

Rock Island Refining Co., Duncan, Okla.—Bonds Offered.—Harris George and Lawrence McBride, Dallas, recently offered at par and int. \$200,000 1st mtge. 7% serial convertible gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1927, due serially Jan. 1 1928-1932. Int. payable J. & J. at Dallas, Tex. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2% per annum paid by the company. Callable all or part on 30 days' notice at a premium of 1% for each full year of unexpired life. Dallas National Bank, trustee.

Convertible.—These bonds are convertible upon 30 days notice by the bondholder at any time during their life, after July 1 1927, into a like par value amount of common stock of the company at par.

Company.—Incorp. in Oklahoma March 7 1921. Is engaged in the production and refining of crude petroleum, and the wholesale distribution of gasoline, kerosene and other by-products of petroleum. It has been successfully operated under its present management since its inception.

Security.—Secured by a first mortgage on the entire assets of the company, showing total assets of \$3,827 for each \$1,000 bond, after giving effect to this financing. Tangible physical assets amount to \$3,145 per \$1,000 bond.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st mtge. 7% gold bonds (this issue)	\$200,000	\$200,000
Common stock (par \$1)	300,000	250,000
Surplus		243,916

Earnings.—Earnings of the company, available for interest, before depreciation and Federal taxes, for the last three years (11 months 1926) were as follows: 1924, \$79,876; 1925, \$86,040; 1926, \$78,758.

St. Louis Refrigerating & Cold Storage Co.—Bonds Offered.—The Equitable Trust Co. of New York and E. H. Rollins & Sons are offering \$1,000,000 first (closed) mtge. 6% sinking fund golds at 100 and interest.

Dated Jan. 1 1927; due Jan. 1 1942. Redeemable as a whole on any date, on 30 days' published notice, at 102, or on Jan. 1 of any year for the sinking fund, at 100 and interest. Interest payable J. & J. at Equitable Trust Co., New York, trustee. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 c*. Company agrees to pay interest without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%.

Data from Letter of Robert McK. Jones, President of the Company.

Company.—Incorp. in Missouri in 1899. Is engaged principally in the storage of perishable goods. In addition, it sells refrigeration, under a franchise granted by the City of St. Louis, to purchasers in the entire downtown business district of the city, including the municipal market which is one of its largest customers. Company also sells manufactured ice under a yearly contract to a local distributor. The plant, situated within a few blocks of six important railroad terminals, is provided with private sidings, thus affording excellent transportation facilities directly to its loading platforms.

Capitalization (After Giving Effect to Present Financing).
First (closed) mortgage 6% sinking fund gold bonds (this issue) — \$1,000,000
Preferred stock, 6% cumulative — 500,000
Common stock (par \$100) — 5,000 shs.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to effect the retirement of existing funded debt, to reduce current loans and to reimburse the treasury for expenditures incurred in the construction of additions, and for other corporate purposes.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture will provide for equal annual payments into the sinking fund, to be applied to the retirement of bonds by purchase or by call, so as to retire approximately 40% of this entire issue before maturity, even at the call price.

	—12 Mos. Ended April 30—	6 Mos. End		
	1924.	1925.	1926.	Oct. 30'26.
Gross operating income	\$481,483	\$540,944	\$456,441	\$269,853
Oper. exp., maint. and taxes	370,078	362,967	350,560	176,340
Net	\$111,405	\$177,977	\$105,881	\$93,513
Other income (net)	11,215	40,161	23,432	4,174

Net earnings — \$122,620 \$218,138 \$129,313 \$97,687
The average annual net earnings before deduction for depreciation and Federal taxes for the three years and six months ended Oct. 30 1926 have been \$162,216, or over 2.7 times the interest requirements.

Sayre & Fisher Brick Co.—Bonds Offered.—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; West & Co., and Graham, Parsons & Co. are offering at 96 and int., yielding over 6.35%, \$3,000,000 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1927; due Jan. 1 1947. Interest payable J. & J. without deduction for any Federal income tax now or hereafter deductible at the source not in excess of 2% per annum. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100c*. Red. on 30 days' notice on any int. date at 105 and int. on or before Jan. 1 1932, with successive reductions of 1% during each five-year period thereafter to maturity. Company agrees to reimburse the bondholders upon proper request within 90 days after payment for the Penna. and Conn. personal property taxes not exceeding four mills, the Calif. personal property tax not exceeding five mills, the Md. securities tax not exceeding 4 1/2 mills per dollar per annum, or the Mass. income tax on the int. not exceeding 6% per annum, and by separate agreement, similarly to reimburse for the Va. personal property tax not exceeding 5 1/2 mills, and the D. of C. personal property tax not exceeding five mills, per dollar per annum.

Data from Letter of V.-Pres. Douglas J. Fisher, Sayreville, N. J., Feb. 10.

Company.—Incorporated in New Jersey. Has acquired the brick manufacturing plants and other property (exclusive of certain securities and current assets not required in the business) of the Sayre & Fisher Co. (organized in 1851) and certain real estate of Sayre & Fisher Land Co., all located at Sayreville, N. J. Company owns the largest modern brick manufacturing plant in the United States ideally situated on the Raritan River adjacent to the harbor limits of N. Y. City, the largest market centre for brick in the world. The extensive plant, which has a manufacturing capacity in excess of 200,000,000 brick per year, covers an area of 176 acres. Company also owns three miles of waterfront on the Raritan River and South River, a large part of which is improved with dock facilities.

Company owns in fee approximately 1,800 acres of land, about 1,200 of which are underlain with valuable clay deposits, affording a vast supply of the various clays which are used in the manufacture of practically every kind of brick known to the building trade. This district is generally conceded to be one of the best clay regions of the United States.

	Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st M. 6% s. f. gold bonds, due 1947	---	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
7% cum. partic. pref stock (par \$100)	---	2,000,000	1,700,000
Common stock (no par value)	---	200,000 shs.	200,000 shs.

A large amount of the preferred stock has been subscribed for by employees and customers of the company.

Earnings of Properties Acquired by the Company.

	Calendar	Years—	12 mos. end.
	1924.	1925.	Sept. 30 '26.
Net sales	\$2,862,983	\$2,777,626	\$3,001,627
Oper. exp., incl. maint. & taxes (other than Federal taxes)	2,227,701	2,181,723	2,330,530

Balance before depletion, deprec. and Federal taxes — \$635,283 \$595,904 \$671,097
Annual interest requirement on these bonds — 180,000
For the 4 1/2 years ended Sept. 30 1926 net earnings of such properties before depletion, depreciation and Federal taxes has averaged annually \$665,689.

Sinking Fund.—The mortgage securing the bonds provides for a sinking fund, beginning Jan. 1 1928, in the sum of \$50,000 per year, payable semi-annually, as a fixed sinking fund, which, beginning July 1 1929, will be increased by an annual sum equal to 15% of the surplus profits of the company for the preceding fiscal (calendar) year remaining after deducting cumulative dividends upon its preferred stock and fixed sinking fund payments paid during such fiscal year. In lieu of making cash payments into the sinking fund the company may tender bonds at the price thereof to the company but not exceeding the applicable redemption price, for cancellation. Moneys in the sinking fund will be applied to the redemption of bonds.

Balance Sheet Feb. 4 1927.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Real estate, plant, equip-ment, &c.	\$6,009,323	1st mtge. 6% bonds	\$3,000,000
Cash	500,000	7% cum. partic. pf. stock	1,700,000
Inventory	535,056	Common (200,000 shares)	1,500,000
		Surplus paid in	844,379
Total	\$7,044,379	Total	\$7,044,379

—V. 124, p. 936.

Securities Investment Co., St. Louis.—New Director.

Isaac H. Orr, President of the St. Louis Union Trust Co., has been elected a director. The board as now constituted has as its members Eugene H. Angert, Augustus E. Brooker, S. L. Geisler, E. K. Ludington, S. C. McCluney, Isaac H. Orr, J. F. Schlawly, Walter W. Smith (Vice Pres. of the First National Bank of St. Louis), Mark C. Steinberg (of Mark C. Steinberg & Co.), John B. Strauch and T. C. Tupper (who several weeks ago succeeded Mr. Brooker as President of the company). Other officers were re-elected.

The company, it is stated, enjoyed one of its most successful years in 1926 and earned, after taxes and preferred dividends, in excess of \$5 per share on its common stock.—V. 119, p. 2540.

Sharon (Pa.) Steel Hoop Co.—Annual Report.

	Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross profit	\$4,194,124	\$3,523,382	\$3,533,630	\$4,621,377	
Maintenance & repairs	1,357,979	1,599,836	1,468,731	1,240,260	
Idle time expense	149,048	144,070	386,461	205,213	
Deprec'n & renewals	949,334	896,144	796,866	785,409	
Int. & discount (net)	270,869	308,020	357,288	462,821	
Loss from sale of prop., securities, &c.			33,601	119,129	
Prov. for Federal taxes	171,352	63,898			
Profit for the year	\$1,295,542	\$511,414	\$490,715	\$1,808,545	
Deficit Jan. 1	1,129,952	1,688,574	1,688,574	3,291,340	
Adj. of Fed. tax pr. yrs.		Dr. 60,523	Cr. 121,553		
Adj. of deprec. prior yrs.	Cr. 86,174	Cr. 187,707	Cr. 76,205		
Amortization allowed			x736,999		
New financing				Cr. 2,700	
Preferred div. (8%)	79,976	79,976	79,976	79,976	
Common dividends (1%)	143,270				
Profit and loss deficit sur	\$28,518	\$1,129,952	\$1,688,574	\$1,560,071	

Sharon common stock outstanding (par \$50) — 286,540 285,940 285,940 285,940
Earned per share — \$4.54 \$1.50 \$1.43 \$6.04
* Amortization allowed by the Internal Revenue Department now credited to property accounts.—V. 123, p. 3195.

Sharp Mfg. Co., New Bedford.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Real estate	\$1,724,966	\$1,724,966	Capital stock pref.	\$1,161,000	\$1,161,000	
Machinery	4,328,063	4,324,622	Capital stock com.	2,656,000	2,656,000	
Merchandise	607,467	1,214,043	Notes & acct's pay.	2,083,498	2,498,850	
Cash & debts rec.	466,803	544,946	Res. for deprec.	1,401,576	1,401,576	
Interest	997	8,594	Surplus		113,720	
Insurance	25,005	13,974				
Deficit	148,772					
Total	\$7,302,074	\$7,831,146	Total	\$7,302,073	\$7,831,146	

—V. 120, p. 1339.

Sheridan-Grace Apartments, Chicago.—Permanent Bds.

The Greenebaum Sons Securities Corp. announces that the permanent bonds are now ready on the Sheridan-Grace Apartments, Chicago, and that interim receipts may be exchanged for these bonds at the offices of the company, 350 Madison Ave., N. Y. City. See offering in V. 124, p. 385.

Shreveport-El Dorado Pipe Line Co., Inc.—Div. Inc.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50c. a share, payable April 1 to holders of record March 15. In addition to regular quarterly dividends of 25c. a share paid in the last three quarters, the company on Jan. 2 last distributed an extra dividend of 25c. a share.—V. 123, p. 2149.

Siemens & Halske (A. G.) Siemens Schuckertwerke (G. m. B. H.)—Interim Receipts Ready.

Dillon, Read & Co. announce that interim receipts for the issue of \$24,000,000 25-year 6 1/4% sinking fund gold debentures are now exchangeable for allotment certificates at the Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, N. Y. City. (For offering see V. 123, p. 1644.)

Announcement made last week of increased dividends on the stocks of Siemens & Halske and Siemens-Schuckertwerke automatically increased the interest to be received by holders of \$24,000,000 of the above stated bonds, floated last September by an international banking group headed by Dillon, Read & Co.

Siemens & Halske increased its dividend rate to 8 1/4% and Siemens-Schuckertwerke is now paying 10%. The bond provisions stipulated that any time the cash dividends of the two companies exceed an average of 7% in a fiscal year the holder of each bond is entitled to receive \$3 33 1-3 for each 1% by which the 7% dividend rate is exceeded. As the dividend average now is 9 1/4% the 6 1/4% coupon rate with which the bonds were brought out will be increased to 7 1/4%.—V. 123, p. 3049.

16 East 52d Street Bldg., N. Y. City.—Bonds Offered.

The Colonial Bond & Mortgage Co., New Haven, Conn., recently offered \$500,000 1st mtge. leasehold 6 1/2% serial gold bonds at par and int.

Dated Dec. 1 1926; due Dec. 1 1929-1936. Mass. income tax up to 6%, Conn., Penna. and Vt. 4 mills tax and New Hampshire income tax not exceeding 3% refunded. Int. payable J. & D. at office of the Colonial Bond & Mortgage Co., New Haven, Conn., or at the office of American Exchange Irving Trust Co., N. Y. City. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*.

Building.—The building at 16-20 East 52d St. is being erected on a valuable site on the south side of East 52d St. between Madison and Fifth Aves. N. Y. City. The new structure now being erected on the site is a 15-story, high-class, fireproof, thoroughly modern building, with light on all sides, including north light. The building will be fitted for offices, showrooms and salons and will be adapted for jewelers, modistes, milliners, perfumers, architects, art salons, drug dealers, antique dealers, insurance companies, real estate agents, advertising agencies, ladies wearing apparel, &c. The ground floor will be divided into two stores, in addition to a main entrance

and a freight entrance. At the rear will be a substantial mezzanine floor. The upper floors will be divided to suit tenants.

Security.—These bonds will be secured by a 1st closed mtg. on the leasehold estate of the borrower in the land comprising 7,500 sq. ft. and in the building being erected thereon. Value of the building, when completed, has been appraised at \$750,000. The leasehold estate is considered very valuable and should materially increase during the life of this issue.

Income.—The present rental schedule shows gross income, allowing for vacancies, of \$217,550. The net income therefore before interest charges and amortization should be over 3 times the annual interest charges on these bonds.

Ownership.—The bonds are a direct obligation of the 16 East 52d Street Corp.

"Snia Viscosa" (Societa Nazionale Industria Applicazioni Viscosa), Turin, Italy.—*Smaller Dividend.*—

The company has declared a dividend of 10% for 1926, as against 12½% for the previous year. Owing to the recent writing down of the shares to 150 lire from 200 lire, the yield is 15 lire, as against 25 lire.—V. 124, p. 518

Sobel-Mirken Holding Corp.—Trustee.—

The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed trustee of an issue of \$1,350,000 1st mtg. 10-year s. f. 6% gold loan certificates, maturing Feb. 1 1937.

Southern Stores Corp., Miami, Fla.—Stock Offered.—E. W. Clucas & Co., New York, are offering at \$25 per share and div., 20,000 shares class A participating stock (cumulative \$2 dividend).

Cumulative dividends payable Q.-J. The class A stock has preference over class B stock as to assets and cumulative dividends at the rate of \$2 per share per year and participates equally share for share in all dividends declared in excess of \$1 per share per year on the class B stock. Empire Trust Co., N. Y. City, transfer agent. American Exchange Irving Trust Co., New York, registrar.

	Authorized.	Issued.
Class A participating stock (no par)	100,000 shs.	20,000 shs.
Class B stock (no par)	100,000 shs.	100,000 shs.

Data from Letter of Robert J. Marshburn, President of the Company.

Company.—Will operate under the well-known "Piggly Wiggly" System, a chain of 21 retail grocery stores on the cash-and-carry plan. This is the most popular type of merchandising in the cities on the east coast of Florida, where this corporation operates, namely Miami, Miami Beach, West Palm Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Little River, Coconut Grove, Coral Gables, Delray and Hollywood. The stores, which handle mainly nationally advertised products and sell on the basis of quality rather than price appeal, now dominate the retail grocery business in this rapidly growing territory.

The business was originally established in 1919 with a single store on Flagler St. in Miami with a capital of \$3,000. With the exception of an additional \$40,000 put into the business in 1922, the development of the business from inception has been financed from earnings. A liberal dividend policy has been followed during this development.

Sales and Earnings—Years Ended May 31.

	No. of Stores.	Net Sales.	Net Profits.
1924	7	\$711,735	\$12,088
1925	10	1,135,920	37,788
1926	21	3,425,767	149,060
1926 (Nov. 30)	21	3,216,444	149,217

The largest sales for the month of December in the history of the corporation were shown in 1926. Net profits for the past year were \$7 46 per share or 3.73 times the annual dividend requirement of this issue.

The corporation has made a profit in each year since it began business. The above net profits include profits on sale of leaseholds, and are after deducting depreciation, Federal income taxes, &c., certain non-recurring charges being eliminated. No allowance has been made for the benefits to be derived from the introduction of new capital which will effect substantial savings on the basis of present operations, and which will enable the corporation to open new stores.

Dividends.—Corporation's predecessors have paid uninterrupted cash dividends on their preferred stocks. The corporation has declared a quarterly dividend of 50c. a share on the class A stock payable April 1 1927.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be applied to the acquisition of the assets and business above mentioned, and to provide the corporation with additional working capital for the expansion of the business.

Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1926 (After Financing).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$189,364	Accts. pay. & accr. accts.	\$155,123
Accts. receivable	40,526	Trade acceptance payable	4,614
Inventory	299,565	Contr. pay. for equip. pur.	15,641
Buildings & equipment	138,035	Deferred income	2,560
Leaseholds	125,519	Capital stock	a1,071,831
Franchise and good-will	450,000		
Prepaid expenses, &c.	6,760	Total (each side)	\$1,249,770

a 20,000 shares class A no par value, and 100,000 shares class B no par value.

Standard Malleable Castings Co. (Formerly Standard Wheel Co.).—*Protective Committee for 7% Cum. Pref. Stock.*

The following have been appointed a protective committee to look after the interests of the preferred stockholders: Leo M. Rappaport, Dr. A. H. Caffee and John P. Collett, with R. B. Sulgrove, Sec., Indianapolis, Ind. The Terre Haute National Bank, Terre Haute, Ind., is depository. Paul Bogart is receiver for the company.

Standard Oil Co. of Nebraska.—*Extra Dividend of 1%.*—The directors on Feb. 15 declared an extra dividend of 1% (25c. per share) in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 63c., both payable March 21 to holders of record Feb. 28. On Dec. 20 last an extra dividend of 2% was paid while on Sept. 20 last an extra distribution of 1% was made.—V. 123 p. 2532, 855.

Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.—*Extra Dividend.*—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 12½c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25c. per share on the common stock and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 75 on the preferred stock, all payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 25. A similar extra dividend was paid in the previous quarter.—V. 124, p. 518, 386.

Standard Oil Co. (New York).—*Listing.*—

The listing of 16,870,016 shares of the company's capital stock will be made on the San Francisco Stock & Bond Exchange, effective March 1, at which time certificates of stock transferable in San Francisco will be available. The Bank of California, N. A., is acting as the company's transfer agent in San Francisco, and the Chase National Bank in New York. The registrar is the Bankers Trust Co., New York.—V. 124, p. 660.

Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co.—Annual Report

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Sales	\$75,490,372	\$79,291,682	\$72,225,591	\$69,043,094
Net profit	\$9,550,780	\$11,270,255	\$11,193,073	\$9,921,087
Contingent fund	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Federal taxes	1,183,179	1,345,349	1,333,437	1,196,437
Extra compensation to executive committee	306,549	396,542	404,894	343,058
Pension fd. & bad accts.	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Prov. for div. (7%)	331,548	328,636	326,599	323,858
Common divs. paid. (25%)	16,149,300	(25)5984,569	(25)5078,512	(20)3980,325

Balance, surplus	\$1,255,204	\$2,890,160	\$3,724,631	\$3,752,409
Surplus and reserves	\$16,947,848	\$14,395,956	\$13,947,086	\$9,087,844
Com. shs. outst. (par \$25)	1,078,160	1,062,736	823,746	805,106
Earns. per share on com's	\$8.37	\$8.37	\$10.71	\$9.64

Total depreciation charges for 1926 amounted to \$1,234,751, as against \$1,162,487 in 1925 and \$805,970 for 1924.—V. 122, p. 624.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1926.		1925.		1926.		1925.	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Plant, equip., &c.	\$25,241,263	22,517,144	Common stock	26,954,050	26,568,425		
Cash	3,748,876	2,635,389	Preferred stock	4,736,400	4,711,400		
Accts. & notes rec.	7,677,522	8,645,466	Accts. payable	3,896,622	4,764,489		
Insurance deposits	135,478	115,087	Fed. tax reserves	1,183,179	1,345,351		
Misc. securities	144,421	110,015	Pref. stock divi-				
Inventory	12,882,713	11,852,750	dends payable	82,887	82,450		
Empl. stk. subscr.	2,374,182	2,079,490	Reserve for contin-				
Inv. in Can. subsid.	1,000,000	1,000,000	gent liabilities		233,302		
Inv. in Pac. San.			Res. for kiln repairs	22,215			
Mfg. Co.		2,505,458	Surplus & reserves	16,947,848	14,395,956		
Pen. fund invested	439,827	403,638					
Deferred charges	178,918	236,934					
Patents	1	1	Total (each side)	53,823,201	52,101,373		

x Consists of: Properties purchased, \$15,891,172; potteries, plants and equipment, \$2,887,554; mining properties, \$200,135; branch house and warehouse properties, \$5,895,963, and furniture, fixtures, machinery at other points than factories, transportation equipment, \$366,439.—V. 123, p. 2403.

Standard Oil Co. of Ohio.—*Com. Stock Split Up.*—

The stockholders on Feb. 14 voted to change the par value of the common stock from \$100 to \$25 per share, four new shares to be issued in exchange for each share of present common stock, of which there is outstanding \$14,000,000. This change will become effective March 8, when new certificates will be ready.

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2½%, payable April 1 to holders of record March 15.—V. 124, p. 247.

Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corp. (& Subs.).—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Profit & inc. (see note)	\$5,766,629	\$8,469,098	\$3,898,164	\$7,586,499
Federal taxes	657,744	925,000	397,057	858,380
Dividends paid	3,659,091	3,642,999	3,463,413	4,244,233
Per share	\$6	\$6	\$7.50	\$9

Surplus net income	\$1,449,794	\$3,901,090	\$37,694	\$2,483,886
Pre. on pref. stock red.				25,374
Apprec'n from appraisal			2,613,488	
Good-will, &c., writ. off.	758,740	11,507,428	3,525,434	
Previous surplus	5,103,339	12,709,677	13,583,929	11,098,312

Total surplus	\$5,796,394	\$5,103,339	\$12,709,677	\$13,556,824
Shares of common stock outstanding (no par)	599,900	599,900	599,900	474,980
Earned per share	\$8.51	\$12.57	\$5.83	\$14.16

Note.—"Profits and income" are shown, "after deducting all manufacturing, selling and administrative expenses, including adequate provisions for discounts and losses on doubtful accounts, depreciation on plant equipment, &c."—V. 124, p. 805.

Studebaker Corp. of America.—*Large Order.*—

The largest export order for motor cars ever placed by telephone was consummated last week by this corporation by means of the new transatlantic radio telephone service to London when L. J. Ollier, managing director of Studebaker (Great Britain), Ltd., in London asked Paul G. Hoffman, Vice-President of the Studebaker Corp. of America, at South Bend, Ind., for delivery of 1,000 Erskine Six cars. As the Erskine Six, Studebaker's new 2 1-3 liter car, sells in England for £295 sterling, the total amount of the order represents nearly \$1,500,000 worth of business. This order represented only the April quota of these cars for Great Britain, where the Erskine is said to have met with remarkable success following its initial showing at the famous Olympia Show in October. "We could deliver this entire quota of Erskine Sixes immediately if we had them," Mr. Ollier told Mr. Hoffman during their 5,000-mile conversation. "Business is opening up here wonderfully for the new car."—V. 124, p. 122.

Tampa (Fla.) Tribune Bldg.—To Retire Bonds.

All of the outstanding 1st mtg. 6% bonds, Nos. 23 to 888 incl., have been called for payment March 11 at 103 and int. at the office of S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., 565 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City. Of the original issue of \$500,000, \$17,500 have been retired by serial maturities, leaving a balance of \$482,500 to be retired at a premium.—V. 120, p. 1598.

Telautograph Corp.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Rentals	\$679,915	\$584,935	\$518,976	\$453,432
Paper sales	5,640	5,116	5,589	5,716
Miscellaneous income	14,543	9,741	9,721	10,508

Total income	\$700,098	\$599,792	\$534,286	\$469,656
Expenses—Adminis.	\$43,795	\$40,076	\$39,325	\$38,225
Selling	106,124	89,876	75,891	72,067
Installation	34,564	33,517	30,206	28,267
Maintenance	153,592	138,889	132,681	115,179
Engineering	15,193	15,316	15,463	14,423
Depreciation	104,946	91,377	89,963	81,286
Experimental	6,931	6,982	9,198	7,634
Legal	1,312	1,880	4,245	2,174
Special	3,863	3,629	9,574	3,288
Miscellaneous taxes	9,286	6,576	3,343	3,701
Interest			3,120	27,192

Prof. before Fed. taxes	\$220,491	\$171,675	\$121,185	\$76,220
Fed. taxes paid or accr.	29,766	21,459	15,023	9,419
Preferred dividends (7%)	52,500	52,500	52,920	
Common dividends (60c.)	115,200	(50c.)96,000		

Net profit	\$23,025	\$1,715	\$53,242	\$66,800
Shares common stk. out-				
standing (no par)	192,000	192,000	189,000	x97,001
Earned per share	\$0.72	\$0 51	\$0 28	\$0 15
x Par value, \$10.—V. 123, p. 2405.				

Thatcher Manufacturing Co., Elmira, N. Y.—Stock Offered.

An issue of 60,000 shares of convertible preference stock (no par value) is being offered at \$45 per share by Hemphill, Noyes & Co. and Lage & Co., New York.

Convertible at any time up to and including the 5th day prior to any date specified for redemption, at the option of the holder, into the no par value common stock of the company, on a share for share basis. Transfer agent, Chemical National Bank, New York. Registrar, Central Union Trust Co., New York.

Preferred over the common stock as to assets and dividends. Divs. payable Q.-F.15. Dividends free from present normal Federal income tax. Red. all or part on any div. date, upon not less than 60 days notice, at \$60 a share and divs. Subject to the rights of the holders of the 7% cumulative preferred stock, the convertible preference stock will be entitled to elect four of the nine directors and common stock will be entitled to elect the remainder, unless at the time of the election the company is in default with respect to four quarterly dividends on the convertible preference stock, in which case the convertible preference stock shall be entitled to elect five of the nine directors. Otherwise non-voting except as provided in the certificate of incorporation as amended. Upon dissolution, whether voluntary or involuntary, convertible preference stock will be entitled to \$50 a share and before any distribution may be made to common stockholders. Company agrees to refund the Mass. income tax, not to exceed 6%.

Data from Letter of F. E. Baldwin, President of the Company.

Capitalization.—Authorized, Outstanding. 7% cumulative preferred stock (\$100 par value) \$1,000,000 \$256,500. Convertible preference stock (this issue) 150,000 shs. 132,000 shs. Common stock x300,000 shs. 120,000 shs. x132,000 shares reserved for conversion of 132,000 shares of convertible preference stock.

Company.—Is the largest manufacturer of milk bottles in the United States. Originally incorp. in 1889 to manufacture milk bottle caps and dairy supplies. In 1905 it began the manufacture of milk bottles, its first factory being located at Kane, Pa., with a capacity of 7,500,000 milk bottles a year. At the present time the plants of the company have a capacity

for the production of over 150,000,000 milk bottles a year. A majority of the company's sales of milk bottles is made direct to milk dealers, including such well known organizations as the Borden Co., Sheffield Farms Co., Supplee-Wills-Jones Milk Co., Whiting Dairy Co., Boston, Bowman Dairy Co., Gridley Dairy Co., &c. Company has valuable contracts under which it has the exclusive right to manufacture milk bottles with the Owens Bottle automatic machines and with certain of the Hartford-Empire automatic machines.

Listing.—Company has agreed to make application to list this convertible preference stock and the common shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the company as presently constituted applicable to interest, taxes and dividends, during the seven years ended Dec. 31 1926, averaged \$1,037,009 per annum, after maintenance charges which averaged in excess of \$280,000 per annum but without further depreciation charges. As all of the company's funded debt contracted in 1920 and 1922 and over \$850,000 preferred stock have been paid off out of earnings, the above earnings would have been applicable to Federal taxes and dividends on the present capitalization had it been in effect during this period. After deducting Federal income taxes paid and accrued dividends on the preferred stock now outstanding, such earnings were as follows:

1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	x1926.
\$979,241	\$1,117,381	\$598,707	\$642,289	\$865,566	\$508,910
x Six months ended Dec. 31.					

Purpose.—Of the offering of this convertible preference stock, part of the shares are being acquired from the company for the purpose of retiring floating debt and increasing working capital and the remainder are being acquired from individuals.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1926.

[After giving effect to proposed financing and transactions incident thereto.]	
Assets	Liabilities
Cash.....\$174,388	Accounts payable.....\$152,493
Accounts and notes receivable, less reserve.....454,914	Notes payable.....96,000
Inventories.....947,593	for Fed. taxes, &c.....146,819
Investments.....552,520	Common dividend payable.....99,993
Real estate, plants, &c.....1,807,954	Miscellaneous reserves.....76,465
Licenses, formulae, &c.....1,013,615	7% preferred stock.....256,500
Deferred charges.....76,876	Capital.....a2,520,000
	Capital surplus.....1,330,369
	Earned surplus.....349,223
Total.....\$5,027,862	Total.....\$5,027,862

a Represented by no par value stock consisting of 132,000 shares of convertible preference stock and 120,000 shares of common stock.—V. 123, p. 3052.

Thornycroft Apartment Building, Scarsdale, N. Y.—Bonds Offered.

S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., are offering at 100 and int. \$700,000 1st mtge. fee 6½% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Dec. 3 1926; due Dec. 1 1936. Int. payable J. & D. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500*. Red. for sinking fund at 101 and int. Callable at 103 and int. on or before Dec. 1 1931; and at 102 and int. after Dec. 1 1931 and before Dec. 1 1936. U. S. Federal income tax up to 2% paid by the borrowers. Penna., Conn., and Vt. 4-mills taxes; Md. 4½-mills tax; D. of C. and Va. 5-mills taxes; N. H. State tax not exceeding 3% of the int. per annum, and Mass. State tax not exceeding 6% of the int. per annum refunded.

Security.—This bond issue is secured by a direct first closed mortgage on land owned in fee situated in Eastchester (Scarsdale), N. Y.; together with a six-story apartment building now under construction thereon. The land is situated on the west side of Belmont Road, 330 ft. north of Buckingham Place, fronting 318 ft. on Belmont Road and running back to a depth of 268.16 ft. The plot has a ground area of approximately 64,500 sq. ft.

The building is now under construction and is expected to be ready for occupancy about May 1927. It will be six stories in height of brick and stone, semi-fireproof construction, served by two automatic, push-button elevators. It will contain 96 apartments in 3, 4 and 5 room units each with bath and private sun porch, the smaller apartments containing kitchens and dining alcoves. The basement will contain a restaurant and space for maids' rooms and garages.

Earnings.—The net annual earnings of the building after deducting all operating costs including insurance, taxes and vacancy allowances, have been estimated at \$96,400, based on a scale of rentals lower than those now being obtained in comparable buildings in Westchester County. This figure which is less than the estimates made by the appraisers, is more than twice the greatest annual interest charge and over \$30,000 in excess of the greatest annual interest and amortization requirements combined.

