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## The Financial Situation.

President Coolidge fulfilled a general expectation be vetoing yesterday the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill, and in so doing literally tore the bill to shreds. The difficulty with the bill, Mr. Coolidge declared, "is that it is not framed to aid farmers as a whole and it is furthermore calculated to injure rather than promote the general public welfare." It "upholds as ideals of American farming the men who grow cotton, corn, rice, swine, tobacco or wheat, and nothing else," gives them special favors at the expense of the farmers who have diversified their crops and kept the soil of their farms fertile and produtive, and by raising the prices of a few products, "chiefly sectional," directly penalizes thousands of farmers whose products are chiefly of other kinds. More than this, although the bill purports to offer relief to the producers of cotton, wheat, \&c., "the only persons who are guaranteed a profit are the exporters, packers, millers, cotton spinners and other processors."

Mr. Coolidge further insists that the bill involves Government price-fixing, and price-fixing, too, "on some of the nation's basic foods and materials." Such a policy, "once started, has alike no justice and no end. It is an economic folly from which this country has every right to be spared." A Federal board, chosen from persons nominated by certain farm organizations, is to be given "almost unlimited authority" to fix prices on the designated commodities, and to collect an equalization fee which is "not a tax for purposes of revenue in the accepted sense," but a tax "for the special benefit of particular groups." The effect of the system, if it were to be set up, would be to "raise the price of the specified agricultural commodities to the highest possible point," through the agency of a board which "will operate
without any restraints imposed by the anti-trust laws." By dumping low-priced American products abroad, the bill will directly subsidize foreign production "in competition with our own farmers in the markets of the world. We shall send cheap cotton abroad and sell high cotton at home." Further, while the bill appropriates $\$ 250,000,000$ in support of a system which violates the sound principles of free competition, it does not limit to that sum the volume of contracts that may be made by the proposed Federal board. "If the board had begun operating in the 1925 cotton crop," Mr. Coolidge declares, "when prices were around 20 cents a pound, and had then attempted to hold up the price on the 1926 crop at a level which induced the picking of the whole crop, the whole $\$ 250,000,000$ would have been spent and great commitments beyond that figure have been entered into."
Beyond these practical considerations of an economic or administrative order, Mr. Coolidge finds the bill unconstitutional. Attached to the veto message, and forming a part of it, is an opinion of Attorney-General Sargent in which the constitutional objections to the bill are stated. As set forth in a press summary, the constitutional objections to the measure are based upon the limitation which it would impose upon the appointing power of the President in requiring him to name a Federal board from men recommended by a nominating committee; the delegation of price-fixing to the board without prescribing any rule under which the prices should be determined; the failure of the courts to recognize price-fixing as a power conferred upon the Federal Government, and the infringement of the Constitutional provision which forbids the taking of property without due process of law, by the enforced contribution of citizens, through an equalization fee, to a process from which they might or might not derive profit. A late Washington dispatch quoted Senator McNary of Oregon as saying that he would not attempt to secure a vote with a view to passing the bill over the veto. The President is entitled to the gratitude of the entire country for interposing his veto and for his unsparing denunciation of the vicious provisions of the bill.

The decision on Monday by the United States Supreme Court in the Los Angeles \& Salt Lake RR. valuation case is one of considerable importance, and also one likely under existing circumstances to prove beneficial, notwithstanding the decision was negative in character. The decision was in effect not a decision, but a declaration of lack of jurisdiction. The railroads were told that the court would not anticipate the probable results of action
by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, but if as a result of such action they suffered harm they could come to the courts for relief. The temporary setback which the market experienced as the result of the erroneous interpretation placed upon the decision was beneficial rather than the reverse. The market in railroad shares had gotten into an unhealthy condition in that the public was buying for advances without much regard to individual merit. Stocks which appeared to represent relatively poor properties had shot upward along with others holding strategic positions. The decision has checked this general advance and caused investors and speculators to be more discriminating in their purchases. In this it has been highly salutary.

The momentary effects were very severe. News was flashed from Washington, over the extensive system of stock house lines that reach almost every point in the United States, at about 1:40 p. m. on Monday, to the effect that the railroads had lost the Los Angeles \& Salt Lake case. Within some two or three minutes a fairly buoyant market had been turned to precipitous rout, and over a period of about half an hour prices declined sharply under heavy trading. Drops of from one to two points between sales were made in the case of important share properties, and a stock with as established a position as Reading declined more than ten points. Within ten to fifteen minutes of the original flash of news a message followed that the decision should not be interpreted as a loss of the case, but rather as an announcement of lack of jurisdiction, and that essentially the position of the railroads had not been changed. Within another brief interval the decline was checked, and extensive recoveries, ensued leaving the closing level of the day not far from the opening.

The episode of Monday not only corrected unhealthy tendencies in speculation, but greatly increased the feeling of confidence in respect to the essentially sound position of the security markets. If the technical position had been highly dangerous, nothing could have stopped a reaction with the momentum of that of Monday, especially when the decision, however harmless, was actually disappointing. On Wednesday belief in the underlying soundness of the prevailing speculation was confirmed by the report of a further contraction in brokers' loans. The decline amounted to only $\$ 1,944,000$, but was the sixth successive weekly decline, and made the total shrinkage in brokers' loans $\$ 99,927,000$, the figure on Feb. 16 standing at $\$ 2,718,634,000$ and comparing with $\$ 2,818,561,000$ on Jan. 5. Money conditions also have continued distinctly easy, with rather a surplus of funds in Eastern centres, reflected in the call rate dropping to $33 / 4 \%$ for a time on Wednesday, though the rate advanced on Friday to $5 \%$ in anticipation of month-end requirements.
Stock market averages have not changed greatly during the week, although there has been something of a reversal of the recent trend, the railroad average declining and the industrial average gaining. Somewhat contrary to the movements of the preceding two weeks, the principal advances have been in the better established investment stocks. Commodity prices which have worked materially lower during recent weeks appear to be stabilizing, and there has been a fractional gain in copper. The bond average after a slight decline, following the tremendous volume of new security issues in recent weeks, is again steady with a strengthening tendency. The
week has been comparatively light in bond offerings. Car loadings are still below a million a week, but continue well ahead of those of last year, although most of the gain is in connection with coal shipments in anticipation of a possible strike. Loadings, of course, have never been above a million cars at this season of the year. There has been increased activity in steel and a number of other industries. January motor production showed a material advance over the exceptionally small figure for December, but is still below normal. There are, however, indications of materially increased buying in February. The ability of the industry to adjust production to sales has been impressive, and one of the causes of increasing confidence in the general business situation.
There were two constructive developments late in the week, one the announcement of the absorption by the International Telephone \& Telegraph Co. of All America Cables Co., the latter having extensive cables and lines throughout Latin America, and the other the veto on Friday, already referred to, by President Coolidge of the McNary-Haugen bill That financial interests approve of the vets was indicated by the strong way in which the market closed, including a number of stocks most dependent on agriculture.

The enveloping movement of the Southern or Nationalist forces of China for the possession of Shanghai proceeded swiftly during the week. Shanghai, or the Paris of the East as the city is frequently called, is a prize that various factions are contending for, as it carries with it the control of $\$ 1,000,000$ to $\$ 1,500,000$ monthly in customs dues. The Southern forces, moreover, cannot afford to leave the city unconquered in their sweep northward toward Peking, as possession by opposing forces would render their situation highly precarious; the more so the farther north they proceeded. It is for this reason, and not merely because of the foreign settlements there, that such fierce attempts are being made by the Chinese factions for the capture or the retention of the city.
After the capture by the Cantonese of Hangchow, both the victorious troops and those of the defeated General, Sun Chuan Fang, converged on Sunkiang, 25 miles south of Shanghai. By the 21st, 20,000 of the defeated soldiers had already reached Sunkiang where plans were made by Marshal Sun for further resistance. The defeated troops, however, became restive and finally began to spread over the neighboring country and to loot it. Great anxiety prevails in Shanghai itself over the prospective arrival of these troops, as they could only with difficulty be kept from entering the foreign settlements. They constiture the most immediate menace to foreigners, as their looting expeditions, usually the only pay Chinese soldiers receive, would cause grave difficulties and a menacing problem.
With the practical dissolution of the local defensive forces under Marshal Sun Chuan Fang, the Northern Tuchuns are stepping into the breach. Marshal Chang Tso Lin, head of the alliance of Northern War Lords and the real power behind the Peking Government, promised on Feb. 21 to aid in defending the city. Such defense is decidedly in their own interest as retention of Shanghai would make the encroaching of the Nationalists on their own territory difficult if not impossible. Shantung (Northern) troops were reported in dispatches dated Feb. 24 to be pouring into Shanghai en route south to meet the
advancing Nationalists. According to the New York "Times" correspondent, 40,000 of these troops were already on hand to meet the 50,000 Southerners, and 30,000 more were expected shortly. Sentiment among the Chinese in the Yangtze Valley is almost universally in favor of the Nationalists and this will make the task of the Northern troops doubly hard.

In the international settlements in Shanghai preparations are going on apace for defense against the surging mobs of natives that will surely try to enter the proscribed area if any fighting is done in the streets of the native city. Aliens living outside the foreign quarters have been brought within its borders, says an Associated Press dispatch of Feb. 24, because of the arrival of large numbers of defeated, demoralized soldiers of the former defender, Marshal Sun Chuan Fang. Barbed wire entanglements have been erected around the foreign settlements and troops of all the nations are on hand to quell disturbances. In addition the Whangpoo River is lined with foreign men-of-war. It is thought there is little likelihood of any organized attack on the international settlement, as anti-foreign disturbances have been conspicuously absent.

A general strike was begun in Shanghai on Feb. 19 which a cautious observer described in a dispatch to the New York "Times" as "entirely of a political character." It was said to be ordered for three rea-sons-to show sympathy with the success of the Southern armies in Chekiang Province, to protest against the presence of foreign troops in Shanghai, and to show the power of the Chinese to apply passive resistance to the position of the foreigners. Some 80,000 natives went on strike, both Chinese and foreign enterprises being affected. The immediate result was the issuance of a proclamation by General Li Pao Chang, Commissioner for the defense forces in Shanghai, that any persons found inciting workers to strike or interfering with them would be summarily executed. The proclamation was enforced rigidly beginning Feb. 20, and a number of strike leaders were actually beheaded. It is assumed by observers that approximately 100 Chinese were put to death by General Li Pao Chang's orders during the following days. The strike, whether for this reason or because, as is claimed, it was originally intended to last only a few days, rapidly petered out. Regret was expressed by General Li for the executions.
Severa' Chinese warships in the river moved up toward the foreign settlements on Feb. 22 and fired a few shells apparently at an arsenal beyond the French concession. Several of the shells fell in the concession, doing slight damage. The firing was not repeated, nor has a real explanation been forthcoming as yet.

With the official announcement on Feb. 20 at Hankow that an agreement had been signed by Eugene Chen, Nationalist Foreign Minister, and Owen St. C. O'Malley, British Charge d'Affaires, Chinese efforts to recover foreign concessions or to ameliorate the conditions under which they have been held, enter a new phase. The agreement applies to Hankow only, but it is said the British settlement at Kinkiang is to be treated similarly. Announcement of the agreement was made in the House of Commons in London by Sir Austen Chamberlain on Feb. 21 and was heartily greeted. Under the terms of the agreement the Hankow concession
will be withdrawn from exclusive British control and placed under a joint commission for administration. The Chinese will participate actively in municipal affairs with increasing rights and responsibilities. Shanghai is not affected by the agreement in any way as the problem there is a different one arising from the fact that the settlement is held by numerous nations. Concerted action would be necessary and it would be extremely difficult to get all parties to agree. The British proposals regarding Hankow were also put before the Peking Government and for a time negotiations were in progress between Miles Lampson, the British Minister, and the Peking officials. No progress has recently been reported as to these negotiations as the Peking Government made objections similar to those of the Cantonese regarding the sending of British troops to Shanghai.

Interest in the Nicaraguan imbroglio shifted during the week from the prospect of local battles in the Central American republic to the attitude of Washington and London toward the developments. It was announced in Washington on Feb. 19 that a force of 1,600 marines had been dispatched from four bases to Nicaragua, thus augmenting the marine troops in that country to 2,000 men, some 400 being already on duty at Managua. The marines are being placed along the railroad from Corinto to Managua. The greater number will arrive at Corinto to-day on the transport Henderson, that vessel carrying 1,200 men. President Coolidge let it be known on the 18th, according to a dispatch to the New York "Times," that American marines were being rushed to Nicaragua because of reports that arms were being sent to the Liberal revolutionists there by land and sea, and because these reports were causing great anxiety to American residents in that country. The Department of State in making the announcement of the landing of additional troops added that "this action has the full consent and approval of the Nicaraguan Government." On Feb. 21 an Associated Press dispatch from Washington reported that "the American Government's determination to take a firmer hold on the situation is becoming hourly more apparent." It developed further that the American Legation guard at Managua had been moved from barracks in town to the Loma, the hill fort which commands the city. These moves are understood to have blocked definitely the progress of the Liberal forces under Sacasa, and growing signs of pessimism among these were reported.
The Diaz regime, at present in power, made overtures to Washington early in the week that an offensive-defensive alliance between the two countries would not be unwelcome. Encouragement was given by the Department of State and a proposal was then sent to Washington embodying, according to the correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune," firstly, a guaranty by the United States of the sovereignty and independence of Nicaragua, and, secondly, a guaranty of the American rights acquired under the Bryan-Chamorro treaty-specifically, rights to build a canal across Nicaragua and to construct naval bases on the Gulf of Fonseca and the Little Corn Islands in the Atlantic. The treaty would be effective for 100 years, with rights for renewal. With the object of advancing Nicaragua's interests three protocols are added to the
general treaty, providing for financial rehabilitation, for national stability through a constabulary and for sanitation.

The British Government meanwhile, apparently concerned over the safety of its 200 nationals in Nicaragua, advised United States Minister Eberhardt at Managua through its envoy there that it contemplated sending a man-of-war to the western coast of that country. The cruiser Colombo, accordingly, was ordered from its headquarters at Bermuda and directed to sail for Nicaraguan waters. It was made plain at London that England has no desire to meddle in Nicaraguan affairs and that the dispatch of the cruiser was only for the purpose of taking aboard British nationals in the event that further street fighting made their protection necessary. The vessel was referred to as a "place of refuge." This action nevertheless aroused keen speculation here in view of the assurances previously given London by the American Government that it "would extend to British subjects the same measures of protection that it may afford to United States citizens." Secretary Kellogg, after making public the note from Minister Eberhardt, added that "Admiral Latimer has been instructed from the beginning to protect foreign as well as American lives and property and is doing everything he can to do so." "The notification," says the correspondent of the New York "Times" in a dispatch of Feb. 23, "came as a surprise not only in Congressional but also in State Department circles, and was regarded generally as introducing a new and perhaps serious complication into the situation. The British communication was regarded in some quarters as all the more surprising as it was delivered after Diaz had asked the United States to take virtual control of Nicaraguan affairs and when this Government, by further movement of ships and marines, as well as in other ways, was taking an even firmer stand in its Latin-American policy." The sending of the British cruiser was minimized by the Department of State, notes being made public showing that the British Government had expressed concern regarding the safety of its nationals as early as Feb. 19. The action was held to be "not unfriendly." Some protest also was made by Italian residents of Nicaragua, but there has been no intimation of active steps by the Rome Government.

In European capitals, according to a London dispatch to the New York "Times," great cynicism is expressed over the latest developments in the relations of the United States and Nicaragua. It is pointed out that this is due to the European custom of establishing protectorates in Egypt, Morocco, \&c., after troops had been sent to those places for the ostensible purpose of protecting the lives and property of the nationals concerned.

Abrogation of Anglo-Russian trade agreements and severance of ordinary diplomatic relations are threatened in a note presented Wednesday by the British Foreign Secretary, Sir Austen Chamberlain, to M. Rosengolz, Soviet representative in London. The note is the sharpest that has yet been transmitted to Moscow and indicates increasing strain between Great Britain and Russia, occasioned almost entirely by the anti-British actions and propaganda of the Soviet officials. British notes, as pointed out in the present protest, have been sent to Moscow before now on the subject of the alleged non-observance of
the Anglo-Russian trade agreement and have had little or no effect. "The significance of the latest communication," says a dispatch to the New York "Times," "is in the plainness of its language, which would seem to render the breaking off of relations inevitable, unless its stipulations are observed."

Protest against the Soviet propaganda became imperative in England owing to the desire of the extreme right in the Conservative party for a complete break in relations. "The note," says the London representative of the New York "Herald Tribune," "is in the nature of a compromise between the extreme Conservatives, who have sought immediate severance of relations, and the more moderate group, headed by Premier Baldwin and Sir Austen Chamberlain, who have opposed the breaking off of the semi-recognition of Russia negotiated by the Labor Government in 1924." Cabinet members have expressed the opinion that Russia is fostering the present turmoil in China, but only passing reference to the Chinese situation is made in Sir Austen's note. The Foreign Secretary based his charges of violation of the AngloRussian agreement chiefly on addresses by Soviet leaders expressing hostility towards England. Four of these addresses are cited specifically in the note, all made late last year, and the speech by M. Bukharin before the Communist International of Moscow last November is pointedly quoted in illustration. Such activities are characterized in the note as "grievous outrages and injuries to British interests." Further controversy is deprecated and the demand made that the Moscow Government "refrain from interference with purely British concerns and abstain from hostile action or propaganda against British subjects." Resentment against Soviet propaganda directed against British institutions and interests has been growing for some time and was accentuated by the Russian connection with the British general strike and the coal strike. Bolshevist complicity in the anti-British movement in China evidently brought this feeling to a head.

Following the French óffer to pay $£ 6,000,000$ yearly to the British Government, it was confirmed Tuesday that Premier Poincare had offered the American Government $\$ 10,000,000$ more than the $\$ 20,000,000$ required annually as debt service on the purchase of surplus war material. This would bring the total payments on war indebtedness to the $\$ 30,-$ 000,000 provided for under the Mellon-Beranger agreement, even though that agreement has not been ratified. The Premier, according to a dispatch dated Tuesday to the New York "Times" made it clear in a letter to Vincent Auriol, read in the Chamber Finance Committee, that the basis of his war debt policy is equality of treatment for the United States and Great Britain. He showed that he had given nothing away that he could reasonably avoid giving away and had not infringed the rights of Parliament in any degree whatever. It was at the insistence of the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, who found himself somewhat short on his budget estimates, that he had consented to the $£ 6,000,000$ payment, he said. That payment constituted no obligation for the future and prejudiced in no way whatever the attitude which the Chamber might wish to take later on with reference to ratification of the debt settlements. To America, said M. Poincare, he had made an analogous proposal and hoped it would be accepted.

The proposal will receive due consideration at the hands of the American Government, says an Associated Press report from Washington, but whether acceptance is likely has not been indicated. In some quarters it has been held that no authority existed for a refusal to accept payment on account. On the other hand, it is contended that inasmuch as the debt agreement, which fixes the total of the debt with interest, has not been ratified, it would be illegal for the Treasury to accept payments on account unless the agreement itself should be accepted. There has been no official expression of views on this phase of the situation. Meanwhile, it is pointed out in some circles here that Premier Poincare's action in the matter is shrewd and long-sighted in view of the fact that the $\$ 400,000,000$ engagement of France to this country for war supplies is due in 1929.

The re-establishment of diplomatic relations with Turkey and an exchange of ministers is provided for under accords signed in Constantinople late last week by Real Admiral Mark L. Bristol, American High Commissioner, and Tewfik Rushdi Bey, Turkish Foreign Minister, according to an Associated news dispatch of Feb. 18. This accord with Turkey is merely a diplomatic stop-gap to take the place of the rejected Lausanne Treaty and does not require the approval of the Senate. The provision for the reestablishment of pre-war diplomatic relations will in all likelihood call for Congressional action, as it is understood in Washington that a diplomat with the rank of ambassador will be sent to Turkey. Such appointments require confirmation by the Senate. The accords otherwise renew the provisional commercial agreements between the two countries for one year. Under them, American trade will receive the same privileges as that of nations which ratified the Lausanne Treaty.

Japanese acceptance and Italian rejection of the proposal made by President Coolidge for a supplementary naval limitation conference, to be held at Geneva, were received early in the week. A cordial note was struck by the Japanese reply, the statement saying that "the Japanese Government fully shares with the American Government the views expressed in that memorandum on the desirability of an agreement calculated to complete the work of the Washington conference for the prevention of competitive naval building. They cordially welcome the initiative taken by the American Government for the institution among the five Powers of negotiations looking to such a desirable end. They will be happy to take part in these negotiations through their representatives invested with full powers to negotiate and to conclude an agreement on the subject." The acceptance complied closely with forecasts of the Japanese attitude made in the Parliament at Tokio and no surprise was expressed for this reason at the intimation contained in the note of acceptance, that Japan would not agree to the application of the 5-5-3 capital ship ratio in any tonnage limitation agreement for cruisers and auxiliary vessels which might be reached at Geneva. Stipulation was also made by Japan that the meeting of the Powers take place after June 1, owing to the length of time required for preparation and for the journey from Tokio to Geneva. The first reservation is an important one as the maintenance of the 5-5-3 ratio was suggested in the American memorandum as practicable for types of vessels
not covered by the present agreement, even though rigid proposals to this effect were expressly avoided.

Italian rejection of the proposal follows that of France and this also had been previously intimated. Italy disclaims any part in the naval armament race, pointing out that "her actual military expenses, and, above all, her naval budget, in which there is appropriated $300,000,000$ lire annually, equal to about $\$ 13,000,000$, for her naval construction, demonstrated clearly that the far-reaching building programs alleged in the message certainly cannot refer to Italy." The note further mentions that the favorable geographical position of this country, which has enabled us to reduce our armaments to a minimum, finds its reverse in the Italian situation. The Government at Rome therefore feels that it "cannot expose itself without grave risks to a binding limitation of its maritime armaments, which are already insufficient to the needs of its defense."

A new tariff bill, prepared with great speed by M. Bokanowski, the French Minister of Commerce, will be introduced in the French Parliament at Paris on March 1. Raw materials bought from the United States are for the most part reduced or unaffected, says a dispatch to the New York "Times." On the other hand, a general and in many cases a material increase has been applied to American manufactured articles, thereby making the sale of these, already difficult, more problematical than ever. M. Bokanowski talks of obtaining ratification by both the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies before Easter, but others believe it may take anywhere from two to six months. No question can be raised as to the right of France to increase her customs duties, but as the immediate effect of the new tariff will be to prevent a decrease in the cost of living, or perhaps even to raise it, it is not unlikely that the loudest protests will be made by Frenchmen themselves. It is certain that all American fabricated articles will cost more, as also will the goods of other nations. Chief among the motives inspiring the new rates is the desire of the Government to cover the $500,000,000$ franc loss sustained by the budget when Premier Poincare agreed to drop a proposed business turnover tax on French exports. The new tariff is counted upon not only to make up this sum but to bring in several hundred million francs additional. The framers of the bill expect that there will thus, incidentally, be further aid extended to French manufacturers. A greatly increased production by machinery has resulted from the return of AlsaceLorraine and the rebuilding and expansion of the Northern industries destroyed during the war and it is largely to meet the demands of the new industries for protection that the new tariff is projected.

A treaty of conciliation between Italy and Chile was signed Thursday in Rome by Premier Mussolini and the Chilian Ambassador, Senor Villegas, according to a dispatch to the New York "Times." The treaty is for ten years and is automatically renewable for a further period of five years. It is the twelfth treaty of arbitration and friendship that Italy has signed since August 1923, but possesses special interest because it is the first one entered into with a country in the Americas. The Italo-Chilean treaty provide that any question arising between the two countrie : which cannot be solved by the ordinary processes of diplomacy will be submitted to a special lper anen
commission nominated for this purpose. This commission, the treaty states, shall be nominated six months after the signing of the treaty and shall be composed of five members, of whom one is to be chosen by each of the signatories, and the other three by negotiations between the two contracting parties. The five members are to nominate the Chairman by common agreement. The purpose of the permanent commission is to examine all questions arising between the two countries and to suggest methods of solution. The commission, except in certain special cases, will make its decisions by majority vote and must issue its report within six months of the question being submitted to it. Its reports, which can only be published by the common consent of both parties, have not the value of arbitral awards, but can be either accepted or rejected by the contracting parties.

No changes have been noted in official discount rates at leading European centres from $7 \%$ in Italy, $6 \%$ in Belgium and Austria, 51/2\% in Paris and Denmark, $5 \%$ in London, Berlin and Madrid, $41 / 2 \%$ in Sweden and Norway and $31 / 2 \%$ in Holland and Switzerland. Open market discount rates in London were advanced to $47-16 \%$ for short bills, as against 4114@4 5-16\% last week, while three months' bills moved up to 43/8@47-16\%, against 43-16@ $41 / \%$ last week. Call money at the British centre continues strong and went to as high as $41 / 8 \%$, then reacted and closed at $4 \%$, which compares with $31 / 2 \%$ a week ago. In Paris the open market discount rates continue to be quoted at $41 / 2 \%$ and in Switzerland at $23 / 4 \%$, the same as the preceding week.

Another small decline in gold was shown by the Bank of England in its return for the week ended Feb. 23, namely $£ 28,474$. Total gold holdings therefore now aggregate $£ 150,147,937$, against $£ 144,493$,468 last year and $£ 128,587,157$ the year previous (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). Note circulation increased $£ 416,000$ and the reserve of gold and notes in banking department consequently decreased $£ 444,-$ 000 . The proportion of reserve to liability advanced to $28.62 \%$ from $28.16 \%$, the ratio last week. Other important changes were: Loans on Government securities increased $£ 152,000$, while loans on "other" securities fell off $£ 3,178,000$. Public deposits showed a gain of $£ 326,000$, but "other" deposits decreased $£ 3,805,000$. Notes in circulation now stand at $£ 130,603,000$, as compared with $£ 141,138,190$ at the corresponding period last year and $£ 124,803,065$ in 1925. The Bank of England still maintains its official discount rate at $5 \%$. We furnish below comparisons of the different items of the Bank of England report for a series of years:


The important changes in the Bank of France's weekly statement as of Feb. 23 were the reduction of $456,489,850$ francs in note circulation and of $900,000,-$ 000 francs in the Government's indebtedness to the Bank. The total of notes in circulation was therefore reduced to $51,696,645,860$ francs, as compared with $50,991,063,485$ francs last year and with $40,791,-$ 722,790 francs in 1925. Advances to the State are down to $29,600,000,000$ francs against $34,500,000,000$ francs at the corresponding time last year and $21,-$ $900,000,000$ franes in 1925. Gold holdings remain unchanged at $5,547,828,350$ francs. In 1926 gold amounted to $5,548,228,808$ francs, and in 1925 to $5,545,789,833$ francs. Other changes of importance were: Silver increased 104,455 francs, bills discounted $176,125,253$ francs, and Treasury deposits $57,760,703$ francs, while on the other hand general deposits fell off $502,797,539$ francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and with corresponding dates in 1926 and 1925 are as follows:


The Reichsbank in its statement for the second week of the month reported a reduction of $224,300,000$ marks in note circulation as against an increase of $9,897,000$ marks in other daily maturing obligations and of $6,451,000$ marks in other liabilities. Note circulation now amounts to $3,059,392,000$ marks, compared with $2,419,906,000$ marks at the same time last year and with $1,760,016,000$ marks on Feb. 14 1925. On the asset side of the account the major portion of the items showed decreases. Gold and bullion holdings declined 316,000 marks and deposits abroad fell off $14,604,000$ marks. Reserve in foreign currencies decreased $92,309,000$ marks, while holdings of silver and other coin rose $10,622,000$ marks. Holdings of bills of exchange and cheques diminished $110,567,000$ marks, but notes on other banks increased $4,689,000$ marks. Advances decreased $31,692,000$ marks while "other" assets increased $11,621,000$ marks. Gold and bullion now stands at $1,834,285,000$ marks, against $1,307,236,000$ marks last year and 865,790,000 marks in 1925. Below we give a detailed comparative statement back to 1925 :

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.


Contraction in open market operations, accompanied by signs of lessened activity in rediscounting, featured the weekly statements of the Federal Reserve banks that were issued at the close of business
on Thursday. For the combined System rediscounting of bills secured by Government obligations fell off $\$ 20,600,000$. In "other" bills, however, expansion of $\$ 22,000,000$ was shown, so that total bills discounted for the week increased $\$ 1,400,000$, to $\$ 397,929,000$, which compares with $\$ 540,083,000$ at this time a year ago. Holdings of bills bought in the open market fell off $\$ 34,800,000$. Total bills and securities (earning assets) declined $\$ 39,900,000$, while unusually heavy shrinkage was shown in deposits, namely, $\$ 127,700,000$. Member bank reserve accounts decreased $\$ 122,900,000$. The amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation increased $\$ 22,900,000$. A small loss in gold occurred, namely, $\$ 7,000,000$. The New York Bank, on the other hand, showed an addition to gold holdings of $\$ 23$,400,000 . Rediscounting of Government secured paper at the local Reserve Bank fell $\$ 18,100,000$, while other bills increased $\$ 5,800,000$, with the net result of the week's dealings a decline of $\$ 12,300,000$ in total bills discounted. A drop of $\$ 36,700,000$ was indicated in bill buying in the open market. Here also reduction was recorded in all of the following items: Total bills and securities $\$ 56,600,000$, deposits $\$ 66,900,000$ and member bank reserve accounts $\$ 61,500,000$. The amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation increased $\$ 7,200,000$. Shrinkage in the deposit accounts induced advances in the ratios of reserve in both local and national statements. For the banks as a group the reserve ratio rose $1.7 \%$, to $80.1 \%$; at New York the increase was appreciably larger- $5.5 \%$, to $88.0 \%$.

Last Saturday's return of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies again revealed a deficiency in the required legal reserves, in amount of $\$ 7,587,620$. This followed entirely from the drawing down of the reserves held with the Federal Reserve Bank, which item diminished $\$ 37,687,000$. There was a decrease in net demand deposits of $\$ 54,787,000$, but an increase in time deposits of $\$ 4,501,000$, to $\$ 686,412,000$. The total of demand deposits is $\$ 4,306,904,000$, which is exclusive of $\$ 24,963,000$ in Government deposits. Loans increased $\$ 5,311,000$. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank declined \$8,546,000 , to $\$ 42,769,000$. This, however, does not count as reserve. State bank and trust company reserves in own vaults fell $\$ 950,000$, but the reserves of these institutions kept in other depositories rose $\$ 771,000$. Notwithstanding the reduction in deposits, the drawing down of reserves at the Federal Bank led to the wiping out of last week's excess reserve of $\$ 23,327,990$, and its replacement by a deficit of $\$ 7,587,620$. The computation is on the basis of legal reserve requirements of $13 \%$, against demand deposits for member banks of the Federal Reserve, but do not include the $\$ 42,769,000$ of cash in vault held by these members on Saturday last.

Call money this week fluctuated a little more than has been customary for a month past. The rate was $4 \%$ when the market opened on Monday, notwithstanding that last Saturday's New York Clearing House bank statement showed a deficiency in legal reserve. After the holiday the rate dipped to $33 / 4 \%$, where it ruled most of Wednesday. On Thursday it was $4 \%$ again and yesterday it rose $t$ t $5 \%$ for borrowings over the week-end, renewals still continuing at
$4 \%$. The higher rate yesterday restrained speculative activity to some extent. It is thought that the flurry will pass quickly as banks throughout the country are well supplied with funds. Time money was steady all week with light demand and plenty on offer. A slightly firmer tone prevailed Friday with considerable calling of demand loans by the banks. Brokers' loans showed a further slight decrease in the return of the Federal Reserve Board for Feb. 16. A change in the Federal Reserve rediscount rate of $4 \%$ was neither made nor expected. No important gold movements were reported.

Regarding specific rates for money, loans on call ranged this week, as already indicated, between $33 / 4$ and $5 \%$, as against $33 / 4 @ 41 / 2 \%$ last week. Monday there was no range, all loans being negotiated at $4 \%$, the only rate named. Tuesday was a holiday (Washington's Birthday). Easier conditions prevailed on Wednesday, when the low was reduced to $33 / 4 \%$; renewals, however, remained at $4 \%$ and this was the high. Thursday's range was again at $33 / 4 @ 4 \%$ with $4 \%$ the renewal quotation. Firmness set in on Friday, incidental to preparations for the month-end settlements, and the call loan rate, after renewing at $4 \%$, rose to $5 \%$.
For fixed date funds the market was inactive, with money in fairly liberal supply up to the close of the week, when there was a tightening on increased inquiries and lessened offerings. The range of quotations was not changed from $43 / 8 @ 41 / 2 \%$ for all periods from sixty days to six months, the same as a week ago, but on Friday $41 / 2 \%$ was the trading rate.

Commercial paper continues to be quoted at $33 / 4 @$ $4 \%$ for four to six months names of choice character with names not so well known still requiring $41 / 4 \%$. New England mill paper and the shorter choice names are still passing at $33 / 4 \%$. A good demand was recorded but the volume of business transacted was small, owing to scarcity of offerings. Out-of-town and local banks were in the market as buyers.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances in the outside market remain at the levels of the previous week, with trading quiet and featureless. Nothing in the way of news developments of importance transpired. Owing to scarcity of prime names, the aggregate turnover was of small proportions. For call loans against bankers' acceptances, the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council remains at $33 / 4 \%$. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rate on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks $35 / 8 \%$ bid and $31 / 2 \%$ asked for bills running 30 days, $33 / 4 \%$ bid and $35 / 8 \%$ asked for 60 days and 90 days, $37 / 8 \%$ bid and $33 / 4 \%$ asked for 120 days and $4 \%$ bid and $37 / 8 \%$ asked for 150 and 180 days. Open market quotations follow:

> SPOT DELIVERY.


FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.
Eligible member banks. -18

There have been no changes this week in Federal Reserve Bank rates.

Sterling exchange moved narrowly, with trading dull and listless much of the time and the aggregate turnover small. In the early part of the week intervention of a legal holiday (Washington's Birthday) served to accentuate the inactivity and for a while the market was almost stagnant. In keeping with
this, whatever business was transacted was put through within a range of $3-32$, or $48417-32$ to $4845 / 8$ for demand bills. Later on, a slightly firmer tone developed, on improved buying, which sent rates up another 1-16 of a cent to $48411-16$. This sudden accession of strength was attributed to another turn in the movement of money rates, this time in favor of London, starting funds once more moving toward the British capital. Less than two weeks ago, dealers found it unprofitable to place even short term funds in London. On Thursday it was reported that two months' bills were quoted in London at $43 / 8 \%$, which compares with $43-16 \%$ recently, while the longer maturities have advanced to $47-16 \%$, against $41 / 8 \%$ previously. Call money in London likewise advanced, ruling as high as $41 / 4 \%$, while in New York there was, for a time, a decline to $33 / 4 \%$. All of this confirms current comment that the relative trend of money rates in London and New York is for the time being the predominating factor in the course of sterling exchange values. There has also, however, been a marked falling off in the volume of selling, which previously acted to depress sterling rates. In banking circles it was intimated that this is probably due to the fact that outstanding obligations incurred during the British coal strike are pretty thoroughly liquidated by now. What was interpreted as an easing in the acute strain at present existing in diplomatic relations between Great Britain and China, also exerted some influence on the upward trend in the sterling market, although it has not caused dealers to relax their vigilance. The general disposition still is to await the outcome of the struggle now going on for supremacy in China before taking any definite position. No gold engagements have been reported this week and it was noted with much interest that none of the $£ 400,000$ gold offered in the London open market this week was taken by American buyers. India and the Continent took the bulk of the metal offering. It was not stated officially whether New York's failure to acquire the gold was due to advance in the price or to the lack of facilities for shipping the metal. At the close of the week a slight flurry, due to month-end demands, sent the New York call money rate up to $5 \%$, but this apparently had no effect on the position of sterling.

As to the day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was quiet, but steady, and not changed from the level prevailing on Friday, viz.: 484 17-32 for demand and $4851-32$ for cable transfers. On Monday a slightly firmer undertone developed, but the market was of a pre-holiday type and exceptionally dull; quotations for demand bills ranged between $4849-16$ and 484 19-32, and for cable transfers at 485 1-16@485 3-32. Tuesday was a holiday (Washington's Birthday). Sterling rates were well maintained on Wednesday, although there was no increase in activity; an advance to $4845 / 8$ occurred for demand bills, with the low still at $4849-16$; and cable transfers at 4851-16@4851/8. Further improvement took place on Thursday on better buying, incidental to a change in money conditions in favor of the London market; consequently sterling exchange rates were marked up another fraction to 48419-32@ $48421-32$ for demand and to 485 3-32@4855-32 for cable transfers. Friday's market was quiet but firm and the day's range for demand was $4845 / 8 @$ 484 11-16 and for cable transfers $4851 / 8 @ 485$ 3-16. Closing quotations were 484 11-16 for demand and

485 3-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $4849-16$, sixty days at $4809-16$, ninety days at $4787-16$, documents for payment (sixty days) at $48013-16$, and seven-day grain bills at $4845-16$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 484 9-16.
As stated above, no gold engagements were reported this week for the New York market. American interests secured none of the gold offered on the open market in London, practically all of it going to India and the Continent. The Bank of England exported small amounts of gold in sovereigns to Spain, India and Egypt.

Continental exchange came in for some rather wide movements this week, although here also trading was decidedly "spotty" at times and generally lacking in interest. Italian lire attracted considerable attention, first by an advance of some 7 or 8 points, to $4.411 / 2$, then a slump which carried the quotation down to 4.34 . The early strength was attributed to brisk buying that was said to indicate widespread confidence in the recently announced program of deflation in Italy. The subsequent weakness was the result of realizing sales. French francs continued to rule within narrow limits on quiet trading; the extremes were $3.901 / 4$ and $3.907 / 8$ for sight bills. The tone of the market is steady and apparently support is still being proffered. It is learned that a good deal of the support for francs during recent weeks has been secured by means of foreign orders for French securities. It develops that Government of France long-term bonds are being bought for foreign account and that therefore capital is flowing in freely from other countries where money for investment is in liberal supply. Premier Poincare's declaration that stabilization of the franc at this time is impossible and his refusal to give out any information as to when it would be attempted, had somewhat of a dampening influence on market sentiment.

German and Austrian exchanges remain inactive and at nominal levels. Belgian currency has been steady and unchanged. Of the group of exchanges comprising some of the minor Central European countries, Rumanian lei registered the only change of moment, showing a further advance to $0.611 / 2$, or 2 points over the close of last week. Polish zloties are still ruling at or near 11.50, while Finmarks have not been changed from $2.521 / 2$. Greek exchange was inclined to be heavy and remained at or near 1.28 throughout.

The London check rate on Paris finished at 123.99, against $123.81 \frac{1}{2}$ last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at $3.901 / 4$, against $3.907 / 8$ cable transfers at $3.911 / 4$, against $3.917 / 8$, and commercial sight bills at $3.891 / 4$, against $3.897 / 8$ a week ago. Antwerp belgas closed the week at 13.90 for checks and at 13.91 for cable transfers, against $13.891 / 2$ and $13.901 / 2$ the week preceding. Final quotations on Berlin marks were 23.70 for checks and 23.71 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.69 and 23.70 a week earlier. Austrian schillings continue to be quoted at $141 / 8$. Italian lira finished at 4.37 for bankers' sight bills and at 4.38 for cable transfers, in comparison with $4.331 / 2$ and $4.341 / 2$ at the close of last Friday. Exchange on Czechoslovakia closed at $2.963 / 8$ (unchanged); on Bucharest at 0.593/4, against 0.591/2; exchange on Poland finished at 11.55, against 11.50,
and on Finland at $2.521 / 2$ (unchanged). Greek drachmae finished at 1.28 for checks and at 1.29 for cable remittances, the same as last week.

As to the Continental exchanges on the countries neutral during the war, movements have not been particularly interesting, save for the erratic behavior of Spanish pesetas and Norwegian krone. The first named were strong and dealt in heavily, especially abroad. Quotations opened at 16.84 , were gradually pressed down on realizing sales to 16.74 , then rallied again on a fresh accession of speculative buying. Spain continues to take gold from the Bank of England in small amounts, while it is reported that a good deal of the Spanish capital that was expatriated during the trouble with Morocco is being returned. Some doubt is entertained as to whether the peseta can be maintained at its present high level; yet it seems reasonable to believe that the outlook is increasingly favorable. Increase in protective import duties has materially reduced Spanish importations, while exports of fruit and other commodities are very heavy at this time of the year. Improvement in Spain's budgetary position as well as the prospect for consolidation of the internal debt, have all figured in the rise in the value of the peseta. Norwegian krone established a new high level on the current upswing and touched 25.94 , which is only .86 point under the normal par of 26.8 , as a result of good buying induced by the optimistic utterances of the President of the Norges Bank in advocacy of action hastening a return to the pre-war gold parity for the Norwegian crown. Dutch guilders were slightly firmer, but not particularly active. Swiss francs were inactive and still ranged around $19.221 / 2$. Danish and Swedish currencies were neglected and continue to rule at close to 26.65 and 26.69 , respectively.

Bankers' sight bills on Amsterdam closed at 40.03, against 40.01; cable transfers at 40.04, against 40.02, and commercial sight bills at 40.02, against 40.00 last week. Closing rates on Swiss francs were $19.221 / 2$ for bankers' sight bills and $19.231 / 2$ for cable transfers, which compares with $19.221 / 2$ and $19.231 / 2$ a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.65 and cable transfers at 26.66, against 26.64 and 26.65 . Checks on Sweden closed at $26.691 / 2$ and cable transfers at $26.701 / 2$, against 26.68 and 26.69 , while checks on Norway finished at 25.89 and cable remittances at 25.90 , in comparison with 25.72 and 25.73 a week ago. Spanish pesetas closed the week at 16.78 for checks and at 16.79 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 16.84 and 16.85 .

In South American exchange, attention centred upon the advance in Argentine pesos, which soared to new heights, touching 42.04 , or a gain of 27 points in a week, and the highest point since 1919; the gold peso is also at a new high record. Brisk buying incidental to the export movement of grain from that country was the principal factor in the strength, although improvement in the financial outlook and talk of the nearing of the time when stabilization and a return to the gold standard is to be an accomplished fact, also helped. Argentine paper pesos closed at the top at 42.04 for checks and at 42.09 for cable transfers, as compared with 41.77 and 41.82 . Brazilian milreis ruled steady, but not essentially changed; the close was at 11.85 for checks and at 11.90 for cable transfers, against 11.87 and 11.92 last week. Chilean
exchange was strong and for a time rose to 12.10 , then reacted and finished at 11.91, against 11.92 . Peru closed at $3.641 / 2$, against 3.64 .

Notwithstanding the unfavorable outlook regarding the upheaval in China, Far Eastern exchange has remained fairly stable. The so-called silver currencies ruled strong, in spite of the sharp ups and downs in the silver market, though closing easier. Japanese yen remain at 48.95@49, while the Indian currencies were also unchanged. Hong Kong closed at 503-16@ $503 / 8$, against 5013-16@511/2; Shanghai at 631/4@ 631/2, against 65@651/2; Yokohama, 48.95@49 (unchanged); Manila, 49.75@49.88, against 49.50@ 49.60; Singapore, $561 / 8 @ 563 / 8$, against $561 / 8 @ 561 / 2$; Bombay, $363 / 8 @ 361 / 2$, against $361 / 2 @ 365 / 8$, and Calcutta, $363 / 8 @ 361 / 2$, against $361 / 2 @ 365 / 8$.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 522 of the Tariff Act of 1922, the Federal Reserve Bank is now certifying daily to the Secretary of the Treasury the buying rate for cable transfers in the different countries of the world. We give below a record for the week just past:
FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922.

| Country and MonetaryUnit. | Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Feb, 19. | Feb. 21. | Feb. 22. | Feb. 23. | Feb. 24. | Feb. 25. |
| EUROPE- | S | S | \$ | ${ }^{5}$ | ${ }^{\text {s }}$ |  |
| Austria, schilling | . 14080 | . 14072 |  | . 14076 | . 14081 | . 14087 |
| Belglam, belga. | . 1390 | . 1390 |  | . 1390 | . 1390 | . 1390 |
| Bulgaria, lev--...-- | . 007250 | . 007259 |  | . 007262 | . 007255 | . 007227 |
| Czechoslovakia, krone | . 2629620 | . 0266519 |  | . 029620 | . 2296519 | . 0266519 |
| Denmark, krone--1-- | . 2665 | . 2665 |  | . 2665 | . 2665 | . 2665 |
| ling. | 4.8501 | 4.8501 |  | 4.8503 | 4.8509 | 4.85 |
| Flnland, mark | . 025208 | . 025200 |  | . 025204 | . 025210 | . 025212 |
| France, franc - .-.-. | . 0372 | . 0391 |  | . 0391 | . 0391 | . 0391 |
| Germany, retchsmark. | . 2370 | . 2370 |  | . 2370 | . 2370 | . 2370 |
| Greeee, drachma----- | . 012912 | . 012922 |  | . 012917 | . 012903 | . 01290 |
| Holland, guilder | . 4002 | . 1754 |  | . 4003 | . 4003 | . 4004 |
| Hungary, pengo | . 17347 | . 17442 |  | . 17354 | . 17435 | . 17534 |
| Norway, kr | . 2572 | . 2572 |  | . 2590 | . 2583 | . 2587 |
| Poland, zloty | . 1129 | . 1136 |  | . 1125 | . 1132 | . 1134 |
| Portugal, escud | . 0512 | . 0509 |  | . 0509 | . 0510 | . 0511 |
| Rumania, leu. | . 005971 | . 006024 |  | . 006106 | . 006044 | . 005978 |
| Spain, peseta | . 1682 | . 1678 |  | . 1682 | . 1677 | . 1678 |
| Sweden, krona | . 2669 | . 2668 |  | . 2669 | . 2669 | . 2669 |
| Switzerland, franc. | .$^{.1923}$ | .$^{.1923}$ |  | ${ }_{.017600}$ | .$^{.1923}$ | . 1923 |
| Yugoslavia, dinar.-. ASIA- | . 017599 | . 017607 | HOLI- | . 017600 | . 017597 | . 017608 |
| China- |  |  | DAY |  |  |  |
| Chefoo, ta | . 6700 | . 6658 |  | . 6617 | . 6583 | . 6592 |
| Hankow, tael | . 6600 | . 65550 |  | . 6517 | . 6500 | . 6492 |
| Shanghal, ta | . 6428 | . 6350 |  | . 6338 | . 6296 | . 6286 |
| Tlentsin, tael | ${ }^{.6725}$ | ${ }^{.6683}$ |  | ${ }^{.6650}$ | .6608 .4989 | . 661988 |
| Mexican dollar |  | . 4625 |  | . 4625 | . 4581 | . 4584 |
| Tlentsin or Pelyang, |  |  |  | . 4508 | . 4508 | . 4471 |
| Yuan, dollar | . 4513 | . 4488 |  | . 4483 | . 4483 | . 4446 |
| India, rupee | . 3630 | . 3626 |  | . 3622 | . 3622 | . 3623 |
| Japan, yen_-_-1-1-1 | . 48886 | . 48885 |  | . 48588 | . 48598 | . 48588 |
| Singapore(S.S.), dollar NORTH AMER. - | . 5583 | . 5592 |  | . 5592 | . 559 | . 5592 |
| Canada, dollar....-- | . 998401 | . 998373 |  | . 998392 | . 998378 | . 998369 |
| Cuba, peso- | 1.000750 | 1.000688 |  | 1.000750 | 1.000813 | 1.000813 |
| Mexico, peso | . 470333 | . 470333 |  | . 470333 | . 470167 | . 470500 |
| Newfoundland, dollar SOUTH AMER. - | r 996250 | . 996375 |  | . 996188 | . 996188 | . 996188 |
| Argentina, peso (gold) | ) 9496 | . 9505 |  | . 9522 | . 9530 | . 9536 |
| Brazil, milrels...-.-- | $\begin{aligned} & .1186 \\ & .1199 \end{aligned}$ | . 1185 |  | . 1180 | . 1187 | . 1185 |
| Chlle, peso- Uruguay, | - 111075 | +.1200 |  | - 1.0175 | $\xrightarrow{.120165}$ | .1199 1.0164 |

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained $\$ 4,003,266$ net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended Feb. 24. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated $\$ 5,005,966$, while the shipments have reached $\$ 1,002,700$ as per the following table:
CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANEING institutions.

| Week Ended February 24. | Into <br> Banks. | Out of <br> Banks. | Gain or Loss <br> to Banks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Banks' interlor movement.......-- | $\$ 5,005,966$ | $\$ 1,002,700$ | Galn $\quad 4,003,266$ |

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.
 Note. The foregotng 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 credtr balances,
however, reflect only a part of the Reserve Bank's operations with the Clenting however, reflect only a part of the Reserve Bank's operations with the Clearing
House institutions, as only the items payable in New York Clty are represented in the daill balances. The large volume of checks on Instltutions located outside of New York are not accounted for in arriving at these balances, as such checks oo 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:


## The French War Debt Proposals.

A new turn was given to the question of the French war debts by the announcement, on Feb. 17, of the intention of the French Treasury to pay to Great Britain, during the present British financial year, the sum of $£ 6,000,000$, one-half on Sept. 15 next and one-half on March 15 1928, on account of the war debt owed to Great Britain by France. It was further intimated at the same time that a somewhat similar payment would probably be made to the United States, and the intimation was presently confirmed by an announcement that M. Poincare had offered to pay to the United States this year $\$ 10,000,000$, in addition to the $\$ 20,000,000$ of interest due, and in part paid, on the indebtedness for war supplies purchased by France from the United States in 1920 .
It will be recalled that the agreement of July 12 1926 between M. Joseph Caillaux and Mr. Winston Churchill, for the consolidation and payment of the French war debt to Great Britain, provided for payments of $£ 4,000,000$ the first year, $£ 6,000,000$ the second year, $£ 8,000,000$ the third year, $£ 10,000,000$ the fourth year, then $£ 12,000,000$ annually for twen-ty-six years, and $£ 14,000,000$ annually for the remaining thirty-one years. Shortly before the conclusion of the agreement the then French Minister of Finance, M. Raoul Peret, yielding to a representation from Mr. Churchill that the British budget would welcome some relief, had consented to a payment on account of $£ 4,000,000$, and this sum was recognized later as the first year's payment under the Caillaux-Churchill agreement. The further payment of $£ 6,000,000$, announced on Feb. 17, thus completes the payments which would be due under the agreement for the first two years.
The interesting feature of this transaction is the fact that the Caillaux-Churchill agreement has not yet been ratified by the French Parliament, and the French Treasury, in announcing the proposed second payment, has taken care to stipulate that the payment is to be made "without pre-judging the question of ratification." A similar interest attaches to the proposal to pay an additional $\$ 10,000,000$ to the United States. The Mellon-Berenger agreement,
concluded on behalf of the United States by the World War Foreign Debt Commission, called for the payment by France of $\$ 30,000,000$ for each of the first two years. Included in the debt as funded was the item of somewhat more than $\$ 407,000,000$ due for war supplies, on which France has been paying interest regularly to the amount of $\$ 20,000,000$ annually, so that the payments called for in the first two years under the debt agreement actually exceed by only $\$ 10,000,000$ the annual amounts which France has been paying regularly. The Mellon-Berenger agreement, however, although ratified by the House of Representatives, has been held up in the Senate pending action by the French Parliament. It is to be presumed, therefore, although a direct official statement to that effect does not appear to have been made as yet, that the additional payment of $\$ 10,-$ 000,000 will be tendered by France with the proviso that neither the tender nor the acceptance of the amount shall be regarded as prejudieing any action that France may take later in the matter of the pending settlement. Such a proviso would be natural if Great Britain and the United States are to be put upon a parity in relation to the ultimate settlement of the French war debts to those Governments.
The course which the French Government has taken opens an interesting field of speculation. Prior to the conclusion of the Mellon-Berenger agreement, the item of $\$ 407,000,000$ for war supplies stood as a separate charge against France, and the interest payments of $\$ 20,000,000$ annually were applicable to that account alone. They did not affect in any way the account containing the principal and accrued interest of the amounts borrowed by France from the United States during and shortly after the war. The merging of the war supplies item in the principal of the consolidated debt was one of the features of the Mellon-Berenger agreement, and the $\$ 30,000,000$ which France was to pay in each of the first two years, like the subsequent larger payments, was to be applied toward the extinguishment of the consolidated debt of which the item for war supplies formed a part.
As the debt agreement has not been ratified by either party, France has continued to pay the interest due on the item of war supplies, and the books of the United States Treasury, presumably, have not been changed. The interesting question now arises as to whether M. Poincare, in proposing an additional payment of $\$ 10,000,000$, assumes that the agreement will ultimately be ratified, or at least so much of it as provides for consolidating the debt, and that the entire $\$ 30,000,000$ paid during the present year will eventually be allowed to count in fact, although legally not in form, as a payment of the first year's installment called for by the agreement; or whether, since the agreement has not been ratified, only the $\$ 10,000,000$ of additional payment will be credited to the account of the consolidated debt, whatever the terms of payment may finally turn out to be. As the Mellon-Berenger agreement gives to France the privilege of deferring for three years, if it wishes, the whole or any part of the payments, in excess of $\$ 20,000,000$, due in any of the first six years, such partial payment as is now proposed would seem to be permissible, provided, of course, that the unratified agreement is to be regarded as governing the debt question.
On the other hand, it has been suggested that M. Poincare, finding it politically inexpedient to bring the American debt agreement before Parliament for
discussion at the present time, is playing for time, in part as a means of easing the financial problem of France, and in part with the hope of securing some modification of the terms of settlement later. The principal of the indebtedness of $\$ 407,000,000$ for war supplies falls due in August 1929, and the payment of that sum, if it were to continue to stand alone, would doubtless be a considerable undertaking for the French Treasury. From the point of view of this particular item, it is obviously to the advantage of France to ratify the Mellon-Berenger agreement, or at least to make sure, if modification of the agreement is asked for, that the item shall lose its identity in the total of the consolidated debt.

The possibility of securing any modification of terms, however, is not exactly what it was a short time ago. The War Debt Commission has gone out of existence, and it cannot be reconstituted without an Act of Congress. Any future discussion of changes in the pending debt settlement, accordingly, would apparently have to be conducted through the regular diplomatic channels, and while a recourse to diplomacy presents no difficulty in itself, any agreement involving a change in terms might have the effect of scrapping the pending agreement which the House has ratified, and on which the Senate has deferred action, and in any case could hardly fail to reopen the whole controversy over the debts in Congress, and perhaps in the country. In view of the persistent agitation carried on by the advocates of cancellation, and the misrepresentations of the facts of the case that continue to be made, a re-opening of the issue on the eve of a presidential campaign would be unfortunate. As the matter stands at the moment, however, with the present Congress about to expire and an extra session unlikely, M. Poincare would seem to have succeeded, if such was his intention, in postponing until fall a debate on the debt question in Parliament, by which time his financial program should be still further advanced, and in deferring until next winter, when the new Congress will meet, any proposals of modification that he may have in mind to make.

It is hardly probable that the Treasury Department will decline to accept a payment of $\$ 10,000$,000 on account of the French debt, or that the Administration will refuse its assent to a stipulation that the payment shall not be regarded as a pre-judgment of the decision which France may eventually make regarding the debt settlement as a whole. The United States is well aware of the political as well as financial difficulties of the Poincare Government, and it has shown no disposition to press for a ratification of the Mellon-Berenger agreement while France was absorbed in the great task of ordering its financial house. The fact that debt payments aggregating more than $\$ 39,000,000$ can be offered to Great Britain and the United States at the present time is itself a striking testimony to the success with which M. Poincare has been able to set in operation his plans of financial and economic reform.

Whether, in making the recent proposals, the Poincare Government may not have invited a controversy with Parliament by assuming to act without due Parliamentary authority, is a question about which we may know more in a few days. The matter is still under consideration in committee, and it is possible that the questions of national defense and electoral reform, both of which are being
pressed upon the attention of the Chambers, may influence opinion in Parliament regarding the new debt policy. It is reasonable to assume, however, that M. Poincare, who is an eminent lawyer as well as a skilful politician and statesman, has respected the proper limits of executive authority, and that his reported contention that the Government may rightfully make payment, in its discretion, of any debts due by the Republic, provided it can find the money with which to pay, will turn out to be well grounded in French parliamentary law and practice. The British and American public will probably see in the transaction a welcome evidence of a purpose on the part of France to pay its war debts to the measure of its ability, leaving to time and diplomacy the adjustment of terms on a basis honorable to debtor and creditors alike.

## Billionaires.

That there is one billionaire in the United States, possibly two or three, and others in the making, does not disturb the equanimity of the people. No political crusade, as a consequence, comes into being. Even Congress is comparatively silent on the fact. We are evidently progressing, for "Big Business" is losing the quality of a menace. The door of opportunity is enlarging and swinging wide. The goal of a million has been multiplied ten hundred times; and no one cares to say any more, "no man can make a million dollars honestly." There are no bread lines worth the mentioning. Great financial minds unite in declaring that present prosperity will continue through the year-with possibly a slight slackening in trade in some lines. And yet one man, or at least one man, his wife, and child, owns an industry he can sell for a billion dollars. Fourteen or fifteen millions of persons have directly contributed to the assembling of this fortune by purchasing his product. They are not dissatisfied customers. His keen instinct saw the value of catering to the middle class ability to buy, with dependable goods at low prices. His genius saw the profits in mass production. In his particular field he allowed no one to approach him, though competitors catering to other classes soon sprang up about him. No one now cares to say he has not made his billion dollars honestly.
There are interesting and important considerations in connection with this supreme fact in our financial history. They are political, economic, social. The other great fortune believed to be a billion came about in another way. In point of time it paralleled to a great extent the first mentioned. Strangely enough, these two colossal fortunes are intimately associated with the making of the single productgasoline. The explosive engine is the heart of the automobile. The refining of crude oil is the key to the Standard Oil Companies. This other billion has had to meet political opposition. The original Standard Oil Co., said to have been the "most scientifically organized and efficiently administered" corporation ever formed, was ordered dissolved by law of Congress. But the segregated companies were not destroyed, their stock values increased, the larger of these constituent companies in trade pursued the same policies of conservation of natural resources, intensive development of by-products, and unified economy of service as before. The politicogovernmental onslaught proved a dud. In increasing numbers the people used the chief product that
entered into life in multiplying ways-and by tens of millions the people contributed to the upbuilding of this fortune now being held and dispensed by a single benevolent hand. Competitors known as "independents" were not deterred. Crude oil anywhere is black gold, and no one knows what day a new field will be discovered. Its rival in the world of light, heat and power is electricity, but it shows no sign of being vanquished. So much for the other billion, which in the faroff way of disease research has been, perhaps, the greatest boon that has ever descended on mankind.
A monopoly is hard to create and still harder to maintain. Our politics told us, at one time, that the rights of man were endangered by huge aggregations of capital, by consolidations of operating industries, by concentrated control, into the hands of a few men, of natural resources and the services of labor. In some instances, under a law made to fit the occasion, the Government engaged in prosecutions, winning part-time, and ordering dissolutions; losing often because of failure to prove the charge of undue oppression through preponderating control. In both the anti-trust statute and the Federal Trade Commission law modifications have been compelled by natural conditions until to-day the monopolistic character of consolidated business has ceased to be a matter of proof, in general, and is no longer a political question of moment. It is reported that in the case of the first billionaire and billion mentioned above, that from two-thirds of the total manufacture the annual output and sale has descended to one-third. No artificial law is responsible for this-it is merely the result of natural selection on the part of the buyers. In the case of the other billion mentioned, while the natural increase of well-conducted and, in a sense, associated companies, has been large (often stock dividends being declared, the increase augmenting the stocks supposedly held in a single ownership), still enormous independent companies able to hold their own against all comers have followed close; while vast sums of the earnings of the billionaire holdings of at least one of these great fortunes have gone out of business altogether into benevolences that have no connection with trade or production. So that politics and political agitation have ceased for want of something to feed on; and in the large, it stands proven that government is not fitted to control, is a failure thereat, and is a defeated contender.

In the economics involved we confront a different question and one not easily solved. There is too much of the human element engaged for easy judgments. Like the social side of the matter, whatever good and evil is the outgrowth, it is because as a people we have willed it so. These two products that are the foundation of two of the greatest fortunes ever constructed on earth are in themselves distinct and indisputable benefits. In an early day, by months of laborious toil, we "crossed the plains" by ox-team and covered wagon. To-day, in five or six days, as against the previous thirty or forty days, we literally rush across, on rails, in comfortable cars, or in our private vehicles, stopping when and where we please. Yet the rails would suffice us if we had no other method. This one comparison suggests the inquiry: Have we in our manufactures kept pace with our developing needs, or have we by outstripping the growth of our other productiveindustries created untimely needs that largely control us; and have we become lopsided in manufactures, and
even outstripped our necessities by luxuries that tend to become needs?

The question is not an idle one, though it is not to be hastily dismissed or easily answered. If it is a fault, it is our own fault, We have much of cooperation and collectivism as a cure for political and economic ills. But as one mind we have received and embraced the creation and services of two industries, voluntarily and somewhat ecstatically, that in a single generation have produced two billionaire fortunes. The monopoly charge is exploded by the facts, but what of the unevenness of the advance in manufactures and manufactured products? We are evidently not conserving oil in the one case, using it, and even wasting it, lavishly, thoughtlessly; we are at the same time wasting our substance to an enormous amount every year in the making and using of a personal vehicle of transportation-and, mark, to a total cost, wise and otherwise, of fourteen billions of dollars annually. What is the point? It is this: We make possible these billionaire fortunes by our own extravagant living. We throw the productive machinery of life out of gear by our own inordinate desires for what we deem the best of everything in the shortest time. We are ourselves the authors of monopolies and near-monopolies, and have no right to complain, in so far as they are evil.
Here enters the social question. All business is a unit. But the parts that make up the whole may be, must be, unequal. In an advancing civilization our wants are apt to grow faster than our needs. And such is our inventive capacity as a people that we are able to forestall the losses and deprivations of our too extravagant living and our too rapid consumption of our resources by the creation of what we term substitutes. But if we burn the candle at both ends we are not sure of the future. Again, like children, we soon tire of our toys. Thus, we are not forbidden the conclusion that in the same lines the billionaire businesses we have been discussing will not be duplicated in another quarter century. This carries with it the slow erosion of the fortunes already made, by the lessened momentum and by the cost of change and re-investment in other lines. If possible conditions of the kind are more economic than social, they still raise the question of the proper mode of living in duty to those who are to come after the present generation. Our social debauch in using and spending the labors of the two preceding decades must lessen the pleasures and comforts of the next.

Again, whatever evils grow out of great consolidated fortunes are our own fault. Carried away by a feverish "prosperity" we do not count its costs. It is we who are not honest with ourselves, not the billions that are not honest. The larger the rolling snowball the more snow it takes up, the more profits adhere to the single gigantic enterprise. Of what avail to consider this a social question-is each man to be expected to order his own personal life according to general economic and social principles? Yes; it will come to that in the end, if we conquer the forces in and around us and are not conquered by them. Billionaires have so much money they do not know what to do with it. It is a personal burden. And the strength is two-fold. We do not need to contribute to a social state of extravagant living, of unequal production, use and enjoyment of resources or manufactures, in order to make the most and best of life; and we do not need to set the goal of business success at albillion or a million in order to attain to
personal independence and in order to contribute each a full share to the general advance. The appearance of two billionaires on earth outrivaling Croesus and almost shaming Midas, is an event of tremendous economic and social significance and a lesson for all mankind to study.

## The Chinese Situation.

The Chinese situation continually assumes new conditions, while it remains one of the most important problems before the world to-day. An intelligent Chinese gentleman, speaking in New York the other evening to a group of influential citizens, described the powerful hold and rapid spread among the people of China of the spirit of Nationalism which is now organized and finding eager response, he closed, saying: "If the people get out of control we shall have the devil to pay."

The mass of population is simply tremendous. With its peculiar solidarity it has been hard to reach and impossible to move. Many times the country has been conquered and overrun, but always its conquerors have been in time absorbed and the nation has gone its way with its history uninterrupted and its life little affected. To-day, after nearly a quartercentury of revolutionary disturbance, it is said that the people at large know little about the upheaval and are pursuing their ordinary occupations as usual.

Meanwhile a new day has come. Powerful forces are at work. An awakening has begun; new ideas with new principles and new aims are introduced and pressed with an active propaganda. Already there are signs of a national movement which is sure to manifest itself in the various issues pending with the outside world as well as with the contentions among her own leaders.

The questions, therefore, with which the Western nations have to deal are far more serious than those of the past. Those could, if need be, always summarily be settled. These cannot; and the difference is epochal. They pertain to the relations of two hemispheres and two distinct civilizations. For the first time these are really face to face. East is East and West is West; and as two strong men they meet. Their understanding must be complete, their relations mutual, their settlements equitable and right, or there can be no settlement, and civilization itself would once more perish.

This, then, is the situation. It is not the result of Soviet propaganda, sweatshop conditions in foreign controlled factories, shooting of Chinese in Shanghai, or clashing ambitious chieftains. All these, doubtless, have contributed. Nor is it simply a question of extra-territorial courts, release of the customs, return of the concessions or withdrawal of warships and troops. What has been called "a stupendous transformation" is taking place. The mass of China's population, long stagnant and apathetic, is awakening, and while chaos seems to prevail it witnesses to the completeness of the change that has come. For better or worse China has entered upon a new era. A new condition is created; a new force is at work. The various foreign questions are but symptoms. Current events are not to be interpreted as antiforeign; they are pro-Chinese and as is said by those among us who are best informed, are anti-foreign only so far as foreign influence is believed to be hostile to the new spirit of Chinese nationalism. That is the force that has to be reckoned with. Its reality and its strength cannot be questioned; its guidance
and control will be the determining factor. Whether or not the individual leaders will arise from the relatively small group of broadly educated men, that group will unquestionably furnish its supply as it to-day constitutes the "New China" so strikingly evident.

Several of these men occupying positions of high importance under the lead of Dr. T. T. Lew, of Peking University, have combined to give a suecinct view of the situation as seen through Chinese eyes, which had special importance as presenting China to-day.* We are glad to call attention to their account of the situation.

China is suffering from her own weakness, witnessed by her inefficiency, her lack of resources and her divisions. In recent times she has passed through four important stages. She made the first change in the middle of the last century, when, awakened by the power of the West she sought to introduce something of modern mechanical science. Her defeat by Japan in the subsequent war revealed the insufficiency of machines unless there are men trained to use them, and this started the movement for the New Learning to supersede her old system. Then, in 1900, the Boxer struggle turned attention to the need of a change of government. The revolution soon followed with the establishment of the Republic. But that proved autocratic and by 1911 it was apparent that the change from the monarchy was not sufficient, and the present movement began seeking wider views of life and what is termed China's Renaissance. This aims at progress, as the leaders think, all along the line, in everything that concerns society and the individual, as well as in the Government.

The chief obstacles in the path of the movement are the dense ignorance of the people, the deep-rooted superstitions and great poverty in the presence of undeveloped resources and of skilled labor, necessary to work them. To these may be added the tuchuns, or upwards of forty provincial governors whom Wang shi Kai, the Premier in 1911, established to enable him to hold fast to existing conditions when the Republic was about to fail. These officials remain, and in the prolonged break-up of the central government have assumed increased authority and are a divisive element. Foreign concessions in various ways are hampering; they curtail the Government's necessary revenue, provide a retreat for the escape of wrongdoers and permit an economic exploitation which is rapidly taking the place of political aggression, and is more subtle and dangerous.

But China is making definite progress. Her new sense of nationality makes possible a new appreciation of the comity and regard of the nations. This is held in abeyance through the breakup of the central Government; but that must in some form soon be restored and the way opened for mutual understanding and goodwill.

She is ready and seeks the reorganization of her civilization, with a critical and intelligent use of that of the West. She accepts the worth of scientific truth and theory, and seeks a full share in the use of both, and is prepared, so far, to modify her personal and social life as will add what is best in the modern world to what has proven good and beautiful in her cherished past.

To this end she is rapidly establishing both vocational and popular schools. To promote this she is
*"China To-day," by Dr. T. T. Lew, Prof. Hu Shih, Prof. Y. Y. eu. and Dr. C. O. Yi.-Doran.
taking advantage of her widespread system of secret societies of many kinds. These are so great and so influential that in the disturbed state of the opening century the astute Prime Minister Li Hung Chang called to his aid no less than eighty of these societies having ramifications throughout the Empire. Teachers, who are the great need, they are trying to supply from the schools themselves, and volunteers are offering from all who have already acquired any knowledge. The present generation is drilled in slogans of the doings of other nations, and Nationalism is taught in this way everywhere.

In the face of the classical language cherished by the scholars the Kuo-yu, or the "mandarin" dialects, became the real national language; and now the Bwi Hwa, "plain language," puts knowledge in the hands of all. The mandarin has a great literature and a vogue which well qualifies it for the national position, and in modified form it is spreading far and wide. The Government is aiding to introduce the new phonetic form.

The chief characteristic of the new movement is its thoroughness. It tolerates no compromise and no ignorance of facts. It breaks with tradition and all conventions. It introduces foreign literature; it would re-write history; and would prepare for a new internationalism based on community of thought, of
interests, of goodwill, and of life. It needs hardly be said that this opens the way for Christianity. The Bible, translated into the vernacular, is gaining a new acceptance. It is widely spread and is steadily pouring into the country. It is producing a new literature and is deepening Christian experience, especially in the minds of students. The Christian attitude toward man and life is coming to be recognized as the highest and best. More than a century of Christian missions has a fruitage far more extensive than is to be measured by the 6,000 Protestant churches and their 360,000 communicants. In the clashing of armies they may suffer, but as in the Boxer outbreak the blood of the martyrs proved the seed of the Church, so again, out of the steadfastness and, if need be, the sacrifice of the leaders, may come results which will make the whole world glad.

Meanwhile we may rejoice that America has uttered no harsh word and issued no ultimatum. If her only role is "to bring first aid," we must hope that it will not be when the patient is dead. Something prompter, more open-handed and gracious, even if it should have to be original, would certainly be more in keeping with the situation and our own self-respect. According to late news, England is to-day once more leading the way.

## Railroad Gross and Net Earnings for the Calendar Year 1926

There is no occasion for fault-finding with the returns of the earnings of United States railroads for the calendar year 1926, either as regards the gross results or the net results. In making this statement we have reference more particularly to the collective showing for the whole body of roads in the United States, though as a matter of fact the remark applies equally well to the different geographical divisions of the country-with the South, however, a prominent exception-and to the leading roads and systems in the different parts of the country, a few of the systems in the South again forming conspicuous exceptions. For the twelve months of 1926 our compilations show that what are known as Class 1 roadsthat is, roads with operating revenues in excess of $\$ 1,000,000$ per annum-earned $\$ 266,086,139$ more than in the twelve months of 1925, being an increase of $4.3 \%$, and that this was attended by an augmentation in expenses of only $\$ 137,090,567$, or $3.0 \%$ yielding, therefore, an increase in net earnings (before the deduction of the taxes) in amount of $\$ 128,995,572$, or $8.0 \%$. The totals for the two years are as follows:

| Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 <br> ( 185 Roads) | 1926. | 1925. | ) or Dec. ( - ). |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Miles of road.. | 236.891 | 235,809 | 1,082+0.4\% |
| Gross earnings. | \$6,435,539,259 | \$6,169,453,120 | +\$266,086,139+4.3\% |
| Operating expenses | 4,704,030,129 | 4,566,939,562 | +137,090,567+3.0\% |
| Ratio of expenses to earnings | 8 $73.09 \%$ | 74.02\% |  |
| Net earnings_ | \$1,731,509,130 | \$1,602,513,558 | +\$128,995,572+8.0\% |

What is particularly gratifying about this exhibit is that the gains here recorded for 1926 follow very substantial gains in 1925 over 1924. Our tabulations for 1925 . showed $\$ 199,593,392$ gain in gross, or $3.34 \%$, accompanied by only a relatively slight addition to the expenses, namely $\$ 23,702,217$, or no more than $0.52 \%$, thus leaving $\$ 175,891,175$ gain in net, or $12.32 \%$. If we combine the $\$ 128,995,572$ increase in net for 1926 with the $\$ 175,891,175$ increase in 1925, we get a gain for the two years combined in the sum of over $\$ 303,000,000$. And the showing is made all the more noteworthy when we consider that there were larger or smaller increases
in each of the four years preceding, the record of improvement extending all the way back to and including 1921. In 1924 the addition to the net was only $\$ 14,807,030$, but that was really more noteworthy than the much larger gains of the two succeeding years, since it was made in face of a falling off of no less than $\$ 371,687,892$ in gross, 1924 having been the year of the Presidential election when the country's industries suffered a severe setback and business underwent sharp contraction. In 1923, which was perhaps the very best year the railroads have ever had, the addition to the net was $\$ 249,725$,296 , and this followed $\$ 190,100,146$ increase in 1922 over 1921 and $\$ 556,503,286$ gain in 1921 over 1920.
This last-mentioned increase in the net (for 1921) constitutes the most striking feature in the whole series of gains in net, inasmuch as the post-war slump in business occurred in that year and gross revenues suffered a shrinkage in that year of no less than $\$ 664,027,980$. In other words, the net earnings were enlarged by $\$ 556,503,286$, notwithstanding this huge falling off in the gross revenues of the carriers. But 1921 marked the inauguration of a new pulicy in the conduct and administration of the properties. The railroads were once more back under private control and in the hands of their owners.
The profligacy and extravagance that had characterized Government operation and control, which terminated in 1920, instantly ceased. It had to cease. For under Government control the railroad system of the United States had been brought to the verge of bankruptcy-even the strongest railroad systems of the country having been reduced to a pitiable plight-and had not the unfortunate policy pursued under Government management been changed, and absolutely abandoned, the condition of bankruptcy would have become a permanent one. And with the Government no longer at hand to make good the losses, what the result would have been can be easily imagined.

The problem which confronted the managers of the railroads now that they were once more responsible to their owners, and charged with the duty of administering the roads in accordance with sound business methods, was one of the most difficult ever committed to mortal men. And that they have proved equal to the task is occasion, not alone for gratification, but for devout thankfulness, since it is no exaggeration to say that failure in the endeavor would have involved the country in wreck and ruin. Instead of the era of prosperity through which we have been passing-and it has been a very prosperous period notwithstanding the severe shakedown of 1921 and the setback of 1924 -we would have witnessed scenes of widespread disaster, if not absolute chaos, since the $\$ 20,000,000,000$ or more invested in the railroads would have been rendered worthless and valueless. As it is, a complete transformation has been effected in railroad conditions and railroad prospects. The steady and uninterrupted growth of operating efficiency which has marked the conduct of railroads during the last six years constitutes, as we remarked in our previous review, one of the greatest achievements in the annals of American railroading.

It is well to correct at this point a mistaken impression which is quite common. One hears much of the roads having carried the largest tonnage on record, a stock phrase that is quite misleading, and the notion is becoming prevalent that the transformation which has been wrought in the status of the railroads and their outlook is due to the anlarged volume of traffic they are handling. Nothing of the kind. The change follows entirely from the increased economy and efficiency with which the roads are being operated. Their traffic since surrender of Government control has increased somewhat, but hardly enough (speaking of the roads as a whole) to warrant special mention. Economies of operations, resulting in curtailment of expenses on a huge scale, have been the magic wand that has brought about the transformation. The yearly records of the gross earnings tell a tale in that respect which is most illumining. There have been years of strikingly large gains in gross earnings, but these have in the main served mainly to make good previous losses. The experience of the last two years furnishes a case in point. We have already seen that the gross in 1926 increased $\$ 266,086,139$ and that this followed $\$ 199,593,392$ increase in 1925 , but the two together make not quite $\$ 466,000,000$, and they follow $\$ 371,687,892$ loss in 1924. Similarly the big increase of $\$ 733,687,222$ in 1923 was preceded by a falling off in the gross, two years before, in 1921, only a little less striking, namely, $\$ 664,027,980$. To furnish a graphic illustration of what has been accomplished for the good of the roads, and no less for the good of the public, since the return of the roads to private control, we insert here a comparison as to both gross and net between the figures for 1926 and those for 1920, the latter the last year of Government control.


875,141 for 1920 , giving an increase for the six years of only $\$ 230,000,000$, or less than $4 \%$ for the whole period. On the other hand, net earnings now are nearly four-fold what they had been in 1920, having risen from $\$ 461,922,776$ in that year to $\$ 1,731,509$,130 in 1926. The ratio of expenses to earnings in 1926 (not including taxes) was only $73.09 \%$, while in 1920 it was almost $93 \%$ and thereby a saving in expenses was effected aggregating over a billion dollars. In other words, in 1920, nearly 93 cents out of every dollar earned was spent in running the roads (entirely apart from what was needed to pay taxes) while in 192673.06 cents sufficed for the purpose-and with the roads very much better run, too.
Dealing now with the conditions prevailing during 1926, the particular year which we are reviewing, it would be a mistake to suppose that conditions had been entirely favorable during that period of 12 months. It was unquestionably a year of great activity, at least as far as the basic industries are concerned, and yet not to the extent generally supposed. At the same time there were some serious drawbacks which affected adversely special groups of roads and distinct sections of the country. In at least the first two months of the year, the anthracite carriers suffered very heavy losses by reason of the strike in the hard coal regions. The strike had been in progress since the first of September of the previous year. It lasted until near the end of February in 1926. It was not until Feb. 121926 that terms for a settlement between the miners and the coal operators were agreed upon and signed, and not until Feb. 18 that there was actual resumption at the mines. While the strike was in progress all the different anthracite roads, like the Lackawanna, the Lehigh Valley, the Delaware \& Hudson, the Reading, the Central of New Jersey, the New York Ontario \& Western, the New York Susquehanna \& Western, the Lehigh \& New England and the Central New England, suffered very heavy losses in both gross and net earnings. After the resumption of work, mining was carried on with redoubled energy and the last four months of the year, namely September, October, November and December, these anthracite carriers had a distinct advantage in the fact that then they were comparing with the time in the previous year when they had sustained such heavy losses by reason of the strike, which losses they were now retrieving, but this last relates to a different period of the year to which we shall allude again further along in this article.

Another drawback under which the roads, or at least some of them, labored during the early part of the year, was the partial crop shortage of 1925. This operated to diminish the crop tonnage of the early months of 1926. In this we have particular reference to the winter wheat shortage of 1925. The wheat crop of the United States in that year was only $676,429,000$ bushels, against $864,428,000$ bushels in 1924, and the greater portion of this loss was sustained by the wheat-growing States of the Southwest. For instance, in Kansas, the winter wheat crop was only $77,388,000$ bushels against $159,964,000$-bushels the previous year; in Oklahoma $27,191,000$ bushels against $58,944,000$ bushels and in Texas no more than $6,552,000$ bushels against $25,252,000$ bushels. As it happened however, the 1926 winter wheat yield again proved bounteous and in the later months of 1926 this served as an advantage in the same territory and to the roads running through it, the 1926 crop in Kansas proving $150,084,000$ bushels, that of Okla-
homa $73,745,000$ bushels and that of Texas $32,796,000$ bushels. On the other hand, however, the 1926 spring wheat crop in the northwest was heavily reduced as the result of unpropitious weather conditions and that constituted an adverse feature in that part of the country and to the roads serving it or connecting with it. North Dakota raised only 77,224,000 bushels of spring wheat in 1926 against $112,378,000$ bushels in 1925 and $133,450,000$ bushels in 1924; South Dakota $10,315,000$ bushels in 1926 against $30,397,000$ bushels in 1925 and $33,580,000$ bushels in 1924; Minnesota 24,588,000 . bushels in 1926, against $27,209,000$ bushels in 1925 and $34,313,000$ bushels in 1924, and Montana 38,393,000 bushels against $31,773,000$ bushels and $41,197,000$ bushels respectively in 1925 and 1924.
More serious, however, than the diminution in the size of the crop in one section of the country or another, was the low prices prevailing for agricultural products throughout the whole year. It thus happened that some farmers suffered in a double way. The shortened winter wheat yield of 1925 left a diminished surplus for export in 1926 and, as it happened, there was likewise a diminished demand for our wheat, one reason for this being the huge crop raised in Canada in 1925. As already said, this unhappy conjuncture of events imposed a double affliction on the Western farmer. On the one hand, he had a smaller surplus, and, on the other hand, he had to accept a lower price for what he did have. The situation was in sharp contrast with that existing the previous year, when he had an abundance of wheat to ship and was able at the same time to obtain a very high price for it. In a word, in the early months of 1925 the foreign demand for United States wheat was large and urgent, and at very high prices, while in 1926 the demand in the early months was poor with values much lower. The effect, as far as the railroads are concerned, was adverse, not only because of the smaller movement of wheat, but even more so because of the distressing plight in which the Western farmer was left. With his product yielding so much less, his purchasing power was correspondingly curtailed. In the last half of 1926 the foreign demand for our wheat improved and by reason of the larger winter wheat yield of 1926 the United States had more wheat to spare, but prices remained low. And this last is true, not only as respects wheat, but also with reference to other grains and as regards agricultural products generally.

The Agricultural Department at Washington made the average price of wheat on the farm in the whole United States Dec. i 1926, \$1 199-10, against $\$ 1415-10$ on Dec. 1 1925, with similarly low prices for the other grains. As a matter of fact, the drop in the price of corn was even more pronounced than that in wheat, the Agricultural Bureau making the average farm price of corn Dec. 1 1946, 64.4c., against 67.4e. on Dec. 11925 (when the price had already dropped very low), and 98.2c. Dec. 1 1924. Altogether the United States Department of Agriculture gives $\$ 7,802,114,000$ as the total value of all agricultural products in 1926, as compared with $\$ 8,949,321,-$ 000 in 1925 and $\$ 9,334,251,000$ in 1924. This lastmentioned set of figures furnishes an idea of the extent of the depression which has overtaken the agricultural world and indicates why such farm relief measures like the McNary-Haugen bill (which has just been vetoed by President Coolidge) have found such wide support in the halls of Congress. The
figures given include, of course, the cotton crop, and here the slump in prices has been most serious of all. The drop came all of a sudden late in the summer, as it began to be realized that with the largest acreage ever sown to cotton there was also going to be the largest crop of that staple ever produced in the South. Here in New York the price of middling upland spot cotton on Aug. 2 was still as high as 19.20 c . a pound; by Oct. 25 the price had dropped to 12.45 c . The Agricultural Bureau makes the average farm price Dec. 11926 10.9c., against 18.2c. Dec. 11925 and 22.6c. Dec. 11924.