Borrowers.—The borrowing corporation is the Thornycroft, Inc., of which George F. Pelham Jr. is Pres.; George F. Pelham Sr., V.-Pres., and Charles Newmark, Treas.

Trumbull Steel Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1926.		1925.	
Assets		Liabilities	
Permanent assets.....35,051,210	35,079,749	7% cum. pref. stk.....9,998,700	9,998,700
Cash.....514,549	606,593	Com. stk. & surp.....20,265,386	18,177,782
U. S. Gov't Sec.....2,417,489	1,001,563	Accts. pay. & accr. 2,097,963	2,203,792
Bonds & debent.....1,788,853	—	15-yr. 1st mtge.....	—
Notes & acct. rec.....158,428	111,263	sinking fund fs. 12,794,000	13,000,000
Trustee acct. (bal.).....293,402	750,263	7% 10-yr. gold debts 5,000,000	5,000,000
Accts. rec. less.....	—	Gen. conting.....495,440	445,284
doubtful accts.....2,198,509	2,245,310		
Mdse. inventory.....4,423,618	4,390,495		
Cap. stk. owned.....2,087,244	2,813,262		
Deferred charges.....1,720,185	1,827,060		
		Total (ea. side).....50,651,488	48,825,559

a Sound value as appraised by the American Appraisal Co. as of July 31 1925 with subsequent additions, less depreciation. b Investment in affiliated and other companies, less reserve, special funds, &c. c Represented by 575,118 shares of no par value. The income account was published in V. 124, p. 937.

Toronto (Ont.) Brewing & Malting Co., Ltd.—Stock Offered.

W. A. Mackenzie & Co., Ltd., Toronto, are offering at \$12 per share 75,000 shares capital stock (no par value) This offering of stock is part of an issue of 120,000 shares; 45,000 shares have already been used in part payment for property and equipment.

Transfer agents, Toronto General Trusts Corp.; registrar, Montreal Trust Co.

Purpose.—The issue and sale of the capital shares is made in order to provide funds to be used in connection with the purchase of property, rehabilitation of premises, purchase of equipment and for working capital.

Company.—Has acquired the valuable property on the northwest corner of Simcoe and Dundas Streets, in the City of Toronto, and a block on St. Patrick Street, which partly adjoins the Simcoe St. property. The site has a total area of 65,820 sq. ft., or about 1½ acres, on which are erected very valuable buildings, already partly equipped. On completion of this financing the company will have unencumbered assets, appraised at approximately \$1,450,000.

Franchises and Earnings.—Company holds from the Government of the Dominion of Canada licenses for the operation of a brewery and for the operation of a malting plant. These licenses are very valuable. It is unlikely, with the policy of Government control actually in effect, that the issuance of further licenses for breweries in Ontario will be considered. The property of the company is being equipped with the most modern and efficient appliances, including bottling and refrigeration plants and ample cellar accommodation. A completely equipped malting plant already is installed ready for operation. The plant will have a normal capacity of 400 barrels of lager beer per day, or 120,000 barrels per year, and this capacity can be doubled by working two shifts.

The net earnings, after payment of operating expenses, and providing for depreciation, will be approximately \$300,000 per annum, applicable to dividends on the stock issued, or at the rate of \$2.50 per share.

Capitalization.—Company has an authorized capital of 200,000 shares of no par value stock. Of this capital 120,000 shares are being presently issued and the balance of 80,000 shares will remain in the treasury of the company for future developments.

General.—Company intends manufacturing a palatable high-grade lager beer of the best quality. The malting plant (modern and efficient) is the only one of importance in this part of Canada and should tend to stabilize the earnings of the company, as any surplus production in this department will be readily taken by other breweries.

Directors.—Duncan McLaren, J. J. Doran, W. A. Mackenzie, Hon. Gideon Robertson (Senator).

Listing.—Application will be made for the listing of these shares on the Toronto and Montreal Stock Exchanges.

Turner Bros. Bldg. Corp.—Trustee.

The Chatham Phoenix National Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed trustee of an issue of \$310,000 6% 1st mtge. bonds, due serially to Jan 1 1937

Underwood Typewriter Co., Inc.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1926.		1925.	
Assets		Liabilities	
Patrs., good-will, &c.....7,995,720	7,995,720	7% cum. pref. shs. 3,400,000	3,500,000
Real est., bldgs., plant, &c.....5,049,598	4,823,551	Common shares.....10,000,000	10,000,000
x Stock in oth. cos.....593,724	593,349	Notes payable.....2,500,000	1,500,000
Investment spec. surplus cap. res. 67,800	105,600	Accts. pay., curr't Res. for exp., pay-rolls, &c.....357,816	911,143
Accts. & notes rec. (less reserve).....7,592,623	7,898,061	Res. for Fed. &c. tax Res. for empl. prof. sharing plan.....188,501	230,195
x Inventory.....7,589,482	6,412,786	Pref. div. payable.....59,500	61,250
Cash.....1,895,830	1,767,994	Com. div. payable.....400,000	300,000
Mtges. receivable.....27,000	29,500	Mtges. on realty (not yet due).....80,000	80,000
Govt. bds. & notes.....64,999	64,999	Surplus.....13,081,081	12,828,899
Office furniture, &c.....416,830	369,278		
Prepaid ins., &c.....146,020	151,143		
Total.....31,439,627	30,211,982	Total.....31,439,627	30,211,982

x At cost or less. The usual comparative income account was published in V. 124, p. 938.

Union Storage Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—		1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net earn. bef. Fed. tax.....		\$39,779	\$76,465	\$78,001	\$92,748
Depreciation.....		10,081	10,065	11,095	11,098
Dividends.....(12%)		42,000	(14)49,000	(12)42,000	(12)42,000
Balance, surplus.....	def	\$12,302	\$17,400	\$24,906	\$39,650
Prev. surp., adjusted.....		339,641	322,242	297,336	257,458
Profit & loss surplus.....		\$327,339	\$339,641	\$332,242	\$297,108
Shares capital stock outstanding (par \$25).....		14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
Earn. per sh. before tax.....		\$2.12	\$4.74	\$4.78	\$5.83

United Cigar Stores Co. of America.—Declares a 2% Cash and a 1¼% Stock Dividend on Common Stock.

The directors have declared a cash dividend of 2% and a stock dividend of 1¼% on the common stock, par \$25, both payable March 31 to holders of record March 10. Like amounts were paid on the common stock in each of the 11 previous quarters.—V. 123, p. 3335.

United States Distributing Corp.—Plan Approved.

The stockholders on Feb. 17 approved the recapitalizations plan as outlined in V. 124, p. 520.

United States Envelope Co.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 2% on the outstanding \$1,750,000 common stock, par \$100, in addition to the usual semi-annual dividend of 4%, both payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. An extra cash disbursement of like amount was made on March 1 1926.

Calendar Years—		1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net profits.....		\$1,459,075	\$1,386,314	\$1,035,181	\$1,210,397
Interest.....		57,083	67,917	84,625	101,125
Depreciation.....		311,794	363,948	394,128	447,792
Tax reserves.....		150,000	160,000	100,000	75,000
Preferred dividends (7%).....		280,000	280,000	280,000	280,000
Common dividends.....(10%)		175,000	(8)140,000	(8)140,000	(8)140,000
Surplus.....		\$485,198	\$374,450	\$36,428	\$165,480
Profit and loss surplus.....		\$2,976,266	\$2,503,873	\$2,127,653	\$2,129,030
Com. shs. out. (par \$100).....		17,500	17,500	17,500	17,500
Earns. per sh. on com. stk.....		\$37.72	\$29.39	\$10.08	\$17.45

U. S. Realty & Improvement Co.—Balance Sheet Jan. 31

[Incl. Geo. A. Fuller Co. and Subsidiary Companies.]

1927.		1926.	
Assets		Liabilities	
Real est. & bldgs.....44,692,035	23,456,639	Common stock.....x26,658,280	26,658,300
Real estate, inv. & mtges. rec. & invested in other stocks and bonds 8,899,774	7,537,377	Accounts payable.....1,358,680	959,103
Leasehold & impts. 506,754	152,391	Taxes and interest accrued.....1,163,077	601,665
Building, plant, stores, &c.....2,368,973	1,547,850	Mtges. on co's real estate.....18,016,500	—
Deferred chgs. &c.....391,530	347,427	Rents received in advance, &c.....144,154	746,837
Bills & accts. rec.....1,044,244	1,102,853	Dividends payable.....7,638	15,840
Cash.....3,781,556	3,363,546	Res'v for possible losses, deprec'n. hotel furnish'gs, cont'g., &c.....4,699,500	750,873
Charges agst. bldg. contracts, less payments rec'd on contract.....1,523,682	1,001,911	Minor interest in Plaza Oper. Co. 1,316,241	1,152,958
		Surplus.....9,834,476	7,624,418
Total.....63,198,547	38,509,994	Total.....63,198,547	38,509,994

x Represented by 666,457 shares of no par value. The usual comparative income account was published in V. 124, p. 938.

Universal Pipe & Radiator Co.—New Stock Issue, etc.

The stockholders on Feb. 11 approved the proposal to reduce the authorized number of preferred shares from 90,000 to 60,000 shares and to create a new issue of 50,000 shares of special stock, no par value, entitled to non-cumulative dividends of \$7 per share per annum. The special stock is to be issued only as stock dividends on common stock at the discretion of the directors. See also V. 124, p. 661.

Wabasso Cotton Co., Ltd.—Extra Div. of 50 Cents.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share, both payable April 2 to holders of record March 15. Like amounts were paid on Jan. 2 last.—V. 123, p. 3336.

Waldorf System, Inc.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—		1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Total sales.....		\$13,463,264	\$12,832,053	\$13,552,401	\$13,910,056
Cost of sales.....		11,694,936	11,205,878	11,695,652	12,201,510
Income from operation.....		\$1,768,329	\$1,627,075	\$1,856,748	\$1,708,546
Income credits.....		95,668	143,435	83,200	127,404
Gross income.....		\$1,863,997	\$1,770,510	\$1,939,948	\$1,835,950
Depreciation, amortiz'n of leaseholds, Federal and State taxes, &c.....		797,633	734,657	836,939	685,407
Net income.....		\$1,066,363	\$1,035,853	\$1,103,009	\$1,150,543
First preferred dividends.....		14,832	35,631	43,080	50,536
Preferred dividends.....		69,261	69,246	69,246	68,882
Common dividends.....		551,746	548,180	545,762	514,411
Balance, surplus.....		\$430,524	\$382,815	\$444,920	\$516,713
Profit and loss surplus.....		2,799,466	2,415,013	1,911,087	1,498,296
Com. shs. out. (no par).....		441,610	441,610	441,610	441,610
Earns. per share on com.....		\$2.22	\$2.10	\$2.24	\$2.33

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1926.		1925.		1926.		1925.	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Land & buildings.	2,356,903	1,926,887	First pref. stock.	—	—	481,600	—
Equip. & furniture	6,489,223	5,041,868	Preferred stock.	866,100	866,100	—	—
Leaseholds.	178,080	208,858	Common stock.	2,708,300	2,708,300	—	—
Cash.	774,637	1,040,678	Accounts payable.	321,155	400,324	—	—
Accts. & notes rec.	52,486	39,654	Wages accr., exp.	196,402	167,188	—	—
Inventories.	531,873	574,577	and taxes.	208,181	251,665	—	—
U. S. Treas. bonds	—	100,719	Federal taxes.	985,500	789,000	—	—
Miscell. investm'ts	5,000	5,000	Mtge. notes pay'le	—	—	—	—
Deposits on leases.	12,875	26,665	Res. for fire losses.	20,463	—	—	—
Treas. stock (sink. fund require'ts).	2,557	124,462	Res. for sink. fund	100,998	100,970	—	—
Deferred charges.	204,454	221,308	Res. for deprec'n.	2,509,645	2,237,638	—	—
Good-will.	1,107,121	1,107,121	Surplus.	2,799,466	2,415,013	—	—
Total	10,715,210	10,417,798	Total	10,715,210	10,417,798	—	—

* 441,610 shares of no par value.—V. 124, p. 387.

Western Grocers, Ltd.—Resumes Common Dividends.

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the new no par value common stock, payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 28. The only other dividends on the common stock were two quarterly of \$1.25 per share paid in 1913 on the old \$100 par shares. Through recapitalization early last year, the outstanding stock was exchanged for new stock on the following basis: One share of new no par value common stock for each six shares of old common stock of \$100 par value; one share of new preference and one share of new common stock for each two shares of old preference stock (see V. 122, p. 1937).—V. 122, p. 2964.

Western Tablet & Stationery Corp.—Bonds Offered.

A new issue of \$2,000,000 1st mtge. 15-year 6% sink. fund gold bonds is being offered at 99½ and int. by a syndicate headed by Federal Securities Corp. and including West & Co., Illinois Merchants Trust Co. and A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.

Date Oct. 1 1926; due Oct. 1 1941. Interest payable A. & O. at Chase National Bank, New York, trustee. Denom. \$100 and \$500 c*. Red, all or part on any interest date on 30 days' notice on or before Oct. 1 1929, at 105; thereafter on or before Oct. 1 1932 at 104; thereafter on or before Oct. 1 1935 at 103, thereafter on or before Oct. 1 1938, at 102; thereafter before maturity at 101; together with accrued int. in each case. Corporation agrees to pay int. without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Corporation will refund Penn. and Conn. 4 mills taxes, Maryland 4½ mills tax, District of Columbia and Kentucky 5 mills taxes, Virginia 5½ mills tax, Michigan 5 mills exemption tax, Minn. 3½ mills money and credits tax, Calif. taxes not exceeding an aggregate of 5 mills and the Mass. 6% income tax.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Each \$1,000 bond (and \$500 bond in proportion) will carry a stock purchase warrant, detachable after Jan. 1 1928 entitling the holder thereof to purchase certificates representing the equitable ownership of 10 shares of common stock after Jan. 1 1927, as follows: Prior to Jan. 1 1929, at \$20 per share; on and after Jan. 1 1929, and prior to Jan. 1 1931, at \$25 per share; on and after Jan. 1 1931, and prior to Jan. 1 1932, at \$30 per share. On and after Jan. 1 1932, such warrants shall be void.

Data from Letter of W. W. Sunderland, President of the Corporation

Company.—A Delaware corporation. Owns and operates plants for the manufacture of stationery and paper tablets at St. Joseph, Mo.; Kalamazoo, Mich.; Richmond, Va.; Holyoke, Mass.; West Carrollton, O.; Minneapolis, Minn. and Green Bay, Wis. All of these plants are strategically located for the purchase of raw materials or economic distribution of their products. The main plants of the corporation were acquired from Western Tablet & Stationery Co. and Kalamazoo Stationery Co. These two companies were among the principal and most successful manufacturers of stationery and tablets in the country. Plants of both companies are modern, well equipped and efficient manufacturing units. Corporation will continue the manufacture of school and writing tablet, composition books, loose-leaf ruled paper, loose-leaf binders, package paper for school and commercial purposes, stationery and envelopes for commercial and social uses, a complete line of greeting cards for all occasions and holiday boxes for gifts. Important among its products is the widely advertised and well established brand of HY-TONE envelopes, tablets and stationery. Its products are favorably known to the wholesale and retail trade and to consumers throughout the country.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage provides for a sinking fund sufficient to retire \$50,000 each year during first five years, \$100,000 bonds each year during the succeeding 5 years and \$150,000 bonds each year during the last 4 years. This sinking fund, except to the extent paid in bonds, will be applicable to the retirement and cancellation of bonds through purchases in the open market or call by lot at not exceeding the current redemption prices. When additional bonds are issued, future sinking fund payments will be increased proportionately.

Purpose.—To pay in part for the properties, retiring existing funded debt and providing additional working capital.

	Authorized.	Outstanding
1st mtge. 15-year 6% s. f. gold bonds (this issue)	\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000
7% Cumulative preferred stock (\$100 par)	5,000,000	2,623,020
Common stock (no par)	200,000 shs.	*100,000 shs.

* In addition 20,000 shares have been reserved for the exercise of warrants

Consolidated Net Sales and Net Earnings after Depreciation but Before Federal Taxes Available for Interest Years ended Nov. 30.

	Net Sales.	Net Earnings.	Net Sales.	Net Earnings.	
1919	\$5,510,392	\$687,951	1923	\$7,917,468	\$433,274
1920	7,531,776	763,942	1924	7,847,555	396,033
1921	6,248,882	539,039	1925	8,445,855	*498,095
1922	6,884,538	687,261	1926a	7,855,897	759,296
Average				\$7,280,295	\$595,611

* These profits are before a deduction of \$172,318 for extraordinary losses through floods, a 10 months ended Sept. 30.

Willys-Overland Co.—Record Orders Received.

With \$2,000,000 in orders from the Northwest for immediate shipment of Willys-Knight sixes and four and six cylinder Whippets, placed at Minneapolis by Willys-Overland dealers, the total orders taken at a series of 16 sales conventions already has passed the \$30,000,000 mark, according to President John N. Willys.

"This unusual sales record for Whippets and Willys-Knight cars, supplemented with the regular orders mailed direct to the factory, insures a February increase of 50% over a year ago," Mr. Willys said. "March business already booked," he continued, "indicates a gain of at least 80% over the same month of 1926 and gives every assurance that the 300,000 car program for 1927 will be attained."

"Retail sales of Willys-Overland products in cities where the auto shows already have held show from 10 to 140% increase over last year."—V. 124, p. 123.

Wolverine Portland Cement Co.—Report.

	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net sales	\$706,791	\$706,995	\$1,129,891
Cost of goods sold	555,640	580,179	828,659
Depreciation and depletion	79,632	—	—
Selling and administrative expenses	63,100	63,869	53,366
Operating profit	\$8,420	\$62,948	\$247,866
Other income	5,616	8,951	10,411
Total income	\$14,036	\$71,898	\$258,277
Provision for income taxes	1,997	9,746	32,617
Dividends paid	30,000	60,000	160,000
Balance, surplus	def\$17,961	\$2,152	\$65,660
Previous surplus	210,519	208,367	165,161
Income tax on profits	212	—	21,650
Surplus adjustment	—	—	804
Profit and loss, surplus, Dec. 31.	\$192,346	\$210,519	\$208,367
Shares of cap. stk. outst'd'g (par \$10)	100,000	100,000	100,000
Earn. per share of cap. stk.	\$0.12	\$0.62	\$2.25

—V. 123, p. 2008.

Woodward (Ala.) Iron Co.—Notes Offered.—A syndicate headed by Kidder, Peabody & Co., New York, is offering at par and int. \$2,500,000 1st mtge. lien collateral trust 6% gold notes. Caldwell & Co. and American National Co., Nashville, are participating in the offering of the issue.

Dated Feb. 1 1927; due Feb. 1 1937. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Int. payable F. & A. at Chase National Bank of New York, trustee, without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Red., all or part, on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 103 to and incl. Feb. 1 1928, the premium decreasing by ¼ of 1% after said date and each anniversary thereafter to and incl. Feb. 1 1936, and at 100 on or after Aug. 1 1936, together with accrued interest in each case.

Data from Letter of Frank H. Crockard, President of Company.

Company.—Formed in 1911, succeeding to a business founded in 1882. Company is one of the lowest-cost pig iron producers in the United States, due primarily to the close proximity of both coal and iron ore to its plants, the mines being located within an average distance of five miles from the furnaces. The raw materials for its product are assembled over the company's own railroad. The plant has an annual capacity of 500,000 tons of pig iron and includes five blast furnaces and 230 by-product coke ovens.

Security.—This issue of notes is secured by the pledge with the trustee of \$4,500,000 1st & consol. mtge. 5% sinking fund gold bonds. The pledged bonds have a present market value equivalent to approximately 160% of the amount of this issue of notes. The 1st & consol. mtge. gold bonds are secured by a direct 1st mtge. on all of the fixed properties of the company, including plants, lands, railroads and reserves of ore and coal.

Earnings.—Average earnings after depreciation, but before charging interest, depletion and Federal income taxes, for the four years ending Dec. 31 1923 (as certified to by Price, Waterhouse & Co., with respect to the years 1923, 1924 and 1925, and as per books for the year 1926, were \$1,756,313, or more than two times the combined interest requirements of the bonds notes of this issue and the 1st & consol. gold bonds (exclusive of the bonds owned by the company and pledged as collateral security for these notes).

Sinking Fund.—The company has covenanted to retire annually not less than \$125,000 principal amount of these notes through the operation of a sinking fund.

Purpose.—Proceeds from this issue of notes will be used to reduce current indebtedness.

Condensed Balance Sheet at Dec. 31 1926.

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Cash	\$1,350,386	Notes payable	\$450,000
Notes receivable	38,717	Accounts payable	240,100
Accounts receivable	891,809	Acct. exp., incl. prov. for	—
Inventories	1,406,235	Federal taxes	328,094
Marketable securities	16,573	Special notes payable	63,641,975
Capital assets	a28,576,585	Operating reserves	1,004,895
Cash with sinking fund trustee and acct. int. on bonds	29,015	Miscellaneous reserves	260,218
Workmen's relief fund	73,909	1st mortgage bonds	12,850,000
Invest. in stock of company	c3,469,831	Preferred stock	3,000,000
Deferred charges	655,899	Class A preferred stock	405,000
		Common stock	c10,000,000
		Surplus	c4,328,677
Total (each side)	\$36,508,959		

a Lands, buildings, plant, machinery and equipment, mineral rights &c., less reserves for depreciation and exhaustion of minerals (as per company's books). b Of these notes, \$3,250,000 have been or will be retired upon completion of present financing. c Does not give effect to reduction of 27,500 shares in the common stock authorized by stockholders Sept. 1 1926, but not consummated.—V. 123, p. 858.

(Wm.) Wrigley Jr. Co.—Earnings.

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Calendar Years—				
Net profit from opr.	\$18,113,309	\$18,246,397	\$17,133,960	\$16,572,227
Sell., gen. & Adm. exp.	7,146,654	7,297,514	6,972,472	8,147,414
Depreciation	571,195	565,593	407,198	387,321
Federal taxes	1,295,290	1,236,522	1,214,977	990,000
Common dividends (\$3.50) 6,276,829 (\$4) 6,274,202 (\$3) 5,380,414 (\$4) 4,012,422				
Surplus	\$2,823,342	\$2,872,566	\$3,158,899	\$3,035,070
Earned per share	\$5.10	\$5.08	\$4.74	\$3.92

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1926.		1925.		1926.		1925.	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Real estate, bldgs., mach. & equip.	\$10,733,525	11,307,592	Common stock	\$15,000,000	15,000,000		
Patents	88,235	176,471	Accounts payable	511,527	627,499		
Goodwill	6,000,000	6,000,000	Reserve for Federal taxes	1,295,290	1,238,389		
Cash	8,101,451	7,148,056	Reserve	6,297,081	6,546,315		
Accts & notes rec.	3,244,891	3,154,946	Surplus	19,911,080	17,497,428		
Inventories	6,930,852	7,068,504					
Bonds	3,986,912	3,425,010					
Other investments	4,129,113	2,629,052	Total (each side)	43,014,979	40,909,631		

x After deducting \$2,992,317 reserve for depreciation. y Patents, \$1,500,000; less reserve for extinguishment, \$1,411,765. z 1,800,000 shares, no par value.

Note.—Contingent liability, as guarantor, on notes payable of affiliated companies, \$854,000.—V. 124, p. 661.

Yellow Cab Corp. of Minnesota.—Notes Offered.—Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Minneapolis, recently offered at prices to yield from 5 to 6%, according to maturity, \$250,000 6% serial gold notes.

Dated Jan. 1 1927; due serially \$50,000 each Jan. 1 1928-1932. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Principal and int. J. & J., payable at Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Red., all or part, upon 30 days' notice, in reverse order of maturity and number at 100 and int. plus a premium of ½% for each year or fraction thereof between date of redemption and date of maturity, such premium to be not less than 1%.

Class A Common Stock.—The same bankers also offered at \$22.50 per share 10,000 shares class A common stock.

Preferred over class B common stock as to assets and dividends. Entitled to receive, subject only to the right of the 7% preferred stock if any shall be outstanding, cumulative dividends at \$2 per share per annum, and after providing for cumulative dividends thereon at the rate of \$2 per share per annum for the current year, and for non-cumulative dividends on the class B common stock at the rate of \$1 per share per annum for such year, any further dividends in such year shall be paid equally to the outstanding common stock without distinction as to class. Dividends on class A common stock are to be cumulative from Jan. 1 1927 and payable Q.-J. (first payment April 1 1927). Preferred over the class B common stock in dissolution or liquidation to the extent of \$25 per share plus an amount equal to unpaid cumulative dividends at the rate of \$2 per share per annum, and also shares in remaining assets. Dividends free of present normal Federal income tax. Transfer agent and registrar, Minneapolis Trust Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

Data from Letter of R. F. Pack, Chairman of the Board.

Company.—A Delaware corporation. Upon completion of present financing, will own or control and operate, through subsidiary companies the Yellow Cab and Red Top taxi services in the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, the Yellow Cab taxi service in the City of Duluth, and the Town Taxi and Drive Yourself services in the cities of Minneapolis and Rochester, Minn. These services operate a total of 330 Yellow Cab and Red Top taxicabs, 50 Hertz Ambassador sedans used in the taxicab and drive-yourself services, and 52 Chevrolets, Fords and Chryslers, also used in the drive yourself service.

Corporation, upon completion of present financing, will own all of the outstanding capital stock of the Yellow Cab Co. of Duluth, the Town Taxicab Co., Inc., and the Drive Yourself System, Inc., and will own not less than 90% of the outstanding capital stock of the Yellow Cab Co., Inc., and not less than 90% of outstanding preferred and common stocks of the Red Top Cab Co.

Earnings.—The consolidated statement of gross earnings reported by the operating subsidiaries for the years ended Dec. 31 follows. Earnings of Red Top Cab Co. included are from date of organization in 1923 and earnings of Town Taxicab Co., Inc., are from date of organization in 1925.

	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
	\$596,584	\$607,471	\$1,043,804	\$1,308,259	\$1,667,750

For the 12 months ended June 30 1926 consolidated earnings of the subsidiary companies, applicable to the minimum amount of capital stock of such subsidiary companies now to be owned, were as follows:

Gross earnings	\$1,632,652
Operating expenses	1,373,217
Depreciation	188,138
Balance	\$71,297

Income as shown for this period, after depreciation, was equal to more than 4 2-3 times the maximum annual requirement of the notes for interest payment.

Capitalization—

6% serial gold notes	Authorized	Outstanding
7% preferred stock (par \$100)	\$250,000	\$250,000
Class A common stock (no par value)	10,000 shs.	None
Class B common stock (no par value)	*30,000 shs.	23,529 shs.
*1,471 shares of class A common stock and 1,471 shares of class B common stock are reserved for issuance in the acquisition of minority stock of subsidiaries. [See also Twin City Rapid Transit Co. in V. 124, p. 924.]	*60,000 shs.	48,529 shs.

Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Co.—Omits "B" Dividend.
The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend of 18 3/4c. a share on the class "B" stock, due at this time. In Jan., April and July 1926 quarterly dividends of 18c. a share were paid, while in Oct. 1926 and Jan. 1927 the quarterly rate was 18 3/4c. a share.

The directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the pref. stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 15.—V. 124, p. 661.

Youngstown (O.) Sheet & Tube Co.—Larger Dividend.
—The directors on Feb. 14 declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 25 per share on the outstanding 987,606 shares of common stock, no par value, payable April 1 to holders of record Mar. 14. From Sept. 30 1924 to Mar. 31 1927 incl., quarterly dividends of \$1 per share were paid on this issue. (See also our "Railway and Industrial Compendium" of Nov. 27 1926, page 256.)—V. 123, p. 3336.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—The well known investment banking firm of Watling, Lerchen & Co., of Detroit, has expanded through the purchase of membership in the New York Stock Exchange and the addition of new partners each of whom has had long experience in handling stocks and bonds. It will be known as Watling, Lerchen & Hayes. Membership in the New York Stock Exchange was acquired recently and the new firm also holds membership on the Detroit Stock Exchange. The partnership includes John W. Watling, William G. Lerchen, Joseph J. Hayes, Joseph J. McFawn, Cloud L. Cray, Max J. Stringer and Joseph Hinshaw. Herbert Ely, formerly vice president of Watling, Lerchen & Company, continues in the firm as a limited partner. John W. Watling is a director of the Merchants National Bank of Detroit, also of Joseph N. Smith & Co., and of the C. M. Hall Lamp Co. Mr. Watling became associated with Farson, Leach & Co. of Chicago and Farson, Son & Co. of Chicago in 1910. He then joined the forces of Thomas J. Bolger & Co., Chicago, dealers in municipal bonds and was with them and their successor company, Bolger, Mosser & Willaman, until 1915 at which time he became associated with William G. Lerchen in the firm of Watling, Lerchen & Co. of Detroit. William G. Lerchen is a director of the Fidelity Trust Co. of Detroit, the Fort Shelby Hotel Co., the Electric Refrigeration Corporation, the Refrigeration Discount Corporation and of the Arctic Dairy Products Co. Mr. Lerchen entered the bond business with the First and Old Detroit National Bank of 1909, and was manager of the bond department of that institution from 1913 to 1915. He has been vice president and treasurer of Watling, Lerchen & Co., since its organization. Joseph J. Hayes matriculated in the University of Toronto in 1890 and later graduated from the Detroit College of Law. In 1908 he became manager of the Detroit office of Hornblower & Weeks and has been with that firm continuously as manager of their Detroit branch up to the present time. Joseph Hinshaw has been associated, since 1908, with Mr. Hayes in the Detroit office of Hornblower & Weeks. Cloud L. Cray was cashier of Watling, Lerchen & Co. from 1918 to 1921 and has been in the sales department since that time. Max J. Stringer became associated with Watling, Lerchen & Co. in 1921 and has been manager of their trading department up to the present time. Joseph J. McFawn was engaged by Watling, Lerchen & Co., as bookkeeper in 1915 and subsequently became cashier. He has been manager of this firm's municipal bond department since 1920.

—President Darwin P. Kingsley, in the 82d annual statement to New York Life policyholders, announces that the total assets of the Company had reached the huge total of over 1 1/4 billion dollars at the close of the year 1926. Yet, this sum does not seem large by comparison with the company's total amount of insurance in force, over 5 3/4 billion dollars, because the company will need its accumulated reserves plus future premiums and interest in order to pay all its insurance, endowment and annuity claims as they mature. The public in general is very much interested in this 1 1/4 billions of assets; for the money is safely invested throughout the country in such a way that it not only protects the policyholders but also promotes the national welfare. The investments include first mortgage loans on farms, homes and business properties; in bonds of the United States, of various States, of Counties and Cities, as well as the substantial railroads, public utilities, &c. President Kingsley's statement includes the following figures for 1926 business: Over 900 millions of new insurance; over 5 3/4 billions of insurance in force; over 133 million dollars paid during the year to policyholders and beneficiaries, including 53 millions in dividends.