Cotton is the money crop of the South and there can be no doubt that during the closing months of 1926 the South experienced intense business depression as the result of the great slump in the price of that staple. To add further to the discomfiture of the Southland, there came in September the hurricane which did so much damage in Miami and at other Florida points. Furthermore, all through the year the collapse of the real estate boom in Florida and other Southern winter resorts played its part in curtailing business activity. On that point we may note that bank clearings at Jacksonville in December 1926 showed a loss as compared with the same month of 1925 of over $35 \%$; those at Tampa over $45 \%$, and those at Miami $63 \%$, the total of the clearings in this last case being only $\$ 38,088,566$ for the month in 1926, against $\$ 102,986,308$ in December 1925 . Altogether the South, for the reasons enumerated, has been hard hit, and the fact is evidenced by the heavy losses in earnings reported the latter part of 1926 by all the principal roads in that part of the country, though these losses do not show in the results for the full year, inasmuch as in the first half of the year gains were still the rule and these gains counted as offsets to the losses which came in the closing months of the year.
The good showing for the year for the railroad system of the United States as a whole is ascribable mainly to the fact that the country's industries on the whole enjoyed a large measure of activity, and, furthermore, to the exceptionally heavy movement of coal. This trade activity was of great advantage to all the roads serving the manufacturing sections of the Eastern, the Middle and the Middle Western States. The industrial activity in and by itself served to make the coal movement large, but in addition a special factor came in tending still further to enlarge the mining and shipment of bituminous coal. The strike of the miners in Great Britain, which began the 1st of May and lasted until towards the close of November, created an export demand upon usfor coal of unusual extent, and this, coming at a time when the home demand for coal was still keen, stimulated coal mining to an unprecedented degree, so that in the closing months of the year all records of high production were broken, even those made during the War. Thus for the week ending Nov. 13, the production of soft coal in the United States reached 13,807,000 tons, breaking all records up to that time. For the week ending Nov. 20, another high weekly record was reached at $14,282,000$ tons, and in the week ending Dec. 4 the record was again broken with an output of $14,676,000$ tons. The United States Bureau of Mines, in reporting these figures, pointed out that the highest production ever recorded in any year prior to 1926 was $13,344,000$ tons in the last week of March 1919, just before the inauguration of the great strike of that year.

For the whole of 1926 the production of bituminous coal in the United States is tentatively put at 578 ,290,000 tons, which compares with $520,052,741$ tons in 1925 and only $483,686,538$ tons in 1924, the increase for the two years thus being over $94,000,000$ tons, which shows what an important part the coal traffic alone must have played in swelling the revenues of the railroads. The largest previous output of soft coal in the United States was in the war year 1918, when the product reached $579,385,820$ tons. All the large East and West trunk lines between the Atlantic seaboard and the Mississippi River, and in particular the Pennsylvania RR. and the Baltimore \& Ohio, had their coal traffic enormously increased, and, in addition, the roads serving the Pocahontas region enjoyed a special advantage in that way, the coal from that region commanding most favor on the part of exporters. Accordingly, we find that the Norfolk \& Western reports a gain in gross for the twelve months of $\$ 15,190,048$ and in net of $\$ 11,897$,950 ; the Chesapeake \& Ohio a gain of $\$ 10,373,890$ in gross and of $\$ 8,845,851$ in net, and the Virginian Railway $\$ 5,016,360$ in gross and $\$ 3,546,173$ in net. The production of anthracite during 1926, when the mines were idle nearly two months, is estimated approximately at $85,000,000$ net tons, which compares with $61,817,000$ tons in 1925, when the mines were idle the last four months of the year.
While industrial activity during 1926 was on the whole maintained at high levels, it must not be supposed that conditions were unqualifiedly favorable in that respect. At the beginning of the year there was noticeable hesitation in trade and a slackening in many different lines of business. In part no doubt this followed from the impaired purchasing power of the Western farmer, in part it was due to the backwardness of the season, which latter it should be said constituted still another adverse feature in 1926. This backwardness of the season was an element of no small importance, farm work having been everywhere retarded and the temperatures remaining very low, with the nights especially cold, almost up to the very close of the half-year-furnishing a sharp contrast in that respect with the situation during the first half of 1925 when the season everywhere was far in advance of the ordinary. The farmer was not the only one who felt the adverse influence; both wholesale and retail trade were unfavorably affected; indeed considerable business was entirely lost. After the close of the half-year hesitation disappeared and the pace noticeably quickened. The automobile industry seemed to be doing an unprecedented amount of business and the steel industry reflected the beneficial effects. The last two months of the year, however, trade again slack-, ened. The automotive industry met with a setback, steel production fell off, and the agricultural depression in the West, particularly in the South, which latter had assumed huge dimensions with unexpected suddenness, exerted a telling influence all around, so that the year closed with a noticeable slowing down in business, quite in contrast with the situation at the close of 1925, when growing activity characterized the course of trade and business.

The monthly statistics of automobile production furnish an excellent illustration of the fluctuations in the trade currents and which played their part in affecting the revenues of the roads. The motor output continued large month by month until the end of September. In October some falling off occurred, and
in November there was a drop to only 219,504 passenger cars against 328,694 in the corresponding month of the previous year, and the smallest product of any month since the middle of 1925 . In December the make of passenger cars in the United States proved to be only 137,361 , as against 278,643 in December of the previous year and a figure so small that it is necessary to go back to the beginning of 1922 to find an equally diminutive product. For the whole of 1926 the make of passenger cars, according to the figures prepared by the Census, was $3,765,048$ which compares with $3,696,490$ cars in the calendar year 1925. Canada added 164,487 to this in 1926 against 139,311 in 1925. The output of trucks in the United States in 1926 was 494,377 against 478,396 in 1925 and the product in the Dominion 40,629 against 22,074 .
The statistics of steel and iron production speak even more convincingly of the uneven character of the year's business. The American Iron \& Steel Institute calculates the production of steel ingots for the calendar year 1926 at $47,133,517$ tons, as against $44,140,738$ tons in 1925, and the highest on record, but whereas in 1925 the production the last three months of the year was respectively $3,888,814$ tons, $3,902,900$ tons and $3,970,918$ tons, on the other hand in 1926 the production fell from $4,092,548$ tons in October to $3,722,119$ tons in November and still further to $3,472,000$ tons in December. The statistics of pig-iron production tell the same story. According to the figures of the "Iron Age," which do not include a small amount of charcoal pig iron produced, the make of iron in 1926 aggregated 39 ,070,470 tons against $36,403,470$ tons in 1925 and $31,108,302$ tons in 1924. But the product in December was down to $3,091,060$ tons against $3,250,448$ tons in Dec. 1925 and smaller than in any other month of 1926 except the short month of February.

As far as weather conditions, often an important circumstance during the early winter months, are concerned, the situation was not so extremely good in 1926 as in 1925, and yet was, on the whole, quite favorable. In January weather conditions in 1926 did not impose much of an obstacle to railroad operations over any large sections of the country. On the other hand, in February the New England roads suffered presumably by reason of heavy falls of snow. The winter, taking the country as a whole, was unusually mild, but in February there were some big snowstorms in the East, with, however, nothing approaching a blizzard. In other words, there were no big drifts to tie up traffic and interfere seriously with the running of trains. In this city there was no snowfall of any consequence during the winter until February, but in this last mentioned month there were two very heavy storms, namely one on Feb. 3-4, when 10.3 inches of snow fell and another on Feb. 9-10, when the snowfall was 11.6 inches. For the whole month of February the snowfall in this city aggregated 25.7 inches, being the heaviest on record for any February since 1899, when the fall was 27.5 inches, and comparing with only 0.8 inch in February 1925 (when, however, the fall was extremely heavy in January), and with 11.5 inches in February 1924 and 17.9 inches in February 1923. The February snowstorms in 1926 seem to have extended all over New England and through New York State. New England roads virtually all reported for that month large losses in gross, as well as in net, and no doubt the explanation is found in the
circumstance mentioned and doubtless also these roads had their coal traffic reduced by the anthracite miners' strike.

In both 1925 and 1924 the roads enjoyed quite remarkable exemption from bad weather and from the often extreme rigors of the winter. In January 1925 bad weather was somewhat of a drawback on certain lines here in the East, though not to any great extent for the country as a whole. There were repeated snowstorms in these parts in that month in 1925, and in New York City the fall of snow was the heaviest of any January in the history of the local weather bureau, reaching 26.2 inches. This compares with only 2.6 inches in January 1924, but with 21.9 inches in January 1923, this latter having also been a month of very heavy snowfalls. A storm which came toward the end of the month in 1925-that is Thursday, Jan. 29, and extended into Friday, Jan. 30 -proved particularly mischievous in New York State. The New York Central Railroad reported it as the worst in its history, especially between Albany and Rochester, caus$i_{n g}$ considerable delay in the running of trains. The Twentieth Century train from Chicago was 16 hours late in reaching the Grand Central Terminal in New York City. It was due at 9.40 a. m., but did not arrive until 1.18 and 1.33 the following morning (Saturday), coming in two sections. The area of disturbance, however, in this way was very much circumscribed, being confined largely to New York and New England, while elsewhere in the northern part of the country the winter was comparatively mild, and little complaint was heard of obstruction because of snow and ice or because of extreme cold.

After this heavy snowstorm in New York State the latter part of January (1925), from which, as noted, other parts of the country were exempt, mild weather developed in February, and this may be said to have been a condition common to the whole United States and even Canada, the winter nearly everywhere having been what is popularly denominated as an open one and spring having come unusually early virtually everywhere. This, it will be seen, was in sharp contrast with the experience in 1926, when, as noted above, the season everywhere was backward. Nor, as already stated, was there much severe winter weather in 1924, but in 1923, on the other hand, the winter was of unusual severity in many parts of the northern half of the United States, especially in New England and in northern New York, where the roads suffered from repeated snowstorms, and from the depth of the accumulated snowfalls, with resulting large increases in operating expenses.
As far as the movements of the leading staples have had a part in affecting railroad revenues, it has already been made apparent, from what has been said above, that Western roads suffered a considerable falling off in their grain traffic. There was a substantial loss in the grain movement during the first six months and the shrinkage was intensified during the last six months. There was, however, some increase in wheat and corn the latter half of 1926, and in the case of these two cereals the receipts at Western points for fifty-two weeks of 1926 run somewhat larger than for the corresponding period of 1925. The wheat receipts at the Western primary markets for the fifty-two weeks of 1926 aggregate $389,048,000$ bushels, as against $361,013,000$ bushels in 1925, but comparing with no less than $490,576,000$
bushels in the fifty-two weeks of 1924. Corn receipts in 1926 were $234,976,000$ bushels, against $226,415,000$ bushels in 1925 and $278,453,000$ bushels in 1924. The oats receipts in 1926 aggregated only $160,566,000$ bushels, against $235,299,000$ bushels in 1925 and $263,260,000$ bushels in 1924 . Adding barley and rye, the total for the five cereals combined foots up $844,853,000$ bushels in 1926, against $913,116,000$ bushels in 1925; $1,151,376,000$ bushels in 1924; $966,890,000$ bushels in 1923 and $1,125,032,000$ bushels in the fifty-two weeks of 1922 . It will be observed that the 1926 movement was away below the ordinary. The details of the Western grain receipts in our usual form for the fifty-two weeks of the last two years, are set out in the table which we now present.


The grain movement at the seaboard also was larger in 1926 as respects the item of wheat, though several of the other items of the grain movement register a decrease. For the full fifty-two weeks of 1926 the seaboard grain receipts were $422,859,000$ bushels, against $405,327,000$ bushels in the fifty-two weeks of 1925 , but comparing with $451,267,000$ bushels in 1924, as will be seen from the following:
GRAIN AND FLOUR RECEIPTS AT SEABOARD PORTS FOR 52 WEEKS.
 Wheat_.......bush_303,154,000 $\overline{242,507,000} \overline{308,919,000} \xlongequal{276,343,000} \overline{300,022,000}$


Total grain_..... $\overline{422,859,000} \overline{405,327,000} \overline{451,267,000} \overline{410,043,000} \overline{579,691,000}$
The Western live stock movement, considered as a whole, also appears to have fallen somewhat below even the small movement of the previous year. At Chicago the 1926 receipts comprised 261,320 carloads, against 259,083 in 1925, but comparing with 289,966 cars in 1924 and 303,228 cars in the 12 months of 1923. At Kansas City the receipts were 115,436 cars in 1926 against 123,864 in 1925, 135,478 in 1924 and 148,503 cars in 1923, while the receipts at Omaha were 105,075 cars in 1926, against 111,283 in 1925, 129,798 cars in 1924 and 125,583 cars in the 12 months of 1923.

Southern roads had the advantage of still another large increase in the cotton movement, following the increase in the two previous years, even though they had to contend, at least in the latter part of the year, with business depression growing out of the collapse
in the price of the staple. The shipments overland do not show this as the crop was largest in the Southwest and went to the nearest port. Gross shipments overland for the calendar year 1926 aggregate 1,580 ,136 bales which compares with $1,646,167$ bales in 1925; $1,433,140$ bales in 1924 and $1,364,005$ bales in 1923; $1,766,889$ bales in 1922 and $2,434,077$ bales in 1921. On the other hand, the receipts at the Southern outports aggregated no ess than $11,513,760$ bales in 1926 against $9,445,569$ bales in $1925 ; 7,958,171$ bales in 1924 and $6,317,636$ bales in 1923 and the bulk of the increase occurred at the Texas ports and New Orleans as will be seen from the following:
RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS FROM JANUARY 1 TO

| Ports. | Full Year. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1926. | 1925. | 1924. | 1923. | 1922. | 1921. |
| Galveston_......bales | 3,239,336 | 3,202,321 | 3,346,911 | 2,742,005 | 2,795,743 | 3,074,988 |
| Houston, \&c.-.-- | 3,600,632 | 2,013,723 | 1,308,605 | 1,011,273 | 855,873 | 558,166 |
| New Orleans | 2,210,042 | 2,145,265 | 1,823,223 | 1,280,304 | 1,413,518 | ,394,039 |
| Mobile. | $\begin{array}{r}339,392 \\ 16,588 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 218,610 28,789 | 154,160 15,003 | 55,410 11,816 | 148,557 23,023 | 138,581 <br> 20,748 |
| Savannah | 969,241 | 850,080 | 628,998 | 449,976 | 627,282 | 799,640 |
| Brunswick. | 413 | 813 | 283 | 4,030 | 40,075 | 18,322 |
| Charleston | 528,746 | 340,234 | 195,441 | 219,118 | 169,571 | 106,061 |
| Wilmingt | 132,109 477,261 | 139,536 506,189 | 118,521 367,026 | 135,831 407,873 | 113,386 327,358 | 119,183 474,629 |
| Newport News | 47,261 | 50, | 367,026 | 407,873 | 327,358 | $\begin{array}{r}1,695 \\ \hline 17\end{array}$ |
| Total | 11,513,760 | 9,445,560 | 7,958,171 | 6,317,636 | 6,514,386 | 6,705,692 |

As pointed out further above the distinctive feature of the returns in all recent years has been the saving effected in expenses as a result of the growing efficiency of operations. We have shown what a wonderful transformation in results has thereby been effected as between 1920 and 1926. It will be not out of place to examine into the detail of the changes from year to year. In 1926 we have seen we had $\$ 266,086,139$ gain in gross with $\$ 137,090,567$ increase in expenses, giving $\$ 128,995,572$ addition to the net and in 1925 $\$ 199,593,392$ increase in gross with only $\$ 23,702,217$ augmentation in the expenses, yielding $\$ 175,891,175$ gain in net. Going back to 1924, we find that in that year a loss of $\$ 371,687,892$ in gross was converted into a gain of $\$ 14,807,030$ in net through a decrease in expenses in the huge sum of $\$ 386,494,922$. In 1923 an increase of $\$ 733,687,222$ in gross earnings, or $13 \%$, was attended by an augmentation in expenses of only $\$ 483,961,926$, or less than $11 \%$, yielding therefore a gain in net of $\$ 249,725,296$, or $211 / 2 \%$. And the part played by growing efficiency of operations is still more strongly revealed as we turn further back. In 1922 our compilations showed only a moderate gain in gross earnings over 1921, notwithstanding the rising activity in trade, the reason for this being the hindering effect of those two great labor troubles of 1922, that is, the prolonged strike at the unionized coal mines, and the railway shopmen's strike. The amount of the 1922 gain in the gross was only $\$ 44,-$ 501,869 , or less than $1 \%$. But owing to a further growth in operating efficiency, this was accompanied by a reduction in expenses of no less than $\$ 146,480$,163 , producing therefore a gain in net of $\$ 190,982,034$. The saving in expenses in 1921 was even more striking. That was a year of intense business depression, when gross earnings fell off in the huge sum of $\$ 664,027,980$. Nevertheless, there was a gain in net in the big sum of $\$ 556,503,286$, expenses having been cut down in the prodigious amount of $\$ 1,240,930,585$.
As explaining these successive large reductions in the expenses it must be remembered that previous to 1921 expenses had been mounting up in a frightful way until in 1920 a point was reached where even some of the strongest and best managed roads were barely able to meet ordinary running expenses, not to mention taxes ${ }^{2}$ and fixed charges. And it is these enor-
mously inflated expense accounts that have furnished the basis for the saving and economies effected in the years since then. As compared with 1920 , the roads in both 1921 and 1922 also had the advantage of much more favorable weather conditions. In 1921 the winter was exceptionally mild and much the same remark may be made with reference to the winter of 1922. This last, while perhaps not so extremely mild as the winter of 1921, was at all events not of unusual severity-at least not of such severity in most of the country as to entail heavy extra expenses for the removal of snow and the clearing of tracks, though the winter is declared to have been a hard one in certain special sections, in Wyoming and Montana, for instance, and contiguous territory. In 1920, on the other hand, the winter had been exceptionally severe.
In commenting on the results for 1920 and noting the tremendous increase in operating costs in that year, we took occasion to say that taken in conjunction with the antecedent huge additions to expenses it constituted an unfavorable record for which no parallel could be found in American railroad history. As a matter of fact, 1920 constituted the fourth successive year in which the net had fallen off-in each year, too, in face of very substantial gains in the gross earnings. As showing how extraordinarily poor the results were in 1920, it is only necessary to say that while there was an addition to the gross of no less than $\$ 1,026,235,925$, net actually fell off in amount of $\$ 303,953,253$. In 1919 the increase in the gross was of only moderate extent ( $5.25 \%$ ), and yet amounted to $\$ 258,130,137$. As it was accompanied, however, by an augmentation in expenses of $\$ 401,609,745$, there was a loss in net of $\$ 143,479,-$ 608 , or $15.80 \%$. For 1918 our compilation showed an increase in the gross in the imposing sum of $\$ 863,892,744$, or $21.40 \%$ (due in no small measure to the advance in rates made by Director-General McAdoo at the close of May in that year), but the addition to the expenses reached $\$ 1,148,664,364$, or $40.35 \%$, leaving a loss in the net of $\$ 284,771,620$, or $23.92 \%$. The prodigious augmentation in the 1918 expenses was due not merely to the general rise in operating costs, but yet more to the tremendous advances in wages granted by Director-General MeAdoo in May 1918, and made retroactive to the 1st of January of that year. But even for the calendar year 1917 our compilations showed that while gross had increased $\$ 430,679,120$, or $11.61 \%$, this was attended by a rise in operating expenses of $\$ 490$,738,869 , or over $20 \%$, leaving a loss of $\$ 60,079,749$ in net earnings. There was this qualifying circumstance, however, with reference to the 1917 loss in net, namely that it followed strikingly good results, both as regards gross and net, in 1916 and 1915. On the other hand, it is equally important to remember that these gains for 1916 and 1915 represented in part a recovery of previous losses.
In the following we show the yearly comparisons as to both gross and net for each year back to 1907. For 1910 and 1909 we take the aggregates of the monthly totals as then published by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, but for the preceding years we give the results just as registered by our own tables each year-a portion of the railroad mileage of the country being then always unrepresented in the totals, owing to the refusal of some of the roads at that time to furnish monthly figures for publication.


Note.-In 1907 the length of road covered was 173,028 miles, against 171,316 miles in 1906; in 1908, 199,726, against 197,237 milles; in 1909, 228,508 miles, against 225,027 miles: in 1910, 237,554 milles, against 233,829 miles: in 1911, 241,432 miles, against 238,275 milles; in 1912, 239,691 miles, against 236,000 miles; in 1913, 241.931 miles, against 239,625 miles; in 1914, 246,356 milles, against 243,636 miles; in 1915 , 249,081 miles, against 247,936 ; in 1916, 249,098 milles, against 247,868 miles; in 1917, 250,193 miles, against 249,879 miles; in 1918, 233,014 miles, against 232,639 miles n 1919, 233,985 miles, against 234,264 miles; in 1920. 235,765 miles, against 234,579 miles; in 1921, 235,690 miles, against 234,777 miles; in 1922, 235,564 miles, agains 235,338 miles; in 1923, 235,461 miles, against 235,705 miles; in 1924, 234,795 miles against 234,622 miles; in 1925 ,
miles, against 235,809 miles.

The increase in 1926 over 1925 was almost evenly distributed between the first six months of the year and the second 6 months-almost absolutely so in the case of the gross where the increase the first 6 months was $\$ 131,448,135$ and the second 6 months, $\$ 134,638,004$. This would not have been so, however, except for the great expansion the latter half in the coal traffic engendered by the export demand for coal and the further fact that in the case of the anthracite carriers comparison during the last 4 months of 1926 was with the period of the anthracite strike in the previous year. The effects of the agricultural depression in the West, and still more in the South, became growingly apparent in the last quarter of the year, though in the general totals this fact was hidden by the heavy gains in the coal tonnage, both anthracite and bituminous. Even as it was, in the month of December the losses on Western and Southern roads were so numerous and so heavy as almost to overshadow the huge gains on thecoal carrying roads in the East, leaving only a relatively small increase in the general totals for that month-barely $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$. In the following we show the comparative results for each 6 months period separately.

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fîrst Six } \\ & 1926 . \end{aligned}$ | Months- 1925. | - Second | Months- |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gross earnings..- | \$3,022,413,801 | \$2,890,965,666 | \$3,413,125,458 | \$3,278,487,454 |
| Operating expenses | - 2,294,508,729 | 2,234,117,469 | 2,409,521,400 | 2,332.822,093 |
| Net earnings. | \$727,905,072 | \$656,848,197 | \$1,003,604,058 | \$945,665,361 |

As part of our analysis we also introduce the following table affording a comparison of the earnings, gross and net, for the different months of the year. The exhibits, it will be seen, are uniformly good for all the months except January and February and the closing month, December. The anthracite coal strike with the 1925 crop shortage was largely responsible for the indifferent results in the first two months, though there was a further drawback in January in the circumstance that the month in 1926 had five Sundays, besides New Year's Day as a holiday, leaving therefore only 25 full working days, whereas Jan. 1925 had but four Sundays, in addition to the New Year's holiday, leaving 26 working days in the month at that time. The loss in net earnings in December appears to have been due largely to additions to the expense accounts made in the closing month by way of adjustment of the year's accounts. It cannot therefore be taken as indicating any impairment of operating efficiency. Our summary of the monthly totals is as follows:

| Month | Gross Earnings. |  |  | Net Earnings. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1926. | 1925. | Increase or Decrease. | 1926. | 1925. | Increase or Decrease. |
| Jan. | $\stackrel{\text { ¢ }}{\substack{\text { ¢ } \\ 480,062,657}}$ | 484,022,695 | $\xrightarrow{\text { S }}$ |  |  |  |
| Feb- | 459,227,310 | 454,198,055 | + + +,029,255 | $102,270,877$ $99,480,650$ | $101,323,883$ $99,518,658$ | 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 |
| Mune - | 516,467,480 | 487,952,182 | +28,515,298 | 128,581,566 | 112,904,074 | +15,677,492 |
| July.- | 555,471,276 | 521,596,191 | +32,634,035 | 149,492,478 | $130,920,896$ $139,644,601$ | $+18,571,582$ $+21,435,011$ |
| Aug. | 577,791,746 | 553,933,904 | +23,857,842 | 179,416,017 | 166,426,264 | +12,989,753 |
| Sept.- | 588,945,933 | 564,756,924 | +24,192,009 | 191,933,148 | 176,936,230 | +14,996,918 |
| Oct- | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 604,052,017 \\ & 550 \end{aligned}\right.$ | $58,008,436$ | +18,043,581 | 193,990,813 | 180,629,394 | +13,361,419 |
| Nov- | 559,935,895 | 531,199,465 | +28,736,430 | 158,197,446 | 148,132,228 | +10,065,218 |
| Dec.- | 525,411,572 | 522,467,600 | +2,943,972 | 119,237,349 | 134,504,698 | -15,267,349 |

Note.-Percentage of increase or decrease in net for above months has been 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. inc.; Oct., $7.35 \%$ inc.: Nov., $6.79 \%$ inc.; Dec., $11.36 \%$ inc.
In January the length of road covered was 236,944 miles, against 236,599 miles in 1925; in February, 236,839 miles, against 236,529 miles; in March, 236,774 miles, miles, 236,500 miles; In April, 236,518 miles, against 236,526 miles; in May, 236,833 236,885 miles, against 235,348 miles; in Augiles, against 236,243 miles; in July, miles; in September, 236,779 miles, against 235,977 miles; in October, 236,654 milles, against 236,898 miles; in November, 237,335 miles, against 236,369 miles; in December, 236,214 miles, against 235,209 miles.
Considering now the returns of the separate roads we find a long list of roads with large increases, both in the gross and the net, and only a few decreases for large amounts. Taking decreases for amounts in excess of $\$ 1,000,000$ there are only three altogether, namely the "Soo" which has fallen $\$ 2,813,526$ behind, the Milwaukee \& St. Paul which has lost $\$ 1,482,253$ and the Detroit, Toledo \& Ironton, which has suffered a shrinkage of $\$ 1,019,841$, though there is a considerable number of others with decreases for smaller amounts. In the net the first and last mentioned fall in the same category, along with a few others. On the other hand gains for large amounts are numerous. While the coal carrying roads are the principal contributors to the list, nearly all the anthracite carriers being represented, some roads and systems in other sections of the country are conspicuous in the same way. The Pennsylvania heads the list with $\$ 37,680,488$ increase in gross and $\$ 14,459,257$ increase in net, but the Atchison comes next with $\$ 22,097,787$ gain in gross and even surpasses the Pennsylvania in the net with a gain of $\$ 16,880,207$. The New York Central has added $\$ 13,502,933$ to gross and $\$ 5,017,356$ to net. This is for the Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, the result for the whole New York Central system is a gain of $\$ 22,026,489$ in gross and of $\$ 4,695,181$ in net. The Baltimore \& Ohio has enlarged its gross by $\$ 14,814,890$ and its net by $\$ 7,608$,213. The coal carrying roads in the Pocahontas region have already been mentioned. Other coal carrying roads, anthracite or bituminous, make up the bulk of the remainder of the list of large increases, and yet there are some other roads that fall in the same category, among which may be mentioned the Union Pacific, the Rock Island, the Chicago \& NorthWestern, the Illinois Central, the Burlington \& Quincy, the Great Northern, the Southern Pacific, \&c. Southern roads quite generally show the effects of the business depression which overwhelmed the South the latter part of the year and the Florida roads have been particularly hard hit, though a few Southern roads form striking exceptions to the rule. The Southern Railway itself by reason of the gains the early part of the year has $\$ 6,154,084$ gain in gross for the twelve months and $\$ 2,099,447$ gain in net. If however the other roads going to form the Southern Railway system are taken into account the result is not quite so favorable, at least in the case of the net. For then though the gross records $\$ 6,530,744$ increase, the net shows a decrease of $\$ 378,248$. The Seaboard Air Line reports $\$ 4,160,142$ increase in gross and $\$ 1,637,036$ increase in net. But the Atlantic Coast

Line, though having added, $\$ 3,088,819$ to gross, falls $\$ 2,646,831$ behind in the net. The Louisville \& Nashville shows $\$ 4,892,224$ increase in gross and $\$ 832,089$ increase in net. In the following we indicate all changes for the separate roads for amounts in excess of $\$ 1,000,000$, whether increases or decreases and in both gross and net.
PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN GROSS EARNINGS FOR TWELVE

|  | a\$37,680,488 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Atch Top \& Sante $\mathrm{Fe}(3)$ | 22,097,787 | Southern Pacif |  |
| Norfolk | 15,190,048 | Colorado Southern (2)- |  |
| Baltimor | 14,814,890 | Cleve Cinn Chi \& St. L_ | 2,478,917 |
| w York |  |  |  |
| Chesapeake \& Ohi | 0,373,860 | Pittsburgh \& Lake |  |
| Reading ${ }^{\text {Union }}$ - | 7,439,369 | Chicago Burl \& Quincy- | 4 |
| Chi Rock Is \& Pacific (2) | 7,228,169 | Grand Trunk Western- |  |
| Southern Ry Co | c6,154,084 | Wabash | ,862,492 |
| Lehigh Valley | 6,022,5 | New Orl. Tex ${ }^{\text {N }}$ |  |
| Ch |  | N Y Ontario \& |  |
| Western Maryland ${ }^{\text {Delaware Lack }}$ \& West. | 5,397,801 | Chicago \& Eastern I |  |
| Central of New Jersey | 5,079,018 | Bessemer \& Lake Erie- |  |
| Virginian | 5,016,360 | Elgin Joliet \& Eastern- |  |
| uisville \& Nas |  | y Mex Or of Tex | ,589 |
| Delaware \& Hudso | ${ }_{4}^{4,865,629} 4$ |  | \$255,288,945 |
| Seaboard Air L |  |  |  |
| chigan Cent | 3,659,966 |  |  |
| Mazoo | 52,081 | Chinn. St. P \& Ss Marie |  |
| arqu | 89 | Detroit Tol \& Ironton. | 1,019,841 |
| Y N Hav |  |  |  |

and is the resuld for the Pennsylvania RR. (including the form Pennsylvania Company, the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago \& St. Louis and the Grand Rapids \& Indiana).
the various auxiliary and controlled rows $\$ 13,502,933$ increase. Including "Big Four, auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the the result is a gain of $\$ 22,026,489$.
cThis is the result for the Southern Railway proper. Including the
Alabama Great Southern the Cincinnati New Orleans \& Texas Pacific the Georgia Southern \& Florida, the New Orleans \& Northeastern and the Northern Alabama, the whole going to form the Southern Railway System, the result is an increase of $\$ 6,530,744$.
Note--All the figures in the above are on the basis of the returns filed returns do not show the total for any system, we have combined the separate returns so as to make the results conform as nearly as possible to those given in the statements furnished by the companies themselves.
PRINOIPAL OHANGES IN NET EARNINGS FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 311926.

a This is the result for the Pennsylvania RR. (including the former Pennsylvania Company, the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago \& St. Louis b These figures merely cover the operations of the New York Centra itself. Including the various, auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four." \&c.. the result is an increase of \$4.695.181. c This is the result for the Southern Railway proper. Including the Ala-
bama Great Southern, the Cincinnati New Orleans \& Texas Pacific, the Gama Great Southern. the Corgia Southern \& Florida, the New Orleans \& Northeastern, and
and the Northern Alabama, the whole going to form the Southern Railway System,

When the roads are arranged in groups or geographical divisions, according to their location, the generally favorable character of the showing for the twelve months, notwithstanding the exceptions to the rule, appears more strongly in evidence, for then it is found that all the different districts namely, the Eastern, the Southern and the Western record improved results, both in the case of the gross and of the net, and likewise also all the different regions in each of the three districts, with the single exception that there is a slight decrease in the net of the Southern region, taken apart from the Pocahontas region, which latter, as might be expected, registers large percentages of gain in gross and net alike. In all the other regions the ratio of increase, at least in the gross, is only moderate. In the net the ratio of improvement is more substantial in several of the regions, as will be seen from the following summary. It should be stated that we now group the roads to conform entirely with the classification of the InterState Commerce Commission. The boundaries of
the different groups and regions are indicated in the footnote to the table.

SUMMARY BY DISTRICTS AND REGIONS.
 Total All Dists.236,891 $235,809 \frac{1,731,509,130}{1,602,513,558}+128,995,572+8.0$
NOTE.-We have changed our grouping of the roads to conform to the classificonfines of the different groups and corions:

EASTERN DISTRICT.
New England Region. - This reglon comprises the New England States. between New England and the westerly shore of Lake Michigan to Chicagndary north of a line from Chicago via Pittsburgh to New York.
Lakes Region, east of a line from Chicago through Peoria ts south of the Great Lakes Region, east of a line from Chicago through Peoria to St. Louls and the
Mississippi River to the mouth of the Ohio River, and north of the Ohio River to Parkersburg, W. Va., and a line thence to the southwestern corner of Maryland and by the Potomac River to its mouth.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Pocahontas Region.-This region comprises the section north of the southern
boundary of Virginia, east of Kentucky and the Ohio River north to W. Va., and south of a line from Parkersburg to the southwestern corner of Maryland and thence by the Potomac River to its mouth
Southern Region.-This region comprises the section east of the Mississippi River
and south of the Ohio River to a point near Kenova, W. Va., and a line thence and soung of the eastern boundary of Kentucky and the southern boundary of Virgini to the Atlantic.

WESTERN DISTRICT.
Northwestern Reoton.-This region comprises the section adjoining Canada lying
west of the Great Lakes region, north of a line from Chicago to Omaha and thence to Portland and by the Columbia River to the Pacific. Central Western Reoion. -This region comprises the section south of the North-
western region, west of a line from Chicago to Peoria and thence to St. Louis, western region, west or a louis to Kansas City and thence to El Paso and by the Mexican boundary to the Pacific.
Southwestern Replon.-This region comprises the section lying between the M19sissippl River south of St. Louis and a line from St. Louis to Kansas City and thence

We now add our detailed statement for the last two calendar years, classified by districts and regions the same as in the table above and giving the figures for each road separately.
EARNINGS OF UNITED STATES RAILROADS FROM JAN. 1 TO DEC. 31.
Eastern District.

| New England Region- | ${ }_{\mathbf{S}}^{1926 .}$ | $192$ | $192$ | $\begin{gathered} 1925 . \\ \$ \\ 1,948,621 \\ 18,641,300 \end{gathered}$ | Inc. or Def. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bangor \& Aroostock | 6,927,602 |  |  |  |  |
| Boston \& Maine...- | 81,625,376 | 81,628,763 | 19,269,920 |  |  |
| Can Nat System- |  |  |  |  |  |
| At1 St Lawrence.- | 2,629,556 | 2,502,340 |  | 80,0 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Det Gr Hav \& Mil-See Great Lakes Region. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Duluth Win \& Pac-See Northwestern Region. Grand Tr West-See Great Lakes Rezion. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| an Pac System |  |  |  |  |  |
| Can Pac Lines | 2,471,864 | , | 206,28 | 494 | 262,778 |
| Dul So Sh \& Atl-See Northwestern Region. Minn StP \& SS M-See Northwestern Region. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Spokane Internat.- See Northwestern Region. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maine Central. |  |  | 4,580,542 | 402,795 | 177:747 |
| ew Haven Sys |  |  |  |  |  |
| NYNH\&H2 | $\begin{aligned} & 7,942,96 \\ & 35,065,8 \end{aligned}$ | $13,40$ |  | 1,816,698 |  |
| N Y Ont \& West | See Great | kes Region. |  |  |  |
| N Y Connecting.-.- | 2,995,118 | 2,782,340 | 1,749, | ,761 |  |
| Rutland_-.-.------ $6,759,524$ |  | 6,440,041 |  |  |  |
| Total (10 roads) _- 275,9 |  | 270,743,883 | 68,998 | 65,218,198 | 3,780 |
| Great Lakes- |  |  |  |  |  |
| Can Nat System- $18,423,273$ - $0,500,781$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| At1 St Lawrence-See New Enland Region. |  |  |  |  |  |
| entral Vermont-See New England Regi |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chic D \& C G J T | 3,795,576 | 3,353,723 | 1,832, | 1,686,030 | +146,910 |
| Det Grd H \& Mil. | 8,055,114 | 7,073,872 | 3,247, | 2,374,891 |  |
| Duluth Win \& Pac-See Northwestern Region. |  |  |  |  |  |
| rd Trunk West- | 20,590,515 | 18,635,062 |  | 4,184 | +1,492,028 |
| Delaware \& Hudson | 46,372,172 | 41,706,543 | 11,560,032 | 7,784,502 | +3,775,530 |
| Del Lack \& Western | 88,823,202 | 83,659,738 | 26,388,981 | 21,208,173 | 㤑 |
| Det \& Mackinac..- | 1,625,950 | 1,697,184 | -177,619 | 189,312 | -11,693 |
| Detroit Terminal...- | 2,486,459 | 2,522,006 | 579,724 | 774,288 | $-194,564$ |
| Det Tol Shore Line. |  |  | ,436.710 | 147,528 | +289,18 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Chicago \& Erie } & 14,899,485 & 14,291,275 & 6,112,241 & 5,810,101 & +302,140\end{array}$ |  |  |  | 5,810,101 | $+302,140$ +69247 |
|  | 10,574,019 | 104,252,181 | 20,187,767 |  |  |
|  | 1,602,299 | 1,626,065 | ${ }^{203,693}$ | ${ }^{2311,946}$ | $-28,253$ $+81,587$ |
| Indlana Harbor Belt | 5,007,416 | 4,885,304 | 993,005 | 911,418 |  |
| Lake Terminal | 11,363,945 | 11,210,774 | -2114,334 | 88,682 | +25,65 |
| 567,88 |  | , | 1,224,7 | 816,4 | 408 |

Central Easter $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Ak Can \& Youngst_ } & 3,313,877 & 3,194,729 & 1,076,513 & 1,247,543 & -171,030\end{array}$ Baltimore \& Ohio_2
Staten Isl B \& O Chic Term--
Belt Ry of Chicago-
Bessemer \& L Erie.Brooklyn E D Term.
Buffalo \& Susqueh. Ches \& Ohlo System Chesapeake \& O
Hocking Valley-
Chic \& Eastern II1
Chic \& III Midand
Chle Ind \& Loulsy.
Cinn Ind \& Wester Cinn Ind \& Wester Elgin Jol \& Esatern Monongahela Conn$\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { Cinn Northern-.-. } & 4,808,434 & 4,756,220 & 1,693,751 & 1,732,152 & -38,401 \\ \text { C C \& \& St Louls. } & 94,539,987 & 9,751,070 & 24,481,322 & 25,059,588 & -578,266 \\ \text { Evans Ind \& T H_ } & 2,627,307 & 2,471,268 & 927,075 & 828,926 & +08,14\end{array}$ N Y Central-See Great Lakes RegionMichigan Central-See Great Lakes Region
Mennsylvania SystemPennsylvania System
Balt Ches \& Atl.-
Long Island Al....
Pennsylvania.---
W Jersey \& Seash
Reading System-
Attantic City
Central of N J....
Perkiomen.
Port Reading....
Reading
Unlon RR (Pa.).
Western Maryland
Wheeling \& L Erie. $\begin{array}{rr}, 361,830 & 237,546,9 \\ 212,307 & 2,981,1 \\ .821,558 & 3,609,9 \\ , 654,329 & 7,0546,5 \\ , 972,124 & 15,546,6 \\ , 523,484 & 1,459,0 \\ 1,307,499 & 1,463,3\end{array}$ - See $\qquad$
Total ( 31 roads) _- $1496640185 \overline{1414158,094} \overline{367,725,229} \overline{337,176,327}+\overline{30,548,902}$ Total Eastern
Dist. (74 roads) $29432638152798246977742,772,266681,921,077+60,851,189$

 | $\substack{\text { Den } \\ \text { Nev } \\ \text { Norr } \\ \text { Peor } \\ \hline}$ |
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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\text { Region- } \quad 1926 .$ | $1925 .$ | $1926 .$ | $1925 .$ | ec. or Dec. \$ |
| Chesapeake \& Ohlo System- |  |  |  |  |
| Ches \& Ohlo $-\quad 133,974,030123,600,17043,003,242 \quad 34,157,391+8,845,851$ Hocking Valley-See Central Eastern Region. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Norfolk \& Western_120,409,039 105,218,991 $49,182,125 \quad 37,284,175+11,897,950$ |  |  |  |  |
| Rich, Fred \& Pot..- 12,801,738 | 12,891,177 | 4,145,381 | 4,736,136 |  |
| Virginian_.-- ----- $23,878,539$ | 18,862,179 | 10,638,870 | 7,092,697 | $+3,546,173$ |
| Total (4 roads) ... 291,063,346 | 260,5 | 106,969,618 | 83,270 | 19 |
| Southern Reoion - \$ |  |  |  |  |
| Atl Coast Line System - |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Atl \& West Point. 3,173,186 | 3,184,981 | 729,960 | 791,916 | 56 |
| Ati Coast Line .-- 97,086,517 | 93,997,698 | 26,384,746 | 29,031,577 | 46,831 |
| Charl't'n \& W Car $3,862,900$ | 4,118,309 | 958,503 | 1,159,093 | -200,590 |
| Clinchfield.-.-.-- 8,282,199 | 8,759,853 | 3,166,604 | 3,032,805 | +133,799 |
| Georgia_----.-- 6,122,691 | 6.112,663 | 1,246,693 | 1,179,430 | +67,263 |
| Louisv \& Nash .-147,136,531 | 142,244,307 | 34,674,140 | 33,842,051 | +832,089 |
| Louis, Hend\&St L 3,756,644 | 3,838,398 | 902,490 | 1,120,681 | -218,191 |
| Nash, Chatt\&St L $24,023,878$ | 24,000,050 | 5,031,018 | 4,814,954 | +216,064 |
| Western Ry of Ala $3,344,018$ | 3,392,382 | 857,738 | 1,080,992 | 223,254 |
| Colum \& Greenville $1,922,285$ | 1,733,480 | 393,353 | 271,120 | 122,233 |
| Florida East Coast_ 29,427,459 | 29,132,738 | 9,020,861 | 9,204,887 | 184,026 |
| Georgia \& Florida-- 1,972,838 | 1,893,914 | 524,266 | 551,786 | -27,520 |
| Gulf, Mobile\&North 6,369,584 | $6,321,030$ | 2,028,657 | ,982,990 | $45,667$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Central Geergia_- 31,850,097 } \end{aligned}$ | Illinois Central System- |  |  |  |
| Gulf \& Ship Island $3,957,234$ | 3,768,812 | -536,225 |  | $+585,632$ $1,421,641$ |
| Illinois Central .- 158,328,258 | 153,503,185 | 36,649,481 | 35,598,927 | +1,050,554 |
| Yazoo \& Miss Val. $28,198,521$ | 24,666,440 | 6,857,059 | 7,188,171 | 331,112 |
| Mississippi Central_ 1,688,878 | 1,655,520 | -478,002 | 537,187 | -59,185 |
| New Orl Gt North_- $3,175,000$ | 2,905,044 | 965,896 | 911,725 | +54,171 |
| Norfolk Southern.-. $10,066,486$ | 9,131,878 | 2,928,787 | 2,445,790 | +482,997 |
| Southern Ry. System - |  |  |  |  |
| Ala Gt Southern_ 10, 599,163 | 10,433,271 | 3,262,549 |  |  |
| C\&N O \& Tex Pac 23,310,331 | 23,433,243 | 7,228,133 |  | 1,630,844 |
| Georgia So \& Fla_ 6,764,554 | 6,749,302 | 1,692,641 | 2,333,923 | -641,282 |
| Mobile \& Ohio.-. 19,342,805 | 19,255,063 | 5,123,095 | 5,372,420 | $-249,325$ |
| New Orl \& N E.-. 6.385 .549 | 6,122,253 | 2,421,027 | 2,379,126 | +41,901 |
| Northern Alabama $\quad 1,484,605$ Southern Ry Co_. 155,467,976 | $1,580,416$ 149313.892 | -624,534 | 712,761 | 88,227 |
| Southern Ry Co_-155,467,976 Tennessee Central_- $3,238,513$ | 149,313,892 | 47,601,387 | 45,501,940 |  |
| Total (30 roads) | 842,987,662 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 229,096,353 | -860,361 |
| Dist. (34 roads) ._1164153244 1103560179335,205 |  |  |  |  |

Total Southern
Dist. ( 34 roads) . $11641532441103560179335,205,610312,366,752+22,838,858$ Western Districts.


Can Nat System-
Atl St Lawrence-See New England Region.
Central Vermont-See New England Region.
Chic Det \& C G T
Det Gr Haven \& Mil-See Great Lakes Region
Duluth Win \&Pac-_ 2,415,384 2,251,163 169,424
an Pac System-.
Can Pac Lines in Me-See New England Region.
$\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { Dul So Sh \& Atl } & 5,281,270 & 5,808,935 & 874,379 & 1,197,900 & -323,521 \\ \text { Minn StP \&SSM } & 46,856,738 & 49,670,264 & 11,159,940 & 13,594,727 & -2,434\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { Minn StP \& SS M } & 46,856,738 & 49,670,264 & 11,159,940 & 13,594,727 & -2,434,787 \\ \text { Spok Internat'l. } & 1,265,290 & 1,254,965 & 452,719 & 419,131 & +33,588\end{array}$
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Central Western Regton-
tchison System--

| - |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chic \& N W .-. $154,335,724$ | 148,538,269 | 33,747,341 | 32,912,214 | +835,12 |
| Chic St P M \& O- 26,433,019 | 26,850,133 | 5,160,070 | 5,369,425 | -209,355 |
| Chic Great Western $25,359,001$ | 24,502,760 | 5,331,505 | 4,690,042 | +641,463 |
| Chic Mil \& St Paul 160,538,440 | 162,020,693 | 32,137,272 | 31,571,061 | +566,211 |
| Chic River \& Ind.-- 6,931,271 | 6,839,269 | 2,410,274 | 2,121,141 | +289,133 |
| Dul \& Iron Range_- 7,041,389 | 6,813,654 | 2,449,921 | 2,083,255 | +366,666 |
| Dul Missabe \& Nor_ 18,943,968 | 18,054,509 | 10,576,586 | 9,833,539 | 43,047 |
| Great Northern_..-117,383,909 | 114,924,960 | 42,098,445 | 39,097,672 | +3,000,773 |
| Green Bay \& West'n 1,645,802 | 1,578,446 | 374,490 | 437,770 | -63,280 |
| Lake Sup \& Ishp..- $2,451,312$ | 2,252,532 | 1,014,259 | 876,932 | +137,327 |
| Minneap \& St Louis 14,733,725 | 15,074,273 | 1,428,335 | 1,854,105 | -425,770 |
| Northern Pacific_.- 97,351,042 | 97,864,555 | 29,090,098 | 27,892,078 | +1,198,020 |
| Spok Portl \& Seattle |  | 3,380,113 | 2,924,172 |  |
| $n$ Pacific System- |  |  |  |  |
| Los Ang \& Salt Lake-See Central Western Region. |  |  |  |  |
| Oregon Shore Line-See Central Western Region, |  |  |  |  |
| re Wash Ry \& N 30,510,001 27,872,713 8,179,5 |  |  |  |  |
| St. Joseph \& Grd Is-See Central Western Region |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Total (18 roads) $\mathrm{H}^{728,126,465} \overline{720,357,033} \overline{190,034,685} \overline{182,655,383} \overline{+7,379,302}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Western District. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1926. | 1925. | 1926. | 1925. | or De |

Atch Top \& S Fex $209,337,546 \quad 196,439,057 \quad 74,533,960 \quad 61,641,590+12,892,370$
Gulf Colo \& S Fe-See Southwestern Panhandle \& S Fe Fe -See Southwestern Region.
 Burilngton RouteWrth \& Den Lx13,298,548, $11,365,5,381$
Whichita Valley-See Southwestern Region. $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Chicago \& Alton- } & 31,474,823 & 31,077,084 \\ \text { Denver \& Rio Gr W. } & 74,030,309 & 33,629,464 & 7 \\ \text { Denver \& Salt Inke. } & 4,268,447 & 3,889,41\end{array}$
 Southern Pacific Lines-
Galv Har \& San Ant-See Southwestern Region. Houston E \& W Tex-See Southwestern Region. Loulsville Western-See Southwestern Reglon.
Morgans La \& Tex-See Southwestern Region. Morgans La \& Tex-See Southwestern Region.
$\begin{array}{rrrrr}\text { Southern Pacifict-x } 213,970,447 & 210,374,317 & 67,552,566 & 61,667,682 & +5,884,884 \\ \text { Tol Peoria \& West_- } & 1,524,845 & 1,617,067 & 1,037 & \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Union Pacific System- } & 1,524,845 & 1,617,067 & 1,037 & -65,731 & +66,768\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { Los Ang \& S Lake. } 24,561,748 & 24,544,104 & 5,349,623 & 4,960,420 & +389,203 \\ \text { Oregon Short Linex } 36,372,207 & 35,491,692 & 11,189,850 & 10,298,779 & +891,071\end{array}$ Ore-Wash-Ry \& N-See Northwestern Region.
 $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Utah_............ } & 1,642,631 & 1,739,790 & 554,491 & 604,500 & -50,009 \\ \text { Western Pacific_-. } & 16,057,065 & 15,569,045 & 4,781,925 & 4,236,103 & +545,822\end{array}$
Total (22 roads) _- $\overline{1027736526} \overline{993,275,220} \overline{313,280,306} \overline{282,301,557}+30,978,749$ Southwestern Reoton-
Atch Topeka \& Sante Fe-See Central Western Region $\begin{array}{rrrr}\text { Gulf, Col \& S Fe. } & 33,467,548 & 29,252,164 & 9,727,721 \\ \text { Panhandle \& S Fe } & 16,235,221 & 11,251,307 & 6,019,326\end{array}$
$7,756,286+1,971,435$
$4,002,924+2,016,402$ Quincy, Om \& K C-See Central Western Region. Colo Southern-See Central Western Region.
Ft W \& Den City-See Central Western Region. $\begin{array}{cccc}\text { Ft Wi \& Den City-See Central } & \text { Western Region. } \\ \text { Wlita Valley.-. } & 1,721,449 & 1,784,185 & 846,337 \\ \text { Ft Smith \& Western } & 1,773,705 & 1,896,725 & 348,418\end{array}$ Ft Smith \& Wes
Firsco Lines-
Ft W $\&$ Rio
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$\begin{array}{lll} \\ \text { Missouri Pan Texff Tex } & 22,567,869 & 35, \\ 22\end{array}$ | Bean S Lake \& W | $2,868,311$ | 2,8 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Int Great North | $19,245,644$ | 17,0 |
| Missourl Pac Co | $133,990,294$ | 130,8 |
| N Orl Tex \& Mex | $3,522,872$ | 3, |
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> $\begin{array}{lrrr}\text { Lousiana Western } & 3,875,849 & 8,876 & 4, \\ \text { Morgan La \&Tex } & 8,165,559 & 8, \\ \text { Texas \& N Orl.-- } & 10,317,157 & 11,\end{array}$ Southern Pacific Co.-See Central
Term Ry Asso of SL $13,537,818 \quad 13$
Trinity \& Brazos Val $2,816,502$
$\qquad$
Total ( 37 roads) $-.572,259,209 \overline{554,013,711} \overline{150,216,263} \overline{143,268,789} \overline{+6,947,474}$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total Western } \\ & \text { Dist. ( } 77 \text { roads) } \ldots 23281222002267645964\end{aligned} 653,531,254$ 608,225,729+45,305,525 Grand total (185). $\overline{\overline{6,435,539,259}} \overline{\tau 6,169,453,120}^{1,731,509,130} \xlongequal{\overline{1,602,513,558}+128,995,572}$

## Italian Government Declines to Participate in Conference on Naval Limitation Proposed by <br> President Coolidge.

Advising the United States that in its view the limitation of armaments, to be efficacious to the ends referred to by President Coolidge "should be universal" and that inasmuch as there "exists an undeniable interdependence of every type of armament of every single power not possible to adopt partial measures between only the
five large naval powers," the Italian Government announces that it "cannot to its regret accede to the proposal contained in the memorandum of Feb. 10 " in which President Coolidge proposed a further conference on naval limitations. The reply of the Japanese Government agreeing to participation in the conference appears elsewhere in this issue, while that of France declining participation appeared in these columns last week, page 1003. The translation of the reply of the Italian Government was made public as follows at Washington on Feb. 21.
The Italian Government has submitted to serious examination the memorandum handed on Feb. 10 by the Ambassador of the United States of America to the Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs.
The said memorandum explains the principles have inspired the Wash ington Government in proposing that, before the contemplated International Conference for the Reduction and the Limitation of Armaments, negotiations be initiated beetween the five Powers signatory of the Treaty of Washington of 1922 for the purpose of studying the limitation of certain categories of naval armaments not covered by said treaty
The Italian Government appreciates fully the high spirit which has guided the President of the United States of America in addressing his message to Congress on the same day in which the memorandum of the American Government was handed to the governments of the great Power interested. The appreciation of the Italian Government has all the greater value since Italy has always associated herself with every international activity tending to establish upon a solid base the tranquility and peace of the world.
That spirit which has guided Mr. Coolidge is, so to say, the heritage of the Italian Government and people.
Italy, in fact, has not only adhered to the Washington Conference, but has concluded during the past five years more treaties of friendship and arbitration than those stipulated by any other European State. Her actual military expenses, and, above all, her naval budget, in which there is appropriated $800,000,000$ lire annually, equal to about $\$ 13,000,000$, for new naval construction, demonstrates clearly that the "far-reaching building programs" alleged in the message certainly cannot refer to Italy.
The American Government proposes in its memorandum that the Italian Government empower its representative on the Preparatory Disarmament Commission to initiate negotiations at Geneva with a view to concluding agreements which, in anticipation of a global limitation of naval, land and air armaments, shall regulate naval armaments by limiting the con-
struction of those lesser vessels which were not contemplated in the accords struction
of 1922 .
As regards such a proposal, the government of His Majesty must above all state that in principle and as far as concerns the Continent of Europe its point of viev is therple and as far as concerns the Continent of Europe tpe of armament of every exists an undeniable interdependence of every ype of armament of every single Power, and furthermore that it is not possible to adopt partial measures between only the large naval owers.
The Italian Government thinks that the limitation of armaments, to be efficacious to the ends referred to by Mr. Coolidge, should be universal and recalls in this connection that the example of Washington was not accepted by the minor naval Powers and that the conference held at Rome in February 1924 for the extension of the principles of the Washington Treaty to the Powers not signatory thereto was a failure.
Then, as concerns Italy more specifically, the Italian Government believes it can invoke the same geographical reasons referred to in the message of President Coolidge. If the United States, by reason of their georraphical position, has been able to reduce land armament to the minimum, taly by reason of its unfavorable geographical position cannot expose itseli ithmut grave risks to a binding limitation of its maritime armaments, Which are already insufficient to the needs of its defense.

Italy has, in fact, only three lines of communication with the rest of the world, three oblgatory routes, through Suez, Gibraltar, and the Dardanelles, for provisioning itself.
Italy has an enormous coast development with populous cities and vital centers on the coast or a short distance from it, with two large islands, besides the Dodecanese, all of which are linked to the peninsula by lines of vital traffic.
Italy has four important colonies to protect; two of which are beyond the Suez Canal.
In fact, Italy must also consider the other nations which face on or can appear in the Mediterranean, particularly favored by their geographical position amid essential lines of communication, and which have under construction many units of various types or are elaborating naval programs of great strength.

For the reasons above stated the government of His Majesty feels confident that the government of the United States will take into account the reasor why Italy cannot, to its regret, accede to the propesal contained in he $\mathrm{r}^{2}$ smorandum of Feb. 10.
From Washington advices Feb. 24 to the New York "Tirtes" we take the following:
Oral explanations have been made at the State Department by Nobile Gracomo de Martino, the Italian Ambassador, of the note from Italy rejecting the proposal of President Coolidge for a five-Power naval limitation conference at Geneva. These explanations are understood to have softened considerably the effect of the formal communicatino.
matic Ambassador made his explanation when,
Whether the attitade of Italy, as now understood at the State Depart ment, will make it possible for her to accept the American invitation has not been disclosed, but there has been no disposition to challenge reports that the Italian position might have been revealed in a less unfavorable light in the note had it not been for the French position on armaments and the earlier flat rejection by that Government of the Coolidge offer. Could Italy he assured of a continuance of naval parity with France, as established by the Washington conference of $1921-22$, it is believed she might be in more acceptable mood.

## Japanese Government Accepts Invitation of President <br> Coolidge to Participate in Conference on Naval Limitation.

The Japanese Government has indicated its willingness to participate in a new conference to discuss the further limitation of naval armament, in accordance with the proposal of President Coolidge. Japan is the first of the four powers to which the invitation was extended to agree to participation in the proposed parley. The declination of the French Government was indicated in our issue of a week ago, page 1003, and Italy's rejection is noted in another item in this issue. In replying to the memorandum of President Coolidge (given in our issue of Feb. 19, page 1003) the Japanese Government states that it fully "shares with the American Government the views expressed in that memorandum on the desirability of an agreement calculated to complete the work of the Washington Conference for the prevention of competitive naval building" and welcomes "the initiative taken by the American Government
(Continued on page 1131.)

## The New Capital Flotations During the Month of January

The new capital flotations during January were of very exceptional proportions, while yet not breaking the record in that respect. It seems desirable to make this latter point at the outset, since there were frequent references in the daily papers during the course of the month to the magnitude of the month's financing and the impression was thereby created that all records had been broken. The month takes high rank in that regard, but the total does not happen to surpass all previous high totals, though it comes very close to the best. Our tabulations, as always, include the stock, bond and note issues by cor orations and by States and municipalities, foreign and domestic, and also Farm Loan emissions. The grand total of the offerings of new securities under these various heads during January amounted to no less than $\$ 877,075,418$. This compares with $\$ 621,764,765$ in December, with $\$ 697,961,617$ in November, with $\$ 579$,018,819 in October, with $\$ 541,128,633$ in September and with only $\$ 351,822,154$ in August, a dull summer month; but with $\$ 581,471,484$ in July, with $\$ 727,146,502$ in June, with $\$ 664,938,357$ in May, with $\$ 638,372,147$ in April, with $\$ 652,778,436$ in March, with $\$ 609,153,480$ in February and with $\$ 739,645,781$ in January last year.

It will be observed that this year's January total is well ahead of that for any month of 1926 and exceeds that for the corresponding month of last year by over $\$ 137,000,000$. Financing during the opening month of the year is nearly always on a big scale and back in January 1923 the grand aggregate of the new issues was even larger than that now
recorded, the total then having been $\$ 881,327,395$, against the present total for January 1927 of $\$ 877,075,418$. Financing was large under each of the different heads, with the municipal awards the largest of any month on record. The corporate emissions, however, domestic and foreign, form the vast preponderating proportion of the whole, though it happens that these corporate emissions, while of huge extent, have been exceeded twice in January of former years. The present amount of the corporate flotations is $\$ 610,034,900$. In January last year it was $\$ 614,549,239$ and in January 1923, \$622,048,786.

A bigger proportion than usual of the securities brought out in January of the present year consisted of refunding issues, that is securities placed to take up or retire existing issues, which shows the importance of segregating these from the rest. Of the grand total of $\$ 877,075,418$ of all capital emissions for January 1927, $\$ 133,630,300$ was for refunding; of the corporate emissions of $\$ 610,034,900, \$ 102,531,800$ was for refunding. We have stated that the municipal awards had been the largest of any month on record. They amounted to $\$ 171,072,218$ for January 1927, against only $\$ 72,032,745$ for January 1926. The fact that the City of New York put out a loan for $\$ 60,000,000$ during the month served to swell the total the present year, though municipal issues were large apart from this.

In analyzing the corporate offerings made during January, it is found that for the first time since May of last year (1926) the volume of financing undertaken by public utility com.
panies during the month was in excess of that negotiated on behalf of industrial organizations or the railroads. Reaching no less than $\$ 309,084,425$ the total for the month shows an impressive gain over the December output of only $\$ 136,655$,702. Industrial offerings during January were also larger than in the previous month, the figures being $\$ 291,604,475$ for January and $\$ 249,477,903$ for December. New issues by railroads during January totaled only $\$ 9,346,000$ as against $\$ 43,170,000$ brought out in December.
Total corporate offerings in January were, as already stated $\$ 610,034,900$, and of this amount long-term issues accounted for no less than $\$ 490,703,000$, short-term issues comprised only $\$ 10,821,000$, while stock issues made up the remainder of $\$ 108,510,900$. The portion used for refunding purposes was large, being as noted above $\$ 102,531,800$, or almost $17 \%$ of the total. The more prominent issues brought out during the month entirely or mainly for refunding were: $\$ 25,000,000$ San Joaquin Light \& Power Corp. unif. \& ref. mtge. 5 s , "D" 1957, of which $\$ 22,725,000$ was for refunding; $\$ 25,000,000$ North American Edison Co. deb. 5s, "A" 1957, of which $\$ 20,710,000$ was for refunding; $\$ 10,500,000$ Boston Consolidated Gas Co. deb. 5 s 1947 , of which $\$ 10,000,000$ was for refunding and $\$ 9,500,000$ Illinois Power \& Light Corp. deb. $51 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ 1957, the entire amount of which was for refunding. In December $\$ 76,076,000$, or nearly $18 \%$, was for refunding, while in January last year $\$ 68,706,575$, or only slightly over $11 \%$, was for the purpose of refunding existing securities.
The total of $\$ 102,531,800$ used for refunding in January this year comprised $\$ 78,683,800$ new-long-term to refund existing long-term; $\$ 10,000,000$ new long-term to replace existing stock; $\$ 8,255,500$ new stock to replace existing longterm and $\$ 5,592,500$ new stock to replace existing stock.

Foreign corporate issues sold in this country during January amounted to $\$ 66,912,500$ and comprised the following: Canadian: $\$ 1,225,000$ Campbell River Timber Co., Ltd., 1st mtge. 6s 1932-41, issued at par, and $\$ 1,000,000$ the Rowntree Co., Ltd., (Canada), 1st mtge. 6s 1937, also issued at par. Other foreign: $\$ 25,000,000$ the Batavian Petroleum Co., 15 -year guar. deb. $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s} 1942$, offered at $961 / 4$, to yield $4.85 \%$; $\$ 10,000,000$ International Power Securities Corp., secured 7 s "E" 1957, offered at $963 / 8$, yielding $7.30 \%$ and $\$ 6,000,000$ secured 7 s " F " 1952 , of the same company offered at $951 / 2$, yielding $7.40 \% ; \$ 10,000,000$ "Montecatini" Societa Generale per I'Industria Mineraria ed Agricola (Italy) deb. 7s 1937, brought out at $961 / 2$, yielding $7.50 \%$; $\$ 6,000,000$ Lombard Electric Co. (Italy) 1st mtge. 7s "A" 1952, sold at 94, yielding $7.50 \%$; $\$ 6,000,000$ United Electric Co. (Union Esercizi Elettrici) "Unes," Italy, 1st mtge. 7 s "A" 1956 , offered at $951 / 2$, yielding $75 / 8 \% ; \$ 1,100,000$ Danish Export Credit Committee 41/2\% notes 1929-34, sold at prices ranging from 100 to 95.68 and yielding from $4.50 \%$ to $5.25 \%$ and 25,000 sub-shares of Carib Syndicate, Ltd., offered at $\$ 231 / 2$ per sub-share, involving $\$ 587,500$.

As to the domestic offerings, the largest single corporate issue of the month was $\$ 50,000,000$ General Motors Acceptance Corp. deb. 6s, 1937, issued at par. Other important industrial offerings were as follows: $\$ 35,000,000$ Gulf Oil Corp. of Pa. deb. $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1947$, sold at par; $\$ 15,000,000$ Solvay American Investment Corp. secured 5s "A," 1942, sold at $993 / 4$, yielding $5.02 \%$; $\$ 8,000,000$ California Petroleum Corp. convertible deb. 5 s , 1939, offered at $961 / 2$, yielding $5.40 \%$; $\$ 8,000,000$ Porto Rican-American Tobacco Co. secured convertible $6 \mathrm{~s}, 1942$, brought out at 99 , yielding $6.10 \%$; $\$ 7,500,000$ General American Investors, Inc., deb. 5 s "A," 1952, issued at par, and $\$ 6,500,000$ Two Park Avenue Building (N. Y. City) 1st mtge. fee 6s, 1941, offered at par.

The principal public utility offerings during January were as follows: \$30,000,000 Indianapolis Power \& Light Co. (Indiana Corp.) 1st mtge. 5 s "A," 1957, offered at 98, yielding $5.13 \%$; $\$ 12,000,000$ of $61 / 2 \%$ cum. pref. stock of the same company at 98 , yielding $6.63 \%$; $\$ 27,500,000$ The Narragansett Co. coll. tr. 5s "A," 1957, sold at 99, yielding $5.06 \%$; $\$ 25,000,000$ San Joaquin Light \& Power Corp. unif. \& ref. mtge. 5 s "D," 1957, offered at $981 / 2$, yielding $5.10 \%$; $\$ 25,000,000$ North American Edison Co. deb. 5s "A," 1957, brought out at 98 , yielding $51 / 8 \% ; 375,000$ shares of Columbia Gas \& Electric Co. common stock, offered at $\$ 60$ per share, involving $\$ 22,500,000 ; \$ 15,000,000$ Electric Bond \& Share Co. $6 \%$ oum. pref. stock, sold at $1071 / 2$, yielding $5.58 \%$; $\$ 15,000,000$ Southern California Edison Co. ref. mtge. 5 s , 1951, issued at $981 / 2$, yielding $5.10 \%$; $\$ 12,500,000$ Southwestern Gas \& Elec. Co. 1st mtge. 5s "A," 1957, to yield $5.25 \% ; \$ 10,500,000$ Boston Consolidated Gas Co. deb.
$5 \mathrm{~s}, 1947$, offered at 103 , to yield $4.76 \%$, and $\$ 9,500,000$ Illinois Power \& Light Corp. deb. 51/2s, 1957, brought out at $961 / 2$, yielding $5.75 \%$

Railroad issues worthy of special mention comprised: $\$ 4,136,000$ Georgia \& Florida RR. 1st mtge. 6s "A," 1946, offered at 98 , yielding $6.17 \%$, and $\$ 3,000,000$ Gulf Mobile \& Northern RR. Co. 1st mtge. 5s "C," 1950, sold at $993 / 4$, yielding $5.02 \%$.
Seven separate foreign government loans were floated in this country during January. They totaled $\$ 52,383,300$ and were as follows: $\$ 27,000,000$ Government of the Argentine Nation 6\% Sanitary Works loan, due 1961, offered at $981 / 4$, yielding $6.10 \% ; \$ 10,000,000$ State of Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil) ext. 7s, 1966, issued at 98, yieldng $7.15 \%$; $\$ 6,500,000$ Province of Mendoza (Argentine) ext. secured $71 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$, 1951, brought out at $983 / 4$, yielding $7.60 \%$; $\$ 5,000,000$ Dominican Republic customs administration $51 / 2$ s, 1940 , sold at par; $\$ 3,000,000$ Municipality of Medellin (Colombia, S. A.) ext. secured 7s, 1951, offered at 931/4, $931 / 4$, ylelding $7.60 \%$, and two small $8 \%$ internal issues of Republic of Chile, aggregating $\$ 883,300$, priced at $\$ 121$ per 1,000 pesos, yielding $8 \%$.

Four farm loan issues aggregating $\$ 24,250,000$ came on the market in January, the yields on them ranging from $4.15 \%$ to $4.62 \%$. Included in the month's business was an offering of $\$ 20,000,000$ Federal Land Bank 41/4s, 1937-57 at $1003 / 4$, yielding $4.15 \%$.
Offerings Which Do Not Represent New Financing by the Companies.
Offerings of various securities made during the month, which did not represent new financing, by the companies whose securities were offered and which therefore are not included in our totals, embraced the following: $\$ 16,500,000$ Victor Talking Machine Co. $7 \%$ cum. prior preference stock, offered at $\$ 98$ per share, yielding $7.14 \% ; 95,000$ shares of $\$ 6$ cum. convertible preferred stock of the same company offered at $\$ 90$ per share, yielding $6.66 \%$ and also 415,000 shares of the company's common stock, sold at $\$ 38$ per share, involving $\$ 15,770,000 ; \$ 5,000,000$ Citres Service Co. common stock, offered at prevailing market, to yield in cash and stock dividends over $8 \% ; \$ 5,000,000$ Seaboard Air Line Ry. ref. mtge. 4s, 1959, offered at $761 / 4$, yielding $5.60 \% ; 23,000$ shares the Curtıs Publishing Co. $\$ 7$ cum. dividend preferred stock, sold at $1171 / 4$, yielding $6 \% ; 60,000$ shares of common stock of Mead, Johnson \& Co. sold at $\$ 391 / 2$ per share; $\$ 1,500,000$ National Public Service Corp. $7 \%$ preferred "A" issued at 96 , yielding $7.29 \% ; \$ 1,000,000$ City of Paris (France) 6s, May 1 1930, sold at a price to yield $6.50 \%$; $\$ 1,000,000$ Sharp \& Dohme, Inc. (Baltimore) $7 \%$ cum. preferred stock, offered at 101 , yielding $6.93 \%$ and $\$ 775,000$ (The) Georgian, Inc. (Boston) class "A" preference stock (par \$20) offered at \$21 per share.

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


In the elaborate and comprehensive table on the succeeding page, we compare the foregoing figures for 1927 with the corresponding figures for the four years preceding, thus affording a five-year comparison. We also furnish a detailed analysis for the five years of the corporate offerings, showing separately the amounts for all the different classes of corporations.


DETAILS OF NEW CAPITAL FLOTATIONS DURING JANUARY 1927.
long-term bonds and notes (ISSUES maturing later than five years).



Short-term bonds and notes (ISSUES maturing up to and including five years).

| Amount. | Purpose of Issue. | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { Price. } & \begin{array}{c} \text { To Yield } \\ \text { About. } \end{array} \end{array}$ | Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$ |  | \% |  |
| 750,000 | Acquisition; other corp. purposes. | $100 \quad 6.00$ | General Power \& Light Co., 1-Yr. 6s, Jan. 1 1928. Offered by True, Webber \& Co. and R. E. |
| 2,000,000 | New constr | 983/4 |  |
| 2,750,000 |  |  |  |
| 2,000,000 | Retire floating debt; Wkg. capita | $99 \quad 6.25$ | National Pol', \& Treating Co. 5-Yr. 6s, Dec. 1 1931. Offered by Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Inc. and the Minnesota Loan \& Tr. Co. |
| 140.000 | Land, Buildings, \&c.Finance construction of building. | $100 \quad 6.00$ | Broadway \& 15 th Street Bldg. (Gary, Ind.) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1927-31. Offered by Central Trust Co. |
| 100,000 | Provide funds for loan purposes.- | -. $\quad 5.75$ | Hibernia Mortgage Co., Inc. 1st Mtge. Coll. Tr. 6 s "B," 1930-32. Offered by Hibernia Securitles |
| $\begin{array}{r} 96,000 \\ 370,000 \end{array}$ | Provide funds for loan purposes Provide funds for loan purposes. | $\begin{array}{r} 500-7.00 \\ 6.00 \end{array}$ | Industrial Bank of Richmond Coll. Tr. 7s, 1927-30. Offered by Scott \& Stringfellow. <br> Mortgage Guarantee Co. of America 1st Mtge. 51/2s, 1927-31. Offered by Peabody, Houghteling |
| 115,000 | Real estate mortg | $100 \quad 6.5$ | Murphy Bidg. (Seattle) 1st Mtge. \& Leasehold $61 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$, 1932. Offered by Seattle Title Trust Co., |
| 200,000 | Provide funds for loa | 5.50-6 | National Mortsage Insurance Co. Insured 1st Mtge. Certificates, 1927-31. Offered by Wright, |
| 2,500,000 | Real estate | 100 |  |
| 950,000 | Real | 00 | 107-123 West 93d Street (N. Y. City) $5 \%$ Guar. Mtge. Certificates, 1927-31. Offered by Lawyers |
| 850,000 | Addit | Price on appli | Seaside Hotel (Attantic City, N. J.) 1st Mtge. 51/3s, 1928-32. Offered by Mortgage Guarantee |
| 100,000 | Provide funds for loan purposes.- | $100 \quad 7.00$ | Virginia Bond \& Mortgage Corp. Coll. Tr. 7 s "P", 1927-30. Offered by wheat, Galleher \& Co. |
| 5,421,000 |  |  |  |
| 400,000 | Retire debt incurred in | 5.50-6.05 | Post Pubilishing Co. (Bridgeport, Conn) $51 / 3 \mathrm{~s}$, 1927-31. Offered by McEldowney \& Co., Bridge- |
| 250,000 | Acquire constituent companles_ | 100.96-100 | Yellow Cab Corp. of Minnesota 6s, 1928-32. Offered by Lane, Piper \& Jaffray, Inc., Minneapolls. |
| 650,000 |  |  |  |


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| 00.000 | $\xrightarrow[\text { Public }]{\text { Caplal ex }}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 500.000 \\ 22,500.000 \end{array}$$\begin{array}{r} 22,500.000 \\ 2,945.425 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 100 \\ 60 \\ 35 \end{gathered}$ |  | Bangor Hydro-Electric Co. common. Offered by company to stockholders. <br> Columbia Gas \& Electric Corp. (Del.) common. Offered by co. to stockholders, <br> by company to stockholders. <br> Electric Bond \& Share Co. $6 \%$ cum. pref. Offered by Bonbright \& Co., Inc. <br> Florida Pr. \& Lt. Co. $\$ 7$ div. cum, pref. Offered by Bonbright \& Co., Inc.; Old Colony <br> Corp.: W. C. Langley \& Co.; J. G. White \& Co., Inc., and Tucker, Anthony \& Co. <br> Co., Inc.: H. M. Byllesby \& Co.. Inc.; Blyth. Witter \& Co.: Pynchon \& Co.; West <br> \& Co.; Federal Securities Corp.: John Nickerson \& Co.; W. S. Hammon ; \& Co.; <br> Middle States Telephone Co. of III. $7 \%$ cum. pref. Offered by Thompson, Kent \& Grace. Ine., Chleago. <br> National Pubic Service Corp. $7 \%$ cum, pref., serles "A." Offered by Howe, Snow <br> \& Bertles, Inc.: Hornblower \& Weeks: Stroud \& Co., Inc.; Pearsons-Taft Co.; A. E. <br> Fitkin \& Co. and R. E. Wilsey \& Co. <br> New England Public Service Co. common. Offered by company to stockholders. <br> New York Water Service Corp. $6 \%$ cum, pref. Offered by Ja ney \& Co., Phila. <br> Northern Indiana Public Service Co. 6\% pref. Offered by Utility Securities Co. Pacific Gas \& Electric Co. common. Offered by company to stockholders. <br> Pacific Gas \& Electric Co. common. <br> Dillon \& Co.; Harper \& Turner, and W. C. Langloy \& Co. <br> National Tile Co. common. Offered by Otls \& Co. and Shellds \& Co. <br> Porto Rico-American Tobacco Co. 7\% cum. class "A." Offered by company to stockholders: underwritten by Hornblower \& Weeks, New York. <br> holders undermitte <br> Rome (N. Y.) Co., Inc., $7 \%$ cum. Dref. Offered by Mohawk Valley Investment Corp., <br> Wesson Oil \& Snowdrift Co., Inc., $\$ 7$ div. curm. pref. Offered by company to stock- <br> holders; underwritten by Hemphill, Noyes \& Co. <br> holders; underwritten by Hemphiil, Noyes \& Co. <br> Carlb Syndicate, Itd., sub-shares. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten by Haystone Securities Corp., New York. <br> Callfornia Group Corp. $6 \%$ cum. pref. Offered by Callfornia Securities Co., Los Ang. <br> Ajax Rubber Co., Inc., capltal stock. Offered by co. to stockholders; underwritten. <br> American Founders Trust 6\% Cum. 1st pref. "D." Offered by Amerlcan Founders <br> Trust. New York and Boston, and associated dealers. <br> New Founders Trust common stock. Offered by Amerlcan Founders Trust. <br> New York and Boston, and assoclated dealers. <br> a d White \& Black. Inc.. 86 cum. pref. Offered by R. W. Evans \& Co., Inc., <br> nkers Holding Trust, Inc., common stock. Offered by R. W. Evans \& Co., Inc., and White \& Blackwell, New York. <br> arber \& Ross, Inc., common. Offered by Pogue, Willard \& Co., New York: Mackie, <br> Hentz \& Co., Philadelphia, and Crane, Parris, \& Co.. Washington, D. C. <br> H. C.) Bohack Co. Inc. (Brooktyn. N. Y.) $7 \%$ cum. 1 st pret. Offered by company Coca-Cola Bottling Corp. class " $A$ " stock. Offered by Merz \& Back, Cincinnati, and <br> N. S. Tulbott Co.. Daytun, Ohio. "A" preference cum $\$ 1.60$ per share. Offered (The) Georgian, Inc. (Boston) class "A" by Richardson, Hill \& Co. <br> Hemptill N Corp. $6 \%$ cum. conv. pref. Offered by Merrill, Lynch \& Co. and <br> "B" common stock Co. subject to prior subscription rights of common and class <br> Public Food Stores, Inc., class "A" common. Offered by Geo. D. Roberts \& Co., <br> Inc., San Franclsco. the Quarles Co.: Morrls F. Fox \& Co.. Milwaukee, and Wells-Dlekey Co. and Harold E. Woods \& Co., St. Paul. |
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|  | River Canalization Second Series) 8s, to be amortized within five years from Jan. 11927 . |
| 326,700 | 2,700,000 Pesos Republic of Chile (Talcahuano Naval Station) 8 s , to be amortized |
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| 931/4 | 7.60 H | Hallgarten \& Co., Kissel, Kinnlcutt \& Co. and Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Inc. |
| 98\%/6 | 7.60 P | P. W. Chapman \& Co., Inc. and A. M. Lamport \& Co., Inc. |
| 98 | 7.15 L | Lee, Higginson \& Co. and Ladenburg, Thalmann \& Co. |

a Preferred stocks of a stated par value are taken at par while preferred stocks of no par value and all classes of common stocks are computed at their offering prices.

Japanese Government Accepts Invitation of President Coolidge to Participate in Conierence on Naval Limitation.
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for the institution among the five Powers negotiations looking to such desirable end." It adds that it "will be happy to take part in those negotiations through their representatives invested with full powers to negotiate and to conclude an agreement on the subject."
In only one respect it is noted in the New York "Times" does the Japanese communication indicate any reservation from the considerations offered by President Coolidge as reasons for a separate conference of the five leading naval Powers.

## The "Times" further observes:

A paragraph in the comparatively brief Japanese note intimates that Japan might be inclined to object to a continuance of the $5-5-3$ ratio of naval strength which was adopted at the Washington armament conference with reference to capital ships and airplane carriers, with Japan in the lowest proportion.
This attitude of Japan was expected. President Coolidge, however, while his proposal to the naval powers suggested that the $5 \cdot 5-3$ ratio be extended to other classes of warships, was careful to indicate that this expression of American desire was merely tentative. The Japanese note accepts it in that spirit and mentions its gratification over learning that it is not the intention of the United States to put forward rigid proposals on ratios of naval strength.
Altogether the Japanese response to the President's proposal is most satisfactory to the Adminstration, and it brought expressions of gratification from officials. It was taken as emphasizing the warm co-operation that has existed between the two governments since the Washington Concere desire to
ere desire to further the preservation of the peace of the world.
Announcing the inability of the Japanese representatives to assist at the negotiations should the meeting be held simultaneously with or immediately after the forthcoming session of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission scheduled to be opened on March 21 next, the Japanese Government expresses the desire that the meeting take place not earlier than June 1. The Japanese note was handed to Frank B. Kellogg, Secretary of State, at the State Department at Washington by Tsuneo Matsudaira, the Japanese Ambassador, on Feb. 19 and its text was made public as follows:
The Japanese Government have given careful consideration to the memorandum of the American Embassy at Tokio, dated Feb. 10, defining
the attitude of the United States on the general problem the attitude of the United States on the general problem of disarmament and suggesting that the representatives of the five Powers signatories of
the Washington Naval Treaty, about to participate in the forthcoming ses sion of the Preparatory Conmmission for the Disarmament Conference sion of the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference at
Geneva shall be empowered to negotiate and to conclude an agreement Geneva shase fe empowered to negotationd and anclude an agreement
among those five Powers for the limitation of armament in the classes of among those five Powers for the limitation of armangels not covered by the Washington treaty.
The Japanese Government fully share with the American Government the views expressed in that memorandum on the desirability of an agreement calculated to complete the work of the Washington Conference for the prevention of competitive naval building. They cordially welcome tho
initiative taken by the American fevernment for the institution amcas the five Powers of negotations looking to such desirable end. They will be happy to take pari it thuse negouations through their representatives invested with full powers to negotiate and to conclude an agreement on the subject.
In view, however, of the supreme importance of the problem to be dis. cussed and determined, the Japanese Government finds it essential that at least a part of the Japanese delegation shall be specially sent from Tokio. Considering the length of time required for the necessary preparations, as well as for the journey from Tokio to Geneva, it will obviously be im. possible for the Japanese representatives to assist at the negotiations should coming session of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission scheduled to be opened on March 21 next. Accordingly, the Japanese Government desire that the meeting of the Powers signatories of the Washington Naval Treaty now suggested should take place on a date not earlier than June 1 . The Japanese Government are further gratified to learn that it is not the intention of the American Government at this time to put forward rigid proposals on the ratios of naval strength to be maintained by the several Powers in the classes of vessels not covered by the Washington Treaty. In order to insure the success of the proposed negotiations it seems highly important that in the matter of these conditions of the limi-
tation of armament all parties to the negotiations should approach the subject with an open mind, being always guided by the spirit of mutual accommodation and helpfulness, consistently with the defensive requirements of each nation. The Japanese Government confidently hope that an adjustment win be reached in a manner fair and satisfactory and each or the pare
ticipating Powers and conducive to the general peace and security of the ticipath

In indicating that it had been urged that Japan proceed with its naval construction plans despite the proposed conference, an Associated Press cablegram from Tokio published in the New York "Times" said:
Premier Wakatsuki told the House of Peers to-day that naval construction should proceed in Japan, not withstanding the government's decision to participate in the naval disarmament conference proposed by President Coolidge. The Premier urged the Peers to pass the naval construction bill because, he said, it was impossible to foretell the result of the conference of world Powers.
The Cabinet discussed the wording of its acceptance of President Coolidge's invitation to the conference, but decided that further discussion was necessary to frame its reply. The memorandum is expected to be forwarded either this week or early next week.
The reply, it is generally
Although it is known that the navy staff desired a clause in the aeceptance stating Japan's attitude concerning the $5-5-3$ ratio of capital ships tonnage, Minister of the Navy Takarabe is said to have voted with the others of the Cabinet. He insisted, however, that the navy's present con. struction program was necessary for defensive purposes.
Takarabe, interpellater in the upper house of the Diet, asserted that the present strength of the navy was at its lowest possible level, and therefore there could be no further reduction.
The Minister regarded the Coolidge proposal as an extension of the Washington conference of 1922, but he did not believe it possible under changed conditions to fix a ratio of $5 \cdot 5 \cdot 3$, or even $5 \cdot 5 \cdot 4$, for auxiliary naval craft, because some countries needed more auxiliaries than others for purposes of defense.
Baron Sakatani suggested to Foreign Minister Shidehara in the House of Peers that world disarmament could be best solved by America joining the League of Nations, instead of promoting a conference for disarmament. He also expressed the opinion that Japan should exchange views with the United States and Great Britain concerning the development of the naval bases at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and Singapore, Straits Settlement, respectively American and British projects.
The Foreign Minister, ignoring the suggestion concerning Pearl Harbor and Singapore, said that he hoped that the United States would join the League in order to assure the peace of the world. But, he added, there seemed little hope at present that the United States would join the League and that Japan had no intention of attempting to persuade America to change her attitude in regard to the League.