—The sixty-seventh Annual Statement of The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States published today, shows gains in all important items. The assets on Dec. 31st last totaled \$869,604,876, an increase \$77,200,000 over 1925 which is the largest gain ever made by the company. During the year the outstanding insurance passed the five-billion mark and now totals \$5,067,965,000. The new insurance paid for aggregated \$1,017,513,000, including \$194,233,000 of group insurance. This was the largest amount of new business in any year in the history of the company and represents an increase of \$191,000,000 over the amount paid for in 1925. During the year the company paid \$111,814,000 to its policyholders and beneficiaries. Over \$38,000,000 was set aside for payment on annual dividend policies alone during 1927. Ninety-eight per cent of all domestic death claims paid during the year were settled within one day after receipt of due proofs of death.

—The W. S. Barstow Management Association, Inc., of 50 Pine St., N. Y., operators of the General Gas & Electric Corp., public utilities, announces the organization of an industrial development division, under the direction of E. D. Philbrock. As many of the leading cities in North and South Carolina and Florida are served by the companies owned by the General Gas & Electric Corporation, it is felt that the newly organized division will prove of much assistance to these communities, which are striving for industrial expansion. Mr. Philbrock, who will direct this division, is well known throughout the South, especially by civic organizations with which he has worked closely for several years.

—Leight, Holzer & Co., 111 W. Washington St., Chicago, announces the change of its corporate name to Leight & Co. Management and personnel remain unchanged. The officers and directors are as follows:

Officers: Albert E. Leight, President; Henry C. Fick, Vice-President, Aubrey A. Alford, Vice-President; George E. Dahlin, Vice-President; Lowell Niebuhr, Vice-President; L. A. Hogendobler, Vice-President; R. W. Gerding, Treasurer; J. O. Gerding, Secretary; Walter J. Gehrs, Assistant Treasurer. Directors: Edward A. Leight, Otto C. Kramer, Georz H. Taylor, William F. Juergens, Patrick H. Caraher, Albert E. Leight, H. W. Gerding, Henry C. Fick, Aubrey A. Alford.

—Charles F. Herb has been admitted as a general partner in the municipal bond house of B. J. Van Ingen & Co., of New York and Chicago. Mr. Herb, in recent years closely identified with the municipal bond business, has had a broad experience in the banking business, having formerly been Vice-President of the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis and Vice-President and a Director of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans. In 1920 Mr. Herb came to New York, where he has since been prominently identified with the municipal bond business, first in charge of the New York activities of Caldwell & Co. and more recently as manager of the municipal department of George H. Burr & Co.

—Hayden, Miller & Co. report the loss of two bound volumes of the "Commercial & Financial Chronicle," beginning with July 1865. These volumes were stamped with the firm name displayed where it would be impossible to be overlooked. These early volumes of the "Chronicle" are very scarce. A suitable reward will be paid for information concerning same. Any communication should be addressed to Mr. West, care of Hayden, Miller & Co., Union Trust Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

—Organization of a new investment banking firm by H. C. Yeager, formerly eastern sales manager of Taylor, Ewart & Company, Inc., and Fred J. Youag, who has been in charge of the retail sales and municipal bond departments of the same firm, is announced under the name of Yeager, Young & Co., Inc., with offices at 44 Wall Street, New York. The firm will underwrite and distribute investment bond issues.

—J. A. Ritchie & Co., Inc. announce the election of Curtis P. Fields as Treasurer of their company. Announcement is also made by this firm of the association with them of Carl Eslick who will represent them as General Sales Manager in the New York, Pennsylvania, and Vermont territories with headquarters at Syracuse. In addition, J. A. Ritchie & Co. are opening an office in Erie, Pa., where Thomas I. Fritts will be Resident Manager.

—Mahlstedt-Steen Securities Corporation of New York announces that at a meeting of the board of directors, J. W. Perry, formerly Sales Manager, was appointed Assistant Vice-President. Ferd. E. Basler, for ten years associated with LaSalle Extension University as Director of Business Management, was appointed Director in charge of sales of Mahlstedt-Steen Securities Corporation.

—L. F. Rothschild & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 120 Broadway, New York, announce the installation of a direct telephone to Jenkins, Whedbee & Poe, members Baltimore Stock Exchange, Baltimore, Md. They have also announced that William D. Greenlee, formerly with Pynchon & Co., has become associated with them in the trading department.

—James Talcott, Inc. of New York has been appointed factor for the United States Silk Knitting Mills, Inc., of South Langhorne, Pa., and the Petersburg Silk Hosiery Mills, Inc., of Petersburg, Va., manufacturers of silk hosiery. Both plants are operated by Harry West with selling offices at 259 Fifth Ave., New York City.

—The convention committee of the Investment Bankers Association of America announced that the annual convention of the Association would be held this year in Seattle. The exact date has not yet been determined upon but it is planned to stage the convention during the last week of September or the first week of October.

—The Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York has been appointed Transfer Agent of the 8% Cumulative Preferred and the Common Stock of Educational Pictures, Inc. It has also been appointed Agent to issue Warrants and receive subscriptions for new capital stock of The Borden Company.

—Scudder, Stevens & Clark, investment counsel, of New York, Boston and Providence, announce the admission to partnership of Josiah O. Low, who was an organizer and senior partner of the New York Stock Exchange firm of Low, Dixon & Co., and continued with the successor firm of Wood, Low & Co., until his retirement at the end of last year.

—William A. Titus Jr., who recently retired as a member of the firm of Berdell Brothers, and George S. Jones, formerly with Larkin & Jennys, have formed a co-partnership under the name of Titus, Jones & Co., to deal in public utility, railroad and other bonds, with offices at 149 Broadway, N. Y.

—Davenport & Rich, Miami, Fla., dealers in guaranteed first mortgage bonds and collateral trust gold bonds on Florida property, have opened an office in the National City Building at 17 East 42d St., New York, under the management of John C. Taber.

—Bruning, Jackson & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, have opened an uptown office in the Farmers Loan & Trust Co. Building, 475 Fifth Ave. Axel Josephsson will be the resident partner.

—American Exchange Irving Trust Co. has been appointed Trustee of an unlimited issue of first & refunding mortgage 5% series of 1957 bonds—initial issue \$10,000,000—of the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp.

—Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Inc., announce that John S. Beach, formerly with R. W. Pressprich & Co., has become associated with them in their New York sales department.

—Eastman, Dillon & Co. announce that Ralph E. Pendergast, formerly with Paul & Co. of Philadelphia, has been appointed Manager of their office in Reading, Pa.

—Charles E. Doyle & Co., 49 Wall St., New York, has prepared an analysis and a comparative statement of sales for the past ten years of the Knox Hat Co.

—A. D. Watts & Co., 1 Wall Street, New York, have prepared an analysis of Imperial Oil, Ltd., and the International Petroleum Company Ltd.

—Jordan, Colyer & Co., Inc., 120 Broadway, New York, are distributing a pamphlet descriptive of North Continent Utilities Corporation.

—The New York Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent for preferred and common stock of the Florence Mills.

—M. J. Binder, formerly with Macaulay & Co., has become associated with Lavac & Co., 115 Broadway, New York.

—Harry Nathans is now located in his new offices in the Mutual Trust Building, Philadelphia.

—George H. Johnson has become associated with Lage & Co. in their bond department.

—E. A. Kellogg has become associated with Lage & Co. in their bond department.

—Pask & Walbridge, members of the New York Stock Exchange, have issued a descriptive circular on International Petroleum Co., Ltd.

—Prince & Whitely, members New York Stock Exchange, have prepared for distribution, an analysis on Texas & Pacific Railway.

—R. D. Hazen, formerly with Harris, Forbes & Co., has opened an office at 66 Broadway, New York, to deal in general market bonds.

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. 18 1927.

COFFEE on the spot was quiet. Santos 4s 18 to 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Rio 7s 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Rio has a stock of 231,000 bags against 291,000 last year and Santos 1,043,000 against 1,250,000 last year. On the 14th inst. cost and freight offers were lower. For prompt shipment Santos they included Bourbon 2-3s at 18.20c.; 3s at 17.10 to 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3s at 16.85 to 17c.; 3-5s at 16.65 to 17c.; 4-5s at 16.40 to 17c.; 5s at 16 $\frac{1}{4}$; 5-6s at 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 16.40c.; 6-7s at 16 to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 6s at 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; part Bourbon 2-3s at 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 3s at 17 $\frac{3}{4}$; 3-4s at 17.15c.; 3-5s at 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 17c.; 6s at 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Santos peaberry 4s at 17c.; 4-5s at 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Rio 7s at 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 15.10c.; Victoria 7-8s at 13.95 to 14.10c. Future shipment Santos up to December: Bourbon 4s at 15.80c.; up to Jan. 1928. Bourbon 3s at 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Spots dull and nominal at 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ for Santos 4s and 14 $\frac{7}{8}$ to 15c. for Rio 7s.

Early on the 15th inst. cost and freight offers from Santos were unchanged or a little lower. There were none reported from Rio or Victoria. The Santos tenders included for prompt shipment Bourbon 2-3s at 18 to 19.30c.; 3s at 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 18.10c.; 3-4s at 16.60 to 17c.; 3-5s at 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16.85c.; 4-5s at 16.30c.; 6s at 16.25c.; 6-7s separations at 15.90c. to 16c.; 6-7s grinders at 15.10c.; 7-8s grinders at 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; part Bourbon 3s at 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 3-4s at 17.15c.; 3-5s at 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 6s at 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; peaberry 4s at 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 4-5s at 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 16.40c. For October-December shipment, Bourbon 4s were offered firm at 15.80c., for December shipment at 16.40c. and for shipment to the end of December, seller's option, at 15.40c., while Bourbon 3s for shipment to the end of January, seller's option, were here at 16.15c. On the 16th inst. cost and freight offers were lower. They included for prompt shipment from Santos: Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 18.35c.; 3s at 16.90c.; 3-4s at 16.70 to 17.20c.; 3-5s at 16.60 to 17c.; 4-6s at 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 16.70c.; 5s at 16 to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 5-6s at 16.10 to 16.15c.; 6s at 16.05c.; Bourbon separations 6-7s at 14.95c.; 7-8s at 14.35c.; part Bourbon 2-3s at 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 3s at 17.35 to 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3-5s at 16.35 to 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 4-5s at 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 6s at 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Santos peaberries 4s at 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 17c.; 4-5s at 16.30c.; Rio 7s at 14.30c.; Victoria 7-8s at 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Future shipment October-December, seller's option; Bourbon 4s at 15.30c. To-day spot coffee was dull with Rio 7s at 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. and Santos 4s, 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 18c.; fair to good Cucuta, 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 21c.; Honda, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 24c.; Medellin, 26 to 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Santos offers included 3s at 17.25 to 18.25c.; 3-4s at 16.70 to 17c.; 4s, 16.35c. and upward.

The general drift of prices suggests to some that there is a general distrust of the ability of producers to keep prices up. Spot trade is dull. Some estimates still indicate 21,000,000 bags as the total of the next Santos and Rio crops. Optimism would be severely strained to visualize an advance except now and then on an oversold condition and short covering. Yet the Brazilian Government is not likely to yield easily. Steps looking to the bracing of prices would promptly follow measures looking to the stabilization of its currency. Short sales at this level, therefore, are regarded as unduly risky. The technical position is better. It is conceivable to some that an upturn, whether temporary or not, might come at any time. Futures declined on the 16th inst. 25 to 30 points in response to the falling prices for actual coffee through Santos's evident anxiety to sell. March liquidation also told. And Europe sold more distant months. So did local longs. New England buying and short covering steadied prices later. It is estimated by the Defense Committee that the world's visible supply on next July will be less than 5,000,000 bags and the interior Santos holdings will have disappeared; this about equals that of July 1926. Some estimates of the 1927-28 crops are about 25,000,000 bags; adding a visible of 5,000,000 bags on and with a consumption of 22,000,000, would leave a world visible of 8,000,000 bags on July 1 1928. This is with the supposition that the Santos receipts will be restricted. Some think there are too many bears; that the tendency is to oversell the market, inviting sharp upturns when least expected. To-day futures closed 17 to 24 cents lower, with sales of 59,000 babs. In other words, prices reached a new low, with cables off and trade and long interests selling. Any advance in Brazil of late has been temporary and due to covering of shorts. Rio to-day opened 100 to 175 reis lower; Santos unchanged to 100 reis higher. Rio exchange 5 31-32d.; dollars 10 reis lower at 88290. At one time to-day prices were down 21 to 28 points. Shorts had largely liquidated. Final prices show a decline for the week of 44 to 53 points. Coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial) 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.	May	12.89@	September	11.54@	11.55
March	13.62	July	12.15@	December	11.15@

SUGAR—Prompt Cuban raws were quiet early in the week with 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. asked and 3 1-16c. to 3 3-32c. bid. The refined market was the stumbling block. Europe bought 3,000 tons of Cuba for March shipment at 15s 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, c. i. f. United Kingdom or 3 5-32c. c. & f. New York. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 189,556 tons against 183,339 in the previous week, 204,257 in the same week last year and 214,001 two years ago; exports for the week 95,392 against 78,787 in the previous week, 147,885 last year and 142,003 two years ago; stock 497,398 tons against 403,234 in previous week, 502,924 last year and 467,038 two years ago. Centrals grinding 173 against 171 in previous week, 172 last year and 173 two years ago. Of the exports United States Atlantic ports received 51,737 tons; New Orleans 14,792 tons; Galveston 3,213 tons; Savannah 4,800 tons; Europe 16,442 tons and China 4,408 tons. Havana cabled "Weather favorable." Later it was reported that 75,000 bags of Cuba and Porto Rico prompt and early March sold at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. c. & f. or 4.90c. The market closed on the 16th inst. with bids at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. and 3 3-16c. asked. Futures declined later. The President of Cuba is to visit Washington. There are intimations that the Administration is opposed to the Cuban crop restriction. Moreover Cuban mill owners it is said, are unable to agree on allotments under the restriction plan. This gave rise to the suggestion that the restriction scheme might yet be modified, but shorts covered freely enough to give support which was increased by large outside public buying.

Refined was quiet and unsettled later at 5.95 to 6.05c., with price cutting rumors persistent. California-Hawaiian, it seems, is selling bulk granulated at 20 points under its list basis. Eastern beets were quoted at 5.95c., but were said to be obtainable at less. Brisbane, Australia, reported a cyclone on the east coast of Queensland last week, and all communications were interrupted. The material damage was very heavy. It was asserted the sugar crop is damaged to the extent of 150,000 tons. Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 88,407 tons, against 63,594 in the previous week, 86,910 last year and 89,498 two years ago; meltings, 51,000, against 50,000 the previous week, 68,000 last year, and 67,000 two years ago; stock, 204,259 tons, against 166,852 in the previous week, 87,810 last year and 79,658 two years ago. Some contend that the decrease in exports this year is due almost entirely to the late start of grinding. It looks, however, it is added, as though this deficiency will soon be more than offset by the higher price this year. The low prices ruling all through the first six months of the last year will be recalled. This season, with prices $\frac{3}{4}$ c. higher than last year, Cuban planters' position is better. Some Cuban figures were: Arrivals, 211,987 tons; exports, 108,973, and stock, 538,322 tons; centrals grinding, 173. Of the exports, 23,320 were for New York, 25,563 for Philadelphia, 5,517 for Boston, 21,761 for New Orleans, 3,270 for Savannah, 8,498 for Galveston, 194 for interior of United States, 13,148 for United Kingdom, 2,437 for France, 857 for Sweden, and 4,408 for China. Old crop arrivals, 64; exports, 6,740, and stock, 12,643. Of the exports, 153 were for Canada, 5,280 for Boston, and 1,307 for New Orleans.

Some put the case in this way: The influence of continued foreign competition for Cuban raws, and its bids at slightly higher levels than recently solicited in the United States markets, may check any serious decline in prices. Cuban sugars were sparingly offered, at under the 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. level, and European interests especially have already bought two-thirds of the total quantity of Cuban they bought during the entire season of 1926. The 1926 consumption in Europe amounted to 9,500,000 tons, or 2,500,000 above the actual production, leaving this excess amount to be taken care of by imports. There is an increased consumption each year. It is contended Europe will find it necessary to secure at least 1,000,000 tons from the present Cuban crop so that should other countries enter the same market, there is a possibility of a shortage during midsummer and a higher level of prices. Some think that with the crop limited to 4,500,000 tons and the outturn so far only about 300,000 tons behind last year, the Cuban season may end by the last of May, as during the corresponding period of last year production reached 4,823,976 tons. Weather conditions will play an important role. Some here and in Europe feel that as a result of the change in the statistical position and the constantly growing consumption, prices may work higher following the season of heaviest Cuban production. Trade interests, it is pointed out, on the whole appear to be in a "watchful waiting" mood on the assumption that as the season progresses Cuba will be inclined to lower prices in order to get rid of sugar accumulating. Stocks, however, are being closely hedged in the futures markets and these hedges will have to be covered sooner or later. The impetus given to the market by these repurchases may be notable. Support comes whenever raws approach the 3-cent level. It may be, it is argued, a merely

trading market in futures until March liquidation is finished, but after that some look for higher prices, especially as refiners make ready for summer consumption. To-day prices were 2 points lower to 1 point higher at the close on futures. Of Cuba and Porto Rico, 85,000 bags have sold within two days at 3 1/4c. and 4.90c. One estimate of the world's production is 24,347,000 tons, against 24,958,000 last year; consumption, 24,881,000, against 24,314,000 last year. Havana reports production from Feb. 1 to 15 as 637,000 tons, against 514,000 last year. Total to Feb. 15 this season, 1,492,000, against 1,668,000 last year. London reported Cuba held at 15s. 8 3/4d. Final prices show a decline in futures of 10 points with prompt raws about the same as last week. Refined to-day was quiet at 5.95 to 6.05c. Sugar prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial).....	3 1/4c.	July.....	3.31c.	December.....	3.28c.
March.....	3.06c.	September.....	3.39c.	January.....	3.12c.
May.....	3.18c.				

LARD on the spot was firm towards the end of the week with prime Western c. & f. New York, 12.95 to 13.05c.; refined Continent, 13 1/4c.; South America, 14 1/4c.; Brazil, 15 1/4c. To-day spot prices were firmer. Prime Western, 13.15c. Futures were 2 to 5 points higher on the 15th inst. Packers and Eastern interests bought on the bullish stock statement also on the steady price for hogs and rumors of a better foreign demand. On the 16th inst. futures rose 7 to 10 points. Shorts covered and there was scattered commission house buying. The Chicago lard stocks statement was still a factor together with the firmness of hogs and cottonseed oil. Offerings were small. Hogs closed 10 to 15 points higher. Western hog receipts were 89,000, against 113,000 last year. Futures on the 17th inst. advanced 13 to 18 points net with Liverpool up 3d. to 6d. and the statistical position considered strong. The mid-month Chicago lard stock statement showed an increase of 5,792,000 lbs. during the past two weeks, whereas the trade had looked for an increase of between 9,000,000 and 15,000,000 lbs. Stocks virtually on hand Feb. 15 1927, were 27,036,201 lbs., against 21,243,584 lbs. on Feb. 1 1927 and 22,083,774 on Feb. 15 1926. Lard production in January was 149,149,000 lbs., against 162,314,000 in January 1926 and a five year average of 170,972,000. Exports from the principal United States ports for the week ending Feb. 12 were 14,603,000 lbs., against 10,473,000 for the corresponding week a year ago. To-day futures closed 10 points higher with cottonseed oil up 20 to 22 points, and hogs 15 to 25c. higher with the top \$12 25. Western hog receipts it is true, were 81,000, against 60,000 last year. Chicago expects 4,000 on Saturday. There was no pressure to sell from packers or anybody else. Commission houses were inclined to buy. Shorts covered. Final prices show a rise for the week of 23 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March delivery.....	Holl-	12.05	12.10	12.17	12.35	12.45
May delivery.....	day.	12.30	12.32	12.42	12.55	12.65
July delivery.....		12.47	12.52	12.62	12.75	12.85

PORK steady but quiet; Mess, \$37 50; family, \$39 50; to \$41 50; fat back pork, \$30 to \$32. Ribs, Chicago, cash, 16c.; basis 40 to 60 pounds average. Beef, firm but quiet; 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; six pounds, South America, \$12 75. Cut meats steady; pickled hams, 10 to 12 pounds, 21 3/4 to 24 3/4c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 pounds, 21 3/4 to 23 3/4c. Bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 pounds, 19c.; 14 to 16 pounds, 18 7/8c. Butter, lower grade to high scoring, 45 to 53c. Eggs, medium to extra, 25 to 32 1/2c. Cheese, 23 to 28c.

OILS.—Linseed was in better demand and steady. For raw oil in carlots, cooperage basis, 10.4c. was quoted; for tankers, 9.6c., and for 5 barrels and more, 11.2c. Jobbers were buying more freely. A good contract movement was reported. Coconut oil, domestic, barrels, spot, 10 to 10 1/4c.; Ceylon, f.o.b. coast, tanks, nominal; Manila, coast, tanks, 8 1/2c.; spot, tanks, 8 1/2c.; China wood, New York, barrels, spot, 18 1/2c.; Pacific Coast, tanks, spot, 15 1/2c. Corn, crude, tanks, plant, low acid, 8 1/4c. Olive, Den., \$1 35 to \$1 40. Soya bean, coast, tanks, 9 1/2c.; blown, barrels, 14c. Lard, prime, 14 7/8c.; extra strained winter, New York, 13 3/4c. Cod, domestic, nominal; Newfoundland, 63 to 64c. Turpentine, 74 to 80c. Rosin, \$11 50 to \$18 25. Estimates as to the probable consumption of refined cottonseed oil in January approximate 340,000 barrels, against 325,000 in December and 369,000 in January last year. The consumption in January was 351,651 barrels, or slightly larger than expected. The visible supply increase was smaller than expected, totaling 2,088,400 barrels, including seed, crude and refined oil. The visible supply in December was 2,079,000 barrels and in January last year 1,570,000 barrels. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 30,000 barrels. P. Crude S. E., 8 1/2c. Prices closed as follows:

Spot.....	9.60a	April.....	9.95a	10.00	July.....	10.21a	10.23	
February.....	9.80a	May.....	10.05a		August.....	10.33a		
March.....	9.97a	9.99	June.....	10.10a	10.15	September.....	10.40a	10.45

PETROLEUM.—Gasoline has been easier. The Chicago market on the 16th inst. was 1/8c. lower. Weakness in the Gulf and Chinese markets has tended to check the demand. Yet local refiners adhere to the 12 1/2c. level for United States Motor at local refineries and 13 1/2c. in tank cars delivered to the nearby trade. In Chicago United States motor was offered at 9 3/4c.; in the Gulf it was offered at 10c. while 64-66 gravity was quoted at 12 1/4c. with demand small. Bunker oil firm. A better demand was reported for diesel oil. Kero-

sene was steady; water white 43-45 gravity 9 1/4c. refinery and 10 1/4c. in tank cars delivered to the trade; prime white 1/4c. below these prices. Lubricating oils were in better demand and steady. Gas oil was quiet. New York refined export prices: gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. motor specification deodorized 27.40c.; bulk, refinery 12 1/2 to 12 3/4c.; Kerosene, cargo lots, S. W. cases, 18.65c.; bulk, 41-43 9c.; W. W. 150 deg. cases 20.15c.; bulk 43-45 9 1/2c.; Bunker Oil, per bbl. f.o.b. dock \$1 75; Diesel oil, Bayonne, bbl. 2.40; Gas oil, Bayonne, tank cars, 28-34 degrees 5 3/4c.; 36-40 deg. 6 1/4c.; Furnace oil, bulk refinery 7 1/2c.; Kerosene, tank wagon to store 17c.; bulk W. W. del., N. Y. cars 10 1/4c. refinery 43-45 gravity 9 1/4c.; prime white 41-43 del. tanks 10c.; refinery 9c.; Motor gasoline, garages (steel bbls.), up-state and New England 22c.; Naptha, V. M. P. deodorized in steel bbls. 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
Wooster.....	Indiana.....	1.98
Rock Creek.....	Princeton.....	2.10
Smackover 27 deg. 1.50	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 advanced 40 to 50 points, overleaping 38c. on the 14th inst. in response to an advance in London over the holiday. London was braced by buying by importing and plantation interests. The increase of 1,200 tons in the London stock was ignored, even though the total of close to 57,000 tons there is the largest in many years. Business here at the Exchange increased to 472 tons on the 14th inst. against 135 on the 11th inst. Outside prices advanced 5/8c. At the Exchange, March closed on the 14th inst. at 38.10c.; May at 39.20c.; June at 39.50c., and July at 39.70c. Outside prices: Smoked sheets, spot and February, 38 1/8 to 38 3/8c.; March, 38 1/4 to 38 5/8c.; April-June, 39 3/8 to 39 1/2c.; July-September, 40 1/8 to 40 1/2c.; October-December, 42c. First latex crepe, 38 3/8 to 38 5/8c.; clean, thin, brown crepe, 35 to 35 1/2c.; specky brown crepe, 35c.; No. 2 amber, 36 1/4c.; No. 3, amber, 35 1/4 to 35 1/2c.; No. 4 amber, 35c.; rolled brown, 31 to 31 1/2c.; Paras, Caucho Ball-Upper, 23 1/2 to 24c.; up-River fine, spot, 28 to 28 1/2c.; coarse, 22 to 22 1/2c.; Island fine, 25 to 26c. In London on Feb. 14 the average spot price for the current quarter to date is 18.802d. Spot and February closed at 19 to 19 1/2d.; March at 19 1/8 to 19 1/4d.; April-June, 19 1/2 to 19 3/4d.; July-September at 20d. to 20 1/2d. In London the stock gained 1,199 tons last week, the total in the report issued by the Port of London Authority being 56,939 tons, against 55,740 in the previous week, 52,484 a month ago and 9,571 last year. In Singapore on the 14th prices advanced 1/2 to 3/8d.; February, 18 3/8d.; March, 18 3/8d.; April-June, 19 1/2d.

On the 16th inst. prices fell 20 to 30 points here and 1/8d. in London with trade dull. For the imports exceeded expectations, being 45,736 tons in January. That was an increase over December of 12,833 tons. It is a new record. The increase of 5,200 tons in consumption was larger than most estimates, but it fell flat. It was less than the imports by 14,236 tons. Stocks on hand increased 1,590 tons during the month but leave about 7,000 tons unaccounted for in the total. The afloat figures showed a decrease of 6,819 tons was interesting but had no effect. At the Exchange on the 16th inst. futures closed with March 37.70c., May 38.70c., and July 39.50c. It is asserted that fully 20,000 tons of January imports were assigned to members of the manufacturers' pool. London's weakness was an overshadowing feature. Para advanced 1 to 1 1/2c. on the 16th inst. on a good trade demand; up-river fine touched 29 1/2. On the 17th inst., with exports decreasing, prices here rose on the outside and Exchange prices were also up. London advanced 1/8d. for Singapore reported shipments from Malaya for the first half of February as 11,400 tons, of which only 7,220 tons are assigned to America. February shipments are on a 70% basis. It is said that unused coupons are not plentiful enough to suggest exports above the restriction schedule. At the New York Exchange on the 17th inst. March new closed at 38.10c.; March old at 38c., May at 39.20c., and December at 41.40c. Outside prices: Smoked sheets, spot and February, 38 1/8 to 38 3/8c.; March, 38 3/8 to 38 5/8c.; first latex crepe, 38 1/2 to 38 3/4c.; clean, thin, brown crepe, 35 to 35 1/2c.; specky brown crepe, 35c.; Para, Caucho ball, upper, 24 1/2 to 25c.; Up-river, fine spot, 29 to 29 1/2c. London spot and February, 19 to 19 1/2d.; Singapore February, 18 1/2d.; March, 18 3/4d. To-day New York advanced 40 to 60 points with London up 1/4 to 1/2d. The sales here were 315 tons. London spot and February, 19 1/4d.; March, 19 3/8d. There was a better demand here. Indications seem to point to a smaller surplus and a larger consumption for the season. March here 38.50c. at the close; May, 39.60c.; July, 40.30c.

HIDES. Frigorifico were in steady demand for a time, with sales recently of 57,000 at 17 1/2c. to 18 3-16c., but later not quoted at above 17 1/2c. Prices paid were \$38 62 1/2 to \$39 50. Russia, it is said, bought 12,000 Montevideo steers at \$41 75, or 19 1-16c. c. & f. Stocks are said to be much depleted. That would seem a natural conclusion after the recent big sales. City packers were quiet; Orinoco, 21c.; Savanilla, 20 1/2c. New York City calfskins 5-7s, \$1 90;

7-9s, \$1 90; 9-12s, \$2 65. Packer spready steers, 15c.; native, 14½c.; butts, 14c.; Colorado, 13½c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—A fair business was done especially in coal tonnage. Cotton tonnage was wanted for Russia.

CHARTERS included coal from Hampton Roads to Buenos Aires-La Plata, 20s.; Hampton Roads to Rio, \$5, spot; same, \$4 75, prompt; same to West Italy, \$3 80 one and \$3 90 two ports, option of some other ports including Porto Vecchio di Piombino at \$4, Feb. 25-March 5. Grain from Vancouver to United Kingdom-Continent, March 10-25, 36s. 6d.; from British Columbia to Shanghai, February-March, \$5; from Columbia River to United Kingdom-Continent, 37s. 6d.; from Vancouver to United Kingdom-Continent, 36s. 3d., March 1-25; same, 38s. 3d. and 37s., respectively. March; Columbia River to United Kingdom-Continent, 38s. 3d., April 1-20. Lumber from Gulf to Plate, March, \$18 for one and \$18 25 two ports from Gulf to Rosario, 1,500 standards, 163s. 9d., March. Time: 1,155 tons net, delivery South Atlantic, three months West Indies, \$2 20; 2,900 dead-weight tons, prompt, 12 months South American privilege, \$2. Tankers: 6,400 tons, clean, Black Sea to United Kingdom-Continent, 40s., March; gas oil, Gulf to Portland, March., at 60c.; asphalt from Atlantic range to Hamburg, April-May, \$5; cotton, 22,000 bales from Gulf to Murmansk, March, 11¾c.; sulphur from Freeport to Antwerp, March 1-20 \$3 50; from Galveston to four ports Australia, 27s. 6d., March 1-15 Foreign: Cement to four or five Porto Rico and Cuban ports, \$3 55; grain from Habia Blanca to United Kingdom-Continent, canceling March 15, 27s. 9d.; coal, Cardiff to Rosario, part cargo, Feb. 19 canceling, 14s.; sugar, Mauritius to United Kingdom-Continent, March-April, 30s.; grain, West Australia to United Kingdom-Continent, March 1-25, base 43c., one port; grain from San Lorenzo to Continent, 25s. 6d. May 20 to June 20; grain from San Lorenzo to Antwerp-Hamburg, 29s. 3d., early March.

COAL.—Production has been rising and prices have fallen. The spot coal price as averaged by the "Coal Age" dropped 5c. to \$2 11. Wage reductions by the Berwind-White Coal Co. and other producers in Pennsylvania of about 50c. a ton were deducted from the price. Pool No. 9 coal sold as low as about \$5 17 at New York piers. Best smokeless classed as navy standard was quoted free alongside, at \$5 65. At Hampton Roads some producers still ask \$5 at the piers. In the West, some business was done near the basis of \$2 50 for smokeless run of mine, but many stick to \$2 75. Hampton Roads steamer loadings on Feb. 14 totaled 102,696 tons. The miners' delegates at Miami, as was expected here, rejected a tentative proposal for a competitive basis for wages. Suspension of production is generally expected. Bituminous piers: Navy standard, \$5 35 navy supplementary, \$4 95 to \$5 25; superior low volatile, \$4 80 to \$4 90; high grade, low volatile, \$4 70 to \$4 80. Anthracite company: Egg, \$8 75 to \$9 25; broken, \$8 50 to \$9 25; stove, \$9 25 to \$9 50; chestnut, \$8 75 to \$9 15.