## Study of Southern Credit Situation Begun by Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

A study among Southern farmers to determine the amounts and kinds of credit available for cotton and other crops has been started by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, according to a statement issued by the Department of Agriculture Feb. 15. This statement says:
David L. Wickens and Arthur N. Moore, recent appointees, have left Washington to establish the ground-work for the study in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Oklahoma. The survey will be extended later to other Southern States.
A questionnaire has been sent to 40,000 Southern farmers requesting a confidential accounting of the 1926 financial and credit program. ADproximately 4,500 schedules, already returned, are being tabulated. The objectives of the study, as enumerated by Bureau officials, are to determine the credit requirements for sound and practicable production programs in the cotton belt; the ability of existing credit agencies to finance such programs where reasonable security for the needed credit is available, and the extent to which farmers are in position to offer reasonably ample security for the credit necessary to enable them to adjust their farming operations to a more prontable basis.
For localities where the credit supply fails to meet legitimate credit needs of farmers on fair and suitable terms, a determination will be made as to how existing credit agencies can be assisted or supplemented; also a determination as to how or to what extent, by individual or concerted action, the security or general credit capacity of the farmers may be best
utilized or improved utilized or improved.
Intensive studies of the credit requirements of individual farmers are to be made in selected areas considered typical of larger districts, every farmer, so far as possible. being interviewed and the information obtained fertilizer and implement dealers in these areas will be interviewed to check and supplement the data obtained from farmers.

## RECORD OF PRICES ON THE CLEVELAND STOCK EXCHANGE.

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

MONTHLY RANGE OF PRICES ON CLEVELAND STOCK EXCHANGE FOR 1926.


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MONTHLY RANGE OF PRICES ON CLEVELAND STOCK EXCHANGE FOR 1925

|  | January High Low | February High Love | March High Low | ${ }_{\text {Hioh }}^{\text {Aprl }}$ Low | ${ }_{\text {High }}^{\text {May }}$ Loro | ${ }_{\text {Htght Lowe }}^{\text {June }}$ | ${ }_{\text {High }}^{\text {Juty }}$ Lovo | $\begin{gathered} \text { August } \\ \text { High Lov } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|} \text { September } \\ \text { Hol Lor Low } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{O c t a b e r} \\ \text { High Low } \end{gathered}$ | November | $\begin{aligned} & \text { December } \\ & \text { High Low } \end{aligned}$ |
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| Central National Bank...-100 | 65 252 | ${ }_{260}^{250} 251$ |  | 2-56-256 | $\begin{array}{lll}235 \\ 225 & 252 \\ 225\end{array}$ | ${ }_{228}^{253} 2226$ | ${ }_{229}^{25512} 2262$ | 258 226 2268 | $\begin{array}{ll}230 & 225\end{array}$ | ${ }_{240}^{270}$ | ${ }_{240}^{275}$ | ${ }_{236}^{236}$ |
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| rris | $70^{169}$ | 170 <br> 169 <br> 189 | 170 |  |  |  | $\overline{2 F}_{230}{ }^{-1} 230$ |  |  |  | 35 |  |
| arl Str |  | 230 180 180 180 | 230 180 180 |  | 178178 | 1827 ${ }^{-182}$ | 178 |  | $178{ }^{-1}$ | 173 |  |  |
| are B | ${ }_{-97}^{97}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Union Trust------------100 | 21610 |  | 208202 | 208206 | 208 | 206 |  | ${ }_{25812} 2588$ | 26614 264 |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| INDUSTRIALS American Fork \& Hoe ar |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $96^{38} 96$ |  | 9696 |
| Preferred $\qquad$ 100 |  |  |  |  | 104104 | 104104 |  |  |  | $21_{8} \quad 20{ }^{12}$ |  | 2414 |
| American Multigraph-...-- ${ }^{\text {A }}$ A | $\begin{array}{ll}2312 & 21 \\ 60\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 2184 \\ 55 \\ 50 \end{array}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{cc} 201_{2} & 199_{4} \\ 52 & 52 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{array}{cc} \begin{array}{cc} 2019 \\ 50 & 19 \\ 50 \end{array} & 48 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 20 & 19 t_{2} \\ 52 & 49 t_{2} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}22 & 20 \\ 57\end{array}$ | ${ }_{60}^{22^{12}}$ | ${ }_{61}{ }^{2}$ |  | 75.75 |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{5}^{814}$ |  | ${ }^{9}{ }^{9} 3_{4} 3^{12}$ | 3 | 318 |  |  |  |
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| ckeye |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{84}^{245} 8{ }_{84}^{233_{8}}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Bukliey }}$ |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{ll}84 & 84 \\ 50 & 46\end{array}$ | ${ }_{53} \quad 84$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| City Ice ${ }^{\text {Pr }}$ |  | $25^{3} 425$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 24 \\ 3 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |
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| Cleveland Automatic Mach- 50 |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{41_{2}} \quad 2{ }^{212}$ | $13_{4} 1^{34}$ |  | $30 \quad 30$ |  |  |  |
| Ceverand 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| leveland Bu |  |  | 70 |  | $661_{2} 63$ |  | $591_{2} \quad 56$ |  |  |  |  |  |
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| eland Ston | ${ }^{997^{8}}{ }^{992}{ }^{978}$ | 120 |  |  | $12{ }^{1121}$ | 15112 | 11 | 114110 |  | $114{ }^{11212}$ |  | 16 |
| eveland Union |  |  |  |  | 37 | $35 \quad 34$ | ${ }^{3612} 3612$ | 39 |  | $40 \quad 35$ |  |  |
| eveland \& Bu | $\begin{array}{ll}891_{2} & 891_{2}\end{array}$ | $92 \quad 92$ |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{9212}{ }^{1} 91{ }^{13} 4$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| - eve \& Sand |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{914} 4{ }^{812}$ | $1 \mathrm{IV}^{10} 4$ |  | ${ }_{1112}^{111_{2}} 10{ }^{101}$ | ${ }^{1616_{4}}-16{ }^{1} 1$ | 21 |  |
| Dow Chemic |  |  |  |  |  | 68 |  | $\begin{array}{lr} 66 \\ \hline 69 \\ \hline 060 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Pre |  | 1212 |  |  |  | $18-17$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 14 | 1212 | ${ }_{75}^{1512} 75$ |  | 70 | 18 |  |  |  |  | d |  |
| (Wm) Edward |  |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{0}{ }^{2} 4$ | $62 \quad 58$ |  | 6160 |  |  |
| Electric Vacuum preferred-100 | $96^{-9}$ | 96 | ${ }_{9314}$ |  | $99^{3} 97$ | 10014 | 10098 | 100100 | 100 |  | 101 |  |
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| ultless R | 101 | 123 |  |  |  | 120114 | 12818119 | 125120 | $145 \quad 121$ |  | 135 |  |
| 6\% preferred.--------. 100 | 98 |  |  |  |  |  | 100 | ${ }^{993}$ | 100 | ${ }^{0} 2120$ | 100 |  |
| 7\% preferred...-.---------100 |  | 9812 | ${ }_{70}^{9812}{ }_{70}^{98}$ |  |  |  |  |  | 100 |  |  | ${ }_{47}{ }^{9} 47$ |
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| General | 233 233 | 240235 |  | 23712 | 240238 | 239 | 280239 | 280 265 | 33 | 360 | 415 |  |
| Pre |  | $177_{4} 143^{3} 4$ |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r}103 \\ 22 \\ 20 \\ \hline 102 \\ \hline 19\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| rior | ${ }_{8538} 76{ }^{15}$ | $844^{4} 4$ | $85 \quad 82$ | 85 <br> 53 |  | $90 \quad 85$ |  |  | ${ }_{893}^{883} 88$ | 8987 |  |  |
| Goodrich Tir | ${ }_{95}^{3812}{ }_{95}^{3712}$ | $95{ }^{14}$ | ${ }^{955}{ }^{5}$ | 95 | ${ }^{9} 9{ }^{\text {9 }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Preferred- ${ }^{\text {Godireat }}$ |  | ${ }_{3412}$ |  | $4{ }^{31}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| od | ${ }_{93}^{2988} 888{ }^{248}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 104 | 1044104 | $11{ }^{12} 11$ |  |  |
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| cresselli | 132 |  | ${ }_{106}^{133} 104$ | 12 | ${ }^{312} 120312$ |  | 103 |  |  | ${ }^{02} 1013$. | 10 |  |
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| A) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{21}{ }^{61}$ | 24 | ${ }_{3}^{2312}$ |  |
|  | ${ }_{32}{ }^{214}$ |  | 14. | 3029 | 30 | $2934{ }_{4}^{29} 9^{2}$ | ${ }_{4} 2912{ }^{291}$ | 29 |  |  | ${ }^{2} 233{ }^{3}$ | 160 |
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[^0]MONTHLY RANGE OF PRICES ON CLEVELAND STOCK EXCHANGE FOR 1925 (Concluded).


## Retrospect and Prospect Both Bright in Ohio.

By Col. Leonard P. Ayres, Vice-President Cleveland Trust Company
Hard gray steel, and soft gray tires, and glistening automobiles form the industrial trio on which prosperity rests in the Cleveland district. They all did well in 1926, and they all promise to do well in 1927. These three great industries are the dominant factors in a district that is otherwise noteworthy for the unusual diversity of its manufacturing activity.

The iron and steel industry has closed a profitable year, and begun a new one with mills operating at better than $80 \%$ of capacity, and with steadily growing schedules of production. Competition has been keen, and still is, and there have been some price concessions, but most of the companies are looking forward with confidence, and expecting 1927 to be a year of distinctly satisfactory results. Lake shipping did well last year, as it always does when the iron and steel industry is active, and there is every prospect that this will be another good year on"the Lakes. This is important for Cleveland, for most of the ships on the Great Lakes are owned in the city!

The automobile industry broke all previous records for production last year, and it now seems rather improbable that it can exceed those figures in 1927, but nevertheless the prospects appear good. It has become competitive to a degree hardly equaled in any other really important line of manufacturing. Although the output for the industry as a whole was enormous in 1926, the profits were most unevenly distributed. This is impressively reflected by the records of the stock market which show that one of the simplest and most profitable of operations in 1926 would have been to buy the shares of the leading producer at the beginning of the year, and to have gone short of those of all the other companies, and to have closed out all these transactions at the end of the year.
The tire companies are looking forward with unusual confidence. Last year they were still suffering the penalties imposed by the rapid advances and subsequent declines in the prices of crude rubber, but this year rubber is reasonable in price, and cotton is cheap, with the result that the prospects for good profits are bright. The industry is becoming steadily more nearly independent of changes in general business, for its output is going in ever-

## RECORD OF PRICES ON CINCINNATI STOCK EXCHANGE.

We are indebted to Richard Seving, Secretary of the Cincinnati Stock Exchange, for the following compilations showing the high, low and closing prices on the Exchange for each of the last four calendar years-based on actual transactions. HIGH, LOW AND CLOSING PRICES ON CINCINNATI STOCK EXCHANGE FOR 1926, 1925, 1924 AND 1923.

| LISTED SECURITIES. | Calendar Year 1926. |  |  | Calendar Year 1925. |  |  | Catendar Year 1924. |  |  | Calendar Year 1923. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Catendar Year 1920. |  |  | High. | Low. | Clos. | High. | Low. | Clos | High. | Lovo. | Clos |
| American L |  | $\begin{aligned} & 105 \\ & 124 \\ & 224 \\ & 44, \\ & 108, \\ & 108 \end{aligned}$ | 110 | $\begin{aligned} & 161 \\ & 126 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{1}{ }^{18}$ | 1421/8/ | $11241 / 4$ | $\begin{aligned} & 72 \\ & 118 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1051 / 4 \\ & 124 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 40 \\ & 125 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 263 / 4 \\ 1141 / 2 \end{array}$ | 1174/4 |
| American Products |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 128 \\ & 223 \\ & 4614 \\ & 104 \end{aligned}$ | 126 | 47 | 52] $3 / 4$ | 571 | $50.1 / 4$ | $\begin{gathered} 5-2-2 \\ 1021 \end{gathered}$ | 343/4 | ${ }^{2} \bar{\delta}^{-}$ | 33 |
| American Rolling |  |  |  | $1111 / 1 / 2$ | $\begin{gathered} 10614 \\ 29 \\ 65 \end{gathered}$ | ${ }^{109} \begin{gathered}31\end{gathered}$ |  | 1063/4 | 1081/38 | $1021 / 2$91 | 50 |  |
| American Seeding |  |  | ${ }_{1}^{112}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| American Thermo |  | 914 | 58 10 10 |  |  |  |  | -- | --- | $\begin{aligned} & 375^{-1} \\ & 375 \end{aligned}$ |  | 801/2 |
| Americaferred ${ }_{\text {Prea }}$ |  | 434 |  | ${ }_{220}^{410}$ | 401 | ${ }^{410} 0^{-}$ |  |  |  |  | 3775375 | $\begin{aligned} & 375 \\ & 375 \\ & 375 \end{aligned}$ |
| Athas Nationa |  | 196 | ${ }_{1}^{440}$ |  |  | ${ }^{211} 1063 / 2$ | ${ }_{1091 / 4}^{220}$ | ${ }^{198}$ | 200 $1081 / 2$ | 375 |  |  |
| New prefe |  | 104\%3/4 | 1063 | $\begin{aligned} & 1091 / 4 \\ & 155 / 2 \\ & 103 \end{aligned}$$103$ |  | 1033 | $10 \overline{3}^{-}$ | 101 | $10 \overline{3}$ |  |  | 375 |
| Campbell Greek |  |  | 941/2 95 |  | ${ }_{101}^{101}$ |  |  |  |  |  | --. | --: |
| Campbell ( (J. B.) Preferred-- |  | 98 |  | ${ }_{1135}^{185}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 135- \\ & 105 \end{aligned}$ |  | ${ }_{17}^{170}{ }^{1}$ | 155105 | ${ }_{112}^{16{ }^{\text {a }}}$ | ${ }_{104}^{126}$ | $1103 / 4$100 | $\begin{aligned} & 110 \overline{1} \overline{1 / 4} \\ & 103 \end{aligned}$ |
| Carey (Philip) M |  | 178 | 178 $1131 / 2$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Preferred-- |  | 11/8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1131 / 3 / 2 \\ & 21 / 2 \\ & 110 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \overline{2} \overline{5}^{-} \\ & 101 \\ & 9991 \end{aligned}$ | 110 |  |  | ${ }^{135} 5$ |  | 105 |  |
| Ghamplon Coate |  | ${ }_{1081 / 2}^{140}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 140- \\ & 110 \\ & 105 \\ & 105 \\ & 80 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 140 \\ & 110 \\ & 110 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 135 \\ & 1081 / 2 \\ & 105 \\ & 50 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13 \overline{5}-{ }^{-1} \\ & 103 / 4 \\ & 100 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 105 \\ & 101 \\ & 101 \end{aligned}$ |
| Preferred- |  | 100\%/2 | 104 |  |  |  |  |  | 1021/4 | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \overline{6-} \\ & 103 \\ & 511 / 4 \end{aligned}$ | 39\%/4 |  |
| Churngold Corp |  | ${ }_{22}$ | 23 |  |  |  |  | $\overline{8}$ |  | 85 | 7816 |  |
| $\underset{\text { Cincinnati }}{\text { Cars }}$ |  | ${ }^{88} 112$ | $1{ }^{933}{ }^{3 / 8}$ | 1261/2 | 82 103 | ${ }_{113}^{891 / 4}$ | $1151 / 2$ |  | 115 | $1111 / 3$ |  |  |
| Cincinnati Gas |  | $813 / 2$ | 190 |  | 75 60 | $83^{3}$ | 841/2 | ${ }^{751 / 2}$ | 81384 | 62 | 56 | $56 \%$ |
| c. Preferred |  | 63 270 | ${ }^{760}$ | 700 | 500 |  | 515 |  | 515 | 10114 | $9551 /$ | 97 |
|  |  | 101 | 103 | 105 | $1011 / 4$ | $1011 / 2$ | 1093 | ${ }^{1013}$ | 103 | 101/4 | $95 / 4$ |  |
| Cincinnatit Post |  | 88 | 9034 | 393/4 | 313/4 | 903 | 371/2 | $321 / 2$ | 33 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | $351 / 2$ | 25.4 | ${ }_{74}^{27}$ |
| Cincinnati Street Ry |  | 81 | 93\% | 160 | 129944 | 155 | ${ }_{141}^{94}$ | 799 | 89 140 | 135/4/4 |  | 120 |
| Cincinnati Union |  | ${ }_{212}^{125}$ | ${ }_{230}^{131}$ | ${ }_{225}^{160}$ | 205 | ${ }_{216}$ | $\begin{array}{r}125 \\ 22 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | ${ }_{205}^{2316}$ | 224 $231 / 2$ | ${ }_{*}^{203}$ | ${ }_{495}^{195}$ | 195 |
| Citizens Nationa |  | $213 / 4$ | $\begin{array}{r}23 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 26 | 23 | 25 | 26 | 231/2 | 231/2 |  |  |  |
| Col. Ry, ${ }^{\text {R }}$, Power ${ }_{\text {preferr }}$ |  | 94 | 94 |  |  |  |  |  |  | $191 / 2$ | 111/6 | 14 |
| Cooper ${ }_{\text {, }}$, Corp. |  |  |  | 21 |  |  |  | 10 |  |  |  |  |
|  | $87 \overline{7} / 2$ |  | $77 \%$ |  |  | 843/4 | 1051/2 | 651/2 | 100 | --- |  |  |
| New prefer | 108 | 99314 | ${ }^{1023}$ | 11721/4 | 923/4 | 921/4 |  |  |  | ${ }^{91} 9$ | ${ }^{8} 8081 / 2$ | $8881 / 2$ |
| Columbus \& ${ }_{\text {cown }}$ | 104 | 101 | 104 | ${ }_{107}^{101 / 2}$ | 101 56 | ${ }^{107} 753$ | $1057 / 2$ |  | 10 |  | 48 |  |
| Iton Adding | 1025 | 100 | 1021/4 | 106/2 | $993 / 2$ | 1055/2 | 106 | 971/2 | 106 37 | $1011 / 4$ $311 / 2$ |  |  |
| Dayton \& Mich | ${ }_{37}$ | 37 | 37 | 873/4 | 37 82 | 82 | $833 / 4$ | 82 | 82 | 79 | 79 | 79 |
| Dixieferred. | $54^{-}$ | $54^{-}$ |  |  | 105 | 109. | $110^{-}$ | $109^{-}$ | $11^{10}$ |  | $10^{-1}$ | $1 \overline{0} \overline{3}^{-}$ |
| Douglas pre | 109 | ${ }_{2}^{106}$ | ${ }_{295}^{108}$ | ${ }_{250}$ | 149 | 250 | 160 | 149 | 150 | 1148 | 125 | 125 |
| ${ }^{\text {ow }}$ Drugi.ed | 112 | 110 | 1103 | ${ }_{14}^{13}$ | 107 31 | 112 | ${ }^{109} 401 / 8$ | 107 31 | ${ }_{109}^{103 / 4}$ | 107\%/8 |  |  |
| ${ }^{\text {Pre-Picher }}$ |  | $109^{263 / 8}$ | ${ }_{112}{ }^{3 / 4}$ | 112 ${ }^{\text {4218 }}$ | 108 | 111 | 110 | 108 | 109 |  |  |  |
| Preferred | $1{ }^{139} 1 / 2$ | 1093/4 | 102 100 | $488 / 4$ 100 |  | 40 100 | 483/4 | 954/4 | $\begin{array}{r}46 \\ 102 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 101 | 97\% | 100 |
| Peferred |  |  |  | 51/4 | - |  |  |  |  | 104 | 100\% |  |
| Prior prefe | 101 | 100 | 101 | $7{ }^{-7}$ | $\cdots$ |  | 75 |  | 75 | $521 / 2$ | 35 | 501/4 |
| \% Etgan.- | 80 | 55 | 64 | 77 | 75 | $7^{1 / 2}$ | ${ }_{7} 9$ |  | 77 | $11 / 4$ | 55 | $11 / 4$ |
| ${ }_{P}$ | 96 | 95 | ${ }_{9} 5^{-}$ |  | 90 | 320 | $\begin{array}{r}96 \\ 300 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  | 300 |  | 240 | $2551 / 8$ |

increasing proportion to supply the needs of old cars, and in less measure to equip new ones. So long as a car is in use it is wearing out tires, and its owner can do little to economize in this respect. The tire industry is rapidly becoming independent of the business cycle.

Building has been fairly active in Ohio during the past year, and there has taken place in this district the same sort of rapid development of suburban areas about the cities that has been noteworthy all over the country. This section has been fortunate, however, in escaping anything of a boom in real estate exploitation. Winter construction is going forward in good volume. The coal business is exceptionally active, which is partly due to the fact that there is considerable probability of a serious coal strike in the spring. The agricultural situation is fairly favorable.

## The Year 1926 on the Cleveland Stock Exchange.

By Francis J. Smith, Secretary, Cleveland Stock Exchange.
Following in the wake of the most successful year in the history of this Exchange, and in fact of all other security markets, it is not surprising that 1926 should suffer by comparison with the year 1925. However, last year in the matter of business transacted ranks second in the records of the Exchange. Total sales amounted to $1,054,571$ shares with a market value of $\$ 41,760,800$. The figures for 1925 were $1,859,390$ shares with a market value of $\$ 58,802,117$, and those for 1924736,976 shares with a value of $\$ 26,444,200$. While the average price per share sold in 1926 was over $\$ 40$, the average for 1925 was only $\$ 3150$, and for 1924 about $\$ 3600$.

The trading list of the Exchange was materially strengthened and diversified during the year by the addition of 14 original listings and eight increases to capital already listed. Combined, these listings made up a total of \$54,928,560 of stocks with a stated par value, and $2,343,142$ shares of stocks of no par value. This compares with listings in 1925 representing $\$ 13,062,365$ of stocks with a stated par value and $2,026,424$ shares of no par value. There were 176 separate issues traded in 1926, against 171 in 1925, showing a gain in spite of the many removals from the list on account of mergers and conversions.

By the increased volume of securities approved for listing on the Cleveland Exchange during the past few years greater evidence is given of the fact that more and more corporations in this district are recognizing the advantages to be gained by having their securities admitted to the Exchange. Though it may be said that the Cleveland Exchange is undergoing a normal and healthy growth, still the Governors and officers of the Exchange realize there is much work to do if it is to keep pace with the rapid growth of this community and have under consideration important steps for the year 1927.

## The Record of the Cincinnati Stock Exchange.

By W. E. Fox, President of the Cincinnati Stock Exchange.
Prosperity marked the market for securities on the Cincinnati Stock Exchange during the year 1926. The money expended by the investing public for the purchase of securities, during 1926 surpassed that of any year since the inception of the Exchange 42 years ago. The enormous funds that have been converted into securities of merit is a record the Exchange can be proud of. The steady and gradual expansion of the market for listed securities indicates that the Cincinnati Stock Exchange is an important factor in Cincinnati business life.

HIGH，LOW AND CLOSING PRICES ON CINCINNATI STK．EXCH．FOR 1926，1925， 1924 AND 1923 （Concluded）．

| LISTED SECURITIES（Concluded）． | Calendar Year 1926. |  |  | Calendar Year 1925. |  |  | Calendar Year 1924. |  |  | Calendar Year 1923. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| First | High． | Lor | Clos | High． | Low． | Close． | High． | Low． | Cl | High． | Low |  |
| Fleischma | 350 116 | ${ }_{112}^{321}$ | ${ }^{350} 1131 / 8$ | 115 | ${ }_{112}^{270}$ | 326 | 303 | 270 |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Fourth }}$ Forma ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 27 |  | 2218 |  | 1123 | 1141／8 | 1144 | 112 | 1123 | 11351／4 | 112 | ${ }_{112}^{245}$ |
| French Bros．－B | 260 17 | 245 11 | ${ }^{260}$ | ${ }^{225}$ | 2021 2／ | 225 | $212{ }^{21 / 2}$ | $2021 / 2$ | ${ }_{212}^{21 / 2}$ |  |  |  |
| Preferred | 104 | $891 / 2$ | 98 | ${ }^{16}$ | $101 / 2$ | ${ }_{90}^{151 / 2}$ | ${ }_{841 / 2}$ | 1010 | 10 | ${ }^{2} \overline{5}^{-}$ | $17 \%$ | ${ }^{-}$ |
| Grant Tire．．． | 21 57 |  | 21 50 | 21 | 20 年 | 21 | 821 |  | $841 / 2$ 21 | 1013／2 |  | $961 / 2$ |
| Gibson Art－－ | 44 | 36614 |  | $40{ }^{-}$ | $\overline{35}$ | $36^{5 / 8}$ | $4{ }^{-1}$ |  | 37 |  |  |  |
| Globe－Werric ${ }_{\text {Preferred }}$ | 1181／2 | ${ }^{115} 80$ | ${ }_{89} 1151 / 2$ | ${ }_{97}^{115}$ | 112 | 115 | 115 | $11^{312}$ | 115 | 10 | 103 28 | 1051／2 |
| Globe Soap 1st | 1001／2 | 81 | 90 | $1021 / 2$ | 80 <br> $951 / 8$ | 9731／2 | 881／38 | 8831／4 |  |  | $883 / 4$ |  |
| Special pre | $5 \overline{5}$ | $\overline{5} \overline{5}^{-}$ | $\overline{5}_{5}{ }^{-}$ | 90 80 |  | 83 |  | $83^{4 / 4}$ | $13^{1 / 2}$ | 102\％年 | $931 / 4$ | $9991 / 4$ |
| Gruen Watch |  |  | $431 / 2$ | 391／2 | 30 | 781／8 | 80 35 | 80 | ${ }_{30}^{80}$ | 102 |  |  |
| Hatfielde－Relia | 110 | $1031 / 3 / 4$ | 109 $151 / 2$ | ${ }_{23}^{1041 / 4}$ | ${ }_{16} 1001 / 4$ | 1041／8 | 103 | 10014 | ${ }^{302} 1{ }^{1 / 2}$ | 104 | $100{ }^{291 / 8}$ | ${ }_{101}^{31 / 4}$ |
| Jaegereferred－． | $102{ }^{1}$ | 1100 | 101 | 106 | 100 | $1021 / 2$ | ${ }_{106}^{21 / 4}$ | 1001／2 | $171 / 8$ 102 |  |  |  |
| Johnston Paint | 102\％ | ${ }_{99}{ }^{271 / 4}$ |  | 103 | 97 | $\overline{9} 8{ }^{-}$ | $10 \overline{3}-$ | $100{ }^{-1}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Kahn Participerer | 104 | 100 | 1001／4 |  | 97 | 98 | 103 | 100 | 100 $1 / 4$ |  |  |  |
| Kemper Thomas Special | 65 | 59 ${ }^{1 / 2}$ | 59 | ${ }^{\overline{8} 0}{ }^{-}$ | 47 | 67 | 80 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kodel Radio |  |  |  | $11231 / 2$ | $1091 / 2$ | $1095 / 8$ | 1095 | $1001 / 2$ | ${ }^{80} 1095$ | 1053／4 | 1031／2 | － 104 |
|  |  | 2012 | $201 / 2$ | 22 年 | ${ }_{20}{ }^{17}$ | ${ }_{22}^{17}$ | $2{ }^{231 / 2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| New preferred | $1314{ }^{131 / 2}$ | 104\％ 110 | $1311 / 2$ | 1414 11318 | 7334 | 1261 | 107 | 73 㢶 | ${ }_{99} 20$ |  | 291／2 | $\overline{35} 51 / 3$ |
| Lake Shore preferr | 100 | 100 | 100 |  | 1101／2 | 1101／2 | 1131／2 | 110\％ | 113 年 | 1093／4 | $107{ }^{1 / 2}$ | 108 |
| Little Miami guarantee | ${ }^{321}$ | 300 91 | 320 94 | 2803 ${ }^{23}$ | ${ }^{280}$ | $280^{-7}$ | $280{ }^{3}$ | $280^{-}$ | 2803 | $2 \overline{8} 0^{-}$ |  | $28 \overline{0}^{-}$ |
| Special guaranteed |  |  |  |  |  |  | 941／2 | 92 | 94 | $931 / 4$ | 853／4 | 89 |
| Mead Pulp \＆Paper pref | 100 | 100 | 100 | － | －－－ | －－－ | $107{ }^{-}$ | $107{ }^{-}$ | $107^{-}$ |  | 41 | 42 |
| Monitor Furna | 2014 | 17 | 18 |  |  |  |  |  | － |  |  |  |
| Oglesby Paper pre |  |  |  | ${ }_{90}^{18}$ | ${ }_{90}^{17}$ | $171 / 8$ | 0 |  |  |  | －－ |  |
| Onio Bell Tel，pre Paragon Refining | ${ }^{115}$ | $1{ }^{109}{ }^{-1 / 2}$ | $1100^{3} / 4$ | 1103 | 106 | 1093 | 190 | 106 | 90 107 |  |  |  |
| Preferred <br> Printing Machin | $85^{97 / 8}$ | $65^{61 / 2}$ | 85 | 101／4 | 561／2 | $65^{73 / 3}$ | 683／8 | 561／2 | ${ }_{6} 8$ | 125 | 101 | $1033 / 3$ 515 |
| Printing Mach |  |  |  | 110 | 100 | 110 | 681／2 |  | 62 | 80 | 40 | 40 |
| Procter \＆Gam | $19{ }^{-1}$ | $13 \overline{9} 1 / 2$ | 130 | $140^{-}$ |  |  | 110 |  | $104{ }^{10}$ |  |  |  |
| （ $6 \%$ prefer | ${ }_{1163} 116$ | 160 | 163 113 | 1770 | 156 | 168 | 1641／3 | $1121 / 2$ | 122 | ${ }_{1631}{ }^{161}$ | ${ }^{12} 515{ }^{3} 3$ | ${ }^{126}{ }^{-}$ |
| Pure $0116 \%$ p | 1161／2 | 1081／2 | 113 | ${ }_{89} 112^{1 / 2}$ | $1053 / 4$ | $1111 / 2$ | 110 89 | $1081 / 2$ | $1093 /$ | 109 | 103 153 | ${ }_{107}^{157 / 2}$ |
| Putnam ${ }^{8 \%}$ Preferr | 1124 | 107 | 111 | 108 | 103 | 106 | 89 | 81 103 | 841／2 | 761／2 | 65 <br> 86 | －67 |
| ${ }^{\text {Preferred－}}$ | $10^{24 / 2}$ | ${ }_{9}^{20}$ | ${ }_{95}^{22}$ | ${ }_{1001 / 2}$ | ${ }_{90}^{22}$ | 120 |  |  |  | 27 | 25 | ${ }_{27}$ |
| Richardson com | 158 | 131 | $1481 / 2$ | $1581 / 4$ | 90 | 158 | 116 |  | 1083／4 | 101 100 | 100 92 | 101 100 |
| Schacht Motor pre | 1003／4 | 100 | ${ }^{108} 8$ |  |  | －－－ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Seater |  | 88 210 |  |  |  |  | $19 \overline{5}^{-}$ | $16 \overline{5}^{-}$ | 191 |  |  |  |
| Standard Drug＂${ }^{\text {U }}$ | 244 24 63 | ${ }^{213}$ | ${ }^{213}$ |  | ${ }^{223} 5$ | ${ }^{23}$ | ${ }_{6}{ }^{-1}$ | 51 | 57 | 45 |  |  |
| U．Preferre | 63 105 | ${ }_{99}{ }^{31 / 4}$ | 44334 | 105 | $10011 / 2$ | $1021 / 4$ | 104034 | 100 | 103 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| U．S．Praying | 187 | 139 | ${ }_{178} 10$ | 1541／2 | $10791 / 2$ | 1431／4 | 720 | 1071／2 | $119{ }^{19}$ | 961／2 | 851／2 | 881／2 |
| Preferred | 95 | ${ }_{74} 7$ | 77 |  |  | 94 | 971 |  | ${ }_{96}^{681 / 2}$ |  |  |  |
| P．Sho | 100 | 91 | 92 | 1015 | 47\％ | 623／8 | 101／2 | 534 | 7 | 201／2 |  | 73／4 |
| Preferr | 561／4 | $423 / 2$ | 42 |  | 47 | $621 / 2$ |  | 47 | 52 | 97 | $581 / 2$ | 60 |
| Western Pap | 101 | 100 | 101 | ${ }^{38}{ }^{-1}$ | ${ }^{30}$ | $\overline{3} 2 \overline{1 / 4}$ | －－． |  | －－ |  |  |  |
| Western Pank |  | ${ }_{310} 271 / 2$ | $3281 / 2$ | $25_{59}{ }^{1 / 8}$ | 291 | 2911／8 |  |  |  | －－－ |  |  |
| itaker Pap Preferred | 56 | 43 | 50 | $1001 / 2$ | 431／2 | 1001／2 | ${ }_{57}^{21}$ | 161／2 | ${ }_{51} 5$ | $451 / 2$ | 40 | $40^{\circ}$ |
| ${ }_{8}^{\text {ritzer }} 7$ |  | 988 |  |  | 105 | 108 |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{551 / 2}$ |
| 8\％preferr | 1151／3／4． | 107 | 114.4 1069 | $108{ }^{109}$ | 104 102 | 1043／4 | 1093 1061 | 104 102 | $1051 / 2$ | 104 |  | $1011 / 4$ |
| ＊Old Stock． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 973／4 | 100 |

The volume of business as represented in dollars and cents on the Exchange during the first year of its existence 42 years ago，amounted to $\$ 1,000,000$ ，while the figures for 1926 show that the Exchange was a clearing house for approximately $\$ 100,000,000$ worth of securities．
The growth in the wealth of the people of Greater Cin－ cinnati is due，in no small measure，to the wide distribution of listed corporate securities among the public．In the progress of that distribution，by providing an open market where the public，through its brokers，is free to buy and sell under conditions of perfect equality，the Cincinnati Stock Exchange has played an important and indispensable part in the＂building up＂of the wealth in this community．
The majority of the listed securities during the year 1926 showed appreciation in market value，and trading has been of a very diversified character，with 118 separate issues of securities trading in it during the year；thereby outstripping that of any single year in the history of the organization．

The records show that 72 of the 118 various issues of securities traded in during the year were higher in prices than those that prevailed at the close of 1925．The year 1926 started with total shares traded in for the first six months exceptionally larger than the first six months of 1925．During the third quarter of 1926 there was a slight recession in the volume of shares traded in as contrasted with the third quarter of 1925 ．The market，however， during the last quarter of 1926 took on new life，and es－ pecially during the closing month of the year．
While the number of shares traded in during 1926 was not quite as large as in 1925，they were twice those of 1924. The number of individual transactions and small or odd lot purchases，during 1926，however，surpassed that of 1925 by a large margin．A greater amount of money，though，was involved in the shares traded in during 1926 than 1925 ， because of the materially higher prices that prevailed in

1926．A number of standard stocks also attained new highs， while other recorded rather spectacular rises．
Through the ever－increasing strict enforcement of the rules requiring corporations to furnish complete and detailed reports，greater safeguards are assured the investing public． The Cincinnati Stock Exchange is rapidly becoming an in－ strument for the prevention of losses growing out of inade－ quate information．

All previous year records were also broken for new listings on the Exchange during 1926．There were 15 corporations that listed their securities on the Exchange，or a total of 27 new listings during the past two years．

The new securities listed during 1926 aggregated 567，498 shares of common stock，having a market value of more than $\$ 13,000,000$ ；and 166,863 shares of pref．stk．，having a market value of close to $\$ 10,000,000$ ，as well as $\$ 1,500,000$ of notes．

Among the securities listed during the year 1926 were 40,000 shares of no par American Products Co．preference stock； 107,900 shares of no par value and 32,808 shares of $\$ 50$ par value of American Thermos Bottle Co．；234，916 shares of no par Cincinnati Car Co．；3，200 shares of $\$ 50$ par value Dixie Ice Cream Co．common； 15,000 shares of no par Giant Tire Co．common；100，000 shares of no par Jaeger Machine Co．common； 12,500 shares of $\$ 100$ par value first preferred，and 12,500 shares of $\$ 40$ par value par－ ticipating of E．Kahn Son＇s Co．；5，000 shares of $\$ 100$ par value Lake Shore Power Co．preferred；2，076 shares of $\$ 100$ par value Mead Pulp \＆Paper Co．preferred； 35,000 shares of no par common and 15,870 shares of $\$ 100$ par value preferred of Seaboard Oil Co．； 4,891 shares of $\$ 100$ par value common and 9,138 shares of $\$ 100$ par value of Vulcan Last Co．，and 1，471 shares of $\$ 100$ par value pre－ ferred and $\$ 1,500,000$ three－year $6 \%$ notes of the Schacht Motor Truck Co．and 197，500 shares of no par common stock of Hobart Manufacturing Co．and 4，000 shares of $\$ 100$ par value of Pearl－Market Bank．

## RECORD OF PRICES ON TOLEDO STOCKS FOR 1926.

There is no Stock Exchange in Toledo, but we have obtained from Bell \& Beckwith the following list of high and low prices for the calendar year 1926 on the stocks which are traded in more or less actively in the Toledo market. Important Toledo stocks, such as Owens Bottle, common, National Supply common and preferred, Willys-Overland common and preferred, and Electric Auto Lite are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and appear in our records regularly for the New York market. Libbey Owens Sheet Glass common is traded on the New York Curb, and appears in our regular records for that Exchange.


## Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE-COMMERCIAL EPITOME. Friday Night, Feb. 251927.
Trade in general is slow. Judging from present appearances the hopeful thing is the promise of an early spring. Everywhere the temperatures have been mild. In New York they have been as high as 56 degrees. But wholesale trade in the meantime is not satisfactory. For the most part it is in small lots to supply immediate needs. Retail trade is also slow, with the roads at the West in bad condition as a result of the relatively high temperatures and with the frost out of the ground in the Central West. Crude oil prices have been cut 15 to 25 cents or more with production unprecedentedly large and the demand none too active. Wheat and other grain have declined, with export trade in wheat as a rule only moderate and world's supplies ample for the present demand. Farmers evidently hold large supplies of wheat and Southwestern receipts have been on a liberal scale. The outlook for the winter wheat crop seems to be favorable and the world's shipments are very large and may soon prove more or less of a burden on European markets. Corn has declined as the country has sold freely and mild weather threatens to curtail feeding demand, while Indiana and Ohio offer cash corn at low prices.

With the weather unusually warm for this time of the year, the planting of corn has begun in Texas and winter wheat there is looking well. Some cotton has been planted in the far south of Texas. Rye has been in some demand for export at lower prices. Oats are down nearly to the lowest prices on the crop; seeding has already begun in the South and will be general in Kansas next week. The great event to-day in grain markets was naturally the vetoing of the McNary-Haugen bill by the President. The step had been discounted and prices advanced sharply. Govern-
ment restrictions on individual trading in wheat at Chicago seem likely to be rescinded except in cases of flagrant manipulation. Cotton has made a small net advance to the highest prices seen since Oct. 1 under the spur of an excellent demand for the actual cotton at the South and in Liverpool. At the South daily sales have been treble those of a year ago, and in Liverpool there has been the extraordinary record of sales of 18,000 bales day after day. Moreover, Manchester has been more active. The vetoing of the McNaryHaugen bill at first caused a small decline in cotton here to-day, but later came an advance. It was recognized that it opens the way for some decrease in the acreage as the signing of the bill would not. There is a good business in some descriptions of finished cotton goods, notably washed fabrics. Woolen and worsted suitings are $21 / 2$ to 5 cents a yard higher for the fall season, as compared with spring prices, but about $8 \%$ below those of a year ago. There is not much snap to the business in woolen goods. Cottons make a better showing. Rayon goods are active. Broad silks are in better demand for the spring and summer trade. Rubber has advanced with something of a squeeze in February in the middle of the week and London of late rising. Automobile production, though smaller than a year ago, has latterly been increasing. Building favored by mild weather shows more activity. The lumber output is large. The output of bituminous coal is also greater than a year ago. Whether there is to be a soft coal strike is still uncertain; not a few expect it. Dairy products are lower, and prices of eggs at some points are the lowest for 15 years. In some sections of the East jewelry business this month has been good; in others not so good. There is a fair business in furniture. The leather trade is slow. There is a large output of rubber tires. Steel is reported rather more active,
ut declines in prices have not ceased. Pig iron as a rule has shown no change in price, but some business in Buffalo is reported at as low as $\$ 1650$. Foundry coke is higher. The pig iron tariff has been advanced $50 \%$; not that it will keep out foreign iron, but it seems to be a sop to Cerberus. Coffee has risen in an evidently oversold market, and Brazilian prices were higher to-day. Sugar has advanced with a larger business for prompt delivery, while futures are also higher, though early in the week they were lower with rather heavy notices, amounting on Monday to 161 . But refiners bought heavily later in the week. Wool has been in only moderate demand, but Australian sales have shown fair results.

For several years past it has been apparent that new ways of doing business were in use in this country, namely a tendency to buy from hand-to-mouth. At the West the opinion is that this is likely to continue. Rapidity of transportation is one cause. The dealer is not obliged to carry large stocks and lock up considerable sums of money in the fear of slowness of delivery at a time when he may need the goods. In some branches of trade there are also frequent changes of style. There is also a fear of falling prices. One effect is to inculcate among retailers the necessity of a rapid turnover. Distribution costs are lessened speculation is reduced, and failures are obviated in times of dulness of trade. One noticeable result, however, is to shift the burden of financing to manufacturers. They in turn will have to consu $t$ their market and not over-produce. In short the hand-to-mouth buying in this country to all appearance has come to stay unless there should be a remarkable period of trade expansion of which there are at present no signs.

Stocks of late have been in the main firm, despite occasional setbacks and new high levels have been reached on various shares, regardless of the fact that money has latterly risen to $5 \%$. The sharp rise in General Motors has attracted attention among merchants. And the size of the trading on the New York Stock Exchange is remarkable, generally being above $2,000,000$ shares. A year ago they were also on a very large scale, approximating $2,500,000$ shares. Small wonder that money rates have advanced of late. In Wall Street the vetoing of the McNary-Haugen bill attracted comparatively little attention, but it had been regarded as a foregone conclusion. The general effect of the action was beneficial. Farm products generally advanced. The situation in China and Nicaragu has caused more or less comment. The coming crisis in China cannot be regarded with indifference, but it would be easy to magnify the significance of the sending of the warship to Nicaraguan waters by the British Government, even if it jars a little on American sensibilities. The United States Government will, naturally, see to it that the nationals of all countries are protected in Nicaragua just as it will firmly maintain American rights in China. Bonds were more active to-day, and the excellent demand for such securities for some time past is one of the signs of the times. London to-day was rather weak, with some stress on the success of the Socialists at an election. The vigorous arraignment of Russia and its machinations against other nations by Austin Chamberlain during the past week has very evidently stirred England and $\varepsilon$ roused eriticism there, though not many people will doubt that Mr . Chamberlain was perfectly right.

At Providence, R. I., the Warren Manufacturing Co. is having so good a business as to call for a night shift. For several months past the plant has run at $100 \%$ capacity with 1100 workers. It is a sign of the changing times that the Pacific Mills will extend its activities to the production of novelty wash goods of silk and cotton, rayon and cotton and sheer cotton fabrics. The stockholders of the Everett Mills after discussing the recommendation that $\$ 700,000$ new capital be raised, voted to refer the matter back to the directors for further consideration, and adjourned for a month. Treasurer McDuffle urges the mills be kept going as cotton prices are on a more stable as well as decidedly lower level and the mills are well located in Lawrence and are thoroughly up to date. The outlook is the best for some months, and more orders are coming in. Charlotte, N. C., wired that Gaston County mills within the past two weeks have booked orders for $3,100,000$ pounds of yarns. and the mills are generally sold ahead for 10 weeks. Prices advanced $1 / 2$ to 4 c . as spinners were unable to secure staple cotton except at higher prices. Carded yarn business was also reported large, although no figures were given. The price trend is still upward. Greenville, S. C., reports that an increase of night operations among the textile plants of the Piedmont section seems likely. The American Spinning Co. is now operating
about $25 \%$ of its equipment at night. The activity in rayon textiles is reacting favorably on cotton mills in the form of more frequent orders, especially for fancy decorated fabrics.

In a 60 to 80 mile gale accompanying a hail and snow storm great damage was done in New York and New Jersey on the 20th inst. It lasted 36 hours. Sea-shore resorts were flooded; at Coney Island the seas advanced more than a block inland; at Rockaway and Far Rockaway 450 ft . At Long Beach bungalows were swept away; railroad tracks were submerged. At the Battery a big tide flooded cellers. The Newark Meadows were flooded, threatening railroad travel. Staten Island was hard hit. The waves on some parts of Long Island and New Jersey coasts were 30 to 40 ft . high. Two thousand persons were driven from their homes and communities. Police, firemen and civilians rescued many persons. There was a 70 mile gale on the New England Coast and eight coast guards were lost as a patrol boat broke up. The storm ceased Sunday morning. The snow fall here was not heavy but with hail it made travel dangerous. In Pennsylvania and Ohio the fall was reported as 10 inches. The storm was general on the Coast from South Carolina to Maine and South Carolina had very heavy rains. It was pronounced the worst Atlantic gale in 20 years, causing many deaths and injuries. Property damage it was estimated will amount to millions especially at the beach resorts. Many ocean steamers were delayed. Eight thousand men cleared the streets here.
Of late the weather has been very mild and springlike. On the 24th inst. it was up to 56 degrees here; to-day it was 45. Chicago of late has had 52 degrees, Cincinnati 60, Cleveland 50, Milwaukee 48, Kansas City and Philadelphia 60, New Orleans 80, St. Paul 80. The prediction here is for rain and somewhat colder to-night and fair and colder on
Saturday. Saturday.
Colonel Leonard P. Ayres of Cleveland Trust Co. on Business Conditions-Contest Between Unfavorable Conditions and Stimulating Influence of Ample Credit Supply.
In depicting business conditions Colonel Leonard P , Ayres, Vice-President of the Cleveland Trust Co., of Cleve land, Ohio, in the company's "Bulletin" issued under date of Feb. 15, says:
A contest has been under way so far in 1927 between unfavorable condl-
tions tending to restrict general business activity, and the stimulating influences of an easy and ample credit supply tending to support trade and industry. It seems probable that the outcome will be decided in this month of February, and that it will constitute one more demonstration of the potency of an ample credit supply to sustain prosperity.
and fairly serious. The output of automobiles in December had numerous and fairly serious. The output of automobiles in December had fallen to a
point lower than any reached in December since the closing month of the point lower than any reached in December since the closing month of the
depression year of 1921. The January figures were better, but not at all depression year of 1921. The January figures were better, but not at all
good. Building construction has slowed dewn, and important authorities good. Building construction has slowed down, and important authorities
in the industry have issued warnings against overbuilding. Iron and steel production had declined in December so far that mills were operating at only about $70 \%$ of capacity. Moreover, the prices of their products were weaking. Agriculture was hard hit by over-production and falling prices. Stock market prices declined during most of January, and the insolvency record of the month was the highest since 1922.
apparent in January and February that coming into evidence it became apparent in January and February that there is now in this country an unprecedentedly great amount of money seeking investment. The prices of
bonds, preferred stocks, and investment bonds, preferred stocks, and investment common stocks have been rising proportions. Short-time interest rades have stendily declined. proporolins. short-time interest rates have steadily decimed. These dhe activity of general business. Some of the recent new bond issues are for refunding purposes, but many of them are for the purpose of securing funds with which to expand industrial and public utility facilities, and to construct municipal improvements. Much of the activity in the bond market now will have its effect in providing fincreased employment a little later on.
In the stock market prices have moved up and down in short waves without making real progress in either direction. Nevertheless, the fundamental trend for common stock prices appears to be in reality a rising one In the market as a whole the increases in dollar dividends week by week are greater and more numerous than the decreases, and at the same time the trend of bond prices is a rising one. If these conditions continue, as they promise to, they will before long result in stock prices seeking higher levels. and build not happen in the near future if developments in the automobio marked improvementes should keep on benta unfavorable, but inthey show advance would appear to be out of the way.
It was a month of vacillating stock price changes during which quotations alternately advanced and declined in relatively short movements, and with-
out finaly out finally getting far in either direction. It was a month, too, during which the market was pretty consistently under professional control. The 138 hourly records show that the price movement changed its direction no less
than 73 times, but most of these changes were mere ripples than 73 times, but most of these changes were mere ripples on the surface of some 16 larger movements of one, two, or three days' duration.

## January Building Operations Smaller According to <br> S. W. Straus \& Co.

That building operations throughout the country are now on a definite downward trend was again indicated in the building permit reports of 467 cities submitted to S . W. Straus \& Co. for January. These places showed a loss of
$29 \%$ from December, although the average decline from December to January since the war has been $17 \%$. As compared with the records of January last year there was a loss of more than $12 \%$. The volume of building plans filed and permits issued for the month was the smallest for any January since 1922. The January total for the 467 comparable cities was $\$ 239,595,374$, compared with $\$ 273,251,155$ in January 1926, and $\$ 338,014,852$ in December last. The report goes on to say:

It is interesting to note that the group of twenty-five cities which led the rest of the list in permits issued in January lost only $2 \%$ over January a year ago. The group consisting of the 442 remaining places lost $28 \%$. It enced throughout all the non-reporting cities and towns of the country nasmuch as the bulk of activities, with a few scattered exceptions, is takirg place in the larger centers. It is also important, in any consideration of the building trend, to note that January was the seventh consecutive month, since June 1926, that has shown a loss over the corresponding month of the previous year.

The January total of $\$ 168,233,718$, for the twenty-five leading cities, was nearly $25 \%$ below the total for the twenty-five leading cities in December last. There likewise developed a new ranking among the leaders, with Newark, N. J., taking third position, displacing Detroit, which had held ourth place for two years, in January dropped to tenth position.
Witbin the first group of twenty-five the fourteen cities with losses from January 1926, included: New York, with a loss of $\$ 7,560,041$; Detroit, \$2,857,213; San Francisco, \$1,606,549; Pittshurgh, \$424,552; Philadelphia, \$4,304,295; Honston, Texas, $\$ 296,227$; Washington, D. C., $\$ 823,225$;
 more, $\$ 55$ 5596,845.
Among important places not in the first group, but which reported heavy losses in January, were Indianapolis, St. Louis, Rochester, White Plains, N. Y., Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Youngstown, Ohio, Knoxville, Memphis, Dallas, ft. Worth, San Antonio, Tampa, Coral Gables, Atlanta, St. Petersburg and West Palm Beach.
The cities in the leading twenty-five group which reported substantial gains in January included: Ohicago with a gain of $\$ 3,370.500$; Newark, N. J., \$5,626,085; Los Angeles, \$1,156,497; Portland, Ore., \$1.516,950; Flint, Mich., $\$ 1,874,367$, and Akron, Ohio, $\$ 2,121,248$. There were also Flint, Mich., $\$ 1,874,367$, and Akron, Ohio
small gains in Cincinnati and Birmingham.

## Building Materials.

The normal building slump togecher with other disturbing factors tended to make the material market for the first month of the year weaker than it had been for some time. For the most part prices either declined or remained constant. Whatever few price inc the minor construction materials.
Of the primary building materials, lumber prices after a year of weakness were the most steady. This, no doubt, was due to the curtailment in production. Common brick prices for January did not show many changes. The outlook, however, for this material is rather uncertain. Employee epresentatives have served notice to the eastern brick manufacturers that the barge captains will strike on March 1st unless they receive their wage demand of $\$ 7$ a day. In addition to the domestic difficulty the importation of foreign brick has caused some little axniety. It is said that the Belgian reighters transport some $2,000.000$ bricks to this country on each trip.
The other two maior building materials, Portland cement and structural steel, experienced considerable weakness during January. Price declines in Portland cement were nationwide and decided reductions were reported in New York, Chicago, Pttsburgh, Duluth, Feorin. Davenport, . 100 . . the 81.9 75 c.
The downward readjustments in both plate and window glass failed to timulate buying. There has been a reduction in plate glass production coupled with a $10 \%$ cut in price
TWENTY-FIVE CITIES REPORTING LARGEST VOLUME OF PERMITS



| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } 1926 . \\ & \$ 80,546,457 \end{aligned}$ | Jan. 19 $\$ 69,48$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 18,502,600 | 21,00 |
| 2,503,771 | 1,6 |
| 6,973,252 | 11,1 |
| 10,498,546 | 9,4 |
| 5,153,504 | 3,4 |
| 1,985,660 | 2,9 |
| 1,414,574 | 1,9 |
| 3,792,755 | 3,2 |
| 7,558,520 | 6,5 |
| 3,509,543 | 1,2 |
| 1,015,075 | 1,4 |
| 3,728,980 | 4,2 |
| 938,065 |  |
| 463,174 | 1.0 |
| 5,003,660 | 2,7 |
| 3,249,046 | 3.5 |
| 2,895.253 | 2,8 |
| 164.903 |  |
| 1,155,030 | 1,3 |
| 1,252,826 | , 7 |
| 2,253,900 | 2,0 |
| 2,822,800 | 3,4 |
| 3,431,350 | 1,0 |
| 2,035,630 | 1.1 |
| 8172,849,774 | 5 |

increase of 46,868 cars over the same week last year and of 47,678 cars above the corresponding week in 1925. Other particulars follow:
Grain and grain products loading totaled 42.664 cars, a decrease of 994 cars under the corresponding week last year but 1,243 cars above the same week in 1925. In the western districts, grain and grain products loading totaled 26,677 cars, a decrease of 923 cars under the same week last year. cars above the same week last year and 12.538 cars above the corresponding week two years ago.
Live stock loading amounted to 28.145 cars, a decrease of 1,624 cars below the same week last year and 2,356 cars below the corresponding week in 1925. In the western districts alone, live stock loading totaled 21,002 cars, a decrease of 1,559 cars below the same week last year.
Loading of merchandise and less than carioad lot frieght for the week totaled 257,816 cars, an increase of 9,972 cars over the corres
Forest produts cars above the same week two 121 cars below the asme Foek last year and 8,530 cars under the same week in 1925 .
Ore loading amounted to 11,091 cars, 1,068 cars above the corresponding week in 1926 and 29 cars above the same week two years ago.
Coke loading totaled 12,460 cars, a decrease of 6,423 cars under the same week last year and 858 cars below the same week two years ago.
All districts except the Northwestern and Southwestern showed increases in the total loading of all commodities compared with the corresponding veek in 1926 while all stigs shed in cases orer mith the 1025. Loading or

Five weeks in January -
Week ended Feb. 5...

| 1927. | 1926. |
| :---: | :---: |
| $4,524,749$ | $4,428.256$ |
| 970.892 | 914,491 |
| 968,317 | 917,625 |

1925. 

$970.892 \quad 914,491$
4,456,949
eek ended Feb. 12-.................
Total
6,463,958
6,260,372
6,290,014

## Life Insurance Sales in Canada-January Sales 9\%

 Higher than Last Year.The production of ordinary life insurance in Canada was $9 \%$ greater in January this year than in January, 1926, according to a report just published by the Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau of Hartford, Connecticut. The Bureau says:
During the month, $\$ 36,986,000$ of new business was paid for by companies having in force $84 \%$ of the total outstanding business in Canada. This is an increase of $\$ 3,079,000$ over the sales of last January. The report includes the production of new paid-for business, exclusive of revivals, increases,
insurance.
The records in the different provinces vary widely. Nova Scotia and Quebec lead with increases of $49 \%$ and $22 \%$ respectively. Ontario gained $12 \%$ over last January
Quebec leads the Canadian cities in its very high menthly gain of $102 \%$. Vancouver shows an increase of $88 \%$, and all the cities show gains of at least $23 \%$.
The average increase in Canada as a whole in the twelve months ended Jan. 311927 over the preceding twelve months is $11 \%$. Every province Quebec and Saskatchewan increased $19 \%$ in the twelve-month period.

## Course of Retail Food Prices in January.

The retail food index issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor shows for Jan. 151927 a decrease of $11 / 2 \%$ since Dec. 15 1926; a decrease of $3 \%$ since Jan. 15 1926, and an increase of a little more than $62 \%$ since Jan. 15 1913. The index number $(1913=100.0)$ was 164.3 in January $1926 ; 161.8$ in December 1926, and 159.3 in January 1927. The Bureau under date of Feb. 19 adds:
During the month from Dec. 151926 to Jan. 15 1927, 21 articles on which monthly prices were secured decreased as follows: Strictly fresh eggs. $14 \%$; oranges, $5 \%$; storage eggs, $4 \%$; pork chops, butter, oleomargarine. lard and rice, $2 \%$; bacon, ham, leg of lamb, canned red salmon, fresh milk. navy beans, canned corn, canned peas, coffee, prunes and bananas, $1 \%$; and vegetable lard substitute and macaroni, less than 5 -10ths of $1 \%$. Ten articles increased: Cabbage, $12 \%$; onions, $10 \%$, hens and granulated sugar, $3 \%$; plate beef, cheese and tea, $1 \%$; and sirloin steak, rib roast and wheat cereal, less than $5-10$ ths of $1 \%$. The following twelve articles showed no
change: Round steak, chuck roast, evaporated milk, bread, flour, cornchange: Round steak, chuck roast, evaporated milk, bread, flour, cornmeal, ro
raisins.

Changes in Retail Prices of Food by Cities.
During the month from Dec. 151926 to Jan. 151927 the average cost of food decreased in all of the 51 cities as follows: Fall River and New York, $3 \%$; Boston, Bridzeport, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Denver, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Louisville, Milwaukee, Mobile, Newark, New Haven, Omaha, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Portland, Me., Portland, Ore., Providence, Rochester, St. Louis, St. Paul, Salt Lake City, Springfield, III., and Washington, $2 \%$; Baltimore, Birmingham. Butte Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Kansas City, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Manchester, Minneapolis, New Orleans, Norfolk, Peoria, Richmond. San Franclsco.
Savannah and Scranton, 1\%, and Atlanta, Charleston, S. C., Mempnis Savannah and Scranton, $1 \%$; and Atl
and Seattle, less than $5-10$ ths of $1 \%$.
and seattle, less than 5 -10ths of $1 \%$.
For the year period Jan. 151926 to Jan. 15 1927, all cities showed docreases: Jacksonville, 7\%; Detroit, Minneapolis, Omaha, Providence, Richmond and Rochester, $2 \%$; Boston, Fall River, Houston, Indianapolis, Kansas Cly, Louisvile, Memphis and St. Cincinnati, Columbus, Dallas, Bridgeport, Buffalo, Charleston, s. C., Cincinnati, Columbus, Dallas, Manchester, Newark, New Haven, Now Orieans, Chicago, Oleveland, Denver, Peoria, Philadelphia Pitt, Seattle, Springfield, iil , Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Mobile, Norfolk and Salt Lake City, $1 \%$.
As compared with the average cost in the year 1913, food on Jan. 151927 was $72 \%$ higher in Chicago; $68 \%$ in Washington; $67 \%$ in Baltimore, Birmingham, Detroit and Richmond; $66 \%$ in Buffalo and Scranton; $65 \%$ in mingham, Detroit and Richmond; $66 \%$ in Burna and Pittsburgh; $63 \%$ in

St ${ }^{*}$ Louis; $62 \%$ in New York; $61 \%$ in Milwaukee and New Haven; $60 \%$ in Boston and Cincinnati; $59 \%$ in Cleveland; $58 \%$ in Fall River and Proviand Omaha. $55 \%$ in Dallas, Indianapolis, Kansas City and Louisville: $53 \%$ in Little Rock and San Erancisco. $52 \%$ in Newark; $50 \%$ in Memphis; $47 \%$ in Los Angeles and Seattle; $44 \%$ in Denver; $39 \%$ in Portland, Ore., and $35 \%$ in Salt Lake City. Prices were not obtained in Bridgeport, Butte, Culumbus, Houston, Mobile. Norfolk, Peoria, Portland, Me., Rochester, St. Paul, Savannah and Springfield, III., in 1913, hence no comparison for the 14 -year period can be given for these cities.

## Federal Reserve Boards New Index of Industrial

 Production.In its February "Bulletin" the Federal Reserve Board presents for the first time its new index of industrial production which, the Board notes, is broader in scope than the index of production in basic industries which it supersedes. Charts and tables are supplied by the Board in its presentation of statistics, and we reproduce here the Board's article on the subject, omitting only the charts which it submitted:
For the past four years the Federal Reserve Board has compiled and published currently an index of production in basic industries, which has served as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of the country's in infial and mineral oupu. with which it becomes available has made it possible for the board to conmore index of industrial production. The new index, which is presented in detail for the first time in this article, is broader in scope than the index of production in basic industries, which it supersedes, and the methods of its construction have been improved in many respects on the basis of experience

Scope of the Index.
The index of industrial production is made up of two component indexes, one of manufactures and the other of minerals, and represents directly and ndirectly nearly $80 \%$ of the total industrial production of the United States. as compared with the old index of production in basic industries, is indieated by the fact that it is derived from 60 individual series, measuring pro duction in about 35 industries, and indirectly representing production in many more, while the old index included 22 series, measuring prodnction in about 20 industries. The principal additional industries included in the new index are motor vehicles, petroleum products, rubber tires, plate glass, and boots and shoes. The importance of these industries, with the exception of boots and shoes, has grown in recent years, and this has made their inclusion in a current index of production increasingly desirable.

## Base Period.

The base of the new index number is the daily average production during the three years 1923, 1924 and 1925, while the base of the old index was the monthly average for the year 1919. Use of a more recent period as a base industries for which reliable statistics permitting inclusion in the index of industries for which reliable statistics have only recently become available, and a three year a bives a broader base

Daily Average Output.
A distinctive characteristic of the new index number is that it is based on figures representing average output per working day, instead of total production during the calendar month, and is thus not influenced by changes in the number of Sundays and holidays from one month to another. The number of working days in each industry has been arrived at through a special inquiry conducted jointly by representatives of the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce and the Federal Reserve Board, which obtained from trade associations, large companies, and other agencies and individuals in the various industries information regarding the extent of the practice of closing on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

## Charts and Tables.

The course of industrial production during the last eight years, as shown by the new index, is given on the accompanying chart, and the more important facts brought out by it during recent years are discussed in the "Review of the Month." Another chart shows separately the movement the figures which underlie the charts. Tables are also given which show annual indexes for each industrial group and relatives for the individual series from 1919 through 1926. Corresponding monthly figures, adjusted for seasonal variations, will be published in a subsequent issued of the "Bulletin," together with a full description of the statistical data and methods employed in their computation.

TABLE I-INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION.
[Adjusted for seasonal variations. $1923-1925$ average $=100$.]

| Months. | 1919. | 1920. | 1921. | 1922. | 1923. | 1924. |  | 1926. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 83 | 95 | 67 | 74 | 100 | 98 | 105 | 106 |
| February | 80 | 95 | 66 | 76 | 100 | 102 | 105 | 107 |
| March | 77 | 94 | 65 | 81 | 104 | 101 | 105 | 108 |
| April | 78 | 88 | 65 | 77 | 107 | 95 | 103 | 108 |
| May | 77 | 90 | 66 | 81 | 107 | 89 | 103 | 107 |
|  | 83 | 90 | 65 | 85 | 105 | 85 | 101 | 107 |
| July | 87 | 88 | 64 | 84 | 103 | 83 | 103 | 107 |
| August | 89 | 88 | 66 | 83 | 102 | 89 | 103 | 111 |
| Septemb | 87 | 85 | 67 | 88 | 100 | 94 | 102 | 113 |
| October. | 86 | 82 | 71 | 94 | 99 | 95 | 105 | 111 |
| Novemb | 85 | 75 | 71 | 97 | 97 | 97 | 106 | 108 |
| December | 85 | 70 | 70 | 100 | 96 | 100 | 108 | 105 |
| Annual index. | 83 | 87 | 67 | 85 | 101 | 95 | 104 | 108 |

TABLE II-INDEX OF PRODUCTION OF MANUFACTURE
[Adjusted for seasonal variations. 1923 -1925 average $=100$.

| Months. | 1919. | 1920. | 1921. | 1922. | $1923 .$ | $1924 .$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Wisg } \\ & 1925 . \end{aligned}$ | 1926. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 84 | 96 | 65 | 73 | 100 | 99 | 105 | 108 |
| February | 81 | 97 | 84 | 75 | 100 | 102 | 106 | 109 |
| March_ | 78 | 95 | 63 | 78 | 103 | 101 | 106 | 108 |
| April. | 79 | 89 | 63 | 81 | 106 | 95 | 103 | 108 |
| May | 78 | 91 | 65 | 86 | 107 | 88 | 103 | 107 |
| June | 84 | 90 | 64 | 90 | 104 | 83 | 101 | 107 |
| July-- | 88 | 88 | 64 | 89 | 102 | 82 | 103 | 107 |
| August | 90 | 88 | 66 | 87 | 101 | 89 | 103 | 112 |
| September | 87 | 85 | 67 | 89 | 101 | 94 | 104 | 113 |
| October | 86 | 80 | 71 | 94 | 98 | 95 | 107 | 111 |
| November | 89 | 72 | 72 | 98 | 96 | 97 | 108 | 106 |
| December | 87 | 67 | 70 | 100 | 95 | 101 | 110 | 103 |
| Annual index | 84 | 87 | 67 | 87 | 101 | 94 | 105 | 108 |

TABLE III-INDEX OF PRODUCTION OF MINERALS.
[Adjusted for seasonal variatlons. 1923 -1925 average $=100$. .

| Months. | 1919. | 1920. | 1921. | 1922. | 1923. | 1924. | 1925. | 1926. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |



| 78 | 85 | 80 | 76 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | 89 |  |
| 68 | 84 | 77 | 87 |
| 73 | 89 | 74 | 97 |
| 75 | 83 | 73 | 53 |
| 78 | 85 | 74 | 53 |
| 82 | 90 | 71 | 58 |
| 79 | 89 | 67 | 56 |
| 85 | 92 | 69 | 62 |
| 88 | 85 | 68 | 82 |
| 61 | 91 | 73 | 92 |
| 74 | 92 | 67 | 94 |
| 77 | 89 | 67 | 99 |
|  |  | 70 | 74 |

Annual index_nN:
TABLE IV-ANNUAL INDEXES OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, BY
GROUPS, INDUSTRIES AND PRODUCTS.

## Groups, Industries an Products. $\frac{\text { Groups, Industr }}{\text { Products. }}$

 Iron and steel.Pig iron.-.-
Steel ingots.
Textiles Textiles
Cotton $\qquad$
Carpet \& rug loom silk activity
DeliveriesFood products Food products--...-.
Slaghtering and meat
packing......... packing
Hogs
Cottl CattleShe
Fheur Flour
Sugar meltings.-.-. Sugar meltings-..-
Paper and printing-
Woodpulp and pap Newsprint--
$\qquad$
Frapping paper Praper board Wood poulp, ma Wood pulp, chemi Woodp
Paper box Paper
Newsprin
Lumber Lumber-............ Flooring
Transportation equipm Transportation equip
Automobiles......
Locomotives. Shipbuilding-....-. Leather and products Leather, tanning Upper leathe Catt and Cala and kip Boots and shoes....
Stone, clay and glass. Cement_-......... Brick-Face brick-
Paving brick.Plate glass..Nonferrous metals.....................
Copper.........
Lead Lead
Zinc
TinChemicals and allied
 Gasoline-.Kerosene.
Fuel oil
$\qquad$ Coke production By-product Rubber tires and tubes Tires, pneumatic.Inner tubes... Tobace
Cligars

## Cigarettesu-- Manufactured

and snuff

## Fuels



Cimbined manufactures
and minerals
*Annual totals; not available monthly.
TABLE V-DATA USED IN INDEX OF MINERALS

| Minerals. | Sertes | Relative Magnitude (\%)* | Source. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bituminous coal. | Mine productl | 35.9 | Bureau of Mines. |
| Anthracite coal. | Dellveries to pipe lines | 13.0 32.6 |  |
| Iron ore-.--- | Shlpments of ore through | 5.5 | Lake Superior Ir |
| Copper | upper Great Lakes ports | 6.5 | Ore Assoclation. |
|  |  |  | Metal Statistics. |
| Lead. | Crude-lead production. | 2.8 |  |
| Zinc | Slab-zinc production | 2.2 | Amer. Zinc Institute. |
| Silv | Mine production. | 1.5 | American Bureau of Metal Statistics. |

TABLE VI-DATA USED IN INDEX OF MANUFACTURES

| Groups and Industries. | Series $\quad$$R$  <br>   <br> $N$  <br> $n$  <br> (  | Rela- <br> tive <br> Mag- <br> nitude <br> (\%)* | Source. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Iron and steel and their products. <br> Blast furnaces | Pig-iron production. Steel-ingots production. | $\begin{aligned} & 23.0 \\ & 2.2 \\ & 20.8 \end{aligned}$ | Iron Age. <br> American Iron and Steel Institute. |
| Steel works and roling mills and other products. <br> Textiles and their products <br> Cotton goods. |  |  |  |
|  | Mill consumption of raw cotton. | 20.5 | ureau of Cen |
| Woolen \& worsted goods ${ }_{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |
|  | Mili consumption of raw | 3.5 |  |
|  | Percentage of loom and spindle hours active. | 2.0 | Do. |
|  | Percentage of carpet and rug loom hours active. | 1.3 | Do. |
| Silk manufactures....- | Deliveries of raw silk to mills. <br> Percentage of looms active | 3.5 2.3 1.2 | Silk Association of America. Do. |
| Food and kindred products Slaughtering and meat packing. <br> Flour-mills products |  | 10.1 |  |
|  |  | ${ }_{3.7}^{6.2}$ | Bureau of Animal Industry. |
|  | Cattle slaughtered under | 2.1 |  |
|  | Calves slaughtered | . 2 |  |
|  | Federal inspection | . 2 | Do. |
|  | Federal inspection | 2.4 | 's |
| Sugar refining.-.-.-.-- | Meltings of raw cane sugar | 1.5 | News. <br> Willet and Grey's Journal and Survey of Current Businese |
| Paper and printing .-....wood pulp and paper.- |  | $\begin{array}{r} 11.2 \\ 8.2 \end{array}$ |  |
|  | Newsprint production...- | $1.1$ | Federal Trade Commission, American Pulp \& Paper Manufacturers Assn., and Survey of Current |
|  |  | ${ }_{1}^{2.0}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Business. } \\ \text { Do. } \\ \text { Do. } \end{gathered}$ |
|  | Book-paper production.-. Wrapping-paper produc- tion. | 1.3 | Do. |
|  | Fine-paper production.-- | 1.0 1.8 | Do. |
|  | Mechanical-pulp prod | 1.8 | D |
|  | Chemical-pulp production | . 8 | Do. |
|  | Production of paper-board shipping boxes, in sq. ft. |  | Survey of Current Business. |
| Newspaper publishing. | Newsprint consumption.. | 2.4 | Federal Trade Com- mission and Ameri- can Newspaper Pub- lishers' Assoclation. |
| Lumber \& allied products_ Lumber and timber products. <br> Flooring |  | 9.9 |  |
|  | Lumber production.-..--- | 9.1 .8 | Survey of Current Business. Do. |
|  | Oak and maple flooring production. |  |  |
| Transportation equipment Motor vehicles, includ-ing bodies and parts. Locomotives | Production of automobile | e <br> 6.7 <br> 6.0 | D, |
|  |  | - 6.0 |  |
|  | Locomotives completed.Vessels built | ${ }_{4}^{4}$ |  |
| Leather \&its manufactures Leather, tanned, curried and finished. |  | - $\begin{aligned} & 4.0 \\ & 1.6\end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | Sole-ieather production-- |  | Bureau of Census. |
|  | Upper-leather production- | . ${ }^{6}$ |  |
|  | Calf and kip. | ${ }^{3}$ | Do. |
| Boots and | (todut and kid boots and | d ${ }^{.3} 4$ | $\xrightarrow{\text { Do. }}$ |
| Stone, clay and glass prodproducts. Cement <br> Clay products.........- |  |  |  |
|  | Cement production. | 1.3 | Bureau of Mines. American Face Brick Association. |
|  |  | 1.3 |  |
|  | Face-brick production .-Paving-brick production | - $\begin{array}{r}.9 \\ .4\end{array}$ | American Paving Brick Association. Survey of Current Business. |
|  | Plateglass production.-- | 1.3 |  |
| Metals and metal products, other than iron and steel-...-. |  | - 4.0 |  |
|  | - Blister-copper production. | 2.2 | American Bureau of Metal Statistics. Do. |
|  | Slab-zine production | . 7 | Amer. Zinc Institufe. |
|  | Deliverles from port ware houses. | - | New York Metal Exchange. |
| Chemicals and allied prod-ucts....-.-.-.Petroleum refining...- |  | 3.8 1.9 |  |
|  | Gasoline production | 1.0 | Bureau of Mines. <br> Do. <br> Do. <br> Do. |
|  | Kerosene production. Fuel-oil production. | . 2 |  |
|  | Lubricating-oil productio | . 3 |  |
|  | By-product coke produc tlon. Beehive-coke production. | - $\begin{aligned} & 1.9 \\ & 1.7\end{aligned}$ | Do. <br> Do. |
|  |  | - 1.6 |  |
| Rubber products. Rubber tires and inner tubes. | $\begin{array}{l\|l} \text { er } & \text { Pneumatic-tire production } \\ \text { Inner tube production.... } \end{array}$ |  | Rubber Association of Amerlca. Do. |
| Tobacco manufactures.-- <br> Cigarettes | Number upon which taxes were paid. do <br> Amount upon which taxe were pald. | 1.1  <br> .6  <br> $e 8$ .4 | Bureau of Internal Revenue. Do. Do. |
|  |  |  |  |
| Chewing and smoking and snuff. |  |  |  |

certainty and hesitancy in mercantile transactions which sometimes wait upon the late pronouncement of government fiscal policy." Regarding the budget the bank says:
The outstanding feature of the Budget is that the government has given the public the benefit of mounting revenues by further steps in the removal of restrictions upon business, and has announced the following reductions in taxation:
Sales tax cut by $20 \%$, i. e. rate reduced from 5 to $4 \%$, effective
Feb. 18 . Feb. 18.
Income tax cut by $10 \%$ all round. Applicable to this year's assessments.
Stamp tax-exemption increased from $\$ 5$ to $\$ 10$. All checks, etc., over $\$ 10$ bear flat rate of 2 cents, effective July 1.

Stamp tax on overdrafts and advances abolished, effective July 1.
Excise tax on matches cut by $25 \%$, effective July 1.
As to domestic trade and foreign trade returns the bank states:
Domestic trade, taking seasonal fluctuations into consideration, continues buoyant, being largely helped by many new industrial projects which are attracting increasing investments of foreign capital. These include particularly water-power developments on a gigantic scals, with contingent industries for the use of the energy thus made available. The
buoyancy in trade is reflected in railway traffic, which for the month of buoyancy in trade is reflected in railway traffic, which for the month of
January revealed a gain of 20,063 loaded cars over the corresponding five January revealed a gain of 20,063 loaded cars over the corresponding five weeks of 1926, and in bank debits, which total $\$ 2,618,00,000$, as compared with $\$ 2,368,000,000$ in January, 1926 . Despite the fears of over-
production, the newsprint industry continues to show gains, the output of Canadian mills for the month of January being up $16 \%$ from the figure of January of last year. It remains to be seen what significance, if any, of January of last year. It remains to be seen what significance, if any,
attaches to the fact that shipments proportionate to capacity, both from United States and Canadian mills, reveal a moderate falling off, shipUnited States and Canadian mills, reveal a moderate fanco Canadian mills for January amounting to $87.3 \%$ of average ments from Canadian mills for January amounting in fanuary, 1926. Foreign trade returns continue favorable, the aggregate commerce of Canada in January having been eight and a half millions in excess of that of the corresponding month last year, while in the ten months to Jan. 31 the increase was $\$ 42,685,000$. The tendency towards a closer parity of imports and exports, however, persists, the former having grown while the latter shrank in January, and for the last ten months imports have had a value greater by $\$ 90,000,000$ and exports a value less by $\$ 47,000,000$ than in the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year. The favorable balance of trade has thus been diminished by $\$ 137,000,000$, and this downward trend is likely to continue until the opening of navigation. It is anticipated by the Minister of Finance that at the close of the fiscal year the favorable trade balance may approximate $\$ 250,000,000$. From the farm there have been smaller shipments of cereals, animals and dairy products during the last ten months, but the aggregate of these remains large enough to maintain a substantial favorable foreign trade balance, and it is noteworthy that on Feb. 12 of this year the visible supply of wheat in Canada was only $3,600,000$ bushels less than a year ago, a decrease of little more than $4 \%$.

## Industrial Conditions in Illinois During January- <br> Number of Employed Lower Than That in Any January in Past Five Years.

According to the Bureau of Industrial Accident and Labor Research of the Illinois Department of Labor the ranks of the unemployed in Illinois were swelled in January by a further decrease of $1.9 \%$ in the numbers of workers on factory payrolls during the month. This decrease followed declines in the three previous months, so that the level of industrial operations is now $5.1 \%$ below that of September last year.