TOBACCO has been in fair demand for most descriptions of domestic and prices have in general been reported steady. In other words, tobacco business has been for the most part of a routine character. The market as a whole has been without striking features.

COPPER has been quiet of late, with an easier undertone. Leading producers quoted 13c., but slight concessions were made, it is said, in a few quarters. Some sellers were offering at 12.95c., delivered to the Valley. The Copper Exporters, Inc., advanced the price ½c. on the 15th inst. to 13¾c. c.i.f. European ports. Smelter production in the Lake district fell off. Calumet & Hecla's shipments have dropped from 800,000 pounds a day to 240,000 pounds. Production by the principal countries of the world which furnished about 97% of the total in 1925, amounted to 142,140 short tons in January. In January the production of primary copper by the mines in the United States was 76,684 tons, against 71,026 tons in December and a monthly average last year of 72,709 tons. Spot standard in London on the 15th inst. was unchanged at £54 10s., and futures fell 2s. 6d. to £55; electrolytic unchanged at £61 5s. for spot and £61 10s. for futures; on the 16th inst. spot standard declined 5s. to £54 5s. and futures dropped 2s. 6d. to £54 17s. 6d.; electrolytic advanced 2s. 6d. to £61 7s. 6d. for spot and £61 12s. 6d. for futures. Latterly trade has been quieter at 13c., with rumors of some sales at 12.95c. Delivery in the Middle West is quoted at 13½c. Much of the recent buying was for March shipment. That is a hint that consumers' stocks are small. London has weakened. On the 17th inst. spot standard there declined 7s. 6d. to £53 17s. 6d.; futures going to £54 10s.; sales, 100 spot and 1,400 futures; spot electrolytic dropped 7s. 6d. to £61; futures off 2s. 6d. to £61 10s. New York exports thus far this month are 10,880 tons.

TIN has been lower. On the 15th inst. there was a good demand at the lower level, and prices recovered most of the early loss on that day. On the following day business slowed down and prices were unchanged. Straits tin spot and February sold at 69c.; March at 67¾c. to 68c.; April, 67c.; May, 66c., and June at 65¾c. Spot standard in London on the 15th inst. declined £4 5s. to £304; futures fell £1 15s. to £293; spot Straits dropped £4 5s. to £312; Eastern c.i.f. London declined £4 to £303 5s. on sales of 250 tons; on the 16th inst. spot standard advanced in London £1 5s. to £305 5s.; futures up £2 to £295; spot Straits advanced £3 5s. to £315 5s.; Eastern c.i.f. London rose 5s. to £303 10s. on sales of 100 tons. Notable activity here occurred later; 1,000 tons sold on the 17th inst. at rising prices. Straits for February sold at 69¼c. to 69½c.; March at 68½c. to 68¾c.; April at 67½c. to 67¾c.; May at 66¼c. to 66¾c. Shipments from the Straits are expected to be small for February and March. On the 17th inst. spot standard advanced £1 in London to £306 5s.; futures were up 10s. to £295 10s.; sales 100 spot and 550 futures; spot Straits advanced £1 to £316 5s.; Eastern c.i.f. London dropped 5s. to £303 5s. on sales of 200 tons.

LEAD has been in good demand and firm. The leading producer was quoting 7.40c., New York. In the Middle West, 7.30c.; East St. Louis was asked. Stocks of refined

lead increased 5,064 tons during January in the United States and Mexico standing at 37,694 short tons. Production in these two countries was 72,882 tons, against 73,101 tons in December. Lead ore was unchanged at \$90 per ton in the tri-State district. Shipments have fallen off to about half of last year's totals. In London on the 15th inst. prices advanced 1s. 3d. to £27 17s. 6d. for spot and £28 7s. 6d. for futures; on the 16th inst. spot declined 10s. to £27 7s. 6d. and futures fell 12s. 6d. to £27 15s.; sales, 150 tons spot and 1,650 futures. Later prices had a downward slant with business quiet here and in London. The American Co. still quoted 7.40c. New York; Central West, 7.30c. East St. Louis. On the 17th inst. spot fell 3s. 9d. in London to £27 3s. 9d.; futures declined 5s. to £27 10s.; sales, 300 tons spot and 1,600 futures.

ZINC has been quiet and easier. The general quotation was 6.55c. East St. Louis, but some tonnage was reported available at 6.62½c. High-grade zinc sold at 8½ to 9c. per pound New York. About 75 ore mills in the tri-State district are closed and more will follow soon, it is said. Several of the mills which are now in operation are not mining, but are treating tails and remilling. Spot zinc in London on the 15th inst. dropped 7s. 6d. to £30 and futures declined 5s. to £30 3s. 9d.; sales, 1,150 tons of futures; on the 16th inst. prices there fell 1s. 3d. to £29 18s. 9d. for spot and £30 2s. 6d. for futures; sales, 150 spot and 1,650 futures. Later New York was dull and, like London, ignored the reduced output. World's stocks on Feb. 1 are estimated at 50,000 tons. Belgium's big production for over a decade past is stressed. East St. Louis was 6.65 to 6.67½c. On the 17th inst. London declined 3s. 9d. to £29 15s. for spot and £29 18s. 9d. for futures; sales, 1,250 tons of futures.

STEEL has been reported as in slowly increasing demand, but prices do not advance, they weaken if anything. Shipments exceed sales. Nobody is paying much attention to the possibility of a bituminous strike. Shading of prices, it is said, is still going on. January saw a drop of \$2 to \$5. And wire nails have sold of late, it is said, at 2.50c. Pittsburgh or 5c. under the general quotation. Blue annealed sheets are said to be selling at 2.15 to 2.25c.; black sheets at 2.75c. to 2.85c. and galvanized sheets at 3.70 to 3.75c. Structural shapes are declared to have sold at 1.80c. to 1.85c. or even less than 1.80c., according to current rumor. Yet some insist that as a rule 1.90c. is quoted Youngstown quotes bars at \$34 and \$1 to \$2 a ton less than 1.90c. basis, accepted on large lots. Tin plates have been quiet but mills at Youngstown are said to have a good backlog. Steel mills in this country are generally running at 81% and the United States Corporation at 88. Operations have it is said recently increased 2%. Cleveland reports firmer prices on hot and cold rolled strip. Iron and steel scrap declined.

PIG IRON has tended downward in a dull market. It does not appear that prices are really lower than last week, but rather that the cuts then made are more generally admitted. The composite price is reported as 17c. lower than recently. Eastern Pennsylvania is called \$20 50 to \$21 and Buffalo \$17 to \$17 50, with some quoting \$18. The "lows" of 1925 and even of 1922, it is said, are equalled or approximated now. Massachusetts iron of No. 2 X grade is quoted at \$20 at furnace. It is said that 25,000 tons of basic iron sold in eastern Pennsylvania last week at a decline of 25 cents. Coke demand is only moderate, despite the coal wage situation. Inquiries for iron at New York, it is said, suggest a volume of 12,000 to 15,000 tons, but this is simply in negotiation. Southern Ohio pig iron trade, it is said, shows some signs of revival. Southern Ohio producers have good back logs.

WOOL was in moderate demand and steady. According to some reports contracting in the West is fairly active. Stocks of domestic wool in Boston are not excessive, especially of choice qualities. The demand has improved recently for the medium and low grade wools. Prices on corresponding qualities in foreign primary markets show continued strengthening. Spot stocks of the foreign low crossbeds are restricted and prices have recently become steadier, as a result of a slight increase in demand. Nowhere is there real activity. Wools coming from South Africa and Australia threaten to dominate the American market, J. F. Walker, of the Ohio Wool Growers' Association, told the two-day conference of leading co-operative wool marketing associations, at Washington representing about 38,000 wool producers, who marketed 30,000,000 pounds last year. He said these wools are better graded and suited to mill requirements as a class. At Melbourne on February 14 the sales reopened. Selection good. Demand brisk from the Continent and Japan and moderate from America. The best 64-70s warp wools cost it was said the equivalent of \$1 03 to \$1 07, in this market and super 64s combing wools cost about 99c. clean basis, in bond, landed at Boston, on the basis of sight drafts and exchange of \$4 86. Sydney good wools were plentiful but prices called steady on the basis of \$1 05 to \$1 10 clean, in bond, at Boston for super 64-70s, while super 64s cost 99c. to \$1 02 clean basis; super 60-64s were sold for from 89 to 95c., according to the wool, and 58-60s, super wools brought an average price about equivalent to 85c. clean basis, landed in bond at Boston. Between 30,000,000 and 35,000,000 lbs. of wool have been contracted on the sheep's back to date it is said.

COTTON

Friday Night, Feb. 18 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 206,770 bales, against 228,441 bales last week and 235,198 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1926, 10,292,870 bales, against 7,756,420 bales for the same period of 1925-26, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1926 of 2,536,450 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	5,436	10,608	17,162	7,267	9,378	5,983	55,834
Texas City	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,496
Houston *	7,052	13,344	8,927	7,706	7,323	5,955	50,307
New Orleans	6,711	7,295	14,310	9,544	5,888	5,286	49,034
Mobile	433	1,555	680	1,395	643	536	5,242
Pensacola	—	—	—	—	—	208	208
Savannah	3,095	4,850	3,507	1,877	1,501	1,715	16,545
Charleston	1,014	1,026	3,377	1,255	1,419	1,140	9,231
Wilmington	1,282	339	1,307	827	465	379	4,599
Norfolk	—	2,491	1,994	1,319	785	1,193	7,782
New York	—	50	—	—	—	—	50
Boston	53	—	—	—	—	189	257
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	—	2,185	2,185
Totals this week	25,076	41,558	51,264	31,205	27,402	30,265	206,770

* Houston statistics are no longer compiled on an interior basis, but only on a port basis. We are changing accordingly.

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1926 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Feb. 18.	1926-27.		1925-26.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1926.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1925.	1927.	1926.
Galveston	55,834	2,772,353	42,133	2,663,956	646,970	589,469
Texas City	5,496	136,426	—	18,084	56,180	17,970
Houston *	50,307	3,323,006	33,194	1,372,543	893,267	—
Port Arthur, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	49,034	1,889,843	44,295	1,894,528	622,584	508,917
Gulfport	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mobile	5,242	319,822	1,608	192,680	46,439	17,957
Pensacola	208	12,736	—	15,470	—	—
Jacksonville	—	617	8	15,261	610	578
Savannah	16,545	868,485	10,105	736,974	80,454	70,444
Brunswick	—	—	—	400	—	—
Charleston	9,231	428,029	5,395	247,825	70,559	51,863
Georgetown	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wilmington	4,599	99,819	1,539	102,202	20,503	31,515
Norfolk	7,782	342,628	7,566	400,145	122,214	135,041
N'port News, &c.	—	279	—	—	—	—
New York	50	25,443	350	37,351	196,147	49,906
Boston	257	18,112	1,468	18,920	1,504	2,650
Baltimore	2,185	51,362	743	30,575	1,595	1,219
Philadelphia	—	3,910	—	9,506	5,101	6,726
Totals	206,770	10,292,870	148,404	7,756,420	2,764,127	1,484,255

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In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1926-27.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.	1921-22.
Galveston	55,834	42,133	62,171	28,831	25,028	30,073
Houston, &c.	50,307	33,194	21,021	15,303	8,180	252
New Orleans	49,034	44,235	31,025	20,507	29,447	15,038
Mobile	5,242	1,698	4,636	948	1,164	1,849
Savannah	16,545	10,105	14,675	4,729	9,649	7,006
Brunswick	—	—	—	274	—	50
Charleston	9,231	5,395	11,068	920	1,298	1,987
Wilmington	4,599	1,839	2,167	723	1,963	935
Norfolk	7,782	7,566	11,115	4,632	2,188	3,116
N'port N., &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
All others	8,196	2,569	9,188	2,057	4,619	15,963
Total this wk.	206,770	148,404	167,066	78,924	83,536	76,269
Since Aug. 1.	10,292,870	7,756,420	7,590,931	5,621,007	4,764,744	4,113,116

* Houston statistics are no longer compiled on an interior basis, but only on a port basis. We are changing accordingly.

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 292,760 bales, of which 80,694 were to Great Britain, 18,839 to France, 96,282 to Germany, 28,173 to Italy, 43,640 to Japan and China and 25,132 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 164,169 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 7,153,018 bales, against 5,657,845 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended Feb. 18 1927. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	11,562	7,221	20,117	14,495	—	27,189	6,289	85,373
Houston	14,401	7,556	25,307	6,121	—	9,543	4,311	67,239
New Orleans	30,745	4,012	9,624	7,557	—	4,327	5,837	62,102
Mobile	—	850	7,324	—	—	—	550	8,724
Pensacola	208	—	—	—	—	—	—	208
Savannah	16,776	—	10,826	—	—	—	1,645	29,247
Charleston	815	—	10,228	—	—	—	500	11,543
Norfolk	—	—	4,275	—	—	500	—	4,775
New York	17	700	4,081	—	—	—	5,500	10,298
Philadelphia	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Los Angeles	4,520	—	3,500	—	—	1,106	—	9,126
San Diego	1,540	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,540
San Francisco	108	—	1,000	—	—	975	500	2,583
Total	80,694	18,839	96,282	28,173	—	43,640	25,132	292,760
Total 1926	46,831	22,553	25,798	21,917	—	22,789	24,281	164,169
Total 1925	73,173	28,001	38,050	8,850	—	32,650	25,947	206,671

From Aug. 1 1926 to Feb. 18 1927. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	488,167	307,908	468,757	175,176	37,817	310,242	304,282	2,092,349
Houston	451,360	307,045	461,017	173,574	77,450	188,586	136,584	1,795,616
Texas City	39,482	—	—	—	—	—	—	39,482
New Orleans	376,226	118,815	207,502	133,109	17,506	290,707	96,500	1,240,365
Mobile	65,700	4,365	73,936	1,000	—	15,699	2,353	163,053
Jacksonville	—	—	341	—	—	—	—	341
Pensacola	4,144	—	5,292	—	—	—	300	9,736
Savannah	211,157	100	392,320	4,600	—	60,246	28,112	696,535
Charleston	52,276	497	241,644	—	—	23,638	15,755	333,810
Wilmington	10,000	—	30,560	24,350	—	—	—	64,910
Norfolk	70,153	—	97,677	11,690	—	8,550	4,098	192,168
New York	3,060	23,194	47,076	18,898	—	1,003	279	379
Boston	1,978	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,978
Baltimore	—	3,115	142	400	—	—	—	2,405
Philadelphia	601	100	7	—	—	—	—	4,507
Los Angeles	37,620	9,905	33,768	881	—	6,773	847	89,794
San Diego	4,016	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,016
San Fran.	1,158	320	3,129	1,254	—	76,691	516	83,068
Seattle	—	—	—	—	—	79,961	200	80,161
Portland, Ore.	—	—	—	—	—	600	—	600
Total	1,845,098	775,364	2,064,243	544,932	132,773	1,062,975	727,633	7,153,018

Total '25-'26 1,706,294 681,533 1,343,754 444,906 103,773 766,711 610,874 5,657,845
Total '24-'25 2,070,713 704,514 1,321,566 462,853 77,345 681,896 580,501 5,899,388

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 January the exports to the Dominion in the present season have been 23,912 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 31,127 bales. For the six months ended Jan. 31 1927, there were 152,990 bales exported as against 147,402 bales for the corresponding six months of 1926.

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:

Feb. 18 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Total.	Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coastwise.		
Galveston	15,300	6,300	8,400	50,000	9,000	89,000	557,970
New Orleans	8,503	4,748	5,320	21,446	4,423	44,440	578,144
Savannah	—	—	2,000	5,000	800	7,800	72,654
Charleston	—	—	—	—	132	132	70,427
Mobile	4,850	—	—	1,800	—	6,650	39,789
Norfolk	2,000	—	—	—	—	2,000	120,214
Other ports*	5,000	3,000	4,000	19,000	1,000	32,000	1,142,907
Total 1927	35,653	14,048	19,720	97,246	15,355	182,022	2,582,105
Total 1926	23,440	20,817	22,253	52,046	10,821	129,377	1,354,878
Total 1925	26,688	8,600	18,925	48,063	14,618	116,894	1,173,473

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has latterly been quiet, but owing to a persistent foreign trade demand prices have advanced, with contracts none too plentiful. Russia is said to have bought freely of July. Liverpool has bought more or less. The foreign demand in general has been noteworthy. It has really been the backbone of the market. Spot markets, moreover, have been in the main firm. The basis has been strong or higher, especially on the lower grades. A peculiar situation has arisen in regard to such grades. They are not easy to buy, especially the better sort. And they are wanted badly enough for the buyers to pay prices which they consider more or less exorbitant. But this is called a relatively low grade crop. The last yield indeed contained a good deal of low grade cotton. And now it is said that in the Memphis district some of the low grades are selling at prices not much lower than those of a year ago in spite of the fact that March here is more than 6 cents cheaper than at this time in 1926. New England mills have been buying the low grades. So, it appears, have mills in other parts of the country. Foreign spinners seem more than willing to take them. There is a scarcity of certain low classes ranging from strict good ordinary to low middling. Texas reports say that unsold stocks of the better kinds of low grades are small. And that there is a good sized short interest in such cotton. To all appearance this interest is feeling the pinch of an unexpected scarcity. Meanwhile opinion leans to the idea that the actual crop this year will turn out to be no more than 17,750,000 to 18,000,000 bales, or 600,000 to 850,000 bales below the last government crop estimate in December.

Exports continue on a liberal scale, and the excess over last year now is 1,495,173 bales. It is said, too, that crop preparations are unusually backward. Floods have prevailed lately in Alabama. For a time recently the weather was cold and rainy. Latterly temperatures have been Springlike in the upper United States. But the forecast for Texas on Thursday was a cold wave with temperatures much below freezing, while in the rest of the belt it pointed to colder weather with rains. Shorts have been cautious. Contracts in the main have been rather scarce. But the spot trade, the Liverpool activity, and the foreign trade demand have been the main supports of the market. Spot sales at the South continue to run well ahead of those of last year. On some days they have been three times as large as on the corresponding days in 1926. Memphis sales recently have been 66% larger than for the same week last year. It all tells of an insatiable demand for the actual staple. Liverpool spot sales have latterly been 10,000 to 12,000 bales. Consuming establishments held on Feb. 1 1,852,987 bales against 1,766,392 on Jan. 1 and 1,815,232 on Feb. 1 last year. In other words, these stocks gained in January only about 86,000 bales and were only about 37,700 bales larger than on the same date last year. Yet trade since then has expanded very noticeably and the tone in the tex-

tile world is distinctly more cheerful, despite some recent falling off in business. Manchester has been active both for cloths and yarns. India has taken advantage of the cheap prices to buy cloths very freely. German mills are said to be operating at 90 to 100% against 60 to 70% last August. In January they are said to have consumed 155,000 bales in contrast with 110,000 in August last. The French mills are said to be in better shape, doing more business in spite of the rise in the franc, although this noticeably interferes with foreign sales to some extent.

On the other hand, speculation here has been sluggish. The McNary-Haugen bill has hung over the market. Until it is finally disposed of it will be a source of more or less apprehension. Everybody hopes and believes that the President will veto it. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon has called it unworkable and he has estimates from the Internal Revenue Department that it will cost the government something like \$790,000 a year and call for an army of experts to execute it under its intricate and more or less confusing provisions. It is recognized that if the bill should escape a veto it would tend to cause an increased acreage. New England spinners are opposed to the measure. So are North-western grain interests. The futility and mischievous nature of the bill are widely recognized. Latterly the New York cotton market has given it less attention, although it has had the tendency, as already intimated, to curtail trading until it is out of the way once and for all. The technical position here is said to be weaker. A good deal of covering has recently been done, largely for Southern interests. The price has hesitated to go back to the recent high points. Some South Carolina advices at one time reported the spot basis rather easier. The New York certificated stock is steadily increasing. It is rumored that 40,000 bales will be shipped hither for tender on contracts. The notices due next Wednesday it is believed will reach a large total. Some have been a little nervous on this matter, both here and in New Orleans. The certificated stock here has risen to 156,200 bales. The impression is that it may rise to 200,000 bales within a month or sooner. The census report of consumption in this country in January was disappointing. The total was even a little smaller than in December.

Many are skeptical as to the likelihood of any sustained advance at this time. They think the market has too much cotton to face. Some reports estimated the possible decrease at 15 to 16%, but few people credit such figures. The more general impression is that the decrease will not be over 10% and may be less.

To-day prices advanced less than 10 points and lost some of that before the close, although the cables were stronger than due. Uncertainty as to the action of the President on the farm relief bill tended to keep down trading. The weather was bad in Mississippi and Louisiana. Spot markets were firm or slightly higher. The trade and Liverpool bought; also Russia, it was said. March notices may reach 200,000 to 210,000 bales on the 23rd inst. Some March liquidation was noticed. It had no marked effect. The weekly figures attracted little attention. Spot markets were slightly higher. There is a sharp demand for the better class of low grade cotton and it is not freely offered. There was some hedge selling, but it had no effect. Final prices show an advance for the week of 6 to 11 points. Spot cotton ended at 14.20c for middling upland, a rise for the week of 10 points.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Feb. 17 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. 25:

Middling fair.....	1.39 on	*Middling "yellow" stained.....	3.45 off
Strict good middling.....	1.15 on	*Good middling "blue" stained.....	2.10 off
Good middling.....	.91 on	Strict middling "blue" stained.....	2.85 off
Strict middling.....	.65 on	*Middling "blue" stained.....	2.75 off
Middling.....	.....	Good middling spotted.....	.73 off
Strict low middling.....	1.03 off	Strict middling spotted.....	.95 off
Low middling.....	2.25 off	Middling spotted.....	.98 off
*Strict good ordinary.....	3.50 off	*Strict low middling spotted.....	2.20 off
*Good ordinary.....	4.63 off	Low middling spotted.....	3.53 off
Stri-1 good mid. "yellow" tnged.....	.08 off	Good mid. light yellow stained.....	1.35 off
Good middling "yellow" tnged.....	.70 off	*Stri-1 mid. light yellow stained.....	1.85 off
Strict middling "yellow" tnged.....	1.13 off	*Middling light yellow stained.....	2.93 off
*Middling "yellow" tnged.....	2.25 off	Good middling "gray".....	.78 off
*Stri-1 low mid. "yellow" tnged.....	3.55 off	*Strict middling "gray".....	1.18 off
*Low middling "yellow" tnged.....	4.93 off	*Middling "gray".....	1.93 off
Good middling "yellow" stained.....	2.15 off		
*Stri-1 mid. "yellow" stained.....	2.68 off		

* Not deliverable on future contracts

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Feb. 11 to Feb. 18—	Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri.
Middling upland.....	Hol. 14.00 14.20 14.10 14.15 14.20

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Feb. 18 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1927 ----	14.20c.	1919 ----	26.20c.	1911 ----	14.10c.	1903 ----	9.80c.
1926 ----	20.65c.	1918 ----	31.45c.	1910 ----	14.80c.	1902 ----	8.81c.
1925 ----	24.70c.	1917 ----	15.95c.	1909 ----	9.85c.	1901 ----	9.31c.
1924 ----	30.40c.	1916 ----	11.55c.	1908 ----	11.35c.	1900 ----	8.88c.
1923 ----	28.50c.	1915 ----	8.55c.	1907 ----	11.00c.	1899 ----	6.62c.
1922 ----	18.50c.	1914 ----	12.90c.	1906 ----	11.25c.	1898 ----	6.25c.
1921 ----	13.40c.	1913 ----	12.70c.	1905 ----	8.15c.	1897 ----	7.12c.
1920 ----	39.00c.	1912 ----	10.35c.	1904 ----	13.75c.	1896 ----	7.88c.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Feb. 12.	Monday, Feb. 14.	Tuesday, Feb. 15.	Wednesday, Feb. 16.	Thursday, Feb. 17.	Friday, Feb. 18.
Feb.—						
Range..						
Closing..	13.57	13.78	13.67	13.74	13.84	13.84
March—						
Range..	13.65-13.94	13.67-13.90	13.77-13.93	13.77-13.86	13.85-13.92	13.85-13.92
Closing..	13.67-13.69	13.88-13.90	13.77-13.79	13.84-13.85	13.89	13.89
April—						
Range..	14.00-14.02					
Closing..	13.78	14.00	13.88	13.95	14.00	14.00
May—						
Range..	13.86-14.18	13.90-14.15	13.98-14.17	13.99-14.09	14.07-14.15	14.07-14.15
Closing..	13.90-13.92	14.11-14.13	13.99-14.00	14.07-14.09	14.12-14.13	14.12-14.13
June—						
Range..	14.23-14.23					
Closing..	14.01	14.22	14.11	14.18	14.23	14.23
July—						
Range..	HOLI-DAY	14.09-14.37	14.10-14.34	14.21-14.35	14.21-14.30	14.29-14.37
Closing..		14.12-14.14	14.33-14.34	14.23-14.24	14.29-14.30	14.33-14.34
Aug.—						
Range..				14.38-14.38		
Closing..	14.23	14.44	14.38	14.41	14.44	14.44
Sept.—						
Range..	14.30-14.50			14.41-14.41		
Closing..	14.32	14.51	14.43	14.48	14.50	14.50
Oct.—						
Range..	14.29-14.63	14.31-14.54	14.43-14.57	14.43-14.52	14.51-14.59	14.51-14.59
Closing..	14.34-14.35	14.53-14.54	14.43-14.45	14.51-14.52	14.52	14.52
Nov.—						
Range..						
Closing..	14.42	14.61	14.51	14.59	14.60	14.60
Dec.—						
Range..	14.46-14.79	14.50-14.70	14.59-14.72	14.60-14.68	14.68-14.75	14.68-14.75
Closing..	14.51-14.53	14.70	14.59	14.68	14.68-14.71	14.68-14.71
Jan.—						
Range..	14.52-14.75	14.53-14.77	14.64-14.77	14.66-14.72	14.74-14.80	14.74-14.80
Closing..	14.54	14.77	14.65	14.72	14.74-14.77	14.74-14.77

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Feb. 15 1927 and since trading began on each option:

Option for—	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
Feb. 1927.....	13.57 Feb. 14	11.95 Dec. 3 1926
Mar. 1927.....	13.65 Feb. 14	11.80 Dec. 4 1926
April 1927.....	14.00 Feb. 14	12.60 Dec. 22 1926
May 1927.....	13.86 Feb. 14	16.10 July 6 1926
June 1927.....	14.23 Feb. 14	18.65 Sept. 8 1926
July 1927.....	14.09 Feb. 14	18.51 Sept. 23 1926
Aug. 1927.....	14.38 Feb. 16	16.90 Sept. 2 1926
Sept. 1927.....	14.30 Feb. 14	14.44 Feb. 7 1927
Oct. 1927.....	14.29 Feb. 14	14.50 Oct. 15 1926
Nov. 1927.....	14.42 Feb. 14	12.75 Dec. 6 1926
Dec. 1927.....	14.46 Feb. 14	13.76 Jan. 3 1927
Jan. 1928.....	14.52 Feb. 14	14.80 Feb. 9 1927

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Stock at Liverpool.....	bales. 1,313,000	853,000	909,000	881,000
Stock at London.....	.....	.....	2,000	4,000
Stock at Manchester.....	162,000	73,000	116,000	114,000
Total Great Britain.....	1,457,000	926,000	1,027,000	999,000
Stock at Hamburg.....	.....	.....	.....	4,000
Stock at Bremen.....	556,000	281,000	222,000	79,000
Stock at Havre.....	279,000	216,000	204,000	144,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....	15,000	4,000	15,000	14,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	117,000	87,000	83,000	62,000
Stock at Genoa.....	69,000	53,000	42,000	33,000
Stock at Ghent.....	.....	.....	2,000	2,000
Stock at Antwerp.....	.....	.....	5,000	7,000
Total Continental stocks.....	1,036,000	641,000	573,000	345,000
Total European stocks.....	2,511,000	1,567,000	1,600,000	1,344,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	*04,000	182,000	137,000	275,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	705,000	432,000	622,000	349,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe.....	89,000	111,000	84,000	79,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	427,000	301,000	227,000	236,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	712,000	760,000	550,000	778,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	2,764,127	1,484,255	1,290,367	819,120
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	1,305,580	1,893,049	1,170,855	823,836
U. S. exports to-day.....	.....	.....	8,100	.....
Total visible supply.....	8,617,707	6,730,304	5,689,322	4,703,956

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American—				
Liverpool stock.....	bales. 994,000	589,000	738,000	614,000
Manchester stock.....	147,000	62,000	96,000	91,000
Continental stock.....	993,000	589,000	521,000	269,000
American afloat for Europe.....	705,000	432,000	622,000	349,000
U. S. port stocks.....	2,764,127	1,484,255	1,290,367	819,120
U. S. interior stocks.....	1,305,580	1,893,049	1,170,855	823,836
U. S. exports to-day.....	.....	.....	8,100	.....
Total American.....	6,908,707	5,049,304	4,446,322	2,965,956
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock.....	319,000	264,000	171,000	267,000
London stock.....	.....	.....	2,000	4,000
Manchester stock.....	15,000	11,000	20,000	23,000
Continental stock.....	43,000	52,000	52,000	76,000
Indian afloat for Europe.....	104,000	182,000	137,000	275,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat.....	89,000	111,000	84,000	79,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	427,000	301,000	227,000	236,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	712,000	760,000	550,000	778,000
Total East India, &c.....	1,709,000	1,681,000	1,243,000	1,738,000
Total American.....	6,908,707	5,049,304	4,446,322	2,965,956

Total visible supply.....	8,617,707	6,730,304	5,689,322	4,703,956
Middling uplands, Liverpool.....	7.76d.	10.57d.	13.66d.	17.65d.
Middling uplands, New York.....	14.20c.	20.75c.	24.50c.	30.40c.
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool.....	15.45d.	19.60d.	37.05d.	22.45d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....	11.50d.	23.00d.	20.75d.	24.50d.
Broach, fine, Liverpool.....	6.95d.	9.15d.	12.10d.	15.25d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.....	7.40d.	9.55d.	12.85d.	16.40d.

Continental imports for past week have been 147,000 bales.