The Bureau's review of the industrial situation in Illinois, made public Feb. 13, goes on to say :
This decrease, which is indicated in signed reports of Ilinois manufacturers who had 270,000 workers, on their payrolls in January, can not be considered a mere seasonal fluctuation. In only one other year out of the past five years has there been a decrease of this size in the December to January figures. That was in 1923-24. In 1922;23 the decrease was smaller, in 1924-25 there was an increase, and a year ago there was no change.
On the contrary, this four-month decline means that there were fewer men at work in Illinois factories in January 1927 than in any January in the past five years. Index numbers of employment prepared by the Bureau of Industrial Accident and Labor Research are based on the average number of workers on payrolls during the year, 1922. On that basis the index number for January of this year is 97.8 , which is $2.2 \%$ below the average in 1922. With the exception of the last six months of 1924 the current month's index sho
month since April 1922.
month since April 1922. At the free employment offices of the State, a large surplus of workers is also evident. The ratio of applicants to the number of jobs available 123 persons who applied at the tember. In that month there were onit 123 persons who applied at the combined orfices for every 100 calls to help by employens 155 and in Janury it 127 , which is the 14, in Dise 1922 highest 232. The most severe situation was in Ohicago, where, with a ratio of 290, there were nearly 3 applicants for every job open
The January decrease is December decrease. In the apparently not so general downstatieipal cities, December decrease. In that month only one of In January there was Peoria, Joliet Peoria Quile Joliet, Peoria, Quiny Rockford and Springfield. curred in four ince there ines oducts and furs and leather goods, chemials goods, textiles and clothing.
Coal mining, which has been running at top speed for the past few that sine Sol illinois mines have been reoped after months of inactivity. During January, however, this movement seems to have run its course and a tendency to reversal appeark. One

Large mine employing over 800 men which was opened up in October was again closed in January. Present indications
follow this example within the next few weeks.
Unemployment will certainly be relieved to some extent when warmer weather arrives, permitting greater activity in farming and construction present tendency in manufacturing upward. For the metal, machinery and conveyances firms showed a decine in employment, the decrease of $2 \%$ recorded this
month being larger than that of either November or December. An even month being larger than that of either November or December. An even
larger decrease for the group was averted by substantial additions in the sheet metal work and hardware industries, where a rise of $4 \%$ occurred. locomotives, an industry which has shown decreased employment in every month since July, has apparently reached a turning point, January registering a gain of $1.2 \%$. The industry is still slightly below its stage of activity in January 1926, however. The decline in automobiles and acesas opposed to $12.2 \%$ last month. The instrument and appliance industry, which was the only one to show an increase in December, suffered a sub. stantial drop of $8.4 \%$ in January, which places employment $18 \%$ below the level of January 1926.
Another sharp drop occurred in the number of men employed in the manufacture of stone, clay and giass products. For the second successive month the group registers the heaviest decline of any of the nine major groups. The decline of $7.1 \%$ in January places employment in the indus-
try $3.9 \%$ lower than in January 1926. Losses were registered in all industries, the most severe being those in miscellaneous minerals. Some variation appears, however, in the rate of change. Brick, tile and pottery firms showed a much greater decline in January than in December, while in the lime, cement and plaster classification the decrease was only $1.2 \%$ compared to a loss of $5.6 \%$ in December.
Another substantial decline cecurred in the wood products group, amounting to $5 \%$ from December to January. Employment in this group thus reaches a level $9.2 \%$ below that of November. The decreases are larger than in December in all industries of the group but one-household furise of one-half of one per cent in January. Saw mills and planing mills and firms manufacturing miscellaneous wood products made the heaviest cuts during the month. January employment is $5.2 \%$ below that of January 1926.
Firms in the fur and leather goods group continued the expansion begun in December by adding during January $1.4 \%$ as many workers as were employed in the former month. Within the group two industries
showed moderate advances and two rather large percentage declines. The leather, and boot and shoe firms bulk large in the total employment of the group, however, and since the increases occurred in those industries the whole group registered an advance. The approaching Spring brought another sharp decline of $29.2 \%$ in furs and fur goods. Employment in the group as a whole was $1.4 \%$ below January 1926.
Chemicals, oils and paints was one of the groups of industries to show an advance. The increase of $1.9 \%$ was the largest exhibited by any one of the five major groupings that registered increases. This group, furthermore, was the only one in which each separate industry showed an sdvance. Most marked increases were among firms manufacturing drugs
and chemicals. The advance of $4.8 \%$ in this industry more than offset and chemicals. The adva
the December loss of $2 \%$.
the December loss of $2 \%$. printing and paper goods firms of Illinois held almost level in January, with a gain of only one-tenth of $1 \%$ over the previous month. Job printing was the only one of the five industries in the group to show a gain, but the size of this industry brought a net gain to the whole group. Edition bookbinct well below its pre-holiday atatus. loss in Miscellaneous paper goods
The textile industry in January resumed the steady upward trend in employment which has continued snce last June except for the December decrease of $3.7 \%$. The January gain was only two-tenths of $1 \%$, however, so that further recovery must occur to put the group on as favorable a basis as it enjoyed last Fall. Knit goods and hosiery, and thread and moon moolen goods industry showed a derecovered ground, while the cotton and
Five of the eight industries represented in the clothing group showed inoreases from December to January. Outstanding among these were womens clothing and women's hats, where there were increases of $11.8 \%$ and $0.6 \%$ respeoter clothing employment now stands $21 \%$ higher than a year go and women's hats is seven and nine-tenths per cent higher, while in ago and womens hap as a whole employment is $6.3 \%$ less than January 1926. On the basis of a 1022 serage the index number for January in clothing on 68 . An important decrease occurred in men's furnishings, as was the case in December. For the group as a whole there was an increase of eight-tenths of $1 \%$ in January over December.
January showed a continuation of the decline in food beverages and tobacco which began in October. The decrease of $3.3 \%$ was also considerably larger than that which occurred in December. However, there were only two industries that escaped the loss in December while there were three in January that showed a rise. These were confectionery, beverages, and manufactured ice. The latter industry recorded a decrease of $10.2 \%$ in December. Slaughterng and meat paciing, which showed a December pickup of $1.7 \%$, lost ground in January to the extent of $4.1 \%$. The

## The following is the analysis by cities:

uroora.-Reports from 19 firms indicate a practical maintenance of Deember manufacturing employment at Aurora, the decrease amounting to 2 of $1 \%$ in the total number on the payrolls. Lowered production during inventory taking in several firms was the principal cause of the decrease of $33.5 \%$ in total wages paid. Clothing and textile factories held up well, with slight ncreases in most cases, while considerable decrease in one metal goods firm was almost compensated for by increases in others of that group. A surplus of farm labor, together with weather conditions that in construction due to the weather and other factors have raised the ratio of applicants to jobs at the free employment office to the high figure of 193. The December ratio was 169. The total value of building permits for January was $\$ 84,095$, which . Work on a new $\$ 950,000$ hotel, included over the January 1926 figure. Work on
in the December permits, has been begun. a clothing factory which was Bloomington. - Resumption of work and added forces by a confectionery firm enabled closed in December and ado its employment losses suffered at the close Bloomington to recoup some of its enplon employment losses suffered at the
close of 1926. These gains offset losses in the metal group and increased the total number of industrial workers $7.2 \%$ over December. The gains in employment were not quite sufficient to make up for December losses and the total figure is below that of last November. Total earnings, on the other hand, are now slightly larger than in November. Outdoor work,
both in farming and construction, has been somewhat delayed by the both in farming and construction, has been somewhat delayed by the weather and these occupations should take care of some of the surplus labor when Spring weather arrives. That there is surpius of labor is evidenced
 January was 127 as against 116 in December. Building permits, which $\$ 13,000$. This figure may be compared with $\$ 140,900$ in December and $\$ 86,500$ in January a year ago.
Chicago.-For the fourth successive month, manufacturing employment in Chicago was on the decrease, 578 firms reporting a reducton of $1.3 \%$ from December to January. This decrease is exactly the same as that which occurred from November to December, but follows somewhat differnt industrial lines. The packing plants, which showed a December pickis a substantial loss in employment. Firms in men's clothing made considerable gains in most instances, while manufacturers of women's cloth ing laid off workers to about the same extent. Losses were the rule in the metals, machinery and conveyances group, particularly in cars and locomotives and electrical appliances, but on the whole the loss in these industries was not so marked as in December. Declines of the past few months in factory employment, together with an influx of outside workers looking for jobs and partial stoppage of construction work, has brought serious unemployment to Chicago. The free employment office reports 290 applicants for every 100 jobs open. In January 1926 this figure was 197. Further corroboration of existing unemployment is given by reports of an unusual number of requests for help coming to Chicago charitable $\$ 3,000,000$ from December and $\$ 4,000,000$ more than in January 1926. Cicero.-The December employment decline in Cicero continued into January with increased severity. Reports from five manufacturing firms osses occurred in the metals and machinery industries. Corroborating this decrease as indicatng unfavorable industrial conditions is the ratio of applicants to jobs at the free employment office, which reached the very large figure of 217 per 100 openings. Ths ratio was exceeded in January by only three other cities in the State, and compares unfavorably with the
 ions have necessitated considerable charitable ald for workers tharown are busy. An encouraging factor in the situation is that of building permits, which are practically on a level with the December figures, although $\$ 33,000$ less than January 1926.
Danville.- For the third successive month an employment decrease of importance occurred in Danville factories, the loss from December to January amounting to $6.6 \%$, based on the reports of 15 firms. The losses in the food products and clothing groups were scattered, while the brick plants and metal goods firms, with some exceptions, showed suse $\$ 5.000$ decreases. The 15 firms reporting also indicated a total wage of $\$ 5,000$ less than the same firms paid in December. The Danville free employment office was one of the 12 offices that showed an plicants to jobs, the January figure reaching 153, as compard wh 138 in December and 187 a year ago. Farm work showed some revival at the close of the month and the coal mines were operating full time. Building permits amounting to $\$ 18,000$ sher a fraction of the $\$ 227,000$ worth of buildfigure of $\$ 27,600$ and were only
ing authorized in January 1926 .
Decatur.-Although 11 of the 19 Decatur reporting firms showed slight losses, there were offsetting gains in 5 other firms so that an employment decrease of $6.7 \%$ in manufacturing from December to January may be ascribed largely to the temporary closing down of one firm in the metals group. The minor gains and losses were well scattered in all groups, although clothing manufacturers showed perceptible improvement., Bad weather, with its consequent curtailment of larfing and 277 is a large made its effect felt. The free employment 140 applicants for every 100 ncrease over December, when ther his ion 105 . Decatur is an. jobs oopen. Only last November this ra sormits is holding up fairly well, ther city where the value of builing permits is holding up fairly will, indicating more job opportunties for construction workers when oss than Work becomes more widespread.
December, but almost $\$ 50,000$ less than a year ago.
East St. Louxis.-After a slight decline in November and a more substantial one in December, manufacturing employment in East St. Louis more tial one in December, manufacturing employmeese of .9 of $1 \%$ occurred.
than held its own in January, when an increase Total wages paid by the 20 reporting firms, however, were slightly less than in the previous month. Firms in the food products group again than in the previous month. Firms in the food produccease was much less marked then in the previous month, when packing plants showed heavy less marked than in the previous month, whe than compensated by increases declines. The January declines wal moods firms, as well as in the chemical among the iron and stice like those in most other products group. The free employment at 158 applicants for every 100 jobs cities, was unusually high, standing at 145 . New buildings authorized in vanuary. The December igur value of only one-fourth as much as those January had a cotal estisued in December. The January figure of $\$ 56,036$ for which permits were issued in December. Weather conditions have not is also only $50 \%$ or that in Janok and progress is reported on several large buildings authorized in recent months.
large buildings authorized in recent months. people looking for jobs at the
Joliet.-At Joliet, an increasing number of free employment office was accompanied by an increase in total employment by the 28 firms from which reports were received. The increase amounted to $1.8 \%$, which places manufacturing emproup, while most firms were stationary or slightly downward, 2 of the large employers made considerable additions to their working forces. Printing and paper goods and wood products and food products firms all showed reductions, which in some cases reached sizeable proportions. The ratio at the free employment office took a large jump from December to January, there being 33 more applicants per 100 jobs open in the latter month than in the former. The January ratio of 218 is one of the high ones for the month among the 13 State ary ratio of 218 is one of experience of most other cities, building permits at Joliet showed a marked rise in the first month of the new year. The January figure is $\$ 152,900$ as opposed to $\$ 38,300$ in December. The DeJanuary figure is $\$ 152,900$ as
cember figure was abnormally low, however, and it seems that building authorizations have just again reached a normal volume.
Moline-Rock Island. -Twenty-two manufacturers at Moline reported a falling off in employment amounting to $10.6 \%$, which, following on a $7.5 \%$ loss in December, puts employment in this city well below the level
at the beginning of winter. Severe cuts were made in several of the auto-
mobile accessory firms, which were not offset by gains in agricultural implement production. The general tendency in other industries was downward. Rock Island, on the other hand, with 7 firms reporting, recovered some of the ground lost in December and showed a net increase amounting to $2 \%$. Metal goods and implement factories in this city overcame slight losses in other groups. Both Moline and Rock Island showed a falling of In new buildings authorized, but the former city suffered most. Building permits there fell to $\$ 21,501$ in January after a December figure of $\$ 97,007$. The amount is greater, however, than the $\$ 17,579$ in January 1926. In Rock Island the dedie January. arplus but did not picture as unfavorable a condition as exists in some 128 in December and 160 in January a year ago
Peoria. In December, Peoria was the only
Peoria. - 14 major cities show a gan in manufacturing employment. In January the gain was reporting firms. Following the same course as in December, firms the g food products showed a loss, which was more than offset, however, by gains in the metals group. The estimated cost of new buildings for which permits were granted was $\$ 89,825$, which is an abrupt falling off from the December total of $\$ 153,800$. The Peoria free employment office is the only one in the State to report a lower ratio of applicants to jobs for January than for the previous month. The January ratio was 176 as against 190 in December. In January 1926, however, the number was 318
Quincy.-Out of 14 firms reporting from Quincy, 7 showed slight dereases in total employment, 3 increased forces, and 4 reported no change rom the previous month. The few gains were sufficient in size, howevar, to increase the total for the month $1.5 \%$ over the December figures on factory employees. Increases were registered in leather goods and losses were cattered through most groups. A decrease in value of building permits ocurred in January along with a practical stoppage of actual construction work, due to unfavorable weather. Estimated value on January permits was $\$ 22,268$, slightly more than half the December figure of $\$ 42,275$. At the free employment office a large increase in men looking for work was shown. Whereas in December there were 158 applicants for every 100 jobs open, the January figure was 211.
Rockford.-Forty-seven manufacturing firms reporting in both December and January showed a decrease of $3.3 \%$ in the total number of people on their payrolls. This is a more substantial loss than was registered in December and follows the same general industrial Ines. The loss is accounted or very largely in the metal and wood products groups. In each of these important groups more than twice as many employers reported losses as gains and the losses on the average were more important. One cement firm closed down operations during the month. Building permits issued, while ubstantially lower than December, are well above January 1926. The current total is $\$ 157,735$. The ratio of applicants ment office, while still below 100, is approaching that figure, with 96 per 100 in January.
Springfield.-Industrial employment at Springfeld factories dropped in January when 9 firms reported a total loss in employment amounting to .8 of $1 \%$. The loss is particularly evident among producers of implements and other metal goods. These groups in December showed Increases which made ap for losses elsewhere, but in January this ground was int. Weather conditions have not been so unfavorable to Building permits issued dropped and some construction is in progress. Buinding permits issued dropped about $50 \%$, however. The current figure was $\$ 101,490$ as opposed to $\$ 100$ palls for help, whereas in December the number was 106 .

## Automobile Production Still Small, but Larger Than in

 December.January production (factory sales) of motor vehicles in the United States, as reported to the Department of Commerce was 234,130 , of which 196,973 were passenger cars and 37,157 were trucks, as against 165,822 passenger cars and trucks in December but comparing with 302,741 in January 1926.

The table below is based on figures received from 161 man ufacturers in the United States for recent months, 54 making passenger cars and 125 making trucks ( 18 making both passenger cars and trucks). Data for earlier months include 91 additional manufacturers now out of business, while January data for 21 small firms, mostly truck manufacturers, were not received in time for inclusion in this report. Figures for passenger cars include taxicabs and those for trucks include ambulances, funeral cars, fire apparatus, street sweepers and buses.

UTOMOBILE PRODUCTION.
(Number of Machlnes.)


## Automobile Prices and New Models.

Among the chief features of the automobile industry in the line of new models and changes in prices are the announcements by the Pontiac Division of General Motors Corporation and the White Motor Co. The former, on Feb. 23 , introduced two new models-a sport roadster and a
sport cabriolet-and reduced prices on two other modelsthe coupe and the two-door sedan. The price cut amounted to $\$ 50$ on each model, bringing the price of each down from $\$ 825$ to $\$ 775$. The Pontiac line at factory prices now stands as follows: Sedan, coupe and sport roadster (new), $\$ 775$; sport cabriolet (new), $\$ 835$; landau sedan, $\$ 895$, and de luxe landau sedan, $\$ 975$.

A press dispatch from Cleveland on Feb. 24 said that the White Motor Co. on Feb. 25 would make an important announcement following the official report that the company "is broadening its merchandising policy by expanding its area of transportation service by entering a wider field of light delivery and establishing a complete range of truck capacity."

In accordance with this report, the announcement of a price reduction averaging about $28 \%$ in two models of light trucks was released late on Feb. 24 to take effect Feb. 25. The Model 15 truck, of three-quarter ton to one ton capacity, is reduced from $\$ 2,150$ to $\$ 1,545$, a reduction of $\$ 605$, and the Model 20 truck, of one and a half ton capacity, from $\$ 2,950$ to $\$ 2,125$, a reduction of $\$ 825$. Other models and prices remain as follows: (Trucks) Model 56, two ton capacity, $\$ 3,125$; Model 51 , two and one-half ton capacity, $\$ 3,750$; Model $40-\mathrm{A}$, three and one-half ton capacity, $\$ 4,350$, and Model 52, five to seven and one-half ton capacity, $\$ 5,100$; (buses) Model 53 ( 4 cylinder), sixteen passenger capacity, $\$ 4,250$; Model $50-\mathrm{B}$ ( 4 cylinder), twenty-five passenger capacity, $\$ 5,350$; and Model 54 ( 6 cylinder), twentynine passenger capacity, $\$ 7,500$.

## Increase in Postal Receipts at Fifty Selected Cities

 During January.Postal receipts at fifty selected cities throughout the country for the month of January 1927 showed an increase of $\$ 1,277,583$, or $4.39 \%$ over those for the same month in 1926, according to figures made public Feb. 5 by PostmasterGeneral New. The total receipts for January 1927 were $\$ 30,394,024$, as against $\$ 29,116,441$ for the corresponding period in 1926. Atlanta, Ga., with an increase of $14.41 \%$, led the fifty cities in the greatest gain. Fort Worth, Tex., with an increase of $11.37 \%$, came next, while New Haven, Conn., with an increase of $10.62 \%$, was third. The summary follows:
STATEMENT OF POSTAL RECEIPTS AT FIFTY SELECTED OFFICES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1927


## Increase in Postal Receipts at Fifty Industrial Cities

 in January.Postal receipts at the fifty industrial cities for the month of January amounted to $\$ 3,316,553$ as compared with
$\$ 3,193,452$ for January 1926, an increase of $\$ 123,101$, or $3.85 \%$, according to figures made public Feb. 7 by Post-master-General New. The greatest percentage of gain was recorded by Harrisburg, Pa., with an increase of $43.83 \%$. Boise, Idaho, was second with $28.76 \%$. Reno, Nev., was third with $26.13 \%$. Tabulated figures follow:
STATEMENT OF POSTAL RECEIPTS AT FIFTY INDUSTRIAL OFFICES

|  | January | Januury |  | Per Ct. Per Ct. Per |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Offices- |  | Jand | Inc | 1926. | 1925. | 1924. |
| Springfield, | \$221,706 41 | \$208,199 16 | \$13,507 25 | 6.49 | 3.91 | 33.22 |
| Oklahoma, Ok | 135,648 64 | 123,188 93 | 12,459 71 | 10.11 | 1.02 | 3.09 |
| Albany, N | 147,408 43 | 124,539 67 | 22,868 76 | 18.36 | 6.67 | 2.34 |
| Scranton, P | 91,576 00 | 83,314 06 | 8,261 94 | 9.92 | *2.81 | 17.46 |
| Harrisburg, | 182,249 88 | 126,710 08 | 55,539 80 | 43.83 | *12.99 | 17.11 |
| San Anton | 99,174 47 | 95,544 22 | 3,630 25 | 3.80 | 6.87 | 6.68 |
| pokane | ,127 19 | 95,519 65 | *5,392 46 | *5.64 | 16.67 | *2.69 |
| Oakland, Calif | 146,229 72 | 146,315 66 | *85 94 | *. 06 | 23.71 | 11.58 |
| Birmingham, Ala | 136,879 94 | 128,331 21 | 8,548 73 | 6.66 | 16.48 | 2.68 |
| Topeka, | 99,900 85 | 101,505 61 | *1,604 76 | *1.58 | 3.81 | *11.49 |
| eoria, | 70,889 94 | 79,709 87 | *8,819 93 | *11.06 | *3.86 | 18.85 |
| Norfolk | 72,965 63 | 76,134 99 | *3,169 36 | *4.16 | 10.22 | 2.54 |
| mpa | 81,319 55 | 97,031 71 | *15,712 16 | 16.19 | 46.91 | 1:48 |
| Fort Wayne, | 100,787 42 | 93,06741 | 7,720 01 | 8.30 | 8.49 | 11 |
| Incoln, N | 71,331 23 | 69,993 66 | 1,337 57 | 1.91 | *1.39 |  |
| Duluth, M | 61,931 56 | 61,600 20 | 33136 | . 54 | 23 | *5.71 |
| Little Rock, Ark | 77,638 26 | 77,712 93 | *74 67 | *. 10 | 7.85 | 9.77 |
| Sioux Clty, Iow | 64,389 81 | 67,548 07 | *3,158 26 | *4.68 | 1.47 | 11.13 |
| Bridgeport Con | 81,534 17 | 70,518 23 | 11,015 94 | 15.62 | 22.73 | *7.14 |
| Portland, Me. | 66,052 80 | 63,031 02 | 3,021 78 | 4.79 | *5.03 | 7.90 |
| St. Joseph, Mo | 56,729 78 | 59,515 08 | *2,785 30 | *4.68 | 1.27 | 3.07 |
| Springfield, II | 90,36568 | 75,659 61 | 14,706 07 | 19.44 | 28.37 | *30.72 |
| Trenton, N. J | 60,684 80 | 64,03923 | *3,354 43 | *5.24 | 9.12 | . 58 |
| Wilmington, | 55,574 06 | 57.04529 | *1,471 23 | *2.58 | 15.72 | *4.93 |
| Madison, w | 66,366 07 | 73,430 44 | *7,064 37 | *9.62 | 15.92 | 21.75 |
| South Bend | 72,292 57 | 62,13314 | 10,159 43 | 16.35 | 12.31 | 22.67 |
| Charlotte, N. | 58,710 49 | 59,300 74 | *590 25 | *. 99 | 1.64 | 14.21 |
| Savannah, Ga | 45,062 05 | 48,886 47 | *3,824 42 | *7.82 | 20 | 1.92 |
| Cedar Rapids, | 58,175 80 | 54,305 24 | 3.87056 | 7.13 | 27.78 | 1.97 |
| Charleston, W. | 49,709 95 | 46,736 07 | 2,973 88 | 6.36 | 2.87 | 6.11 |
| Chattanooga, | 58,868 39 | 65,160 14 | *6,291 75 | *9.65 | 11.15 | *8.41 |
| Schenectady, | 44,615 79 | 43,187 46 | 1,428 33 | 3.31 | 5.36 | *9.81 |
| Lynn, | 44,712 90 | 40,70199 | 4,010 91 | 9.85 | 16.77 |  |
| Shrevepor | 45,081 68 | 44,731 39 | 35029 | 78 | 8.43 | 5.02 |
| Columb | 34,063 41 | 41,394 01 | *7,330 60 | *17.71 | 15.31 | 3.96 |
| Fargo, N | 32,576 10 | 31,754 93 | 82117 | 2.59 | 2.80 | 17.75 |
| Sloux Falls, S. D | 28,136 50 | 36,082 36 | *7,945 86 | *22.02 | 15.62 | 18.79 |
| Waterbur | 39,660 96 | 38,362 34 | 1,298 62 | 3.38 | 1.10 | 21 |
| Pueblo, Colo | 27,210 30 | 33,153 92 | *5,943 62 | *17.93 | 4.07 | 13.28 |
| Manchester, | 24,494 92 | 23,320 92 | 1,174 00 | 5.03 | . 89 | 10 |
| Lexington, | 33,870 01 | 28,346 28 | 5,523 73 | 19.48 | *2.82 | *4.10 |
| Phoenix, A | 33,293 79 | 31,94973 | 1,344 06 | 4.21 | *1.32 | 48 |
| Butte, Mon | 22,09980 | ${ }_{30}^{21,23163}$ | 86817 | 4.09 | 4.38 | 28 |
| Jackson, Mis | 33,227 32 | 30,390 72 | 2,83660 | 9.33 | 5.38 | 18.70 |
| Bolse, Idaho | 19,709 00 | 15,307 00 | 4,40200 | 28.76 | *29.29 | 27.35 |
| Burlington, | 20,153 45 | 19,371 80 | 78165 | 4.03 | 6.10 | 3.18 |
| Cumberland, | 13,536 66 | 13,842 42 | *305 76 | *2.20 | . 45 | *5.14 |
| Reno, Ne | 14,938 93 | 11,843 32 | 3,095 61 | 26.13 | *3.68 | 2.65 |
| Albuquerque $\mathrm{N} . \mathrm{M}$ | 16,031 78 | 16,334 60 | *302 82 | *1.85 | 7.71 | *4.99 |
| Oheyenne, Wyo..- | 16,858 49 | 16,417 46 | 44103 | 2.69 | 17.88 | 1.41 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


Increase in Canadian Exports of Pulp and Paper in January.
The report issued by the Canadian Pulp \& Paper Association shows that exports of pulp and paper from Canada during January were valued at $\$ 13,449,017$, as compared with a total value of $\$ 13,191,885$ for January 1926, says the Montreal "Gazette" of Feb. 22, from which we also take the following:
Wood-pulp exports for the month were valued at $\$ 3,665,055$, and exports of paper at $\$ 9,783,962$, as against $\$ 4,246,730$, and $\$ 8,945,155$, respectively, January 1926.
Details of the various grades of pulp and paper are as follows:

|  | January 1927. |  | January 1926. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Tons. | Value. | Tons. | Value. |
| Pulp- | 12,575 | \$349,055 | *32,996 |  |
| Sulphate. | 11,570 | 3349,055 708,095 | -12,658 | 8979,386 |
| Sulphite, bleached | 21,624 | 1,653,912 | 15,189 | 1,239,509 |
| Sulphite, unbleached | 17,111 | 953,993 | 22,501 | 1,233,606 |
| Paper | 62,880 | \$3,665,055 | 83,344 | \$4,246,730 |
| Newsprint | 142,329 | 89,294,674 | 125,999 |  |
| Wrapping | 1,539 | 178,116 | 1,358 | 179,999 |
| Book (ewts.)-- | 2,461 | 22,604 | 840 | 9,133 |
| Writing (ewts.) | 1,135 | 9,470 279,098 | 84 | $\begin{array}{r} 9,100 \\ 6803 \\ 383,279 \end{array}$ |
|  |  | \$9,783,962 |  | \$8,945,155 |

For the 12 months ending Jan. 311927 the total value of the exports of pulp and paper was $\$ 173,748,767$, which was a notable increase over the value for the 12 months
total value was $\$ 156,477,943$.
The greatest gain in the 12 months' period was in the exports of paper, which were valued at $\$ 122,253,320$, as compared with $\$ 107,653,597$ in the previous 12 months, while pulp exports increased in value from $\$ 48$,824,346 to $\$ 51,495,447$.
Details for the 12 months' periods ending Jan. 31 are as follows:

|  | 12 Mos. to Jan. 311927. |  | 12 Mos.to Jan. 311926. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Tons. | - Value. | Tons. | Value. |
| Pulp- |  |  |  |  |
| Mechanical | $\begin{aligned} & 501,051 \\ & 167,046 \end{aligned}$ | $10,355,247$ | 152, 198 | $\begin{array}{r}\$ 10,939,461 \\ 9,338,784 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| Sulphite, bleached | 207,429 | 16,148,623 | 186,574 | 14,218,265 |
| Sulphite, unbleached | 249,684 | 14,113,933 | 268,396 | 14,327,836 |
|  | 985,810 | \$51,495,447 | 979,935 | \$48,824,346 |
| PaperNewsprint | 1,748,315 | \$115,013,128 | 1,423,000 | \$99,954,059 |
| Wrapping | 18,699 62,166 | 2,257,780 | 20,380 46,910 | 2,731,188 |
| Book (cwts.) | 62,095 <br> 20 | 152,673 | 11,927 | 428,569 96,857 |
| Writing (cwts.) |  | 4,295,931 |  | 4,442,924 |
|  |  | \$122,253,320 |  | 107,653,597 |

## Lumber Industry Registers a Small Gain.

Telegraphic reports to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association from 304 of the larger commercial softwood lumber mills of the country, for the week ending Feb. 19, indicate (allowing for a smaller number of reporting mills) that order files were about the same as for the week before, with a considerable gain in shipments and a slight increase in production. In comparison with reports for the same period last year, there has been a pronounced falling off in shipments and new business, and some decrease in production, declares the National Association.
The 120 hardwood operations reporting this week, when compared with reports from 136 mills last week, reveal some increase in production, and little change in shipments and new business. As compared with last year, production and new business seem to be slightly larger, with shipments a little less, according to the report issued by the National Association, from which we quote further as follows:

## Unfilled Orders.

The unfilled orders of 189 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to $492,401,973$ feet, as against 489,625,610 feet in the group showed unfilled orders of $223,367,051$ feet last week, as against $216,663,333$ feet for the week before. For the 72 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were $269,034,922$ feet, as against $272,962,277$ feet for 73 mills a week earlier.
Altogether the 295 comparably reporting softwood mills had shipments these and order $98 \%$, of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills mills 95 and 93 .
Of the reporting mills, the 273 with an established normal production for the week of $182,857,854$ feet, gave actual production $92 \%$, shipments $91 \%$ and orders $91 \%$ thereof
the following table compares the lumber movement, as reflected by tions, for the three weeks indicated; 000 's omitted:

The following revised figures compare the lumber movement of the same regional associations for the first seven weeks of 1927 with the same period of 1926; 000's omitted

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 $\begin{array}{cccccc}\text { Softwood. } & \text { wood. } & \text { Softwood. } & \text { wood. } & \text { Softwood. } & \text { wood. } \\ 1,416,311 & 188,437 & 1,265,599 & 177,263 & 1,373,015 & 193,252 \\ 171,415 & 1,472,044 & 168,664 & 1,557,078 & 185,494\end{array}$ The mills of the California White and sugar Pine Association make weekly reports, but not being comparable, are not included in the foregoing tables. Nine of these mills, representing $19 \%$ of the cut of the California 5, pine region, gave their production for the week as $1,366,000$ feet, shipments representing $50 \%$ of the cut, was: Production, $6,757,000$ feet; shipments, $16,213,000$, and new business, $17,359,000$.

> West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wires from Seattle that new business for the 72 mills reporting for the week ended Feb. 19 was $7 \%$ below production, and shipments were $5 \%$ below production. Of all new ng to taken during the week $33 \%$ was for future water delivery, a cargo delivery $, 053,463$ reet, of which $19,157,876$ feet was $45,330,345$ feet $62 \%$ feet export. New business The week's new business. Thirty-seven per cent of the week's shipments moved by water, amounting to $27,606,134$ feet. of which $22,460,476$ feet moved coastwise and intercoastal, and $5,145,658$ feet export. Rail shipments totaled $43,314,338$ feet, or $58 \%$ of the week's shipments, and local deliveries $3,366,565$ feet. Unshipped domestic cargo orders totaled $84,311,679$ feet, foreign $52,602,767$ feet and rail trade 132,120,476 feet.

Southern Pine Reports.
The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 117 mills reporting, shipments were $13.57 \%$ below production and orders $2.97 \%$ below production and $12.27 \%$ above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to $61,353,593$ feet, shipments $1,879,435$ feet and production $63,233,028$ feet. The normal production of these mills is $73,866,810$ feet. Of the 115 mills reporting running time, 82 operated full time, 15 of the latter overtime. Five mills and the rest operated from two to five and one-half days,
The Western Pine Manufacturers Association of Portland, Oregon, with two more mills reporting, shows a slight increase in production, shipments about the same, and a nominal decrease in new business.
Calif., were not received in time for publication
The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Va., with eight more mills reporting, shows production about the same, more than $100 \%$ increase in shipments, and new business well in advance of that reported for the in shipments, an
The Northern Pine Manufacturers Association of Minneapolis, Minn. reports production about the same, a substantial increase in shipments, and some reduction in new business.
The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wis. (in its softwood production) reports production about the same, a notable increase in shipments, and a good gain in new business.

Hardwood Reports.
The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association reported from 14 mills considerable increase in production, shipments about the same, and new business slightly above that reported for the previous week.
The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reported from 106 units ( 16 fewer mills than for the week earlier) a nominal decrease in production, and marked decreases in shipments and new business. The normal production of these units is $17,808,000$ feet.

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report. Seventy-three mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ended Feb. 12 ma ufactured $74,173,627$ feet, sold $69,012,020$ feet and shipped $59,368,563$ feet. New business was $5,161,607$ feet less than production, and shipments $14,805,064$ feet less than production.
COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING PRODUCTION, NEW BUSINESS, $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Week Ended } & \text { SHIPMENTS AND UNFILLED ORDER }\end{array}$

## Activity in the Cotton Spinning Industry for

 January 1927.The Department of Commerce announced on Feb. 21 that according to preliminary figures compiled by the Bureau of the Census, $37,373,992$ cotton spinning spindles were in place in the United States on Jan. 31 1927, of which 32,633,550 were operated at some time during the month, compared with $32,496,250$ for December, $32,586,770$ for November, $32,592,806$ for October, $32,134,682$ for September, $31,321,936$ for August, and 32,810,308 for January 1926. The aggregate number of active spindle hours reported for the month was $8,558,066,401$. During January the normal time of operation was $251 / 2$ days (allowance being made for the observance of New Year's Day in some localities) compared with 26 for, December, $251 / 2$ for November, $253 / 4$ for October, $25 \frac{1}{2}$ for September, and 26 for August. Based on an activity of 8.78 hours per day, the average number of spindles operated during January was $38,224,424$, or at $102.3 \%$ capacity on a single shift basis. This percentage compares with 100.3 for December, 101.2 for November, 98.9 for October, 98.5 for September, 87.4 for August, and 98.6 for January 1926. The average number of active spindle hours per spindle in place for the month was 229. The total number of cotton spinning spindles in place, the number active, the number of active spindles hours and the average spindle hours per spindle in place by States, are shewn in the following statement:

| State. | Spinning Spindles. |  | Active Spindle Hours for January. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | In Place Jan. 31. | Active During January. | Total. | Avpe. per Spindle in Place. |
| Cotton growing Stat | 18.016.726 | 17.482,426 | $\overline{5.507,425.034}$ | 306 |
| New England State | 17,658,748 $1,698.518$ | $13.664,326$ <br> $1,486.798$ | \| $2,740.101,446$ | 155 183 |
| Alabama. | 1,506.448 | 1,451,882 | 424,083,696 | 282 |
| Connecticut | 1,192,956 | 1.039,312 | 212,967,307 | 179 |
| Georgla | 2,953.632 | 2,842,322 | 838.554,964 | 158 |
| Maine- | 11,259,906 | 8,429.532 | 1,672,480.921 | 149 |
| New Hampsh | 1,421,060 | 1,024.456 | 227,279.774 | 160 |
| New Jersey | 415,604 870,894 | 386.224 718.618 | \|r6,837,538 | 161 |
| New York- | 870,894 $6,109,308$ | $\begin{array}{r}718,618 \\ 5,923,054 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | \|r $155,319,506$ | 178 320 |
| Pennsylvanla | 123,172 | 110.992 | 22,160,537 | 180 |
| Rhode Island. | 2,509,442 | $2,089,012$ $5,329,940$ | 417,604,078 | 166 |
| South Caroli Tennessee | 5,366,674 | 5,329.940 | 1, $1,783,841,854$ | 332 291 |
| Texas | 264,112 71114 | 240.500 | 75.519,156 | 286 |
| Virginl. | 711,314 962,930 | 690.454 <br> 853.770 | $155.312,657$ <br> $207,539,503$ | 218 216 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 7,373, | 2,633, | 8,558,066,401 | 22 |

Opening of Men's Wear Fancy Worsteds for Fall by American Woolen Company-Prices Advanced $21 / 2$ Cents to 5 Cents a Yard, Compared with Last Spring Lists.
The American Woolen Co. on Feb. 21 announced price advances of $21 / 2$ cents to 5 cents a yard on men's semi-staple and fancy woolen and worsted suitings opened for fall, 1927, in Departments $1,2,3$ and 7 , while 87 repeat fabrics in worsteds show a reduction of about $8 \%$ under a year ago according to the "Journal of Commerce," which in its report goes on to say:

This readjustment, however, took place at the spring goods opening last July.
The new price basis on semi-staples and fancles, which is quite in line with the advances announced on staples earlier in the month, made a very favorable Impression on the general market, despite the fact that many had predicted even more material mark-ups. However. the change merely reflects the increased cost of wool content in finished goods since last July, reflects the it was expected that advancing cloth prices would give further stimulus to raw materials.
Adverse weather conditions cut down the number of buyers operating In the market, but there was a fairly good sprinkling of both local and In the market, but there was a fairly especially in Department 2, and the
latter will be largely augmented by arriving buyers during this week and next. Fancy goods are a keen incentive to clothiers who seek new color and pattern ideas to spur consumer interest, and it is conceded that the
big company has its usually comprehensive and widely diversified collections in each department.

Firmer Undertone Encouraging.
While it is difficult to make comparisons on fancy woolen goods, weight for weight and color for color, they are said to average about the same firming as worsteds. Novelty patterns blue mixture effects, handsomely decorated with stripes, overplaids and other weaev designs.
It is not believed that the $21 / 2$ to 5 cents a yard advance will have a retarding effect on business, which, while probably continuing along very conservative lines, is sure to be steadier and along healthier trend because of the confidence infused into manufacturers by the maintenance of firm values. Buyers who had hesitated to place late orders on spring goods face the necessity of figuring higher replacement costs, but the bulk of their spring requirements is already covered. Duplicate spring orders are still being placed, however, filling in open spots on retailers late purchases.
Spring clothing business in retail channels has not started actively as yet, due to a late Easter, but many are sanguine that with a favorable turn of balmy weather in April and May a brisk demand for clothing will be experienced and a good clearance of cloth and clothing stocks in first and second hands.
In the face of hand-to-mouth buying, optimism is prevalent on the premise of higher prices, and by the same token fall results are expected to give more encouragement after several months of unsatisfactory business conditions and lack of profits for the mills. It seems that the clot producers have reached "the end of the rope with regard other direction, barring and it may be that the trend has started in the
 On the above list, which is fairly representative of the worsteds, 11 numbers are advanced 5 cents a yard, 12 are up $21 / 2$ cents and two remain
unchanged. The following table gives the American's low to high range unchanged. The followi
for the individual mills:

LOW TO HIGH PRICE RANGE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL MILIS.


Indian Spri
Beoll....
Sawyer
(Faney worsted and fancy woolen suitings and topeoatings.)
seoll Low to High.
to Htoh .

Numerous Price Reductions Occur in Crude Oil
Markets-Gasoline Price Also Cut.
The price cuts in the crude oil markets which had been rumored for some time, took place early in the week just closed. On Feb. 19 press dispatches from Pittsburgh, Pa., stated that Keister grade oil in National Transit Co. lines had been reduced 20c. a harrel to $\$ 160$; Cabel grade oil in Eureka Pipe Line Co.'s lines 20c. a barrel to $\$ 190$, and Somerset oil in Cumberland Pipe Line Co.'s lines 20c. a barrel
to $\$ 2$. These prices were established by the Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency.
Prices of Mid-Continent oil were reduced on Feb. 23 When the Carter Oil Co. made a reduction ranging from 15 to 39 c . a barrel, according to gravity, making new prices $\$ 231$ a barrel for top grade of 52 and above and $\$ 155$ for low grade of 28 degrees.
The entire schedule of Mid-Continent prices, with the amount of the reduction and the prices as of a year ago,


|  | 27. | .* | Feb.22'26. | Grade- |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Below 28 gravity. | \$1.30 |  |  | 40 to 40.9 - | $1.83$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cut.* } \\ & 27 \mathrm{c} . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{cc} F e b .22 \prime 26 . \\ 2.36 \end{array}$ |
| 28 to 28.9. | 1.35 | 15 c | S1. 40 | 41 to 41.9- | 1.87 | 28 c . | 2.44 |
| 29 to 29.9. | 1.39 | 16 c . |  |  | 1.91 | 29 c . | 2.52 |
| 30 to 30.9- | 1.43 | 17 c . | 1.56 | 44 to 44.9 - | 1.95 | 30 c . | 60 |
| 31 to 31.9. | 1.47 | 18 c. |  | 45 to 44.9- | 1.99 | 31. | 2.68 |
| to 32.9- | 1.51 | 19c. | 1.72 | 45 to 45.9- | 207 | 32 c. | 2.7 |
| 33 to 33,9. | 1.55 | 20 | 1.80 | 47 to 479- |  |  | 2.8 |
| 4 to 34.9- | 1.59 | 21 | 1.88 | 47 to 47.9 - | 2.11 | 34 c. | ${ }^{2.92}$ |
| 35 to 35.9 | 1.63 | 22 c . | 1.86 | 49 to 49.9 | 2.15 | 55 c . | 00 |
| 36 to 36.9- | 1.67 | 23 c | 2.04 | 50 to 50.9 - | 2.19 | c. | 3.08 |
| 37 to 37.9. | 1.71 | 24 c . | 2.12 | 51 to 519. | 2.23 | 37e: | 3.1 |
| to 38.9. | 1.75 | 25 | 2.20 | 52 \& above | 2.27 | 38 c | 3.24 |
| 39 to 39.9 | 9 | 26 c . | 2.28 | 52 \& above | 2.31 | 39 c . | 3.32 |

The Sinclair Consolidated Oil Co. on Feb. 23 met the cut in the price of Mid-Continent crude oil initiated by Carter Oil Co. The Humble Oil \& Refining Co. met this reduction in the State of Texas and Magnolia Petroleum, a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co. of New York, in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Louisiana. Prairie Oil \& Gas Co. also lowered its
schedule in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas to conform to the lower prices established there. Under Humble's schedule, Ranger, North Texas, Mexia, Powell, Richland, Wortham, Lytton Springs, Currie, Moran and Nocoma crudes will be purchased on the sme basis as the Mid-Continent crudes, beginning with 28 gravity at $\$ 135$ a barrel and increasing the
price 4 c . for each additional degree of gravity, with the top price at $\$ 231$ for 52 gravity and above, and a corresponding decrease of 4c. for each degree lower than 28 gravity. For Gray and Wheeler counties, in the Panhandle field, \$1 will be paid, beginning with 28 gravity and increasing the price 4c. for each additional degree, with the top price $\$ 164$ for
44 degrees and above. Previously Wheeler County ranged 44 degrees and above. Previously Wheeler County ranged
from 90 c. to $\$ 170$ and Gray County from $\$ 1$ to $\$ 180$. Crane, from 90 c . to $\$ 170$ and Gray County from $\$ 1$ to $\$ 180$. Crane,
Upton and Crockett counties now command 80 c . for crude below 26 gravity, increasing the price 4c. for each additional degree of gravity to $\$ 124$ for the top grade of 36 gravity and above. Heretofore the prices prevailing in these counties ranged from 80 c . to $\$ 135$ a barrel.