The above figures for 1927 show a decrease from last week of 50, 15 bales, a gain of 1,877,403 over 1926, an increase of 1,928,355 bales over 1925, and an increase of 3,913,751 bales over 1924.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr'd	Total.
Saturday	Quiet, 10 pts. dec.	HOLIDAY			
Monday	Steady, 20 pts. adv.	Very steady	200		200
Tuesday	Quiet, 10 pts. decline	Barely steady	200		200
Wednesday	Quiet, 5 pts. adv.	Steady			
Thursday	Steady, 5 pts. adv.	Steady	700		700
Friday	Steady, 5 pts. adv.	Steady			
Total for wk			1,100		1,000
Since Aug. 1			352,467	374,200	726,667

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stock to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to Feb. 18 1927.				Movement to Feb. 19 1926.			
	Receipts.		Shp-ments.	Stocks.	Receipts.		Shp-ments.	Stocks.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.			Week.	Feb. 19.
Ala., Birmingham	1,291	84,336	2,326	13,197	1,000	84,716	2,000	8,130
Etowah	103	24,368	162	12,215	29	21,096		6,456
Montgomery	425	114,648	998	43,128	488	92,798	775	23,622
Selma	229	85,317	1,179	33,804	785	85,113	1,050	21,618
Ark., Helena	970	86,724	2,213	34,523	2,291	90,642	1,687	35,374
Little Rock	1,895	192,325	3,833	57,943	4,586	214,152	3,127	64,720
Pine Bluff	2,215	171,476	9,565	53,699	2,938	164,701	3,088	67,035
Ga., Albany		8,716	60	3,598		7,865		2,364
Athens	1,012	45,041	650	22,216	1,012	25,504	970	13,122
Atlanta	3,448	230,110	7,162	76,307	3,323	182,739	3,823	53,882
Augusta	8,337	311,733	4,897	105,634	4,791	311,092	6,485	100,318
Columbus	494	43,581	1,043	3,670	1,858	70,500	2,575	6,010
Macon	2,046	89,112	4,549	10,988	1,737	61,915	1,451	24,323
Rome	542	48,271	800	27,611	418	48,942	1,200	15,286
La., Shreveport	3,413	158,814	4,960	69,649	1,334	168,742	3,219	25,165
Miss., Columbus	316	40,718	865	9,065	903	43,518	1,623	7,896
Clarksdale	3,779	164,957	5,514	71,914	6,000	200,422	3,000	71,919
Greenwood	3,301	169,017	6,744	74,853	3,918	203,098	2,953	65,896
Meridian	431	50,141	758	12,331	929	60,859	1,312	14,719
Natchez	188	37,017	1,054	10,207	975	55,864	695	14,483
Vicksburg	761	33,024	978	17,271	833	50,816	595	17,975
Yazoo City	747	43,480	1,546	22,847	326	51,841	855	16,804
Mo., St. Louis	15,223	437,817	14,039	8,716	15,002	548,325	14,809	15,597
N.C., Greensboro	1,462	33,576	747	21,561	3,358	50,990	1,609	17,306
Raleigh	174	17,768	517	8,595	187	15,638	708	12,289
Okl., Altus	3,958	176,690	5,666	13,836	2,270	131,979	2,900	19,047
Chickasha	3,916	155,454	4,764	13,759	5,506	171,723	4,825	18,535
Oklahoma	3,293	147,110	5,262	20,917	1,867	159,534	4,219	28,071
S. C., Greenville	7,697	247,976	8,188	82,251	12,895	231,244	8,644	59,612
Greenwood		7,773		3,251		4,912		3,705
Tenn., Memphis	62,776	1,657,944	73,259	271,373	49,552	1,508,287	47,878	294,237
Nashville	280	5,945	208	1,317	14	3,279	29	762
Texas, Abilene	592	73,498	1,423	1,358	944	82,662	1,057	875
Brenham	275	25,281	255	6,914	111	5,561	114	4,345
Austin	158	32,943	387	3,195	68	11,776		932
Dallas	2,495	162,378	3,575	51,081	717	143,228	1,239	20,462
Houston		*		*	53,881	4,329,284	74,307	701,786
Paris	296	55,241	708	1,763	392	110,675	1,020	4,119
San Antonio	1,040	59,569	264	3,850	204	25,196	116	1,546
Fort Worth	883	110,439	2,350	15,173	1,341	85,945	2,227	13,433
Total, 40 towns	140,451	5,640,328	183,468	1,305,580	188,479	9,917,069	208,607	1,893,049

* Houston statistics are no longer compiled on an interior basis, but only on a port basis. We are changing accordingly.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 44,599 bales and are to-night 587,469 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 48,028 bales less than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Feb. 18—	—1926-27—		—1925-26—	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Shipped—				
Via St. Louis	14,039	445,269	14,809	545,243
Via Mounds, &c.	9,200	246,150	6,150	233,772
Via Rock Island	310	15,642	1,722	33,964
Via Louisville	1,036	39,274	1,008	47,861
Via Virginia points	5,515	173,961	5,444	151,516
Via other routes, &c.	17,174	381,407	10,688	306,387
Total gross overland	47,274	1,301,703	39,821	1,318,743
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	2,492	90,720	2,561	96,987
Between interior towns	569	16,091	577	16,339
Inland, &c., from South	31,509	590,026	23,029	442,614
Total to be deducted	34,570	696,837	26,167	555,940
Leaving total net overland*	12,704	604,866	13,654	762,803

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 12,704 bales, against 13,654 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 157,937 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	—1926-27—		—1925-26—	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Feb. 18	206,770	10,292,870	148,404	7,756,420
Net overland to Feb. 18	12,704	604,866	13,654	762,803
Southern consumption to Feb. 18	111,000	2,942,000	110,000	2,550,000
Total marketed	330,474	13,839,736	272,058	11,069,223
Interior stocks in excess	*24,599	774,245	*19,948	1,737,627
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to Feb. 1		663,972		702,398
Came into sight during week	285,875		252,110	
Total in sight Feb. 18		15,277,953		13,509,248
Nor. spinners' takings to Feb. 18	36,180	1,361,931	37,389	1,392,426

* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1925—Feb. 19	233,111	1924-25	12,458,434
1924—Feb. 20	110,960	1923-24	9,598,652
1923—Feb. 21	90,902	1922-23	9,179,904

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. 18.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday, Feb. 12.	Monday, Feb. 14.	Tuesday, Feb. 15.	Wednesday, Feb. 16.	Thursday, Feb. 17.	Friday, Feb. 18.
Galveston	13.65	13.85	13.75	13.80	13.80	13.80
New Orleans	13.70	13.94	13.78	13.87	13.87	13.87
Mobile	13.05	13.40	13.25	13.25	13.25	13.25
Savannah	13.54	13.75	13.63	13.69	13.74	13.74
Norfolk	13.69	13.88	13.75	13.71	13.88	13.88
Baltimore	14.00	14.00	14.20	14.00	14.10	14.10
Houston	13.38	13.56	13.50	13.50	13.63	13.63
Memphis	13.25	13.25	13.25	13.25	13.25	13.25
Houston	13.55	13.75	13.65	13.75	13.80	13.80
Little Rock	13.20	13.35	13.35	13.35	13.35	13.35
Dallas	12.75	12.95	12.85	12.90	13.00	13.00
Fort Worth	12.75	12.95	12.85	12.95	13.00	13.00

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, Feb. 12.	Monday, Feb. 14.	Tuesday, Feb. 15.	Wednesday, Feb. 16.	Thursday, Feb. 17.	Friday, Feb. 18.
February						
March	13.68-13.71	13.91-13.92	13.78	13.86-13.87	13.89-13.90	13.89-13.90
April						
May	13.87-13.88	14.11-14.12	13.98-14.00	14.06-14.07	14.09-14.10	14.09-14.10
June						
July	14.03-14.05	14.28-14.29	14.15-14.16	14.22-14.23	14.27-14.28	14.27-14.28
August						
September						
October	14.19	14.41-14.43	14.28-14.29	14.36-14.37	14.42	14.42
November						
December	14.32-14.33	14.52-14.53	14.42-14.44	14.51-14.52	14.60-14.57	14.60-14.57
January	14.37	bid	14.57 asked	14.44 asked	14.54 bid	14.60 bid
Options	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady

CENSUS REPORT ON COTTONSEED OIL PRODUCTION DURING JANUARY.—Persons interested in this report will find it in our department headed "Indications of Business Activity," on earlier pages.

CENSUS REPORT ON COTTON CONSUMED AND ON HAND IN JANUARY, &c.—This report, issued on Feb. 14 by the Census Bureau, will be found in full in an earlier part of our paper under the heading "Indications of Business Activity."

COTTON SLEDDING BECOMING IMPORTANT HARVESTING METHOD.—Low cotton prices this season have stimulated in Texas and Oklahoma a great increase in a low-cost method of harvesting cotton which was first practiced about 10 years ago. This is the use of sleds or strippers for pulling or snapping cotton from the stalks. Two main types of sleds are in general use, says the United States Department of Agriculture, in their report issued on Feb. 18. One type is adapted for harvesting small cotton (the kind usually grown in the Staked Plains area) and the other for harvesting cotton where the plant has a more vigorous growth. The latter type is used chiefly in the bottom lands of the plains area, and in some areas farther east. The Department then goes on to say:

Although this method of harvesting cotton often leaves 15% or more of the crop in the field, it is immensely cheaper than picking. It is considerably cheaper than snapping cotton by hand. It is obviously advantageous, in seasons like the present one, when cotton prices and labor rates are such that the crop will hardly stand the expense of harvesting by picking or snapping. Indeed, it is generally believed by the cotton farmers that sledding is only an emergency method of harvesting. Nevertheless, some producers contend that sledding has come to stay, and that great improvement will be made in this harvesting method. Ginneries say that cotton sledged under ideal conditions is of about the same quality as the usual run of snapped or pulled cotton. But where fields are grassy or where badly constructed sleds are used, the method may give poor results.

Other conditions besides low cotton prices may favor the spread of cotton sledding. Among them are scarcity of labor and early frosts. In the newer cotton areas of Texas and Oklahoma, where machine methods enable cotton to be produced on a more extensive scale than in other parts of the Cotton Belt, farm families can cultivate much more cotton than it is possible for them to harvest without additional labor. Thus the problem of harvest labor in the cotton fields arises. Furthermore, the picking operation becomes too difficult after killing frosts, because the burs then break off the stalk at a touch. Sledding partially solves the double problem of economizing harvest labor and saving cotton that has been caught by early frosts.

Although sledding cotton has been described as simply a mechanical means for snapping or pulling cotton, the operation is not really adequately described by the terms snapping and pulling. The sleds have toothed arrangements, not unlike mower guards. They strip all bolls from the stalks, regardless of their state of maturity. Naturally considerable foreign material is harvested at the same time. This at first caused some ginneries to oppose the use of the sled, but recently they have shown less opposition.

Sledding was used on an enormous scale in the western part of the cotton area the past season. Data are being compiled by the department as to the amount of cotton harvested in this way. Estimates of the amount of snapped and sledged cotton in Texas and Oklahoma run from three to four million bales, which is a good proportion of the western crop. Probably more than half of the cotton in the semi-arid regions of Texas and Oklahoma was harvested by sledding. The method is most applicable in areas where the height of cotton is rather uniformly from 12 to 15 inches. Small, dwarfed cotton stalks are universally found in the semi-arid regions. A sled has been devised for harvesting cotton from the taller stalks, but this is not the demonstrated success that the ordinary sled has been on the shorter cotton.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that the weather during the week throughout the cotton belt has been as a rule unfavorable. Rains and wet soil delayed picking in those parts of the cotton belt where cotton remains in the fields, and retarded preparation of land for a new crop in other sections.

Mobile, Ala.—Heavy rains in the interior have retarded land preparation.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer		
Galveston, Texas	3 days	0.28 in.	high 73	low 42	mean 58
Ablene	1 day	0.02 in.	high 80	low 24	mean 52
Brenham	1 day	0.01 in.	high 82	low 50	mean 66
Corpus Christi	3 days	0.04 in.	high 86	low 48	mean 67
Dallas	1 day	0.02 in.	high 80	low 28	mean 54
Del Rio	dry		high 84	low 40	mean 55
Palestine	2 days	0.66 in.	high 84	low 32	mean 58
San Antonio	1 day	0.01 in.	high 86	low 34	mean 60
Taylor	2 days	0.68 in.	high 86	low 28	mean 55
New Orleans, La.	4 days	5.61 in.	high 72	low 46	mean 68
Mobile, Ala.	3 days	4.61 in.	high 72	low 46	mean 66
Savannah, Ga.	dry		high 81	low 50	mean 66
Charleston, S. C.	? days	0.09 in.	high 77	low 52	mean 65
Charlotte, N. C.	? days	0.31 in.	high 79	low 42	mean 57

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. 17 1927.	Feb. 18 1926.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge.	18.0
Memphis	Above zero of gauge.	36.5
Nashville	Above zero of gauge.	17.3
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge.	21.6
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge.	49.1

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. 19	516,711	377,983	432,208	1,415,095	1,677,442	1,486,392	583,298	409,247	487,688
26	470,422	311,384	370,024	1,456,381	1,784,345	1,545,601	511,728	418,287	429,233
Dec. 3	482,959	396,275	370,752	1,490,161	1,836,526	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	373,469	323,262
23	339,577	224,398	232,346	1,561,460	2,000,037	1,577,997	345,938	299,671	251,964
30	323,796	213,200	306,967	1,592,861	2,034,965	1,514,450	325,197	247,971	246,118
Jan. 1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1926.	1925.	1924.
7	238,809	151,454	234,091	1,529,304	2,023,364	1,474,156	205,252	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	274,402	182,628	144,187
28	258,932	171,156	200,371	1,467,429	1,966,783	1,306,792	238,380	158,778	123,537
Feb. 4	235,198	173,227	179,899	1,404,189	1,930,287	1,248,011	171,958	136,731	121,118
11	228,441	148,354	204,982	1,350,179	1,912,997	1,199,953	174,431	131,064	156,924
18	206,770	148,404	167,066	1,305,580	1,893,776	1,170,855	162,171	128,456	137,968

The above statement shows: (1) The total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1926 are 10,862,149 bales; in 1925 were 9,419,827 bales, and in 1924 were 8,574,989 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 206,770 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 162,171 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 44,599 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 28,456 bales and for 1925 they were 137,968 bales.

WORLD SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable, also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period.

Cotton Takings. Week and Season.	1926-27.		1925-26.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Feb. 11	8,668,422		6,764,781	
Visible supply Aug. 1		3,646,413		2,342,887
American in sight to Feb. 18	285,875	15,277,953	252,110	13,509,248
Bombay receipts to Feb. 17	133,000	1,712,000	189,000	1,947,000
Other India shipm'ts to Feb. 17	39,000	230,000	35,000	356,000
Alexandria receipts to Feb. 16	27,000	1,204,400	40,000	1,248,200
Other supply to Feb. 16	10,000	488,000	10,000	535,000
Total supply	9,163,297	22,558,766	7,290,891	19,938,335
Deduct—				
Visible supply Feb. 18	8,617,707	8,617,707	6,730,304	6,730,304
Total takings to Feb. 18	545,590	13,941,059	560,587	13,208,031
Of which American	382,590	10,607,659	344,587	9,502,831
Of which other	163,000	3,333,400	216,000	3,705,200

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 2,942,000 bales in 1926-27 and 2,550,000 bales in 1925-26—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners' 10,999,059 bales in 1926-27 and 10,658,081 bales in 1925-26, of which 7,665,659 bales and 6,952,831 bales American. b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

February 17. Receipts at—	1926-27.		1925-26.		1924-25.			
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.		
Bombay	133,000	1,712,000	189,000	1,947,000	159,000	1,657,000		
Exports from	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britn.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britn.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1926-27	15,000	24,000	39,000	78,000	4,000	163,000	727,000	899,000
1925-26	1,000	4,000	60,000	65,000	24,000	291,000	886,000	1,201,000
1924-25	14,000	73,000	87,000	27,000	229,000	908,000	1,164,000	
Other India—								
1926-27	6,000	33,000	39,000	23,000	207,000		230,000	
1925-26	1,000	34,000	35,000	62,000	294,000		356,000	
1924-25	22,000	22,000	24,000	154,000			178,000	
Total all—								
1926-27	6,000	48,000	24,000	78,000	27,000	375,000	727,000	1,129,000
1925-26	2,000	38,000	60,000	80,000	80,000	585,000	886,000	1,532,000
1924-25	36,000	73,000	109,000	51,000	383,000	908,000	1,342,000	

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of

56,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 22,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 423,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

Alexandria, Egypt, February 16.	1926-27.	1925-26.	1924-25.			
Receipts (cantars)—						
This week	135,000	200,000	110,000			
Since Aug. 1	6,011,156	6,228,364	6,488,722			
Exports (bales)—	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool	8,000	144,872	132,662	9,000	151,143	
To Manchester, &c.	---	114,411	130,054	100	169,939	
To Continent and India	11,000	223,349	6,750	222,018	9,750	256,647
To America	1,000	74,642	105,146	500	97,304	
Total exports	20,000	557,274	6,750	589,880	19,350	675,033

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Feb. 16 were 135,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 20,000 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 India is good. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1926-27.				1925-26.				
	32s Twst.	8 1/4 Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.	Cotton Midd'g Up'ds	32s Twst.	8 1/4 Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.	Cotton Midd'g Up'ds	32s Twst.	8 1/4 Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.	Cotton Midd'g Up'ds
Nov. 19	12 1/4 @ 14	12 0 @ 12 2	7.03	17 1/4 @ 18 1/4	14 2 @ 14 6	10.60			
26	12 1/4 @ 13 1/4	12 0 @ 12 2	6.92	17 @ 18 1/4	14 2 @ 14 6	10.74			
Dec. 3	12 @ 13 1/4	12 0 @ 12 2	6.42	16 1/4 @ 18 1/4	14 2 @ 14 6	10.42			
10	11 3/4 @ 13	11 7 @ 12 0	6.46	16 1/4 @ 18	14 1 @ 17 4	10.17			
17	11 3/4 @ 13	11 7 @ 12 1	6.52	16 @ 17 1/4	14 0 @ 14 4	9.81			
23	11 1/4 @ 13	11 7 @ 12 1	6.81	16 @ 17 1/4	14 1 @ 14 5	9.92			
31	11 1/4 @ 12 1/4	11 6 @ 12 0	6.89	16 1/4 @ 17 1/4	14 3 @ 14 5	9.27			
Jan. 7	11 1/4 @ 12 1/4	11 6 @ 12 0	6.98	16 1/4 @ 17 1/4	14 3 @ 14 5	10.54			
14	11 1/4 @ 13	11 7 @ 12 1	7.16	16 1/4 @ 17 1/4	14 3 @ 14 5	10.84			
21	11 1/4 @ 13	12 @ 12 2	7.30	17 1/4 @ 18 1/4	14 4 @ 14 6	10.76			
28	12 @ 13	12 1 @ 12 3	7.26	16 1/4 @ 17 1/4	14 4 @ 14 6	10.63			
Feb. 4	11 1/4 @ 13 1/4	12 1 @ 12 3	7.47	16 1/4 @ 17 1/4	14 0 @ 14 4	10.80			
11	12 @ 13 1/4	12 2 @ 12 4	7.69	16 1/4 @ 17 1/4	14 0 @ 14 3	10.52			
17	12 1/4 @ 14	12 3 @ 12 6	7.76	16 1/4 @ 17 1/4	14 0 @ 14 3	10.57			

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 292,760 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

	Bales
NEW YORK—To Havre—Feb. 11—Vincent, 100	700
Grasse, 600	
To Bremen—Feb. 8—President Roosevelt, 3,531	4,081
Bremen, 550	
To Barcelona—Feb. 8—Manuel Arnus, 2,000	2,200
Skaneland, 200	
To Bombay—Feb. 11—Kasenga, 3,300	3,300
To Liverpool—Feb. 11—Cedric, 17	17
NEW ORLEANS—To Liverpool—Feb. 10—Historian, 10,822	27,608
Feb. 14—West Modus, 6,839	
Feb. 15—Dakarlan, 9,947	
To Manchester—Feb. 10—Historian, 1,799	
Dakarlan, 1,338	
To Vera Cruz—Feb. 10—Sinaloa, 1,000	1,000
To Genoa—Feb. 11—Monviso, 7,557	7,557
To Havre—Feb. 15—Coldbrook, 4,012	4,012
To Antwerp—Feb. 15—Coldbrook, 150	150
To Ghent—Feb. 15—Coldbrook, 2,560	2,560
To Hamburg—Feb. 14—Arta, 1,469	1,577
To Bremen—Feb. 14—Arta, 4,396	8,047
To Rotterdam—Feb. 12—City of Weatherford, 1,102	1,102
To Passages—Feb. 12—Olen, 100	100
To Oporto—Feb. 12—Olen, 725	725
To Japan—Feb. 14—La Plata Maru, 2,327	4,327
To Porto Colombia—Feb. 16—Atenas, 200	200
HOUSTON—To Liverpool—Feb. 11—Cripple Creek, 3,665	11,360
17—Craftsman, 7,695	
To Manchester—Feb. 11—Cripple Creek, 1,741	3,041
Craftsman, 1,300	
To Genoa—Feb. 10—Ida Zo, 1,100	4,950
Feb. 12—Mount Evans, 3,850	971
To Venice—Feb. 12—Mount Evans, 971	200
To Trieste—Feb. 12—Mount Evans, 200	
To Japan—Feb. 11—Steel Engineer, 4,125	9,543
Feb. 15—Frogner, 5,418	7,556
To Havre—Feb. 14—Chester Valley, 7,556	490
To Antwerp—Feb. 14—Chester Valley, 490	325
To Ghent—Feb. 14—Chester Valley, 325	1,550
To Rotterdam—Feb. 14—Chester Valley, 1,550	
To Bremen—Feb. 11—Corner Brook, 13,956	23,941
Emergency Aid, 9,985	1,366
To Hamburg—Feb. 11—Corner Brook, 1,366	1,946
To Barcelona—Feb. 16—Ogontz, 1,946	1,250
Dania, 1,250	
GALVESTON—To Copenhagen—Feb. 10—Dania, 1,250	27,189
To Japan—Feb. 11—Lisbon Maru, 9,500	5,721
Engineer, 8,985	264
To Havre—Feb. 12—Cliffwood, 3,422	3,325
To Antwerp—Feb. 12—Skipton Castle, 264	1,450
To Ghent—Feb. 12—Skipton Castle, 2,819	7,695
To Rotterdam—Feb. 12—Cliffwood, 1,450	3,050
To Genoa—Feb. 12—Mount Evans, 3,190	1,250
To Venice—Feb. 12—Mount Evans, 3,050	2,500
To Trieste—Feb. 12—Mount Evans, 1,250	10,287
To Naples—Feb. 12—Ida Zo, 2,500	1,27

CHARLESTON—To Liverpool—Feb. 14—Woodfield, 815.....	Bales . 815
To Hamburg—Feb. 14—Woodfield, 275.....Feb. 16—Engle-	
wood, 100.....	375
To Bremen—Feb. 16—Englewood, 9,853.....	9,853
To Rotterdam—Feb. 16—Englewood, 500.....	500
YOBIÉ—To Havre—Feb. 4—Hastings, 100.....Feb. 11—Mis-	
souri, 750.....	850
To Bremen—Feb. 11—Federal, 7,324.....	7,324
To Barcelona—Feb. 11—Ogontz, 550.....	550
SAN PEDRO—To Liverpool—Feb. 9—Lochgail, 1,511.....Feb. 12—	
Selma City, 3,009.....	4,520
To Japan—Feb. 11—Silver Pine, 1,106.....	1,106
To Bremen—Feb. 11—Grootendijk, 3,500.....	3,500
SAN FRANCISCO—To Liverpool—Feb. 7—Lochgail, 108.....	108
To Antwerp—Feb. 10—Indiana, 500.....	500
To Bremen—Feb. 10—Grootendijk, 1,000.....	1,000
To Japan—Feb. 11—President Van Buren, 500.....Feb. 14—	
Tanyou Maru, 475.....	975
PHILADELPHIA—To London—Jan. 28—London Commerce, 2.....	2
SAN DIEGO—To Liverpool—Feb. 12—Selma City, 1,540.....	1,540
PENSACOLA—To Liverpool—Feb. 17—Afoundria, 208.....	208
Total.....	292,760

COTTON FREIGHT.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

	High Density.	Stand-ard.	High Density.	Stand-ard.	High Density.	Stand-ard.
Liverpool 40c.	.55c.		Oslo .50c.	.60c.	Shanghai .70c.	.85c.
Manchester 40c.	.55c.		Stockholm .60c.	.75c.	Bombay .75c.	.90c.
Antwerp .45c.	.60c.		Trieste .60c.	.75c.	Bremen .50c.	.65c.
Chent .52½c.	.67½c.		Fiume .60c.	.75c.	Hamburg .50c.	.65c.
Havre .50c.	.65c.		Lisbon .50c.	.65c.	Piraeus .85c.	1.00c.
Rotterdam .60c.	.75c.		Oporto .65c.	.80c.	Salonica .85c.	1.00c.
Genoa .50c.	.65c.		Barcelona .40c.	.55c.	Venice .60c.	.75c.
			Japan .67½c.	.82½c.		

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Jan. 28.	Feb. 4.	Feb. 11.	Feb. 18.
Sales of the week.....	55,000	46,000	62,000	68,000
Of which American.....	32,000	28,000	41,000	50,000
Actual exports.....	1,000	3,000	3,000	2,000
Forwarded.....	82,000	73,000	72,000	72,000
Total stocks.....	1,272,000	1,310,000	1,321,000	1,313,000
Of which American.....	919,000	987,000	999,000	994,000
Total imports.....	99,000	107,000	102,000	62,000
Of which American.....	80,000	81,000	70,000	48,000
Amount afloat.....	273,000	258,000	215,000	268,000
Of which American.....	202,000	193,000	153,000	194,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Saturday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.	Good demand.	Good demand.	Good demand.	Good demand.	Good demand.	Good demand.
Mid. Upl'ds	7.76	7.75	7.68	7.81	7.72	7.69
Sales	10,000	10,000	12,000	10,000	12,000	14,000
Futures Market opened	Steady, 4 to 6 pts. advance.	Quiet at 1 to 2 pts. decline.	Steady at 4 to 6 pts. decline.	Steady at 5 to 7 pts. advance.	Steady at 2 to 5 pts. decline.	Quiet, 1 to 2 pts. decline.
Market, 4 P. M.	Steady, 6 to 9 pts. advance.	Barely st'y decline.	Very st'd'y, 1 to 3 pts. advance.	Barely st'y, Unch'd to 2 pts. adv.	Very st'd'y, 1 to 4 pts. advance.	Ba'ly st'd'y, 4 pts. dec.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Feb. 12 to Feb. 18.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12½ p. m.	12½ p. m.	12½ p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12½ p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12½ p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12½ p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12½ p. m.	4:00 p. m.
February	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
March	7.33	7.40	7.34	7.38	7.37	7.46	7.39	7.37	7.40	7.41	7.48	7.48
April	7.43	7.46	7.39	7.38	7.42	7.51	7.44	7.43	7.47	7.47	7.53	7.53
May	7.46	7.50	7.43	7.42	7.46	7.55	7.48	7.47	7.51	7.52	7.58	7.58
June	7.54	7.58	7.50	7.49	7.53	7.62	7.54	7.54	7.57	7.60	7.65	7.65
July	7.58	7.61	7.54	7.53	7.57	7.65	7.57	7.58	7.61	7.64	7.69	7.69
August	7.65	7.69	7.61	7.60	7.64	7.72	7.64	7.64	7.67	7.71	7.76	7.76
September	7.68	7.72	7.63	7.62	7.66	7.74	7.66	7.66	7.69	7.73	7.78	7.78
October	7.70	7.74	7.66	7.65	7.68	7.76	7.69	7.68	7.71	7.75	7.80	7.80
November	7.72	7.76	7.69	7.67	7.70	7.78	7.71	7.70	7.73	7.77	7.82	7.82
December	7.75	7.79	7.72	7.70	7.73	7.81	7.74	7.73	7.76	7.80	7.85	7.85
January	7.77	7.82	7.74	7.73	7.75	7.83	7.76	7.75	7.78	7.82	7.87	7.87
February (1928)	7.80	7.85	7.77	7.76	7.78	7.86	7.79	7.78	7.81	7.85	7.90	7.90
	7.80	7.85	7.77	7.76	7.78	7.86	7.79	7.78	7.81	7.85	7.90	7.90

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Feb. 18 1927.

Flour has shown no new feature. The demand is unsatisfactory. Competition for business is sharp. It does not appear that the Northwestern mills are having a slow trade. Buyers simply adhere tenaciously to their old policy of buying for only a short time ahead. Export trade in the face of so much competition from other countries has apparently been quiet. Reports from the Southwest say that the flour production in Kansas City is easily 10% greater than the 5 to 10 year average. The "Southwestern Miller" said: "Improvement was apparent in practically every milling section. The belief among many buyers that the passage of the McNary-Haugen bill would exert a bullish influence on prices provided the chief contributing force to the more active demand. Mill sales in the Southwest exceeded 70% of capacity, many points booking materially more than 100%. In the Northwest the average was around 40 to 45%. Soft wheat plants booked about 40%. Export sales were mostly of small lots, making a small total in the aggregate."

Wheat on the 14th inst. declined ½ to 1c. despite a rise in Liverpool of ½ to ¾d. For the weather was better, snow fell in the winter wheat belt and there was a disappointing increase in the United States visible supply

last week of 759,000 bushels. In the same week last year there was a decrease of 1,167,000 bushels. The total now is 55,354,000 bushels, against 42,831,000 a year ago. Kansas and Nebraska got needed moisture. That fact was stressed. Southwestern receipts were rather large. There was an increase in the total on passage to Europe of nearly 5,000,000 bushels, as against a decrease in world's shipments of some 2,000,000. Export sales over the week-end were 600,000 bushels of Manitoba. In the United States export business was dull. Covering and buying against bids checked the decline on the 14th inst. On the 16th inst. prices gave way for a time with Liverpool ½d. lower, stop orders appearing and export sales only 300,000 bushels, so far as reported. But considerable Manitoba was said to have been sold to Europe and Winnipeg was firm. This, with a sudden rise of 2c. in rye, infused some strength into wheat. It ended on that day with May ¼c. higher and July unchanged.

One comment on the situation was that the way in which Liverpool ignored advances on this side indicated plainly enough that the world's situation is not so strong as had been supposed. Southern hemisphere cargoes will begin to reach Europe in numbers next week and may, it is suggested make Europe rather independent of North America for the remainder of the crop year. The shipment from this continent between now and July 1 it is taken for granted will be largely Canadian wheat. Growing crop conditions are satisfactory and a large increase in the acreage is expected. The domestic situation is called weak. The March 1 farm reserves will show an abundance of wheat for all home needs and surplus for export and carryover. Some have been buying on the theory that wheat is on a domestic basis and, therefore, exports do not matter. But domestic demand is small. The cash basis at Chicago is the lowest of the season as compared with May. No. 2 red and hard winters are at a discount as compared with the future. On Feb. 1 leading exporting countries, it appears, had about 528,000,000 bushels available for the needs of importers without allowing for carryover. Clearances from July 1 to Jan. 31 were 427,000,000 bushels. That is, 60,000,000 bushels a month. Exports for the remaining five months at a similar ratio would mean 305,000,000 bushels, or a total for the world for the 1926-27 season of 732,000,000 bushels. The world's carryover would thus be 223,000,000 bushels on July 1 1927, or 84,000,000 more than in 1926.

The world wheat crop is estimated at 3,441,000,000 bushels this season as against 3,400,000,000 last year, showing an increase of about 1.2%. In Minneapolis the cash demand was better and offerings were small even with prices about one cent higher for medium and top grades. World's shipments of wheat for the week were 19,035,000 bushels, of which 7,897,000 were from North America. Last week exports were 21,412,000 bushels and last year 16,231,000. Moscow Russia reports new difficulties in mobilizing the Russian crop of 1926, particularly in Siberia, owing to transportation obstacles and bad weather. In January only 74.6% of the grain collection program was fulfilled. Yet between July 1 1926 and Feb. 1 the actual total collection of grain amounted to 514,097,000 poods (36 ½ lbs. each), as against 382,689,000 in the corresponding 7 months of the preceding business year.

On the 17th inst. Liverpool reported sales of 2,400,000 bushels of Manitoba to Portugal. Argentine shipments for the week fell off to 5,160,000 bushels. Export business as reported here was 300,000 to 400,000 bushels. The Continent wants some American hard and red winter. To-day, prices ended ½ to ¾c. lower here, unchanged, to ¾c. lower in Winnipeg and with Minneapolis and Chicago practically unchanged. Trading was restricted owing to the uncertainty as to the final disposition of the McNary-Haugen bill by the President. Reports to-night are that he will certainly veto it. Receipts were moderate. The weather was unsettled. That may check marketing of the crop. North American receipts dropped to something less than 5,000,000 bushels for the week. Other shipments reached 10,500,000. World shipments may total 15,500,000. These figures are a surprise. Minneapolis was the steadiest market. Export trade was light. Argentine shipments in the latest figures turn out to have been 6,248,000; Australia, 3,664,000. Cables were disappointing. Final prices show a decline for the week of ¼ to ½c.

CLOSING PRICES OF DOMESTIC WHEAT AT NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery.....	143 ½	143 ¼	143 ½	143 ¾	143 ¾	143 ¾
July delivery.....	138 ¾	138 ¾	138	138 ½	138 ½	138 ½

CLOSING PRICES AT NEW YORK FOR WHEAT IN BOND.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery.....	142 ¾	142 ¾	143	143 ¼	143 ¼	143 ¼

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	Sat. 149	Mon. 148 1/4	Tues. 149 1/2	Wed. 149 3/4	Thurs. 149 3/4	Fri. 149 3/4
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator	Sat. 140	Mon. 140 1/4	Tues. 140 3/4	Wed. 140 3/4	Thurs. 140 3/4	Fri. 140 3/4
July delivery in elevator	Holi- 134	134	134	134 1/4	134 1/4	134 1/4
September delivery in elevator	day 132	131 1/4	131 1/4	131 1/4	132	132

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

May delivery in elevator	Sat. 137 1/4	Mon. 137 3/4	Tues. 138	Wed. 138 1/4	Thurs. 138 1/2	Fri. 138 1/2
July delivery in elevator	Holi- 136 1/4	136 1/4	136 1/4	136 1/4	137 1/4	137
October delivery in elevator	day 128	128	128 1/4	128 1/4	128 3/4	128

Indian corn declined early in the week 3/8 to 5/8c. with wheat lower and liquidation a feature. The United States visible supply increased last week 1,290,000 bushels, against 1,362,000 in the same week last year. The total is now 42,659,000 bushels, against 31,180,000 a year ago. In the cash trade offerings were large and No. 4 declined. Choice corn, however, was steady. In general, shipping demand showed no increase. Stocks are steadily mounting. Chicago wired: "Contract stocks now total 6,742,000 bushels, compared with 6,134,000 a year ago. Stocks in all positions at Chicago close to 23,000,000 bushels." Large traders were bullish. Prices declined on the 16th inst. but rallied later with wheat and rye, though not so much, but final prices showed a net decline of 1/8 to 3/8c. Discouraged bulls sold out. This told plainly. Receipts, too, were large, despite bad weather. They surprised the trade. Shipping demand lags. Chicago receipts are not matched by the local demand. Worse still, Eastern markets undersell Chicago. Later cash demand was still light and colder weather points to larger receipts. To-day prices closed 1/4 to 1/2c. lower after a fair amount of trading. The weather was unsettled. Receipts were moderate. Country offerings were light. Country roads will be in bad condition owing to a snowfall. But there were drawbacks in the shape of depressed cash markets, realizing sales, and uncertainty as to the final fate of the farm relief bill. The drift in the end was downward. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1 1/2 to 2 1/4c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	Sat. 92 3/4	Mon. 92 3/4	Tues. 92 3/4	Wed. 92	Thurs. 92	Fri. 91 1/2
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator	Sat. 80 1/4	Mon. 80 1/4	Tues. 79 3/4	Wed. 79 3/4	Thurs. 79 3/4	Fri. 79
July delivery in elevator	Holi- 84 1/4	84	83 3/4	83 1/4	83 1/4	83 1/4
September delivery in elevator	day 86 1/4	86 1/4	86 1/4	86 1/4	86 1/4	85 1/4

Oats declined 1/4 to 5/8c. with other grain last Monday. Good quality was in demand at Chicago. The United States visible supply decreased last week only 296,000 bushels, against 1,222,000 in the same week last year. The total to be sure is only 44,812,000 bushels, against 61,495,000 a year ago. Prices declined 1/4 to 1/2c. on the 16th inst. when rye rose about 1 1/2c. net. For oats were largely neglected. The weakness of corn had some effect. Shipping demand too was poor. Receipts were of fair size. The supply of medium and low grades is large enough to weigh on the market in sharp contrast with the excellent demand for choice oats. To-day prices closed 1/8 to 1/4c. lower with only a moderate amount of business. The cash demand showed no snap. No export demand appeared; certainly none of any importance. Bad weather will curtail receipts. For the moment they are of fair size, however. There was no aggressive buying. The uncertainty about the farm relief bill paralyzed business and speculation. Final prices show a decline of 7/8c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

May delivery	Sat. 49 1/2	Mon. 49 3/4	Tues. 49 3/4	Wed. 49 1/2	Thurs. 49 1/2	Fri. 49 1/2
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF DOMESTIC OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	Sat. 54	Mon. 54	Tues. 54	Wed. 54	Thurs. 54	Fri. 54
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator	Sat. 46	Mon. 45 3/4	Tues. 45 3/4	Wed. 45 3/4	Thurs. 45 3/4	Fri. 45 3/4
July delivery in elevator	Holi- 46 1/4	46	46	46 1/4	46 1/4	46 1/4
September delivery in elevator	day 45 1/4	45	44 3/4	45	44 3/4	44 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

May delivery in elevator	Sat. 57 1/4	Mon. 57 1/4	Tues. 57 1/4	Wed. 58 1/4	Thurs. 58 1/4	Fri. 58 1/4
July delivery in elevator	Holi- 56	56	56 1/4	56 1/4	56 1/4	56 1/4
October delivery in elevator	day 51 1/4	51	51 1/4	51 1/4	51 1/4	51 1/4

Rye like other grain was weak on the 14th inst., falling 1 to 1 3/8c. A little export business was reported. The trouble was it was not large enough to give the market support. Later it was a different story. Exporters bought and prices leaped 2c. The United States visible supply increased 69,000 bushels against an increase in the same week last year of 262,000 bushels. The total is now 13,355,000 bushels against 13,790,000 a year ago. The position of rye and its sharp rise on the 16th inst. due to large export purchases excites general comment. Chicago wired: Rye is one grain in the United States that has increasing popularity. The world crop was short this year, even the United States being credited with little more than 40,000,000 bushels against 46,456,000 in 1925 and 65,466,000 in 1924. For various reasons, political as well as economic, foreign countries are not in a position this year, to share among each other as much rye as they probably would under different circumstances. Germany and Poland have ended trade treaty negotiations, Russia it is reported has only a few cargoes to spare, Argentina raised a crop of less than 3,500,000 bushels and Canada produced little above its home requirements. On the 15th inst. prices advanced 2c. from the low of the morning when a sharp foreign demand appeared. The sales were stated at 300,000 bushels. The net rise for the day was

1 3/8c. Reports were rife that the New York stock of rye and also that at some of the Canadian points had been sold to Europe. Rye helped wheat to pull up. Rye cut a channel for itself. On the 17th inst. 100,000 bushels more sold for export and a net rise occurred of 5/8 to 3/4c. Today prices closed 1/4 to 3/8c. lower partly on profit taking. There was also some other selling. Norway was said, however, to have taken 60,000 bushels. It was not absolutely confirmed. But it looks as though some of the trading was against export business. Commission houses were buying. The seaboard was inclined to buy on declines. This with other things prevented any marked recession. Final prices show a rise for the week of 1/2 to 5/8c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator	Sat. 105 1/4	Mon. 105 1/4	Tues. 107 1/4	Wed. 107 1/4	Thurs. 107 1/4	Fri. 107 1/4
July delivery in elevator	Holi- 102 1/4	103	104 1/4	105 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4
September delivery in elevator	day 98 3/4	98 1/4	99	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN.

Wheat, New York	No. 2 red f.o.b.	1 49 3/4	Oats, New York	No. 2 white	54
	No. 1 Northern	1 5 3/4		No. 3 white	52 @ 52 1/2
	No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.	1 54 3/4	Rye, New York	No. 2 f.o.b.	118
Corn, New York	No. 2 yellow	91 1/4	Barley, New York	Malting as to quality	.88 1/2 @ 90 1/2
	No. 3 yellow	87 3/4			

FLOUR.

Spring patents	\$7 15 @ \$7 40	Rye flour patents	\$6 50 @ \$6 75
Clears, first spring	6 75 @ 7 10	Seminola No. 2, pound	5 1/2
Soft winter straights	6 15 @ 6 40	Oats goods	3 05 @ 3 10
Hard winter straights	7 00 @ 7 40	Corn flour	2 15 @ 2 20
Hard winter patents	7 40 @ 7 80	Barley goods	
Hard winter clears	5 90 @ 6 15	Coarse	3 75
Fancy Minn. patents	8 90 @ 9 7 1/2	Fancy pearl Nos. 2, 3 and 4	7 00
City mills	9 05 @ 9 75		

For other tables usually given here, see page 1032.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Feb. 12, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

	Wheat. bush.	Corn. bush.	Oats. bush.	Rye. bush.	Barley. bush.
United States—					
New York	674,000	89,000	585,000	468,000	88,000
Boston	4,000		29,000	5,000	
Philadelphia	335,000	26,000	175,000	62,000	102,000
Baltimore	1,208,000	130,000	101,000	199,000	6,000
New Orleans	648,000	357,000	110,000	206,000	
Galveston	1,280,000			47,000	36,000
Buffalo	1,717,000	197,000	1,478,000	3,000	55,000
Toledo	3,120,000	2,848,000	3,922,000	341,000	179,000
Chicago	2,107,000		838,000		
Detroit	141,000		322,000	5,000	3,000
St. Louis	295,000	22,000	138,000		
Chicago	2,717,000	22,011,000	6,587,000	1,306,000	183,000
Milwaukee	81,000	1,657,000	2,002,000	476,000	129,000
Duluth	7,727,000	696,000	318,000	255,000	
Minneapolis	10,476,000	1,452,000	14,599,000	3,770,000	2,472,000
St. Paul	419,000	472,000	280,000	1,000	14,000
St. Louis	2,621,000	2,241,000	527,000	17,000	82,000
Wichita	10,127,000	4,173,000	850,000	153,000	14,000
St. Joseph, Mo.	873,000	951,000	21,000		
Peoria	12,000	606,000	536,000	28,000	
Indianapolis	784,000	639,000	443,000		
Omaha	2,534,000	2,818,000	2,174,000	69,000	40,000
On Canal and River	85,000			107,000	

Total Feb. 12 1927... 55,354,000 42,659,000 44,812,000 13,355,000 3,858,000
 Total Feb. 5 1927... 54,595,000 41,369,000 45,108,000 13,286,000 3,946,000
 Total Feb. 13 1926... 42,831,000 31,180,000 61,495,000 13,790,000 6,398,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 5,000 bushels; Buffalo, 151,000; Duluth, 23,000; total, 179,000 bushels, against 1,470,000 bushels in 1926. Barley, New York, 1,403,000 bushels; Baltimore, 255,000; Buffalo, 239,000; Buffalo afloat, 42,000; Fairport afloat, 122,000; total, 2,061,000 bushels, against 2,719,000 bushels in 1926. Wheat, New York, 1,448,000 bushels; Boston, 580,000; Philadelphia, 1,321,000; Baltimore, 1,208,000; Buffalo, 3,575,000; Buffalo afloat, 914,000; Duluth, 259,000; Toledo afloat, 607,000; Erie, 314,000; Fairport, 314,000; total, 10,540,000 bushels, against 13,383,000 bushels in 1926.

Canadian—

Montreal	1,773,000		2,405,000	379,000	1,277,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	36,942,000		3,018,000	2,070,000	4,079,000
Other Canadian	7,745,000			121,000	102,000
	7,786,000		2,743,000	401,000	564,000

Summary—

American	55,354,000	42,659,000	44,812,000	13,355,000	3,858,000
Canadian	54,246,000		8,166,000	2,971,000	6,022,000
Total Feb. 12 1927	109,600,000	42,659,000	52,978,000	16,326,000	9,880,000
Total Feb. 5 1927	108,793,000	41,369,000	53,339,000	16,210,000	10,095,000
Total Feb. 13 1926	100,839,000	31,336,000	72,510,000	15,750,000	14,929,000

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Feb. 11, 1927 and since July 1 1926 and 1925 are shown in the following:

	Wheat.			Corn.		
	1926-27.		1925-26.	1926-27.		1925-26.
	Week Feb. 11.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.	Week Feb. 11.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.
North Amer.	7,897,000	329,810,000	255,658,000	Bushels. 142,000	Bushels. 2,582,000	Bushels. 7,312,000
Black Sea	976,000	35,412,000	18,016,000	527,000	19,900,000	17,947,000
Argentina	6,834,000	36,692,000	43,771,000	5,364,000	158,176,000	102,548,000
Australia	2,688,000	35,024,000	40,647,000			
India		4,416,000	5,768,000			
Oth. count'rs	640,000	16,425,000		96,000	1,897,000	33,842,000
Total	19,035,000	457,779,000	363,860,000	6,129,000	182,555,000	161,649,000

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED FEB. 15.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Feb. 15, follows: The week was rather stormy, especially the latter part. At the beginning of the period an extensive high pressure area, accompanied by much

colder weather, had overspread the Northwestern States, and this "high" drifted southward to the southern Great Plains and then southeastward. There was, however, a considerable moderation of temperature conditions, although a sharp fall occurred in the Southwest about the 10th when freezing extended well southward over Texas. In the meantime an extensive "low" appeared in the far Northwest and advanced rapidly eastward over the more northern States and southern Canadian Provinces, with a general rise in temperature throughout the interior valleys.

Rainfall during the first part of the week was more or less localized, and occurred principally in the Southeast and Southwest. By Saturday, the 12th, a depression was charted over the southern Plateau and southern Rocky Mountain States, and this moved northeastward during the latter part of the week, with secondary depressions continuing in the Southwest. As a result of this distribution of pressure there was widespread rain or snow, covering much the greater part of the country, with some heavy falls in the South and Southeast during the latter part of the week, except in the Florida Peninsula. On the morning of the 14th a 24-hour rainfall of 4.22 inches was reported from New Orleans, and falls exceeding 2 inches occurred at several southeastern stations.

Chart I shows that the temperature for the week averaged above normal in practically all districts of the eastern half of the country and also in local areas of the far Southwest and far Northwest. It was especially warm from the Ohio Valley southward and eastward where the temperatures average from 6 degrees to as much as 12 degrees above normal. The weekly means were substantially subnormal in the Northwest, the deficiencies ranging from 6 degrees to 8 degrees in some sections, while in most of the Pacific Coast States and the Southwest it was moderately cold. No unusually low temperatures occurred during the week. In the East, freezing did not extend farther South than Southwestern Virginia and central Tennessee, but in the Central-West readings as low as 32 degrees were reported from as far south as south-central Texas. Over the Great Plains, subzero weather occurred to northwestern Kansas, but east of the Mississippi River it was confined to the more northern districts.

Chart II shows the weekly totals and geographic distribution of precipitation. Rainfall was substantial in the interior of the Southeastern States and heavy to excessive in central Gulf districts. Elsewhere the totals were generally moderate, except that heavy rains occurred in south Pacific coast sections.

Moderate to substantial rains in most parts of the heretofore dry Southeastern States were very beneficial in conditioning the soil, and at the same time the abnormal warmth promoted rapid advance of vegetation for the season. More rain is needed in a few sections, but, in general, soil conditions have very much improved. At the same time the continued warm weather has advanced fruit trees too rapidly throughout the South Atlantic and Gulf States, with the earlier varieties blooming quite generally in Gulf districts, and some blossoms reported as far north as South Carolina.

In the Southwest, including the Gulf area, additional rains further delayed farm work, with plowing and early spring seeding backward in most sections. Some corn was planted in the extreme Southeast, with local seeding of cotton in Florida, while some potatoes were put in locally as far north as the eastern shore of Virginia. In the northwestern cotton belt the continued wet soil was unfavorable for field work, and very little of the outstanding cotton was secured.

Snows in the northwestern wheat belt were beneficial, but at the close of the week most of the central valleys were free of snow, with the soil too wet to plow quite generally. In the Northwest, conditions were somewhat less favorable for livestock than recently, but snow or rain over the more western grazing districts materially improved range conditions.

SMALL GRAINS.—Beneficial precipitation occurred in the western wheat belt, with the generous snowfall over the northwest portion being especially welcome as moisture was needed in that area. In the central and eastern portions of the belt there is still little or no snow cover, except in the extreme northern districts, and some complaint of unfavorable freezing and thawing conditions was received. The wheat crop, however, in general, continued in fair to good condition in most sections. In the South the warm weather and general precipitation promoted rapid growth of winter cereals, though fair weather, with more sunshine, is needed in parts of the Southwest. In the Rocky Mountain and Plateau areas the snows of the week were beneficial, while precipitation in the southern Pacific Coast sections was helpful. In the far Northwest there was a lack of snow cover on some fields with local freezing and thawing, but conditions there in general continued satisfactory.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Temperatures considerably above normal; much cloudiness with moderate rainfall. Favorable for winter grains and truck in southeast; also for marketing tobacco. Good progress in preparation for early potato crop on eastern shore and planting done in a few localities. Fruit buds reported in good condition.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Temperatures about 10 degrees lower than preceding week, but still above normal; light to moderate rainfall beneficial, but more needed. Small grains and hardy truck doing well. Preparing ground for potatoes, and some planted.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Abnormal heat advanced vegetation rather too rapidly and many peach, pear, and cherry blooms observed. Beneficial rains improved plowing conditions. Winter cereals, truck, and tobacco and tomato beds in good condition. Pastures improved, while potato planting continues along coast. Carrots and lettuce being planted and cabbage doing well.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Another very warm week with abundant precipitation, except on coast, placing soil in good condition for plowing. Blooming of peach, plum, and pear trees unchecked, farm work. Blooming everywhere. Tobacco seed beds, cereals, and truck doing well. Considerable progress in plowing, although work delayed by rains at close.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Showers and moderate rains in north and west and locally; elsewhere improved soil and germination generally. Oats, early melons, strawberries, citrus trees, and truck advanced. Early potatoes doing well; planting continued. Shipping tomatoes in car lots from southern plants doing well in central. Shipments of cabbage, lettuce, and other truck and citrus fruits increased. Early corn up in south and central. Some cotton planted in Sumter County. Mild temperatures and showers improved ranges.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Another unseasonably warm week; general rains on four days, heavy in most sections, and lowlands along lower Coosa, upper Alabama, Black Warrior, and Tombigbee being inundated from overflows. Rains interrupted farm work. Vegetation which had been planted made rapid growth. Planting potatoes progressed in coast region. Oats fair to excellent condition. Pastures mostly much improved. Peach, plum, and pear trees blooming in south and some central sections. Satsuma orange trees dormant.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Unseasonably warm throughout; light precipitation in extreme north, but mostly heavy to excessive Saturday to Monday elsewhere. Farm work generally good progress until stopped by rains. Pastures and truck mostly good progress.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Considerable plowing and other outdoor work accomplished before flooding rains latter part of week stopped all farm work. Mild temperatures causing rapid development of vegetation. Much land ready for corn and rice. Planting cane; well sprouted and condition generally excellent. Strawberries developing rapidly; early shipments in prospect with favorable weather.

Texas.—Houston: Moderate to heavy rains further delayed farm work and plowing is backward, except in extreme south and extreme northwest. In extreme south, potato planting well advanced and corn planting started. Condition of pastures, wheat, oats, strawberries, and truck mostly good, but these crops need more sunshine. Fruit trees and grass abnormally advanced. Truck shipments large.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Seasonable temperatures; moderate to heavy rains unfavorable for farm activities. Soil too wet for plowing and preparation of ground for spring crops, except in northwest portion. Seeding oats delayed. Some cotton picked. Winter grains satisfactory progress and in generally good condition. Pastures fair.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Soil very wet due to continued rainy and cloudy weather. Plowing in some localities impossible and most portions badly delayed. Favorable for winter grains and all in good condition. Strawberry plants growing. Fruit buds swelling. Dirt roads impassable in many places.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Prevailing warm weather and rains caused rapid growth of all grains; oats, rye, and barley making excellent progress, while wheat coming so rapidly that early-sown in some sections too far advanced for season. Many fruit trees budding. Livestock in good condition.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Moderate temperatures. Grass and grains growing slowly and look well; few freezes had some checking effect. Light showers and still too wet to plow. Some improvement in roads. Good progress in marketing tobacco.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Feb. 18, 1927.

A firm undertone prevailed throughout the textile markets during the past week. For instance, in the cotton goods division, despite some decrease in the volume of sales, the fact that stocks were unusually low, and prompt shipments increasingly hard to get, resulted in an optimistic feeling, conveying the impression that at last the turning point had arrived for the mills and that it would only be a question of time before it would be a "sellers'" and not a "buyers'" market. Raw cotton has also ruled firm under the stimulus of the idea that the McNary-Haugen bill might result in a further advance in prices. Therefore factors, especially middlemen, bought rather freely and covered commitments running some time ahead at current prices. In regard to the woolen division, although new business on the Fall staple lines recently opened has not equaled expectations, a steady increase in orders for Spring goods was an encouraging feature. On Monday the American Woolen Co. will open their men's lines of fancy woolen and worsted suitings and topcoatings for Fall 1927, which, it is hoped, will stimulate belated business. As to the silk division, many factors now believe that the prolonged hesitation in buying of silk goods has about ended. This belief was prompted by the constant reports of a steadily increasing business being received on Spring goods. Retail buying has been more active lately, especially of prints. As to its closely allied industry, rayon, price advances of two and one-half cents per pound for rayon yarn by one of the leading producers to become effective within the week resulted in a much better feeling in the rayon goods market.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—While markets for domestic cotton goods were not quite as active as the week previous, a fair amount of business continued to be done and prices were firm. Although the size of repeat orders has been slightly smaller, they have been coming from all over the country. Reports from Western sections were especially good, stating that there had been a favorable and healthy movement of fabrics. In view of the fact that consumers have been buying a wide variety of merchandise and not stocking up in any one particular direction, it was further expected that a good repeat business would be received. Considering the growing stability of prices, scarcity of goods and confidence among distributors, it was generally believed that cotton mills have reached the turning point in their favor. It appears that consumers have been absorbing a great deal more cotton goods lately, stimulated by their attractiveness and cheapness which in turn has prompted factors to expect a continuance of good business far into the Spring months. In the meantime, a satisfactory volume of orders has been transacted in both finished and unfinished goods. It was noticed that, owing to the unusually low condition of stocks, it is becoming increasingly difficult to procure prompt deliveries—almost impossible on certain lines—while on others, premiums were paid for early April delivery. On Monday the Census Bureau issued its January consumption report, which totaled 604,584 bales of lint and 55,149 of linters, compared with 605,217 bales of lint and 54,016 of linters during December, and 582,315 of lint and 62,236 bales of linters during January last year. Print cloths 28-inch 64 x 64's construction are quoted at 5¼c, and 27-inch 64 x 60's at 4¾c. Gray goods in the 39-inch 68 x 72's construction are quoted at 7¾c, and 39-inch 80 x 80's at 10c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—An improved undertone was noticeable in the markets for woolens and worsteds. This was especially true of buying operations for Spring goods and it was reported that desirable fabrics were becoming quite scarce. Agents claimed that they could readily sell odd lots, as most of them have not accumulated stocks, and it was further stated that assortments were badly broken owing to the fact that mills have not produced much in advance of actual demand. The recent betterment was attributed to reports of increasing sales of clothing to retailers and a call for additional lines. However, on Fall lines recently opened aggregate orders have been rather disappointing. Nevertheless, this was considered temporary as the market was generally awaiting the opening of fancy goods next week. On Monday the American Woolen Co. will show their all fancy woolen and worsted suitings and top coatings for all 1927.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—A generally firm undertone prevailed in the linen markets despite the fact that the bulk of business was mostly confined to small lots covering immediate and nearby needs. It was reported that orders were mostly of the filling-in variety. As to buying interest, little change was noted from the previous week, when the majority of business was placed for such items as dress linens, handkerchiefs, and household linens, particularly napkins, tablecloths, luncheon sets, pillow cases, sheets and towels. Knicker and suiting linens have been receiving better consideration lately with the approach of Summer. Inquiries are reported to have been increasing and a volume of orders placed proportionately. Burlaps continued quiet except for some sales of heavyweight goods put through at slight concessions. Lightweights are quoted at 6.35c, and heavies at 8.70c.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS

Arkansas (State of).—Gasoline Levy to Pay Road Taxes.—“Bond Briefs,” published by the bond department of the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago, points out that a law has just been passed by the State Legislature of Arkansas, pledging the State to appropriate out of its present automobile, gasoline and motor oil taxes the sum of approximately \$6,500,000 annually for the purpose of paying principal and interest on all road district bonds within the State. It is estimated that this appropriation will exceed the principal and interest requirements on all Arkansas road district bonds outstanding by a margin of about \$400,000 annually. The effect of the law means, it is stated, that the State is indirectly taking over payment of the bonds. It is added:

This step on the part of Arkansas emphasizes the theory advanced by economists that road building is primarily a State function and that the only way to integrate properly the construction of adequate State highways is through centralization of control in State departments. At the present time approximately 51% of the total taxes of Arkansas are paid by road districts. The removal of this burden from the tax payers, thus relieving real property of approximately one-half its present tax obligations, should place other Arkansas districts bond in an improved position.

Baltimore, Md.—City Loan Program Is Increased to \$46,000,000.—We quote the following from the Baltimore “Sun” of Feb. 11:

Mayor Jackson yesterday increased the amount of his proposed public improvement loans from \$42,000,000 to \$43,000,000 by adding \$1,000,000 to the \$1,500,000 heretofore set apart for additions to Baltimore City hospitals.

The Mayor announced the loan for a new central building for the Enoch Pratt Free Library (not classified as a city public improvement loan) had been fixed at \$3,000,000, but that it would not be submitted to the voters at the municipal election next spring.

The library loan makes a total of \$46,000,000 that the city administration will ask the Legislature to authorize.

Plans to Offer Bills Next Week.

The Mayor said he planned to send all the city's bills to the Legislature next week.

Albert G. Towers, President of the Supervisors of City Charities, told the Mayor yesterday that the program of the Supervisors for additional buildings and facilities at Bay View would require a loan of \$2,500,000. Mr. Towers said the program included adequate provision for the care of the insane and the treatment of patients suffering from tuberculosis.

The fund for Bay View is to be included in a \$4,000,000 building loan. “I have increased the building loan from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000,” the Mayor explained, “to take care of the insane and the tuberculous patients because of information given me to-day by Mr. Towers and further because of the fact that there is no definite plan on the part of the State to relieve Bay View of the insane and the tuberculous patients.”

Calls Bay View Need Apparent.

“It is my opinion that if at any time in the future the State should relieve Bay View of these patients the growth of the city will require additional facilities at Bay View for hospitalization and the care of the indigent poor. The need, therefore, of the additional facilities the Supervisors of City Charities recommend is apparent and should be provided for at this time.”

The additional allowance for the hospitals was agreed to at a conference the Mayor had with Mr. Towers and Charles C. Wallace, City Solicitor. Under the provisions of the bill the plans for the additions to the hospitals will be submitted to and approved by the Supervisors of City Charities.

Mr. Towers submitted to the Mayor a report showing that it would require \$6,965,000 to rebuild at some place in the country near Baltimore the structures at Bay View and provide the facilities that now exist there.

The report gave the result of a survey of the institution by Edward L. Palmer, architect, made after Frederick A. Dolfield, City Register, suggested that the city sell Bay View, establish a “poor farm” in the suburbs and concentrate the city's hospital facilities at Sydenham, Lake Montebello.

Appraisers Make Report.

Mr. Dolfield received a report from appraisers yesterday fixing the value of the land at Bay View (approximately 320 acres) at \$517,250. The appraisers—Harry E. Gilbert and Oregon Milton Dennis, special assessors for the Appeal Tax Court—said, however, that the land might be worth \$1,000,000 if divided into building lots. No account was taken of the buildings.

Mr. Palmer said in his report to Mr. Towers that if such a move as that suggested by Mr. Dolfield was made “it is proper to assume that the form of the new buildings would, of course, not be that of the present ones, but would be such as would afford equivalent facilities.”

Serious Overcrowding Noted.

“The existing buildings at Bay View,” Mr. Palmer went on to say, “provide 1,700 beds and the necessary contributory service. Virtually all of the floor space now existing is in use. In order to maintain 1,700 beds there is often at the present time serious overcrowding. For the purpose of this estimate, therefore, I have assumed that any new constructions would have to contain as much floor space as the present buildings, and probably more.”

Mr. Palmer allowed \$125,000 for the purchase of land for the proposed poor farm and \$4,300,000 for buildings. With other items the total would be \$5,465,000, and is based on a capacity of 1,700 beds as at present, Mr. Palmer pointed out.

Mr. Dolfield said in a letter to Mr. Towers that he still thought the sale of Bay View and the establishment of a poor farm in the suburbs was worth consideration.

Mayor's Loans Program.

The Mayor's loans program calls for the following loans, in addition to the buildings loan of \$4,000,000:

Schools.....	\$10,000,000	Paving and bridges	\$8,000,000
Water.....	10,000,000	Electrical conduits.....	1,000,000
Sewers.....	10,000,000		

Of the school loan, \$1,000,000 is for additions to Polytechnic Institute and \$1,800,000 for Negro schools.

In the building loan the Mayor set apart \$500,000 for fire-engine houses, \$500,000 for additional units at Sydenham and \$500,000 for new police station buildings in East Northeast and Northwest Baltimore.

Cordoba (City of), Argentine Republic.—\$4,669,500 Gold Bonds Floated.—On Wednesday Feb. 16 White, Weld & Co. and Blyth, Witter & Co., both of New York, jointly, offered and quickly sold (the issue being over-subscribed) \$4,669,500 7% external sinking fund gold bonds of the city of Cordoba, Argentine Republic, at 98¾ and accrued interest, to yield over 7.10%. Date Feb. 1 1927. Coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, registered as to principal. Principal and interest (F. & A.) payable at the office of White, Weld & Co., New York, fiscal agents, in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for any Argentine national or local taxes present or future. Due Aug. 1 1957. Sinking fund calculated to retire issue by maturity through purchase up to 100 and interest or redemption by lot at that price. Sinking fund may be increased at the option of the city.

Further information regarding this loan may be found in our Department of “Current Events and Discussions” on a preceding page.

New York (State of).—\$18,500,000 Bill Aiding Schools Passed by Senate.—The Senate unanimously passed on Monday night the Friedsam Educational Commission Bill, appropriating \$18,500,000 for State aid to schools. Concerning this bill the New York “Herald Tribune” of Feb. 14 said:

This appropriation increases the regular State quota to teachers, amounting to \$54,000,000, to a total of \$72,500,000. Its purpose is to equalize educational opportunities throughout the State. About \$14,000,000 of the increase will go directly to the schools of New York City.

Senator Seabury C. Mastick of Westchester County, while in sympathy with the measure, felt that it was putting the cart before the horse until it was definitely learned where the money was coming from. He feared the total appropriations now being pressed would exceed the State's revenues for the year by several million dollars.

Ohio (State of).—\$100,000,000 Bond Issue Proposed for Elimination of Statewide Grade Crossings.—Ralph W. Emmons (Rep.), Columbiana County Representative, introduced a resolution in the House proposing submission to Ohio voters next November of an amendment to the Ohio constitution to be effective Jan. 1 1928, authorizing the State Legislature to provide, by law, for the issuance of not exceeding \$100,000,000 in bonds to finance a program in eliminating railroad grade crossings throughout the State. The State would bear 25% of the cost of eliminating the crossings, the railroads 50% and the remainder would be borne by the cities or counties.

Oregon (State of).—Irrigation Relief Measure Passed by Oregon House.—Relief for irrigation districts of the State now hard pressed is the aim of House Bill 115, by Hazlett, that the House passed Tuesday. It will, if it becomes a law, create the State Reclamation Commission, into which will be merged the desert land board. It will have charge of State reclamation matters. Machinery is provided for remedial steps for irrigation districts, for the issuance of re-funding bonds and for placing the districts on a sound financial basis.

Texas (State of).—Validity Test in Texas Road Bonds Sought.—We quote the following from the Dallas “News” of Feb. 10:

The validity of the general road bond validating law enacted by the first called session of the 39th Legislature last fall is to be passed on by the Supreme Court. The Court Wednesday granted the motion of Anderson County Road District No. 8 for leave to file a mandamus to compel the Attorney-General to approve \$500,000 in road bonds authorized to be issued by the qualified voters in the district. The Court also granted a motion to advance submission of the case.

The Attorney-General had refused to approve the bonds because, in his opinion, the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in the Archer County case declared that the Act under which the bonds were voted is void by reason of its alleged conflict with the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution. He also contended that the 39th Legislature was without power to enact the general law at its first called session validating all road bonds heretofore voted by any political subdivision or road district under Section 52 of Article 3 of the State Constitution and which bonds have not been issued and sold.

It is virtually agreed between the parties that if the Legislature had the power to enact these legalizing or validating statutes the writ of mandamus should be awarded, but if such Acts be unconstitutional and the Legislature did not have such power, then the writ should be denied. There is no dispute in regard to the facts in connection with the authorization, execution or issuance of any of the bonds involved in the Anderson County case.

In the brief filed with the motion for leave to file a mandamus petition, it is stated that “the decision of this honorable Court in the case of Tom Green County vs. Moody, Attorney-General (decided Dec. 23 1926), upheld the power of the Legislature to enact the special law which legalized and validated the county roads bonds involved in that suit. The Attorney-general, however, contends that it is manifest from the opinion in that case that this Court would have upheld the validity of the county road bonds of Tom Green County, even though the Legislature had not passed the validating Act; hence, the language used by the Court in respect of the power of the Legislature to pass the Tom Green County validating Act was not necessary to the decision rendered in that particular case.”

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

this week have been as follows:

ABILENE, Taylor County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Feb. 10 an issue of \$256,336 5% refunding bonds. Due serially.

ALBANY, Albany County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Lawrence J. Ehrhardt, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. March 1 for the following four issues of 4¼% public improvement coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$683,000:

- \$400,000 Series A bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 March 1 1928 to 1967 incl.
- 168,000 Series B bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$400. Due \$8,400 March 1 1928 to 1947 incl.
- 60,000 Series C bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$4,000 March 1 1928 to 1942 incl.
- 55,000 Series D bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$5,500 March 1 1928 to 1937 incl.

Dated March 1 1927. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable in gold at the National City Bank, N. Y. City. Legality will be approved by Gilbert V. Schenck, Corporation Counsel, Albany, and Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of the face value of the bonds bid for, payable to the city, is required.

Financial Statement (as of Jan. 31 1927)

Total bonded debt (not including proposed bonds).....	\$18,394,109 98
Water bonds (of which \$5,000 bonds were issued prior to Jan. 1, 1908).....	\$3,011,000 00
Sinking funds for bonds other than water bonds.....	1,241,336 89
Total deductions.....	4,252,336 89
Net bonded debt.....	\$14,141,773 09
Real estate, assessed valuations, 1927.....	\$180,773,131 00
Personal property valuations, 1927.....	1,372,000 00
Special franchises, 1927.....	5,186,580 00
Shares of bank stock.....	12,041,753 34
	\$199,373,464 34

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Fort Wayne), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Thos. J. Connelly, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Feb. 28 for \$34,000 4¼% coupon road bonds. Dated Feb. 15 1927. Denom. \$850. Due \$1,700, May and Nov. 15 1923 to 1937 incl.

AMHERST, Buffalo County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State of Nebraska, purchased during January, an issue of \$9,500 5¼% refunding bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Due Dec. 1 1943, optional Dec. 1 1927

AMHERST (P. O. Williamsville), Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Howard B. Long, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 24 for the following four issues of not exceeding 5% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$2,643,000:
 \$57,000 highway bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1928 to 1937 incl., and \$7,000, 1938.
 725,000 boulevard bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$22,000, 1928; \$24,000, 1929 to 1937 incl.; \$22,000, 1938; \$29,000, 1939 to 1941 incl.; \$25,000, 1942 to 1956 incl., and \$3,000, 1957.
 1,279,000 paving bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$85,000, 1928 to 1941 incl., and \$89,000, 1942.

ANADARKO, Caddo County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—Calvert & Canfield of Oklahoma City, have purchased the following two issues of bonds aggregating \$100,000:
 \$60,000 4 3/4% school bonds. Due \$4,000 in 8 to 22 years.
 40,000 5 1/2% electric light bonds. Due \$5,000 in 2 to 19 years.

ASHTABULA, Ashtabula County, O.—BOND OFFERING.—J. H. Shaw, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 M., Mar. 1, for the following eight issues of 5% coupon bonds aggregating \$172,000:
 \$10,000 Lake St., impt. bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500, Oct. 1 1927 to 1946, incl.
 16,000 Main sanitary sewer, East Side, city's portion bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1942, incl.
 9,000 Main sanitary sewer, East Side, special assessment bonds. Denom. \$900. Due \$900 Oct. 1 1927 to 1936, incl.
 20,000 Main St., impt., city's portion bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1936, incl.
 25,000 Bell St., impt., special assessment bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000 1927 to 1931, incl., and \$2,000 1932 to 1936, incl.
 49,000 Main St., impt., special assessment bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1927 and \$5,000 1928 to 1936, incl.
 11,000 Ontario St., impt., special assessment bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1928 to 1931 incl. and \$3,000 1932.
 32,000 Ontario St., impt., city's portion bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,000 1928 to 1931 incl. and \$8,000 1932.
 Int. payab. A. & O. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

ATLANTIC COUNTY (P. O. Atlantic City), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Enoch L. Johnson, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. March 5 for the following two issues of 4 1/4% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$642,000:
 \$582,000 bridge bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1929 to 1956, incl., and \$22,000, 1957.
 60,000 building bonds. Due \$2,000, March 1 1929 to 1958, incl. Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. M. & S. payable at the County Treasurer's office. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the above issues. Legality will be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

BASTROP, Morehouse Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Mabel McCreight, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. March 22 for \$50,000 5 1/2% public park bonds. Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due as follows: \$2,000, 1928 and 1929; \$1,000, 1930 and 1931; \$2,000, 1932 to 1937, incl.; \$3,000, 1938 to 1944, incl.; \$4,000, 1945; \$3,000, 1946; and \$4,000, 1947. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. A certified check payable to the Town Treasurer, for \$1,000, required. Legality proved by Wood & Oakley of Chicago.

BASTROP COUNTY (P. O. Bastrop), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered the following two issues of 5 1/2% bonds aggregating \$86,000 on Feb. 11:
 \$62,000 road and bridge bonds.
 24,000 road and bridge bonds.
 Due serially.

BAYARD, Morrill County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State of Nebraska, purchased during January, an issue of \$13,000 4 3/4% refunding bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 1946, optional Nov. 1 1932.

BELLEFONTAINE, Logan County, O.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5% special assessment street improvement bonds aggregating \$36,652.88 were awarded to Sesbrogood & Mayer of Cincinnati at a premium of \$623, equal to 101.69, a basis of about 4.63%:
 \$23,119.79 bonds. Due March 1 and Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,119.79 and \$23,000, 1928, and \$500 and \$2,000, 1929 to 1936 incl.
 13,533.09 bonds. Due March 1 and Sept. 1 as follows: \$533.09 and \$1,000, 1928, and \$500 and \$1,000, 1929 to 1936 incl.
 Date Jan. 1 1927.

BERRYVILLE, Clarke County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$55,000 5% water bonds offered on Feb. 14—V. 124, p. 539—were awarded to the First National Bank of Berryville at a premium of \$550 equal to 101 a basis of about 4.94%. Dated Jan. 1 1927, Due Jan. 1 1957.

BILOXI, Harrison County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—M. S. Michell, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Feb. 21 for \$223,000 street bonds.

BILTMORE, Buncombe County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—R. J. Jones, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. March 1 for the following three issues of not exceeding 6% bonds aggregating \$75,000:
 \$40,000 street improvement bonds.
 20,000 electric light system bonds.
 15,000 municipal building and land acquisition bonds.
 Dated March 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1942 incl., and \$4,000, 1943 to 1951 incl. Bidders to state rate of interest, which must be in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. City. A certified check, payable to the Town Treasurer for \$1,500, required. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

BLYTHE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Elythe), Union County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The Bank of Commerce, New Albany, has purchased an issue of \$2,500 6% school bonds at par. Due serially in 1 to 20 years.

BOONE COUNTY (P. O. Fowler), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Clay Thomson, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Feb. 22 for \$10,000 4 1/2% road bonds. Due semi-annually in 1 to 10 years.

BOYD COUNTY (P. O. Catlettsburg), Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—J. S. Secrest, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 2 for \$100,000 not exceeding 4 3/4% Series F road and bridge bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Mar. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1933 to 1938 incl.; \$3,000, 1939 to 1941 incl.; \$4,000, 1942 to 1947 incl.; \$5,000, 1948 to 1952 incl., and \$6,000, 1953 to 1957 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Kentucky National Bank, Catlettsburg. A certified check payable to the County Treasurer, for \$2,000, required. Legality approved by Chapman, Outler & Parker, Chicago.

BOYNTON, Palm Beach County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—E. L. Winchester, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Feb. 23 for \$350,000 6% coupon street impt. bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$35,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1936, incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Seaboard National Bank, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the bid required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York City.

Financial Statement.

Estimated actual value of taxable property	\$15,500,000
Assessed valuation, 1926	7,477,427
Bonded debt, including this issue	\$620,000
Water bonds	60,000
Assessment bonds	435,000
Net debt	125,000
Present population est.	2600

BRENNHAM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Washington County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$180,000 5 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on Feb. 15—V. 124, p. 953—were awarded to the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita, at a premium of \$15,698 equal to 108.72, a basis of about 4.90%. Dated Feb. 1 1927. Due Feb. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1937, incl.; \$3,000 1938 to 1947, incl.; \$5,000 1948 to 1957, incl.; and \$8,000, 1958 to 1967, incl.

BROCKTON, Plymouth County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Brockton National Bank has been awarded a \$500,000 temporary loan on a 3.63% discount basis plus a premium of \$3. Due Nov. 10 1927.

BROWNSVILLE, Cameron County, Tex.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received by the City Secretary on Feb. 18 for the following three issues of bonds, aggregating \$500,000:
 \$300,000 street bonds.
 100,000 sewer bonds.
 100,000 water and light extension bonds.

BURLESON COUNTY (P. O. Caldwell), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Feb. 10, an issue of \$98,000 5 1/2% road and bridge funding bonds. Due serially.

BUTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Boyd County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The United States Trust Co. of Omaha purchased during January an issue of \$25,000 4 1/4% school bonds at 98.42.

CALIFORNIA (State of)—BOND SALE.—The \$2,500,000 4 1/4% Veterans welfare bonds offered at public sale on Feb. 10—V. 124, p. 540—were awarded to the syndicate composed of the First National Bank, Eldredge & Co., the Detroit Co., and Redmond & Co. all of New York City, the Anglo-London Paris Co. and the Bank of Italy, both of San Francisco, at a premium of \$103,400, equal to 104.136, a basis of about 4.09%. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$95,000, 1931; \$100,000, 1932; \$105,000, 1933; \$115,000, 1934; \$120,000, 1935; \$130,000, 1936; \$135,000, 1937; \$140,000, 1938; \$150,000, 1939 and 1940; \$160,000, 1941; \$165,000, 1942; \$175,000, 1943 and 1944; \$185,000, 1945; \$195,000, 1946 and \$205,000, 1947.

Other bidders were:

Bidders	Premium.
National City Co., New York City	\$75,000
Wells Fargo Bank, New York City	78,000
A. B. Leach & Co., Chicago	88,000
Peirce, Fair & Co., San Francisco	89,500
E. H. Rollins & Sons, Boston	84,000
Blyth, Witter & Co., San Francisco	80,500
Drake, Riley & Thomas, Los Angeles	74,000
E. R. Gundelfinger, Inc., San Francisco	65,000
R. H. Moulton, San Francisco	103,325

CAMPBELL, Dunklin County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—Smith, Moore & Co. of St. Louis have purchased an issue of \$35,000 5 1/2% sewer bonds. Due in 19 years.

CANYON, Randall County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita, has purchased an issue of \$24,500 5% funding bonds at par. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$500. Due March 1 as follows: \$500, 1927, and \$1,000, 1928 to 1951, incl. Interest payable M. & S.

CARL JUNCTION, Jasper County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The Citizens' Bank of Carl Junction has purchased an issue of \$3,500 water works bonds at par.

CARSON COUNTY (P. O. Panhandle), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Feb. 10, an issue of \$300,000 5 1/2% special road bonds. Due serially.

CELORON, Chautauqua County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Kyle D. Faulkner, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Feb. 24 for \$22,000 not exceeding 6% street improvement coupon or registered bonds. Dated March 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Sept. 1 1927 to 1948 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Farmers' & Mechanics' Bank, Jamestown. Legality will be approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, N. Y. City. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required.

CHADRON, Dawes County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State of Nebraska, purchased during January, an issue of \$19,000 5% paving bonds. Date Feb. 1 1925. Due Feb. 1 1934, optional 1930.

CHARLESTON, Charleston County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$49,000 5% series L paving bonds offered on Feb. 1 (V. 124, p. 540). were awarded to the Peoples Securities Co. of Charleston at 101.89, a basis of about 4.63%. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1929 to 1937 incl., and \$4,000, 1938.

CHICOPEE, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$200,000 temporary loan offered on Feb. 16—V. 124, p. 953—was awarded to the Commercial Trust Co. of Chicopee on a 3.64% basis plus a premium of \$2. Date Feb. 16 1927. Due Nov. 21 1927.

CLARENDON, Donley County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Feb. 8, the following two issues of 5 1/4% bonds aggregating \$155,000:
 \$110,000 refunding (series 1927) bonds.
 25,000 water works bonds.
 Due serially.

CLINTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Clinton County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Theodore Carstensen, Secretary, Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Feb. 25 for \$65,000 4 3/4% or 4 1/4% school bonds. A certified check payable to the School District for \$500 required.

COLUMBIA, Richland County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of bonds, aggregating \$500,000, offered on Feb. 15 (V. 124, p. 953), were awarded to C. W. McNear & Co. of New York City as 4 1/4% at a premium of \$5,294, equal to 101.05:
 \$300,000 sewer bonds.
 200,000 street bonds.

COLUMBIA COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lake City), Fla.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$121,000 6% coupon school bonds awarded to John Nuvée & Co. of Chicago at 105.336—V. 124, p. 953—a basis of about 5.47% are described as follows: Date Nov. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1927 to 1954, incl., and \$9,000, 1955. Interest payable M. & N.

CONROE, Montgomery County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Feb. 11, an issue of \$55,000 5% sewer bonds. Due serially.

CORNELL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48, Cass County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota, purchased during January, an issue of \$9,500 5% school bonds at par. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 1936. The above bonds are not optional, but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

COTTONWOOD COUNTY (P. O. Windom), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—S. A. Brown, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1:30 p. m. March 2 for \$95,000 not exceeding 4 1/2% refunding bonds. Dated March 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1930 to 1938 incl., and \$8,000, 1939 to 1942 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the First National Bank, Minneapolis. A certified check, payable to the County Treasurer, for \$1,000, required. Legality approved by Lancaster, Simpson, Junell & Dorsey of Minneapolis.

CROOKSTON, Cherry County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State of Nebraska, purchased during January, an issue of \$5,000 5 1/4% refunding bonds. Date July 1 1926. Due July 1 1946.

CUDAHY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Cudahy), Milwaukee County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$190,000 4 1/4% school bonds offered on Feb. 18 (V. 124, p. 674) were awarded to Blyth, Witter & Co. of Chicago at a premium of \$2,227.30, equal to 101.11. Dated Feb. 1 1927. Due serially 1928 to 1942 incl.

DEFIANCE COUNTY (P. O. Defiance), O.—BOND OFFERING.—J. T. Miller, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 24 for \$6,961.65 5% road improvement bonds. Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$961.65. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$961.65, 1928 and \$1,000, 1929 to 1934, incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for \$500, payable to the County Treasurer is required.

DE KALB COUNTY (P. O. Auburn), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Ward Jackson, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. March 8 for \$13,700 4 1/2% coupon road bonds. Dated March 1 1927. Denom. \$685. Due \$685 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasurer's office.

DENNISON, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,992.06 5 1/2% special assessment street impt. bonds offered on Aug. 28

—V. 123, p. 740—were awarded to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati at a premium of \$364 15, equal to 102.60. Date April 1 1926. Due serially, April 1 1927 to 1936 incl.

DENTON, Denton County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Feb. 8, an issue of \$25,000 5% bridge bonds. Due serially.

DETOUR, Chippewa County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Sault Ste. Marie has been awarded an issue of \$9,000 electric light bonds.

DUMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$57,000 5% school coupon or registered bonds offered on Feb. 11—V. 124, p. 674—were awarded to R. M. Grant & Co., Inc., N. Y. City, at a premium of \$381 20, equal to 100.66, a basis of about 4.94%. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1933 incl., and \$1,500, 1934 to 1967 incl.

DUNNELLON, Marion County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—T. K. North, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. March 10 for \$13,000 6% sidewalk impt. bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1930, incl., and \$1,000, 1931 to 1937, incl. A certified check for 5% of the bid, required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York City.

DUPONT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Putnam County, O.—NOTE SALE.—The Bank of Ottawa County, Ottawa, was awarded on Dec. 27 \$2,569 41 6% net deficiency notes at 100.62. Dated June 1 1926.

DURHAM, Durham County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—C. B. Alston, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Feb. 21 for the following three issues of not exceeding 5% bonds, aggregating \$1,900,000 \$1,000,000 street impt. bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$55,000, 1929 to 1938, incl. and \$50,000, 1939 to 1947, incl.

800,000 water works extension bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1930 to 1934, incl., \$15,000, 1935 to 1942, incl., \$20,000, 1943 to 1951, incl., \$25,000, 1952 to 1959 incl., and \$30,000, 1960 to 1967, incl.

100,000 street widening and extension bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1973, incl., and \$3,000, 1974 to 1977, incl.

Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Coupon bonds registerable as to principal, and as to both principal and interest. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 1) payable in New York City. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mtge. & Trust Co., New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. A certified check payable to the City Treasurer for \$38,000, required. Legality approved by Chester B. Masslich of New York City.

Financial Statement.	
Assessed valuation (1926)	\$71,721,785 00
Actual valuation (est.)	135,000,000 00
Total bonded debt (including this issue)	9,055,700 00
Less: Water bonds	\$3,743,666 66
Market house bonds	12,000 00
Sinking funds (exclusive of funds for water and market house debt)	646,569 04
Uncollected special assessments actually levied applicable to street bonds	385,466 70
Special assessments about to be levied, applicable to street bonds outstanding and now offered	508,000 00
	5,295,702 40

Net indebtedness \$3,799,997 60
Population (special United States census, 1925), 42,258.

DYERSBURG, Dyer County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—N. F. Norton, City Recorder, will receive sealed bids until Feb. 28 for \$24,000 5% street paving bonds. Dated March 1 1927.

EARLING, Shelby County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The Farmers' Trust & Savings Bank of Earling has purchased an issue of \$4,000 water works bonds at a premium of \$30, equal to 100.75.

EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT (P. O. Oakland), Alameda County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000,000 water works bonds offered on Feb. 11—V. 124, p. 540—were awarded to R. H. Moulton & Co. of San Francisco as 5s at a premium of \$75,113, equal to 107.511, a basis of about 4.49%. Due \$25,000 Jan. 1 1935 to 1974 incl.

Financial Statement.	
Assessed valuation	\$366,854,528
Total debt (including this issue)	11,000,000
Population (1926 estimated)	470,000

EAST SPARTA SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Stark County, O.—BOND OFFERING.—J. J. Rice, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 5 for \$55,789.20 5% school building bonds. Date March 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$789 20. Due March 1 as follows: \$3,789 20, 1928 and \$4,000, 1929 to 1941, incl. Int. payable semi-annually. A certified check for 2½% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, is required.

ELIZABETH, Union County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The Sinking Fund has purchased the following seven issues of bonds, aggregating \$95,067 46:

- \$5,600 00 Irvington Ave. sewer bonds.
- 10,465 00 Pennington Street sewer bonds.
- 15,435 58 Grier Avenue resurfacing bonds.
- 10,000 00 water, sewer and gas connection bonds.
- 33,766 88 Lincoln Avenue paving bonds.
- 5,800 00 Sayre Street resurfacing bonds.
- 14,000 00 fire engine purchase bonds.

ELLISTOWN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ellistown), Union County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The Bank of New Albany, New Albany, has purchased an issue of \$4,000 6% school bonds at par. Due serially in 1 to 20 years.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Newark), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Philip Lindeman, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Freeholders, will receive sealed bids until 12 m., March 1 for the following two issues of 4½% park bonds, aggregating \$1,400,000: \$1,000,000 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$16,000, 1928 to 1952, incl. and \$24,000, 1953 to 1977, incl.

400,000 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1928 to 1947, incl., \$8,000, 1948 to 1957, incl., and \$9,000, 1958 to 1977, incl.

Date Feb. 1 1927. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in gold at the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the above issues. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Legality will be approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—NOTES OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until Feb. 8 for the purchase on a discount basis of the following notes, aggregating \$55,000: \$50,000 hospital maintenance bonds.

5,000 Water River bridge bonds. Due July 15 1927.

EUGENE, Lane County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$90,000 sewer bonds offered on Jan. 10 (V. 124, p. 261) were awarded to Ferris & Hardgrove of Portland as 5s at 101.00, a basis of about 4.94%. Due in 30 years.

EVAN, Brown County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The State of Minnesota has purchased an issue of \$6,000 4½% electric distributing system bonds at par.

FINDLAY, Hancock County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Jos. H. Reser, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (eastern standard time), Mar. 15, for the following two issues of 4½% bonds aggregating \$51,275:

\$32,500 city's portion sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except one for \$500. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,500 1928, \$4,000 1929 and 1930, and \$3,000 1931 and 1937 incl.

\$18,775 city's portion improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except one for \$775.

Prin. and int. M. & S. 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.

FLINT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, Genesee County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. McCue, Secretary, Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Mar. 2 for the following three issues of 4½% bonds, aggregating \$980,000:

\$825,000 junior high school bonds. Due Mar. 1 as follows: \$41,000, 1928 to 1942 incl., and \$42,000, 1943 to 1947 incl.

100,000 Zimmerman school addition bonds. Due \$5,000 Mar. 1 1928 to 1947 incl.

55,000 school sites bonds. Due Mar. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1932 incl., and \$3,000, 1933 to 1947 incl.

Date Mar. 1 1927. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the District Treasurer's office. Legality approved by Wood & Oakley, Chicago. A certified check for \$5,000 is required.

FOLEY, Baldwin County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk, until Feb. 23, for \$29,500 5½% municipal improvement bonds.

FREMONT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fremont), Steuben County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Lonnie M. Saylor, Township Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Mar. 5 for \$8,336 37 4½% school bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000 except one for \$336 37. Due Mar. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1935 incl., and \$1,336 37, 1936.

FRUITDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Golden), Jefferson County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—Gray, Emery Vasconcellos & Co., and Boettcher & Co. both of Denver, jointly, purchased an issue of \$18,000 school bonds.

FULTON COUNTY (P. O. Rochester), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—I. A. Batz, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Feb. 28 for \$34,920 5% road coupon bonds. Dated March 15 1927. Denom. \$582. Due \$1,746, May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasurer's office.

GALLATIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44 (P. O. Belgrade), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The Belgrade State Bank, Belgrade, purchased on Jan. 11 an issue of \$13,500 5% school bonds.

GLEASON, Weakley County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—Little, Worton & Co. of Jackson have purchased an issue of \$30,000 water works bonds.

GLEN RIDGE, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The Glen Ridge Trust Co. has been awarded the following two issues of temporary bonds aggregating \$4,810:

\$2,310 sanitary sewer bonds.

2,500 Prescott Ave. curbs and pavement bonds.

GLOVERSVILLE, Fulton County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—E. A. James, City Chamberlain, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Mar. 8 for \$18,500 4½% street impt. registered bonds. Dated Mar. 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$560. Due Mar. 15 as follows: \$5,000, 1928 and 1929; \$3,000, 1930 and 1931, and \$2,500, 1932. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the City Chamberlain's office or at the Mechanics & Metals Bank, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the amount of the bid is required.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Wells), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 5% highway bonds offered on Feb. 17—V. 124, p. 954—were awarded to the First National Bank of Glen Falls at 109.28, a basis of about 4.20%. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due \$5,000 Jan. 1 1937 to 1950 incl.

HAMPDEN COUNTY (P. O. Springfield), Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Commercial Trust Co. of Springfield has been awarded a \$300,000 temporary loan on a 3.66% discount basis plus a premium of \$4

HAVERHILL, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York have been awarded a \$400,000 temporary loan on a 3.55% discount basis. Date Feb. 17 1927.

HELENA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hattiesburg), Forrest County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The National Park Bank of New York City has purchased an issue of \$25,000 5½% school bonds at a premium of \$80, equal to 100.32. Legality approved by Charles & Rutherford of St. Louis.

HYSHAM, Treasure County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$16,000 coupon water works bonds offered on Feb. 11—V. 124, p. 137—were awarded to Benwell & Co. of Denver at a premium of \$60, equal to 100.37. Dated Feb. 1 1927. Due serially 1928 to 1947 incl. (Rate not given.)

INDIANAPOLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Marion County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Ure M. Frazer, Business Director Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. March 7 for \$970,000 4% school building coupon bonds. Dated March 10 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 10 as follows: \$58,000, 1932, and \$38,000, 1933 to 1956 incl. A certified check for 3% of the face value of the bonds bid for, payable to the Board of School Commissioners, is required.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Pascagoula), Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$65,000 6% highway bonds offered on Feb. 8 (V. 124, p. 541) were awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville at a premium of \$4,357, equal to 106.70.

JACKSONVILLE, Duval County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—M. W. Bishop, Secretary City Commission, will receive sealed bids until 3:30 p. m. Feb. 23 for the following two issues of 5% coupon bonds aggregating \$760,000:

\$660,000 water works and impt. bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$100,000 1929 to 1934, incl.; and \$60,000, 1935.

100,000 water works and improvement bonds (third series 1926). Due \$50,000, Jan. 1 1935 and 1936.

Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in Jacksonville, or at the fiscal agency in New York City. A certified check payable to the City Treasurer, for 2% of the bid required. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, New York City.

JAMESTOWN, Newport County, R. I.—BOND OFFERING.—Ralph G. P. Hull, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Feb. 28 for \$25,000 4½% coupon beach loan bonds. Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 March 1 1928 to 1952 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Town Treasurer's office, or at the First National Bank of Boston, Boston. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston. Legality will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, Boston.

Financial Statement Jan. 31 1927.	
Valuation 1926	\$4,025,454 00
Ferry bonds, \$180,000; other debt., \$102,650; total debt	282,650 00
Sinking funds	35,899 04
	\$246,750 96

Net debt 282,650 00
Population, 1,700.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Monticello), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 5% road bonds offered on Feb. 15 (V. 124, p. 541) were awarded to the Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, at 96.51, a basis of about 5.40%. Dated Nov. 1 1925. Due as follows: \$10,000, 1931 to 1935 incl., and \$20,000, 1936 to 1945 incl.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Oskaloosa), Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Columbia Title & Trust Co. of Topeka has purchased an issue of \$130,000 road bonds.

JERSEY CITY, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,100,000 tax revenue coupon or registered bonds offered on Feb. 18—V. 124, p. 954—were awarded to a syndicate headed by the Guaranty Co. of New York as 4s and 4½s. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due Aug. 1 1930.

JEWELL JUNCTION (P. O. Jewell), Hamilton County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,500 coupon water works bonds offered on Feb. 11—V. 124, p. 675—were awarded to George M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport, as 4½s at a premium of \$95 equal to 100.90, a basis of about 4.39%. Date March 1 1927. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$500, 1933; and \$1,000, 1934 to 1943, incl.

JONESBORO, Washington County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—Little Wooten & Co. of Jackson, have purchased an issue of \$20,000 refunding bonds at par. Date Dec. 1 1926. Due serially 1931 to 1954, incl. Legality approved by Charles & Rutherford of St. Louis. Purchasers agreed to pay all expenses.

KANSAS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jackson County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000,000 4½% school bonds offered on Feb. 15 (V. 124, p. 541) were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Equitable Trust Co., Kean, Taylor & Co. and Lehman Bros., all of N. Y. City, and the Peoples Trust Co. of Kansas City at 104.55, a basis of about 4.16%. Dated Jan. 1 1927. Due Jan. 1 1947.

Financial Statement (as Officially Reported).

Assessed valuation (1926).....	\$575,840,290
Total bonded debt (including this issue).....	20,371,500
Sinking fund.....	5,283,454
Net bonded debt.....	\$15,088,046
Population, 1927 (estimated), 455,728.	

KEANSBURG, Monmouth County, N. J.—NOTE OFFERING.—Edward R. Crear, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. March 1 for \$133,816 04 sewer assessment impt. coupon or registered notes. Date April 1 1927. Denom \$1,000. Due Dec. 31 as follows: \$26,000, 1927 to 1930, incl., and \$29,816 04, 1931. Prin. and int. payable at the Keansburg National Bank, Keansburg. A certified check for 2% of the amount of notes bid for is required.

KIRKLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Clinton), Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,000 5% school bonds offered on Feb. 10—V. 124, p. 954—were awarded to the Hayes National Bank of Clinton at a premium of \$111 50, equal to 101.23, a basis of about 4.70%. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due \$1,000, Oct. 1 1927 to 1935, incl.

LAGUNITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Raphael), Marin County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 5% school bonds offered on Feb. 8—V. 124, p. 541—were awarded to the Bank of Italy of San Francisco, at a premium of \$898 equal to 104.49.

LAKE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Fort Wayne), Allen County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Feb. 24 for \$34,000 4½% road bonds. Denom: \$850.

LAKEWOOD, Chautauqua County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry A. Sales, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Feb. 24 for \$20,000 not exceeding 6% street improvement coupon or registered bonds. Dated March 1 1927. Denom. \$2,000. Due \$2,000, Sept. 1 1927 to 1936 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Bank of Jamestown, Jamestown. Legality will be approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, N. Y. City. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required.

LAMON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Decatur County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—George M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport have purchased an issue of \$8,000 school building bonds.

LANCASTER, Fairfield County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,839 98 5% paving special assessment bonds offered on Jan. 18—V. 124 p. 138—were awarded to the Sinking Fund. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$239 98, 1928 and \$400, 1929 to 1937, incl.

L'ANSE TOWNSHIP SINGLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. L'Anse), Barraga County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Thos. D. Tracy, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 10 for \$300,000 5% school bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$15,000, Jan. 1 1928 to 1947, incl. A certified check for 1% of the amount of the bid, payable to the school district, is required.

LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—R. E. Sanderson, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Mar. 14 for \$200,000 4¼% paving coupon or registered bonds. Dated Mar. 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$40,000 June 15 1928 to 1932 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y. City. A certified check for \$2,000 is required.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation, 1926.....	\$146,299,075 00
Total bonded debt (including this issue).....	7,828,900 00
Floating debt.....	66,852 00
Tax rate (per \$1,000) Dec. 1926.....	15 20
Present population (estimated), 73,300.	

LEOMINSTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$100,000 temporary loan offered on Feb. 14—V. 124, p. 954—was awarded to the Merchants' National Bank of Leominster on a 3.59% discount basis. Due Nov. 15 1927.

LENOX UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Canastota), Madison County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York, purchased on Feb. 15 an issue of \$180,000 5% school bonds at 108.07, a basis of about 4.28%. Due serially in 1928 to 1960 incl.

LEXINGTON, Fayette County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—The Police and Firemen's Pension Fund purchased on Feb. 2 an issue of \$8,050 29 street improvement bonds at par. Due serially in 1 to 10 years.

LODI, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The Lodi Trust Co. has been awarded the following two issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$10,000: \$6,000 pump house bonds. 4,000 street improvement bonds. Due in one year.

LOGAN COUNTY (P. O. Bellefontaine), O.—BOND SALE.—The \$48,000 5% ditch bonds offered on Feb. 11—V. 124, p. 675—were awarded to Oils & Co., Cleveland, at a premium of \$682, equal to 101.42, a basis of about 4.85%. Date April 1 1927. Due as follows: \$5,000, March and Sept. 1 1928 to 1930 incl.; \$6,000, March and Sept. 1 1931, and \$6,000, March 1 1932.

LULA, Coahoma County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$18,000 5¼% water works bonds has been sold. Dated Feb. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Feb. 1 1927 to 1944 incl.

LYNN, Essex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERED.—The City Treasurer received sealed bids until Feb. 18 for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$200,000 temporary loan. Due Nov. 1 1927.

McALLEN, Hidalgo County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita has purchased an issue of \$180,000 6% refunding bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially 1928 to 1966 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the Seaboard National Bank, N. Y. City. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon of N. Y. City.

McCOOK, Redwillow County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State of Nebraska, purchased during January, the following four issues of bonds aggregating \$55,000: \$28,000 5% paving bonds. Date Oct. 15 1926. Due Oct. 15 1936. \$11,000 5¼% paving bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Due Dec. 1 1935. \$9,000 5% refunding bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due Oct. 1 1946, optional Oct. 1 1944. \$7,000 5¼% paving bonds. Date Dec. 1 1926. Due Dec. 1 1936.

MALDEN, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERED.—The City Treasurer received sealed bids until Feb. 18 for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$500,000 temporary loan. Due Nov. 1 1927.

MANSFIELD, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—P. L. Kelley, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Mar. 14 for \$100,000 6% street paving special assessment bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1927. Due \$10,250 Mar. 1 and \$10,000 Sept. 1 1928 and 1929. \$10,250 Mar. 1 1930 and \$9,950 Sept. 1 1930, and \$9,950 Mar. 1 and \$9,700 Sept. 1 1931 and 1932. A certified check for 2% of the amount of the bid, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

MARGATE CITY, Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 4¼% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$159,000 offered on Feb. 10—V. 124, p. 823—were awarded to R. M. Grant & Co. of New York at par. \$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.

MARIANNA WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2, Lee County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—The W. B. Worthen Co. of Little Rock has purchased an issue of \$125,000 6% water works bonds at 106.815, a basis of about 5.47%. Due in 20 years.

MARION, McDowell County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The Clinchfield Manufacturing Co. of Marion has purchased an issue of \$50,000 5¼% street improvement bonds at a premium of \$528, equal to 101.05. Dated Feb. 1 1927. Due serially 1928 to 1957 incl.

MART, McLennan County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Feb. 7, an issue of \$35,000 5¼% funding bonds. Due serially.

MEMOKEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33, Burleigh County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota, purchased during January, an issue of \$14,000 5% school bonds at par. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 1946. The above bonds are not optional but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

MERCHANTVILLE, Camden County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 4¼% temporary street impt. bonds offered on Feb. 17—V. 124, p. 954—were awarded to the First National Bank of Merchantville at a premium of \$322, equal to 100.46, a basis of about 4.64%. Date March 1 1927. Due March 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1929; \$8,000, 1930; \$6,000, 1931; \$4,000, 1932 to 1935, incl.; \$3,000, 1936, and \$25,000, 1937.

METUCHEN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—O. R. Drews, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. March 1 for \$75,000 5% school coupon bonds. Date Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1940, incl., and \$3,000, 1941 to 1957, incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the Metuchen National Bank. Legality will be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education is required.

MIDLAND TOWNSHIP (P. O. Rochelle Park), Bergen County, N. J.—NOTE SALE.—An issue of \$2,000 sanitary sewer system notes was sold on Jan. 7. Due in 1 year.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Key West), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5¼% road and bridge bonds aggregating \$340,000 offered on Jan. 29—V. 124, p. 404—were awarded to R. M. Grant & Co. of New York City at 95, a basis of about 5.89%:

\$202,000 road bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1936 to 1945 incl.; \$7,000, 1946 to 1954 incl., and \$89,000, 1955. 138,000 bridge bonds. Due June 1 1955. Dated June 1 1925.

MOORPARK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ventura County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—L. E. Hollowell, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. March 1 for \$50,000 5% school bonds. Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1942, incl.; \$3,000, 1943 and 1944; \$4,000, 1945; and \$5,000, 1946 and 1947. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check payable to the above-mentioned official for 2% of the bid, required.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation.....	\$1,030,400
Bonded debt (including this issue).....	50,000
Population (est.), 1,000.	

MOTLEY COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Matador), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Feb. 8, an issue of \$16,000 5% school bonds. Due serially.

NELSONVILLE, Athens County, O.—BOND OFFERING.—Sidney A. Cook, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 26 for \$9,600 6% fire department improvement bonds. Date Dec. 31 1926. Denom. \$1,200. Due \$1,200 March and Sept. 1 1928 to 1931, incl. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

NEPTUNE CITY (P. O. Avon-by-the-Sea), Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$190,000 6% local sewerage improvement bonds offered on Feb. 16—V. 124, p. 955—were awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia at a premium of \$100 equal to 100.05, a basis of about 5.99%. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due \$19,000 Jan. 1 1928 to 1937, incl.

NEWARK, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The following five issues of 4½% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$5,300,000, offered on Feb. 17—V. 124, p. 823—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Eldredge & Co., Eastman, Dillon & Co., Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., the Detroit Co. and Old Colony Corp., all of New York; M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia and West Side Trust Co. of Newark, at 102 24, a basis of about 4.07%:

\$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.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation, 1927.....	\$838,785,639
Net bonded debt.....	52,702,879
Population, 1920 census, 414,524.	

NEW BEDFORD, Bristol County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The following four issues of 4% coupon bonds aggregating \$699,000 offered on Feb. 16—V. 124, p. 955—were awarded to the Old Colony Corp. of Boston at 100.824, a basis of about 3.89%:

\$249,000 school bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$13,000, 1928 to 1936 incl., and \$12,000, 1937 to 1947 incl. 240,000 school bonds. Due \$12,000 Feb. 1 1928 to 1947 incl. 150,000 sewer bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1928 to 1937 incl. and \$7,000, 1938 to 1947 incl. 60,000 water supply bonds. Due \$2,000 Feb. 1 1928 to 1957 incl. Date Feb. 1 1927.

NEW MADRID, New Madrid County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of bonds aggregating \$50,000 have been disposed of recently: \$31,000 sanitary sewer bonds. 19,000 water works system bonds.

NEWPORT, Newport County, R. I.—NOTE SALE.—S. N. Bond & Co. of Boston, have been awarded \$200,000 notes on a 3.66% discount basis plus a premium of \$4.

NOBLE COUNTY (P. O. Albion), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,378 10 6% drainage bonds offered on Feb. 11—V. 124, p. 955—were awarded to the Farmers' State Bank, Albion, at par. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due \$537 81 Nov. 1 1927 to 1936, incl.

NORDHOFF UNION GRAMMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ventura), Ventura County, Calif.—BONDS OFFERED.—L. E. Hollowell, County Clerk, received sealed bids on Feb. 15 for \$48,000 5% school bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928, and \$5,000, 1929 to 1937 incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the County Treasurer's office.

NORTH CHARLEROI (P. O. Lock No. 4), Washington County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 4¼% grading and curbing coupon bonds offered on Feb. 14—V. 124, p. 823—were awarded to Prescott, Lyon & Co. of Pittsburgh at a premium of \$1,055, equal to 103.51, a basis of about 4.22%. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due \$3,000, Jan. 1 1942 to 1951 incl.

NORTH LIMA RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. North Lima), Mahoning County, O.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,500 5% school bonds offered on Aug. 28—V. 123, p. 1009—were awarded to the Citizens' Savings Bank, Columbiana. Dated Aug. 1 1926. Due \$700, Sept. 15 1927 to 1931 incl.

NUTLEY, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The following four issues of temporary improvement bonds aggregating \$32,700 have been awarded to the Bank of Nutley and the First National Bank, both of Nutley, jointly:

\$12,000 sanitary sewer bonds.
3,200 water service connection bonds.
16,000 Raymond Ave. Improvement bonds.
1,500 water main bonds.

OAKLAND CITY, Gibson County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The People's State Bank, Indianapolis, has been awarded an issue of \$90,000 6% Oakland City College bonds at par. Date Jan. 20 1927. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Due April 20 and Oct. 20 as follows: 1929 to 1934, incl., \$3,000, 1935 to 1938, incl., \$3,500, 1939 and 1940, and \$10,500, 1941. Int. payable A. 20 & O. 20.

OMAHA, Douglas County, Neb.—CORRECTION.—We are now informed by the City Comptroller that the sale of \$28,000 4½% paving bonds to the Peters Trust Co. of Omaha reported in V. 124, p. 955, is erroneous.

OSAGE COUNTY (P. O. Pawhuska), Okla.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$100,000 5½% coupon road bonds purchased by R. J. Edwards, Inc. of Oklahoma City—V. 124, p. 823—are described as follows: Date Feb. 10 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially. Interest payable F. & A.

OTTAWA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Franklin County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—Taylor, Ewart & Co. of Chicago, have purchased an issue of \$210,000 4½% school building bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due semi-annually as follows: \$5,000, Jan. and July 1 1923 to 1932, incl.; \$6,000, Jan. 1 and \$5,000, July 1 1933 to 1946, incl., and \$6,000, Jan. 1 1947. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the State Treasurers office. Legality. Approved by Chapman, Cutler & Parker of Chicago.

OYSTER BAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Glenwood Landing), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$315,000 4½% school coupon or registered bonds offered on Feb. 16—V. 124, p. 823—were awarded to Redmond & Co. and Pulley & Co., both of New York, jointly, at a premium of \$8,221.50, equal to 102.61, a basis of about 4.27%. Date Feb. 1 1927. 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.

Financial Statement.

Actual value.....	\$3,933,775
Assessed valuation.....	1,258,808
Total bonded debt.....	315,625
Population (present estimate) 1,000.	

OXFORD, LAFAYETTE COUNTY, Miss.—INTEREST RATES—DISRUPTION.—The \$30,000 coupon paving bonds purchased by Caldwell & Co. of Nashville—V. 124, p. 823—bear interest at the rate of 5½% and are described as follows: Date Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000, Feb. 1 1928 to 1937, incl. Interest payable F. & A.

PHENIX CITY, Lee County, Ala.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$25,000 coupon paving bonds purchased by the Barlow-Gordy Co. of Columbus—V. 124, p. 677—at par bear interest at the rate of 6% and are described as follows: Date Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 1937, optional any interest date. Interest payable F. & A.

PITT COUNTY FOUNTAIN SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Greenville), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—J. C. Gaskins, Register of Deeds, will receive sealed bids until March 11 for \$16,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First National Bank of Boston has been awarded a \$300,000 temporary loan on a 3.61% discount basis plus a premium of \$9. Due Nov. 7 1927.

PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—George E. Funk, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. March 1 for \$100,000 4½% police traffic signal and police communication bonds. Dated March 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1930, and \$15,000, 1931 to 1936 incl. Alternative or separate bids are requested, based upon point of delivery. If delivery is to be effected outside of Portland, all expenses are to be paid for by the successful bidder. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable in gold at the City Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency in New York City. A certified check, payable to the Mayor for 5% of the bid, required. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

PORTLAND, Cumberland County, Me.—LOAN OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until Feb. 15 for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$300,000 temporary loan. Date Feb. 18 1927. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Greencastle), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Wilber O. Clodfelter, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 21 for the following three issues of 4½% road coupon bonds aggregating \$123,200: \$44,800 Greencastle Township bonds. Denom. \$1,120. Due \$2,240, May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 incl. 38,400 Greencastle Township bonds. Denom. \$960. Due \$1,920, May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 incl. 40,000 Greencastle Township bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000, May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937 incl. Dated Feb. 15 1927. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for is required.

REVERE, Suffolk County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—Arthur Perry & Co. of Boston have been awarded the following two issues of 4½% bonds aggregating \$64,000: \$45,000 Macadam bonds. 19,000 Chelsea Bridge South bonds.

RIVERSIDE (P. O. River Edge), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Walter E. Chapman, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8.30 p. m., Mar. 7, for an issue of 5% street improvement coupon or registered bonds not to exceed \$25,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$25,000. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,500, 1927 to 1930, incl., and \$3,000, 1931 to 1935 incl. Legality will be approved by Thomas Wood & Hoffman, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Borough Collector, is required.

ROCKY RIVER, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank Mitchell, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until March 15 1927 for \$2,560 5% bonds. Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$256. Due \$256, Oct. 1 1928 to 1937, incl. Interest payable A. & O. A certified check for 10% of the amount of the bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required.

ROME RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Proctorville R. F. D.) Lawrence County, O.—BOND OFFERING.—Arnold Pigman, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Central standard time) Feb. 25 for \$1,053.42 6% bonds. Date July 15 1926. Denom. \$105.34 and \$105.36. Due March 1 and Sept. 1 as follows: \$105.34, 1927 and \$105.36, 1928 to 1931, incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the First National Bank of Ironton. A certified check for not less than 2% of the amount bid upon, payable to the Board of Education.

ROODHOUSE, Greene County, Ill.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$5,000 street oiling coupon bonds reported sold in V. 124, p. 824—were awarded to the First National Bank, of Roodhouse, bear interest at the rate of 7%, and are described as follows: Date March 17 1926. Denom. \$500. Due March 17 1927.

RUSH COUNTY (P. O. Rushville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Howard Ewbank, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Feb. 21 for \$29,160 4½% road bonds. Due semi-annually in 1 to 10 years.

ST. CLOUD, Osceola County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—George M. Mitchell, City Manager, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. March 2 for \$120,000 6% street impt. bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1927. Denom. \$500. A certified check for 5% of the bid required.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY (P. O. St. Augustine), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Obe P. Goode, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. March 15 for \$400,000 5% coupon series B impt. bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1926. Due Jan. 1 1946. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank, St. Augustine, or at the Chase National Bank, New York City. A certified check, payable to the County Commissioners for 1% of the bid, required.

ST. JOSEPH, Buchanan County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The \$420,000 4½% coupon parkway paving bonds offered on Feb. 15—V. 124, p. 824—were awarded to Howe, Snow & Bertels of Chicago at a premium of \$10,611, equal to 102.52, a basis of about 4.21%. Dated Sept. 1 1926. Due \$28,000 Sept. 1 1931 to 1945 incl. Purchasers agreed to furnish printed bonds.

SACO, Phillips County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—The 10,000 electric light bonds offered on Feb. 9—V. 124, p. 139—were awarded to the State Land Commission, as 6s at par. Date Jan. 1 1927.

SANFORD, Seminole County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—L. R. Phillips, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 28 for \$470,000 5½% street improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$47,000 July 1 1928 to 1937 incl. Alternative bids may be submitted, based upon a lower rate of interest. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of the bid required. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond, N. Y. City.

SARASOTA COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Sarasota), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 school bonds offered on Feb. 14 (V. 124, p. 543) were awarded to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati as 5½% at a premium of \$515, equal to 101.03, a basis of about 5.49%. Dated July 1 1926. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1950 incl., and \$1,000, 1951 to 1956 incl.

Financial Statement.

Actual valuation (approximate).....	\$34,295,870 00
Assessed valuation.....	7,888,050 00
Total bonded debt (including this issue).....	750,000 00
Sinking fund.....	20,222 59
Population (estimated), 17,500.	

SAULT SAINTE MARIE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Chippewa County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. G. Clarke, Secretary Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 12 M., Mar. 1, for \$190,000 4½% school bonds. Dated Jan. 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 Jan. 1 1933 to 1951, incl. Int. payable J. & J. A. certified check for 5% of the total amount of bonds is required.

SEDGWICK COUNTY (P. O. Wichita), Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Guarantee Title & Trust Co. of Wichita purchased on April 1 as issue of \$20,000 4½% road improvement bonds at 99.81.

SEDGWICK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 (P. O. Julesburg), Colo.—BOND SALE.—Benwell & Co. of Denver have purchased an issue of \$8,000 5% school bonds at par. Due \$2,000, 1928 to 1931 incl. Legality approved by Charles & Rutherford, St. Louis.

SEYMOUR SCHOOL CITY, Jackson County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—C. E. Loertz, Secretary Board of School Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Feb. 25 for \$45,000 4½% grade school building bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$2,000 July 1 1928; \$2,500 Jan. 1 and July 1 1929 to 1936, incl. and \$3,000 Jan. 1 1937. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable to the Treasurer, Board of School Trustees' office.

SHELBYVILLE, Shelby County, Ill.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$7,600 6% street paving registered bonds reported sold to the Shelby Loan & Trust Co., Shelbyville—V. 124, p. 825—were awarded at par. Date Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially in 8 years.

SHIDLER, Osage County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—Calvert & Canfield of Oklahoma City, have purchased an issue of \$20,000 5% school bonds at par. Due in 10 years.

SLIDELL, St. Tammany Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$175,000 offered on Feb. 4—V. 124, p. 677—were awarded to C. P. Ellis & Co. of New Orleans as follows: \$105,000 Sewerage District No. 1 bonds at a premium of \$1,147, equal to 101.09. Due April 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1928; \$2,000, 1929; \$3,500, 1931; \$4,000, 1932 and 1933; \$4,500, 1934 and 1935; \$5,000, 1936 and 1937; \$5,500, 1938 to 1940, incl.; \$6,000, 1941; \$6,500,000, 1942; \$7,000, 1943 and 1944; \$7,500, 1945; \$8,000, 1946 and \$8,500, 1947.

70,000 water works bonds at a premium of \$402, equal to 100.57. Due April 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929; \$2,500, 1930 to 1933, incl.; \$3,000, 1934 to 1936, incl.; \$3,500, 1937 to 1939, incl.; \$4,000, 1940 and 1941; \$4,500, 1942 and 1943; \$5,000, 1944 and 1945; \$5,500, 1946 and \$6,000, 1947. Date April 1 1927 (rate not given).

SPARKS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Doniphan County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Fidelity National Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City has purchased an issue of \$13,000 school bonds.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY (P. O. Spartanburg), So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—J. L. Williams, Clerk County Board, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. March 3 for \$600,000 4½% coupon funding bonds. Dated March 1 1927. Due March 1 as follows: \$19,000, 1928; \$20,000, 1929; \$21,000, 1930; \$22,000, 1931; \$23,000, 1932; \$25,000, 1933; \$26,000, 1934; \$27,000, 1935; \$28,000, 1936; \$29,000, 1937; \$31,000, 1938; \$32,000, 1939; \$33,000, 1940; \$34,000, 1941; \$35,000, 1942; \$37,000, 1943; \$38,000, 1944; \$39,000, 1945; \$40,000, 1946, and \$41,000, 1947. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. A certified check, payable to the County Board, for 2% of the bid, required. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn, New York City.

STAMFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$150,000 temporary loan offered on Feb. 15 (V. 124, p. 957) was awarded to the First Stamford National Bank on a 3.69% discount basis plus a premium of \$7. Due Nov. 15 1927.

STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hamilton County, Iowa.—INTEREST RATE—DISRUPTION.—The \$50,000 coupon school bonds purchased by George M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport at 101.422—V. 124, p. 957—bear interest at the rate of 4½% and are described as follows: Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially 1931 to 1947, incl. Interest payable M. & S.

TEXAS (State of)—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered for the week ending Feb. 12, the following two issues of school bonds aggregating \$3,400:

Name.....	Amt.	Int. Rate	Due
Scurry, Borden and Mitchell Cos. S. D., No. 9.....	\$1,900	5½%	serially
Leon County School District.....	1,500	5%	20 years

TITUSVILLE, Crawford County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$16,000 4½% general improvement, Issue No. 5 bonds offered on Feb. 6—V. 124, p. 678—were awarded to the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh at a premium of \$378.77, equal to 102.36, a basis of about 4.20%. Date Aug. 1 1926. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1931 and 1936 and \$6,000, 1941.

TOPEKA, Shawnee County, Kan.—BONDS OFFERED.—Frank L. Stevens, Finance Commissioner, received sealed bids until Feb. 15 for \$70,000 4½% viaduct bonds. Due serially in 1 to 10 years.

UNICOI COUNTY (P. O. Erwin), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—Prudden & Co. of Toledo, have purchased an issue of \$25,000 5½% highway bonds. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 1956. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Chemical National Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Charles & Rutherford of St. Louis.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY (P. O. Evansville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Chris Kratz, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Feb. 28 for \$7,600 4½% Pigeon Township road bonds. Due \$380, May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, incl.

VERMILION COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Hoopes-ton), Ill.—BOND SALE.—The \$115,000 5% school bonds offered on Jan. 28 (V. 124, p. 543) were awarded to the Illinois Merchants' Trust Co. of Chicago at a premium of \$9,822, equal to 108.54, a basis of about 4.27%. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1939; \$10,000, 1940 to 1942 incl., and \$20,000, 1943 to 1946 incl.

VERNAL, Uintah County, Utah.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 water works refunding bonds offered on Feb. 16—V. 124, p. 678—were awarded to the Ashnton-Jenkins Co. of Salt Lake City, as 4½s, at a premium of \$1,020 equal to 102.91. Due serially over a period of ten years.

VERO BEACH, St. Lucie County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—Of the two issues of 6% coupon bonds aggregating \$471,000 offered on Feb. 8—V. 124, p. 678—\$321,000 6% city bonds were awarded to the Lawrence Construction Co. at 95, a basis of about 7.09%. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1928; and \$35,000, 1929 to 1937, incl. M. W. Elkins & Co. of Little Rock and Walter, Woody & Heimerdinger & Co. of Cincinnati, jointly, submitted a bid of 95.50 for the \$150,000 6% city bonds, which was rejected.

WASHINGTON (State of), BOND OFFERING.—O. V. Savidge, Secretary State Capitol Committee, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. March 7, for \$1,700,000 4½% capitol building bonds. Dated on date of issuance. Denom. \$5,000. Due in 20 years. Prin. and int. payable at the State Treasurer's office. These bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$4,000,000, the remaining \$2,300,000 having been sold to the State.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$350,000 4¼% road impt. bonds offered on Feb. 15—V. 124, p. 678—were awarded to the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh at a premium of \$10,010, equal to 102.86, a basis of about 4.07%. Dated Dec. 30 1926. Due Dec. 30 as follows: \$5,000, 1942 to 1949 incl.; \$35,000, 1952; \$70,000, 1953; \$55,000, 1954, and \$75,000, 1955 and 1956. A certified check for \$2,500 is required.

WELLESLEY, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First National Bank of Boston has been awarded a \$100,000 temporary loan on a 3.63% discount basis.

WHARTON COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Wharton), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5½% coupon road bonds offered on Feb. 14 (V. 124, p. 825) were awarded to the Mercantile Trust & Savings Bank of Dallas at a premium of \$6,080, equal to 106.08, a basis of about 4.92%. Dated Mar. 1 1927. Due April 10 as follows: \$3,000, 1938 to 1947 incl., and \$4,000, 1948 to 1957 incl.

WICHITA COUNTY (P. O. Wichita Falls), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—E. P. Walsh, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. April 11, for \$500,000 4¾% County bonds. Date July 10 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. These are the bonds originally scheduled for sale on Feb. 14—V. 124, p. 825.

WILBARGER COUNTY (P. O. Vernon), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$850,000 special road bonds offered on Feb. 16—V. 124, p. 825—were awarded to the Taylor-White Co. of Oklahoma City, as 4¼s at a premium of \$9,351 equal to 101.10, a basis of about 4.66%. Dated 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.; \$45,000, 1952 and 1953; \$50,000, \$50,000, 1954 and 1955, and \$60,000, 1956 and 1957.

WINAMAC SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pulaski County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—The Clerk Board of Trustees will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. March 7 for \$26,000 4¼% school bonds. Dated March 1 1927. Denom. \$866. Due \$886 July 1 1928 and \$866 Jan. and July 1 1929 to 1942 incl., and \$866 Jan. 1 1943. A certified check for \$200 is required.

WISE COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Feb. 8 an issue of \$100,000 5½% road and bridge funding bonds. Due serially.

WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First National Bank of Boston has been awarded a \$1,200,000 temporary loan on a 3.58% discount basis plus a premium of \$26. Dated Feb. 17 1927. Denom. \$50,000, \$25,000 and \$10,000. Due Nov. 3, 1927. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, Boston.

YALOBUSHA COUNTY SUPERVISORS DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Coffeaville), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—W. B. Hunter, Clerk Board of Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until Mar. 7 for \$140,000 5½% road bonds.

YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following five issues of 4¼% bonds aggregating \$1,500,000 offered on Feb. 15—V. 124, p. 826—were awarded to a syndicate composed of E. H. Rollins & Sons, Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., and Pulleyn & Co., all of New York, at 101.02, a basis of about 4.03%:
 \$700,000 school, series A bonds. Due March 1 \$20,000, 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.

Other bidders were:

Name	Premium.
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, the First National Bank of New York, Phelps Fenn & Co., Redmond & Co.	\$27,885 00
Roosevelt & Son, Remick, Hodges & Co., Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc.	27,574 50
Guaranty Co. of New York, Equitable Trust Co. of New York, Eldredge & Co., Barr Brothers & Co.	26,238 00
Co., A. B. Leach & Co., George H. Burr & Co.	23,535 00
The National City Co., Bankers Trust Co., Harris, Forbes & Co.	20,398 50
Estabrook & Co., W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc.	20,250 00
Kean, Taylor & Co., Lehman Brothers, Ames, Emerich & Co., Guardian Detroit Co., R. M. Schmidt & Co.	19,335 00

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

BROCKVILLE, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$99,801 46 5% coupon improvement bonds offered on Feb. 10—V. 124, p. 826—were awarded to Brouse, Mitchell & Co., Toronto, at 99.92, a basis of about 5.02%. Date Jan. 4 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 10 annual installments.

BURNABY DISTRICT, B. C.—BIDS.—The following is a complete list of the bids received for the \$67,000 5% 30-year coupon local improvement bonds reported sold in V. 124, p. 958:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
Royal Securities Corp.	98.577
Fry, Mills, Spence & Co.	98.57
McDonald, Jukes & Graves.	98.53
Pemberton & Son	98.53
Royal Financial Corp.	98.082
V. W. Odium & Co.	98.053
British Columbia Bond Corp.	97.74

BURNABY DISTRICT (P. O. Edmonds), B. C.—CORRECTION.—We are now informed that the reported sale of the three issues of bonds aggregating \$431,008—V. 124, p. 958—is erroneous.

MIDLAND, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$141,600 offered on Feb. 11—V. 124, p. 958—were awarded to Dymont, Anderson & Co. of Toronto at 100.068, a basis of about 4.99%.

\$117,600 pavement bonds. Due in 20 equal annual installments.
 24,000 sewer bonds. Due in 30 equal annual installments.
 Date Dec. 1 1926.

NEW BRUNSWICK (Province of)—BIDS.—Following is a complete list of the bids received for the \$640,000 4¾% provincial bonds awarded on Feb. 8 to the Dominion Bank of Canada, Toronto, at 99.68, a basis of about 4.77% (V. 124, p. 958):

Bidder	Rate Bid
Bank of Montreal	99.67
A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd.	99.67
Wood, Gundy & Co.	99.61
Fry, Mills, Spence & Co.	99.41

The Dominion Bank are now offering the bonds at 100.64 to yield 4.70%.

POINTE CLAIRE, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$85,800 5% 25-year serial bonds offered on Feb. 7—V. 124, p. 826—were awarded to A. E. Ames & Co., Toronto, at 99.36, a basis of about 4.98%. Dated Jan. 2 1927. Due in 25 years.

The following is a complete list of the bids received:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
A. E. Ames & Co.	99.36
Rene T. Leclerc	99.31
Credit Anglo Francais	99.14
Mead & Co. and Dominion Securities Corp.	99.07
Wood, Gundy & Co.	98.85
L. G. Beaubien & Co.	98.75
Versailles, Vidricaire, Boulais	98.83
Hanson Bros.	97.57
Brouse, Mitchell & Co.	98.882

POINT GREY DISTRICT, B. C.—BOND SALE.—Wood, Gundy & Co., Toronto, and Pemberton & Sons, Vancouver, have been awarded an issue of \$586,000 5% bonds at 99.02.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5¼% water works bonds offered on Jan. 31—V. 124, p. 679—were awarded to McDonagh, Somers & Co., Toronto, at 104.80. Date Jan. 2 1927.

WEST VANCOUVER DISTRICT, B. C.—BOND SALE.—Pemberton & Sons of Vancouver have been awarded an issue of \$115,000 5% bonds at 98.45.

WINDSOR, Ont.—BOND SALE.—Fry, Mills, Spence & Co. and the Canadian Bank of Commerce, both of Toronto, have been awarded jointly an issue of \$250,000 5¼% 30-year installment bonds at 102.26.

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