On Feb. 23 the Ohio Oil Co. reduced Lima, Indiana, Illinois, Princeton, Plymouth, Worcester and Western Kentucky crude oil 20c. a barrel. Further reductions were posted on other grades as follows: Elk Basin, Grass Creek (light), Lance Creek, Wyoming and Artesia, New Mexico, crude oils, 25c. a barrel; Big Muddy and Rock Creek, Wyo., 23c. a barrel, and Mule Creek and Rex Lake, Wyo., 15c. a barrel.
The Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency at Pittsburgh, Pa., established the following prices as of Feb. 23:
$\underset{\text { Gennades- }}{\text { Genslvan }}$
Grades-
Pennsylvania grade in New York Transit lines_-........ $\$ 3.25$ Pradford grade in New York Transit lines lines. $\$ 3.25$
3.25
3.15
3.15
3.10
2.85 15 c .
15 c . Bradford grade in New York Transit lines-...........
Pennsylvania grade in National Transit lines.-....
Pennsylvania grade in Southwest Pennsylvanial Pennsylvania grade in Southwest Pennsylvania lines Pennsylvania grade in Eureka Pipe Lines.----1--------3.10
2.95

15 c . 2.95 15 c.
Corning grade in Buckeye Pipe Lines and Ragland crude in Cumberland Pipe Lines remained unchanged at $\$ 225$ and 95 c . per bbl., respectively, until the next day (Feb. 24), when the posted price of Corning crude in the Buckeye Pipe Line was reduced from $\$ 225$ a barrel to $\$ 205$, while that run prior to Sept. 15 was cut from $\$ 215$ to $\$ 195$.

From Toronto on Feb. 23 came the report that the price of Canadian crude oil had been reduced 20c. a barrel, making the quotation of New Petrolia $\$ 240$ a barrel and Oil Springs, $\$ 248$ a barrel.
Other price changes which occurred on Feb. 24 were as follows: Midwest Refining Co. at Denver, reduced Salt Creek crude oil 16 to 24c. a barrel, according to gravity; Elk Basın, Grass Creek light, Elk Basin, Osage, Wyo.; Cat Creek, Montana and Hogback, New Mexico, 25c. a barrel. of crude oils in Caddo, Homer, Haynesville, Bayou, Eldorado, Chrichton and De Soto from 15c. to 39c. and regraded and reduced Smackover 24 and above gravity to $\$ 125$,
indicating a reduction of 10 c . to 25 c . on light oils.

Heavy oil remained unchanged at $\$ 110$. A reduction was also made of 15 c . in Bellevue and 10c. in Cotton Valley,
making the new prices $\$ 125$ and $\$ 110$ respectively. These making the new prices $\$ 125$ and $\$ 110$ respectively. These companies in fields where they buy crude. In addition, the

Crystal Oil Refining Corp. met these reductions with a schedule similar to that of Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana. Effective Feb. 25 the Atlantic Oil Producing Co. reduced 28 gravity and $\$ 120$ fcr 28.9 gravity posting $\$ 110$ for below 28 gravity and $\$ 120$ fcr 28.9 gravity and 4c. additional for each succeeding degree of gravity up to top grade of 32 and
above which is $\$ 136$. In the gasolin $\$ 130$. spread, although occurring in On Feb hough occurring in several sections of the country. tank wagon price of gasoline 1c. and service station the in th wagon price of gasoline 1c. and service station 2c. in the Rochester district, making the new prices 19 and 22 c. Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana has reduced tank wagon and service station prices of gasoline 1c. in Louisiana, Arkansas and Tennessee. On Feb. 25, the Standard Oil Co. of New
Jersey reduced the tank wagon price of gasoline 1c. a gallon Jersey reduced the tank wagon price of gasoline 1c. a gallon
in New Jersey, Maryland, North in New Jersey, Maryland, North and South Carolina and District of Columbia, making the tank wagon price 18c. a
gallon. No change was made in Virginia and West Virginia. The company also reduced the price of export gasoline in cases $3 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. a gallon, making price 26.65 c . a gallon in cases.

In the wholesale markets at Chicago on Feb. 25, prices stood as follows: United States motor grade gasoline, $75 / 8 @$ $77 / 8 \mathrm{c} . ; 41-43$ water white kerosene, $6 @ 61 / 4 c . ; 24-26$ fuel oil,
$\$ 1271 / 2 @ \$ 130$. \$1271/2@\$130.

## Crude Oil Production Shows Further Small Increase.

The American Petroleum Institute on Feb. 23 estimated that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Feb. 19 was 2,472,000 barrels as compared with $2,462,250$ barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 9.750 barrels. The daily average production east 750 barrels was $1,832,000$ barrels, as compared with 1,820 ,750 barrels, an increase of 11,250 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts for
the weeks given: the weeks given:

| (In Barrels.) | Feb. 19 '27. | Feb. 12 '27. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oklahoma-.-- | 707.850 | 692,000 | Feb. 637,300 | Feb. 20 26.000 |
| Kansas | 117,050 | 116,550 | 115,500 | 102,600 |
| Panhandle Tex | 130,750 | 133,100 | 129,300 | 102,600 3,050 |
| North Texas --...- | 94,750 | 96,300 | 98,500 | 73,600 |
| East Central Texas. | 173,250 44,750 | 162,950 | 158,650 | 69,600 |
| Southwest Texas | 38,300 | 38,500 | 38,800 | 59,200 |
| North Louisiana | 52,500 | 52,600 | 53,250 | 44,600 |
| Arkansas. | 128,950 | 129,650 | 127,900 | 169,900 |
| Coastal Texas | 140,750 | 149,700 | 146,800 | 80,250 |
| Coastal Louisiana | 11,750 | 11,600 | 12,250 | 9,850 |
| Eastern | 107,500 | 107,000 | 107,000 | 99,000 |
| yom | 58,200 | 59,500 | 58,300 | 73,800 |
| Montana | 13,600 | 12,600 | 12,550 | 14,700 |
| New Mexic | 7550 4.500 | 7650 | 7400 | 7150 |
| Califor | 640,000 | 641,500 | 646,500 | $\begin{array}{r} 4,300 \\ 603,500 \end{array}$ |

$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { The estimated daily average gross production of the Mid } & 2,472,000 & 1,902,750\end{array}$ including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, North, West-Continent field Central and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas for the week ended Feb. 19 was $1,488,150$ barrels, as compared with $1,468,250$ barrels for the preceding week an increase of 19,900 barrels. The Mid-Cintinent production, excluding Smackover, Arkansas heavy oil, was $1,386,050$
barrels as complem barrels as compared with $1,365,700$ barrels, an increase of 20,350 barrels. against 8,900 barrels; South Braman 4,450 barrels against 4,600 barrels Tonkawa 26,700 barrels against 26,050 barrels; Garber 18,850 barrels; against 18,700 barrels; Burbank 49,750 barrels against 49,200 barrels; Bristow-Slick 27,300 barrels, no change; Cromwell 13,750 barrels against 13,700 barrels; Papoose 8,200 barrels against 8,050 barrels; Wewoka 18,400 barrels against 20,150 barrels; Seminole 282,600 barrels against 268,400 barrels; Earlsboro 19,150 barrels against 17,000 barrels.
In Panhandle Texas, Hutchinson County is reported at 114,450 barrels
against 116,600 barrels, and Balance Panhandle 16,3000 barrels against against 116,600 barrels, and Balance Panhandle 16,3000 barrels against
16,500 barrels. In East Central Texas, Corsicana Powell 20,650 barrels against 21,300 barrels; Nigger Creek 6,300 barrels against 6,450 barrels; Reagan County, West Central Texas 27,900 barrels against 27,600 barrels; Brown County 32,200 barrels against 30,400 barrels; Crane \& Upton Counties 46,050 barrels against 39,300 barrels; and in the Southwest Texas field, Luling 18,750 barrels against 18,400 barrels; Laredo District 15,050 barrels against 15,100 barrels; Lytton Springs 2,250 barrels against 2,500
barrels. In North Louisiann change: Un North Louisiana, Haynesville is reported at 8,200 barrels, no change; Urania 12,250 barrels against 12,700 barrels; and in Arkansas, Smackover light 12,300 barrels against 12,200 barrels; heavy 102,100 barrels
against 102,550 barrels; and Lisbon 5,050 barrels against 5 , 200 batrels against 102,550 barrels; and Lisbon 5,050 barrels against 5,200 barrels. In West Columbia 10,050 barrels against 10,400 barrels; Spindletop 66,950 barrels against 74,400 barrels; Orange County 5,100 barrels against 5,200 barrels aginst and south Liberty 3; 350 barrels against 4,450 barrels.
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barrels; and Sunburst, Montana 11,000 barrels against 10 against 43,250 In California, Santa Fe springs is reported at 45,500 berrels barrels. Long Beach 91,000 barrels against 92,000 barrels; Huntington Beach 82,500 barrels against 84,500 barrels; Torrance 25,000 barrels, no change; Dominguez 18,500 barrels against 18,000 barrels; Rosecrans 11,500 barrels giainst 12,000 barrels; Inglewood 38,500 barrels against 38,000 barrels:
Midway-Sunset 90,500 barrels no change; Ventura Avenue 51,000 barvels against 50,000 barrels, and Seal Beach 14,500 barrels against 14,000 barrels.

## Demand for Steel Improves-Price Recedes-Compe-

 tition is Sharp in Pig Iron Market.Improved demand for finished steel is reported from all the leading producing centres by the "Iron Age" in its review of the market on Feb. 24. Outside of large pipe, tin plate and rails, the orders are almost exclusively for early delivery. Meeting the urgent calls by increasing mill operations results in backlogs remaining small, declares the 'Age.'

The industry now appears to be operating at last year's average, or close to $85 \%$ of capacity, with the Steel Corp. at several points above that figure and leading independents somewhat below. Ingot production is put at $80 \%$ in Pittsburgh, compared with 77 last week and 75 two weeks ago. In the Chicago district the Steel Corp. has blown in the fourth stack in the past five weeks, the "Age" reports. From its summary of conditions in the trade we add the following:
Satisfaction from the steady increase in bookings is modified by the low prices applying to much of them. What is virtually the buying of orders has not disappeared in some lines, but in others attempts to bolster announced advances of $\$ 2$ to $\$ 4$ a ton. Resistance to price reduction is marked in the plate market. Late low quotations on wire nails are not now uncovered.
The strong feature of the situation is the large aggregate of the buying for widely diversified uses, the orders coming steadily into the market without the publicity attaching to business of spectacular size. The automobile industry is taking steel more freely, but commonly only for
30 days' needs and otherwise avoiding accumulations of stocks. Building 30 days' needs and otherwise avoiding accumulations of stocks. Building work and the railroa
in the act of buying.
Fabricated structural steel work in prospect has been increased in the week by fully 47,000 tons, including 6,000 tons for a New York bank building, 6,000 tons for a hotel at Houston, Texas, 4,000 tons for a telephone building at Dallas, Texas, and 11,500 tons for three buildings in Chicago. A 43-story structure proposed for Chicago would add upward of 10,000
tons. The War Department has given permission for a bridge over the tons. The War Department has given
Chesapeake Bay, requiring 35,000 tons.
Only 561 freight cars were ordered in the week. Twenty-one locomotives were bought and 24 are pending.
A Delaware River shipyard has bought 9,000 tons of plates for three oil tankers.
The continued activity in pipe for the oil companies has added to mill books 65 miles of an 18 -in. gas line for Louisiana and put under nego-
tiations 78 miles of $85 / \mathrm{in}$. pipe and 60 miles of $6^{5 / 6}$ in. pipe tiations 78 miles of $85 / 8 \mathrm{in}$. pipe and 60 miles of $65 / 8 \mathrm{in}$. pipe.
Steel bar output has risen to the volume of last October, but in only a few sizes and with only a few makers are deliveries impossible within a week or ten days, and unfilled tonnage does not accumulate.
Sheets are still subject to shading. Buying has been a trifle heavier,
but some of it, it is worth emphasizing, has been for future needs and but some of it, it is worth emphasizing, has been for future needs and
mill books do not immediately profit. Biack and galvanized sheets are quotably $\$ 1$ a ton lower than last week.
January records of the sheet business of the independent makers show scaled up in the same ratio, and thus remained under the bookings as in December. A reversal for February may come, with expansion indicated in both output and shipments and little or no increase for the month in new orders.
Aggressive seiling by Buffalo and other New York State furnaces is as low as $\$ 1650$, base pigon market. On a large scale in New England ment. Competition from Buffalo has also been felt as far west as eastern Michigan. Along the Eastern seaboard the low current prices have driven in an increasing volume of business, the week's total for the New England and New York districts totaling about 45,000 tons, some of which was for delivery into the third quarter. With their order books better filled as a result of generous bookings in recent weeks, there are indications of greater resistance on the part of some Eastern furnaces to the pressure against prices. The market is also steadier in the Cleveland district, where sales for the week totaled more than 50,000 tons.
English furnaces, for the first time since the British coal strike, are again a factor in low phosphorus pig iron in the East, offering April deliveries at competitive prices. Otherwise foreign pig iron is not a market factor

The Donner Steel Co., Buffalo, is putting in a rebuilt blast furnace. As the threatened coal strike approaches, the coke market shows further
indications of strength. Reflecting a stocking movement in foundry coke, indications of strength. Reflecting a stocking movement in foundry coke, Connellsville prices on that grade have advanced 25 c . to $\$ 450$ ovens.
Scrap is weaker in virtually all selling centres except Pittsburgh, where
the market has been supported by dealer purchases to fill expiring contracts. At Chicago heavy melting steel has declined 25 c . a ton.
The fron Age composite price aropped from 2.374 c . last week to 2.367 c . per pound. This is the lowest level since August 1922. Pig irons remains at $\$ 1896$, as last week. No lower composite has been recorded since April 1922, though the same price was touched in August
1925. The usual composite price tables stand as follows: 1925. The usual composite price tables stand as follows:

| Fintshed Steel. <br> Feb. 21 1927, 2.337c. Per Lb. | Feb. 21 1927, \$19 27 Per Gross |
| :---: | :---: |
| week ago.-----------------2.374c. | One week ago |
|  | One month ag |
|  | One year ago |
| 10-year pre-war average....-.-1.6890. | 10-year pre-war aver |
| Based on steel bars, beams, tank plates, | Based on average of basi |
| plain wire, open-hearth ralls, black plpe | ley furnace and foundry frons at Chlca |
| and black sheets, constituting $87 \%$ of | Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley an |
| United States output. High. | mingham. |
| 1927-.2.453c., Jan. $4: 2.367 \mathrm{c}$, , Feb. 21 | 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 13 |
|  | 1925 -- 22 50, Jan. 13; 18 96, July |
| $1924-2.789 \mathrm{c}$, , Jan. $15 ; 2.460 \mathrm{c}$. ., Oct. 14 | 1924-- 22 88, Feb. 26; 19 21, N |
| 923--2.824c., Apr. 24; 2.446c., Jan. | 1923-- 3086, Mar. 20; 20 77, |

Continued good buying of finished steel despite the unsettled state of prices, an infrequent experience for the industry, appears to be giving producers better appreciation of the underlying consumptive strength of the present market, observes the "Iron Trade Review." on Feb. 24.

This revaluation is curbing in some directions the inclination to make price subordinate to tonnage. The competitive situation makes it unlikely that the price structure will be promptly purged of all its weakness by the trend seems definitely away from the policy of business at any cost, continues the "Review" in its summary of events in the market during the past week. Further details we add as follows:
Some important makers of hoops, bans and strips have announced their minimums as 2.10 c . and 2.30 c ., depending upon width. Tank plates at Pittsburgh are holding at 1.90 c ., except for preferred tonnage the recent extreme minimums As sheetmakers slowly acquire backlogs concessions under $\$ 550$ a box on tin plate; Steel producers sense that consumers are wholly devoid of inventories, operating at rates that compel them to buy regardless of price. Hence, there is improved apparisal of the market,
Sales of pig iron chiefly for second quarter delivery exceeded 100,000 tons in the past week. Producers with headquarters at Cleveland booked 65,000 tons, following two 50,000 -ton weeks. Between 30,000 and 35,000 tons of basic were placed in the Philadelphia district. Selling of Virginia iron reached 10,000 tons. Inquiry was led by one for 30,000 to 40,000 tons of basic for a steelmaker at Newport, Ky.
More numerous, accelerated demands
More numerous, accelerated demands came in the week for full finished
sheets. A General Motors subsidiary placed a sizeable sheets. A General Motors subsidiary placed a sizeable tonnage at less than 4.15 Pittsburgh, which has been considered the market. Other automotive interests are expected to buy substantially this week.
April-May datings on larger sizes of lapwelded pipe indicate a more tense situation concerning deliveries. Two southwestern pipe line projects requiring nearly 200,000 tons are in abeyane pendimg deternation of for a gas line from the Amarillo, Texas, district to Denver. Connellsville furnace coke continues to strengthen and has a minimum of $\$ 350$, a rise of 15 c . in week, but most Pittsburgh district blast furnace interests seem loathe to stock coke. Some non-union coke producers are
said to be prepared to renew contracts for second quarter at first quarter said to be
prices, $\$ 4$.

With subsidiaries of U. S. Steel Corp. at average ingot rate of 88 to $89 \%$ and independent producers at just above $80 \%$, the steelmaking verage for the industry is about $81 \%$.
The "Iron Trade Review's" composite price on 14 leading iron and steel products this week is $\$ 3675$, the same as last week, revised.

## Bituminous Demand, Though Heavy, Is Offset by

 Production-Anthracite Market Remains Sluggish.The volume of buying in the market for bituminous is large, but most of the business is being done in a rather quiet way, reports the Feb. 23 market review issued by the "Coal Age." The effect of this movement is being counteracted to a large extent by heavy production, which keeps above $13,000,000$ tons a week. The trend of spot prices is toward lower levels. The past week brought out no change in the labor situation and at this time all indications point to a deadlock with an adjournment soon, to meet laterperhans in a Northern city, continues the "Age," adding further details concerning conditions in the industry, as follows:
Amid the maze of opposing conditions storage buying continues to be the backbone of the market. Led by the railroads and the utilities this class of business has been the one supporting factor in sustaining prices. At times it has seemed as if the bottom was about to drop out. Industrial consumers, with few exceptions, seem far from apprehensive regarding the near future.
The "Coal Age's" index of spot bituminous prices on Feb. 21 was 173 and the corresponding weighted average price was $\$ 2.09$, a decline for the week of a fraction over 1 point and 2 cents, respectively. Further dips in Central Pennsylvania quotations on New England shipments and on West Virginia low-volatile accounted in most part for the loss.
Demand for anthracite has settled down to the filling of only bare needs. Domestic sizes have been moving slowly and even No. 1 buckwheat is graduany heading toward its normal level. Independent producers in par-
ticular are finding the going operations to a greater extent than the company shippers.
News of importance has been heard from Miami and an adjournment has taken place, declares "Coal and Coal Trade Journal" on Feb. 24. Last w'eek the floodgates of oratory were opened with the usual results. There were demands and stands and suggestions and then the whole question was referred. Nominally it was referred to the committee, but really it was referred for decision to the law of supply and demand, to the strength and weakness of mortal man and to the economic conditions that frame public opinion and pressure, observes the "Journal," adding:
At this writing some sort of a stoppage of certain mine output seems inevitable. Perhaps, if we were very candid, we would admit that such stoppage is more or less invited. We are largely in a condition to stand It, and it gives us a chance to try out the strength of position of a certain element in the coal laboring world. Within its own bounds the coal world danger is that it will with the question and to a degree settling it. Its comfort and activity will be invithin its own bounds and that the public tion that cannot so easily be handled.
Every evidence points to the apparent fact that there is little to fear as to this question getting out of the hands of the immediate coal industry. In other words, it will be a long time before the public will feel anything like a scarcity. Production is going on at a high rate, the tendency has been to burn coal carefuly, the storage piles are mounting, at one place or doing somewhere near their best. There is evidence of a certain spirit in mine operators at this time that is highly commendable. It tends to show
an element of organization among them and those under them that is often hought to be lacking
The tendency is to do as little business as possible as far as ultimate distribution is concerned. Of course contracts that involve delivery or acceptance after the first of April are not looked upon with pleasure. As a matter of fact there are inquries rather than purchases. No one buyers consider they are doing their duty if they this time. Most coal buyers consider they are doing their duty if they look at the quotation columns and note that there has not been murh change.
The anthracite market has a different viewpoint. Except in the large way that any economic disturbance is likely to affect all those who are connected with industry, they do not feel that the threatened strike can do them any harm. There is some lost ground to be regained, some new ground, possibly, to be acquired. A late winter may arrive at last in that borderland where soft or hard coal can be used indifferently.
But to the anthracite man goes commiseration. The background of his business is the hearth. The elusive cold has largely played him false. There is an easy sluggish demand going on. People have money to buy coal and are not taking broad chances. But having bought some they do not burn it in that prodigal way that snow and cold and sleet would require. The coal market is in good condition considering what is in prospect for the beginning of the month after next. Preparation, care, thoughtfulness, and consideration have done their work. The time for real anxiety has been postponed-perhaps indefinitely postponed.

Holiday Lowers Bituminous Coal Production Some-what-Anthracite Output Large-Coke Remains Unchanged.
The observance of Lincoln's Birthday (Feb. 12) as a holiday in certain sections of the bituminous coal fields caused a falling off of about 120,000 net tons in the output during the week ended Feb. 12 as compared with Feb. 5, according to the U.S. Bureau of Mine's weekly report. Anthracite production, on the contrary, gained about 99,000 net tons, while coke remained practically unchanged from the preceding week's output, declared the Bureau. from which we quote further as follows:

The total production of soft coal during the week ended Feb. 12, including lignite and coal coled at the mines, is estimated at $13,463,000$ net tons, a decrease of 120,000 tons, or $0.9 \%$, from the output in the preceding week. The decrease was evidently due to the observance of Lincoln's birthiay (reb. 12) as a holiday in certain districts. Figures or daily loadings courteously furnished by the American Railway Association week since early December.
Estimated Untted States Production of Bttuminous Coal (Net Tons) Including Coal
 a Minus one day's production first week in Aprll to equalize number of days ct to revision.
The total production of bituminous coal during the present coal year to Feb. 12 (approximately 268 working days) amounts to $513,431,000$ net tons. Production during corresponding periods in other recent years s given below:

 ANTHRACITE
Production of anthracite increased during the second week of February. For six weeks the output has fluctuated now below and now above a level of $1,500,000$ net tons, and for the week ended Feb. 12 it is estimated at $1,501.000$ tons. In comparison with the week of Feb. 5, this is an inof 169,000 tons.


## BEEHIVE COKE.

The rate of beehive coke production has shown little change in recent weeks. The total output during the week ended Feb. 12 is estimated at 188,000 net tons as against 187,000 tons and 190,000 tons, respectively, In the weeks ended Feb. 5 and Jan. 29.

Esttmated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons)


## Coke Output During Month of January.

Production of by-product coke in January remained practically stationary, the total estimated output being $3,700,000$ net tons, a decrease of 6,000 tons when compared with December, according to statistics furnished by the U. S. Bureau of Mines. There were 76 active and one idle plant, and these plants produced about $86 \%$ of their capacity.

According to the "Iron Age," the production of coke pig iron for the 31 days of January was $3,103,820$ gross tons, or 100,123 tons per day, as compared with $3,091,060$ tons, or 99,712 tons per day for the 31 days of December. The January daily rate was less than in January 1926, when 106,974 tons per day was produced.

Steel ingot production in January increased sharply from $3,472,000$ tons in December to $3,806,888$ tons.

Output of beehive coke showed a slight increase when compared with December, the total for the month being estimated at 787,000 tons. Production of all coke was $4,487,000$ tons, the by-product plants contributing $83 \%$ and the beehive plants $17 \%$, continues the monthly review issued by the Bureau, which then adds:
MONTHLY OUTPUT OF BY-PRODUCT AND BEEHIVE COKE IN THE UNITED STATES (NET TONS).a.

a Excludes screenings and breeze.
The total quantity of coal consumed at coke plants in January was about $6,557,000$ tons, of which $5,316,000$ tons were consumed in by-product ovens, and $1,241,000$ tons in beehive ovens.
ESTIMATED MONTHLY CONSUMPTION OF COAL IN THE MANUFACTURE OF COKE (NET TONS).

|  | Consumed in By-Product Ovens. | Consumed in Beehive Ovens. | Total Coal Consumed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1924 monthly average | 4.060 .000 | 1272.000 | 5.332,000 |
| 1925 monthly average. | 4.759,000 | 1,452,000 | 6.211,000 |
| 1926 monthly average | 5,334,000 | 1,509,000 | 6,843,000 |
| October 1926 | $5.480,000$ | 1,367.000 | 6,847,000 |
| November 1926 | 5,379.000 | 1.356.000 | 6.735,000 |
| December 1926 | 5,325.000 | 1,230.000 | 6.555,000 |
| January 1927 | 5,316,000 | 1,241,000 | 6,557,000 |

Of the total production of by-product coke during January 3,001,000 tons, or $81.1 \%$, was made in plants associated with iron furnaces, and
699,000 tons, or $18.9 \%$, was made at merchant or other plants.

PER CENT OF TOTAL MONTHLY OUTPUT OF BY-PRODUCT COKE THAT WAS PRODUCED BY PLANTS ASSOCIATED WITH IRON FURNACES AND BY OTHER PLANTS 1922-1927.

| Month. | 1922. |  | 1923. |  | 1924. |  | 1925. |  | 1926. |  | 1927. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Furnace. | Other | Furnace. | Other | Futnace. | Other | Furnace. | Other | Furnace. | Other | Furnace. | Other |
| January | 82.4 | 17.6 | 82.8 | 17.2 | 82.8 | 17.2 | 84.8 | 15.2 | 82.9 | 17.1 | 18.1 | 18.9 |
| February | 83.3 | 16.7 | 82.3 82 | 17.7 | 83.6 84.0 | 16.4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March. | 83.3 | 16.7 | 82.6 | 17.4 | 84.0 | 16.0 | 83.7 |  | 82.5 |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & \text { May } \end{aligned}$ | 83.7 85.5 | 14.5 | 82.6 | 17.4 17.3 | 83.6 80.0 | 16.4 20.0 | 83.7 83.2 |  | 82.6 82.5 |  |  |  |
|  | 85.7 | 14.3 | 83.1 | 16.9 | 80.8 | 19.2 | 831 | 16.9 | 82.5 | 17.5 |  |  |
| July | 86.0 | 14.0 | 83.3 | 16.7 | 80.8 | 19.2 | 82.6 | 17.4 | 83.2 | 16.8 |  |  |
| August | 80.3 | 19.7 | 82.7 | 17.3 | 79.5 | 20.5 | 82.1 | 17.9 | 83.0 | 170 |  |  |
| September | 82.7 | 17.3 | 82.2 | 17.8 | 82.0 | 18.0 | 82.2 | 17.8 | 82.7 | 17.3 |  |  |
| October.-. November | 83.3 83.1 | 16.7 16.9 | 82.2 | 17.8 178 | 82.9 83 | 17.1 | 82.3 | 17.7 | 82.6 | 17.4 |  |  |
| November | 883.9 | 16.9 17.1 | 82.2 82.6 | 17.8 17.4 | 83.4 84.6 | 16.6 15.4 | 88.8 |  | 82.5 81.8 | 17.5 18.2 |  |  |
|  | 83.6 | 16.4 | 82.6 | 17.4 | 82.3 | 17.7 | 83.1 | 16.9 | 82.6 | 17.4 |  |  |

Country's Foreign Trade in January-Imports and Exports.
The Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce at Washington on Feb. 15 issued its statement on the foreign trade of the United States for January and the seven months ending with January. The value of merchandise exported in January 1927 was $\$ 419,000,000$, as compared with $\$ 396$,836,000 in January 1926. The imports of merchandise are provisionally computed at $\$ 359,000,000$ in January 1927, as against $\$ 416,752,000$ in January the previous year, leaving a trade balance in favor of the United States on the merchandise movement for the month of January 1927 of $\$ 60,000,000$. Las year in January there was an unfavorable trade balance on the merchandise movement of $\$ 19,916,000$. Imports for the seven months of $1926-27$ have been $\$ 2,487,800,000$, as against $\$ 2,579,585,000$ for the corresponding seven months of 1925-26. The merchandise exports for the seven months of 1926-27 have been $\$ 3,020,589,000$, against $\$ 2,943,364,000$, giving a favorable trade balance of $\$ 532,789,000$ in 1926-27, against a favorable trade balance of $\$ 363,779,000$ in 1925-26. Gold imports totaled $\$ 61,962,000$ in January 1927, against $\$ 19,351,000$ in the corresponding month in the previous year, and for the seven months they were $\$ 152,346,000$, as against $\$ 106,958,000$. Gold exports in January 1927 were $\$ 14,890$,000, against $\$ 3,087,000$ in January 1926. For the seven months of 1926-27 the exports of the metal foot up $\$ 88,862$,000 , against $\$ 74,790,000$ in the seven months of 1925-26. Silver imports for the seven months of 1926-27 have been
$\$ 38,009,000$, as against $\$ 38,176,000$ in $1925-26$, and silver exports $\$ 50,276,000$, as against $\$ 58,376,000$. Following is the complete official report:
TOTAL VALUES OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF THE UNITED STATES. (Preliminary figures for 1927, corrected to Feb. 14 1927.)

MERCHANDISE.

|  | January. |  | 7 Mos. Ending January. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Incr. }(+) \\ & \text { Decr. } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1927. | 1926. | 1927. | 1926. |  |
| Exports | $\begin{gathered} 1,000 \text { Dols. } \\ 419,000 \\ 359,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,000 \\ 396,836 \\ 416,752 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 1,000 \text { Dols } \\ 3,020,589 \\ 2,487,800 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1,000 \text { Dols. } \\ 2,943,364 \\ 2,579,585 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,0000 \text { Dols } \\ +77,225 \\ -91,785 \end{array}$ |
| Excess of exports. Excess of imports. | $\begin{array}{r}60,000 \\ \hline-\ldots .\end{array}$ | 19,916 | 532,789 $\ldots-\ldots-$ | $\begin{array}{r}363,779 \\ \hline \ldots \ldots\end{array}$ | --7--7- |


|  | 1927. | 1926. | 1925. | 1924. | 1923. | 1922. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Exports. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1,000 } \\ & \text { Dollars. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1,000 \\ \text { Dollars. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,000 \\ & \text { Dollars. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1,000 \\ \text { Dollars. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,000 \\ & \text { Dollars. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1,000 \\ \text { Dollars. } \end{gathered}$ |
| Janu | 419,000 | 396,836 | 446,443 370.676 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 335,417 \\ & 306.957 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 278,848 \\ & 250,620 \end{aligned}$ |
| Februar |  | 374,406 | 370,676 453,653 | 3659,755 | 3061,377 | 239,980 |
| March |  | 387,974 | 398,255 | 346,936 | 325,492 | 318,470 |
| Apry May |  | 356,699 | 370,945 323,348 | 335,089 306,989 | 316,359 319,957 | 307,569 335,117 |
| June |  | 338,033 | $\begin{aligned} & 323,348 \\ & 339,660 \end{aligned}$ | 306,989 276,649 | 319,957 302,186 | ${ }_{301,157}^{335}$ |
| ${ }_{\text {July }}$ Aust |  | 384,449 | $\begin{aligned} & 339,660 \\ & 379,823 \end{aligned}$ | 330,660 | 310,966 | 301,775 |
| August Septemb |  | 448,071 | 420,368 | 427,460 | 381,434 | 313,197 |
| October |  | 455,399 | 490,567 | 527,172 | 399,199 |  |
| Novem |  | 480,300 465,053 | 447,804 468,306 | 493,573 445,748 | 401,484 426,666 | 380,000 344,328 |
| Decem |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 months ending Jan.- | 3,020,589 | 2,943,364 | 2,947,704 | 2,617,106 | 2,346,591 | 2,229,402 |
| 12 mos end. December |  | 4,808,443 | 4,909,848 | 4,590,984 | 4,167,493 | 831,777 |
| Imports |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 359,000 | 387, 306 | 333,387 | 332,323 | 303,407 | 215,743 |
| March |  | 442,899 | 385,379 | 320,482 | 397.928 | 256,178 |
| Apri |  | 397,912 320,919 | 346,091 327,519 | 324,291 302,988 | 364,253 372,545 | 252,817 |
| June |  | 336,251 | 325,216 | 274,001 | 320,234 | 260,461 |
| July. |  | 338,960 | 325,648 | 278,594 | 287,434 |  |
| August |  | 336,577 | 340,086 | ${ }_{287}^{254,542}$ | 253,645 | 288,493 |
| Septemb |  | ${ }_{376,832}$ | 374,074 | 310,752 | 308,291 | 276,104 |
| Novemb |  | 373,919 | 376,431 | 296,148 | 291,333 | 291,805 |
| Nover |  | 359,310 | 396,640 | 333,192 | 288,305 | 293,789 |
| 7 mos. end. January -12 mos.end. December | 2,487,800 | $\begin{aligned} & 2,579,5 \\ & 4,430,8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,106,537 \\ & 4,226,589 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,999,952 \\ & 3,609,963 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,022,593 \\ & 3,792,066 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,405,857 \\ & 3,112,747 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |



EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF GOLD AND SILVER.

|  | Gold. |  |  |  | suver. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1927. | 1926. | 1925. | 1924. | 1927. | 1926. | 1925. | 1924. |
|  | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Exports- | Dols. | Dols. | Dols. | Dols. | Dols. | Dols. | Dols. |  |
| January.... | 14,890 | 3,087 | 73,526 50,600 | 281 |  | 7,752 | 6,833 | 8,877 |
| Februa |  | 4,825 | 55,104 | 817 |  | 8,333 | 7,917 | 8,355 |
| ar |  | 17,884 | 21,604 | 1,391 |  | 7.612 | 9,323 | 7,802 |
| May |  | 9,343 | 13,390 | 593 |  | 7,931 | 6,536 | 9,687 |
| June |  | 3,346 | 6,712 | 268 |  | 7,978 | 8 8,549 | 8,648 9,190 |
| July |  | 29,743 | 2,136 | 2,397 |  | 8,041 | 8,285 | 8,632 |
| August |  | 23,081 | 6,784 | 4,580 |  | 7,243 | 7,487 | 10,345 |
| Septemb |  | 1,156 | 28,039 | 4,125 |  | 7,279 | 8,783 | 9,465 |
| Nove |  | 7,727 | 24,360 | 6,689 39 |  | 6,794 5,610 | 8,589 | 9,401 11,280 |
| Dece |  | 7,196 | 5,968 | 39,675 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 88,862 | 74,790 | 131,319 | 6.633 | 50,276 | 58,376 | 69,698 | 55,417 |
| 12 mos . end. Dee. |  | 115,708 | 262,640 | 61,648 |  | 92,258 | 99,128 | 109,891 |
| Imports | 61,9 | 19,351 | 5,038 | 45,136 | 5,401 | 5,763 | 7,339 | 5,980 |
| Februa |  | 25,416 | 3,603 | 35,111 |  | 8,863 |  |  |
| March |  | 43,413 | 7,337 | 34,322 |  | 6,322 | 6,6015 | 3,908 |
| April |  | 13,116 | 11,393 | 41,074 |  | 4,872 | 3,390 | 5,640 |
| May |  | 18,890 | 4,426 | 25,181 |  | 5,628 | 4,919 | 4,870 |
| Ju |  | 19,820 | 10,204 | 18,834 |  | 5,949 | 5,238 | 7,128 |
| August |  | 11,979 | 4,862 | 18,150 |  | 5,988 | 7,273 | 7,042 |
| September |  | 15,987 | 4,128 | $\begin{array}{r}6,656 \\ 19 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  | 5,203 | 4,504 5,602 | 5,829 |
| October |  |  | 10,456 | 19,862 |  | 3,941 | 4,049 | 6,481 |
| ver |  | 17,004 | 10,216 | 10,274 |  | 4,430 | 5,747 | 5,86 |
| os, end. Jan. | 152,346 |  | 98,516 | 235,919 | 38,009 | 38,176 | 46,765 | 51,401 |
| 12 mos. end.Dec | 152,36 | 213,504 | 128,273 | 319,721 |  | 69,596 | 64,595 | 73,945 |

## Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.
The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on Feb. 23, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Reserve banks combined, shows a decline for the week of $\$ 122,900,000$ in member bank reserve deposits, of $\$ 40,000,000$ in bill and security holdings, and of $\$ 17$,000,000 in cash reserves, and an increase of $\$ 22,900,000$ in Federal Reserve note circulation. Holdings of acceptances purchased in open market declined $\$ 34,800,000$, and of Government securities $\$ 6,600,000$, while holdings of bills discounted show a relatively small increase for the week. Total bill and security holdings are now $\$ 200,000,000$ below and total cash reserves $\$ 225,000,000$ above the amounts reported a year ago. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:
The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco reports an increase of $\$ 14,400,000$ in its holdings of discounted bills, and Boston an increas of New York of $\$ 12,300,000$. The latter bank also shows a reduction of $\$ 36.800 .000$ in holdings of acceptances purchased in open market and the $\$ 36,800,000$ in holdings of acceptances The System's holdings of Treasury
Boston bank an increase of $\$ 7,300,000$. Then certificates and notes were $\$ 6,000,000$ and of United States bonds $\$ 600,000$ below the previous week's totals.
Most of the Federal Reserve banks report a larger volume of Federal Reserve notes in circulation than a week ago, the principal increases being: New York $\$ 7,200,000$, Chicago $\$ 4,000,000$, Boston $\$ 3,600,000$ and Cleveland $\$ 3,500,000$.

The statement in full, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages-namely, pages 1187 and 1188. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending Feb. 231927 is as follows:

|  | Increases (+) | $\begin{aligned} & r \text { Decreases (- } \\ & \text { ring } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Week. | Year. |
| ser | \$17.000,000 | + \$224,500,000 |
|  | -7,000,00 | +210.500,000 |
| Total bills and secui | +1,500,000 | -142,200,000 |
| Bills discounted, tot | -20,600,000 | -101,200,000 |
| Other bills discounted | -22,100.000 | 41000.000 |
| M1ls bought in open market | 6,600,000 | -25,400,000 |
| s. Government securi |  | -3,400,000 |
| Treasur | 1,700,000 | - $51.900,000$ |
| Certificates or ind | 通, | + |
| rale | 2,700,000 | $47,500,000$ |
| Iembers' ${ }^{\text {r }}$ | , ,900.000 | 37,200,000 |
| Government depos | 800,000 | 8,900,000 |

The Member Banks of the Federal Reserve SystemReports for Preceding Week-Brokers' Loans in New York City.*
The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of 677 reporting member banks in leading cities as of Feb. 161927 shows a decline of $\$ 24,000,000$ in loans and discounts and increases of $\$ 33,000,000$ in investments, $\$ 82,000,000$ in netdemand deposits and $\$ 11,000,000$ in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks. Member banks in New York City reported reductions of $\$ 17,000,000$ in loans and discounts, $\$ 4,000,000$ in investments and $\$ 9,000,000$ in net demand deposits.

Loans on stocks and bonds, including U. S. Government securities, were $\$ 6,000,000$ below last week's total, declines of $\$ 19,000,000$ in the Cleveland district and $\$ 7,000,000$ in the Boston district being partly offset by an increase of $\$ 18,000$,000 in the New York district. "All other" loans and discounts declined $\$ 18,000,000$ during the week, the principal changes including an increase of $\$ 14,000,000$ in the Cleveland district and reductions of $\$ 25,000,000$ and $\$ 7,000,000$ in the New York and Philadelphia districts, respectively. Loans to brokers and dealers, secured by stocks and bonds, made by reporting member banks in New York City, were $\$ 2,000,000$ below the Feb. 9 total, loans for out-of-town banks having declined $\$ 32,000,000$, while loans for own account and for others increased $\$ 8,000,000$ and $\$ 22,000,000$, respectively. As explained in the footnote to this article, the figures for these member banks are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves. The statement goes on to say:
Holdings of U. S. Government securities increased $\$ 13,000,000$, larger figures being reported by banks in all districts except Boston and Minneapolis. Holdings of other bonds, stocks and securit

## $87.000,000$ was in the Chicaro district.

Net demand deposits were $\$ 82,000,000$ above the Feb. 9 total, the principal increases being $\$ 31,000,000$ in the Chicago district, $\$ 10,000,000$ in the Kansas City district and $\$ 9,000,000$ and $\$ 8,000,000$ in the Dallas and New York districts, respectively,
Borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks increased $\$ 11,000,000$, an increase of $\$ 13,000,000$ in the Chicago district and small increases in the New York, Richmond, St. Louis and Kansas City districts being offset in part by a reduction of $\$ 13,000,000$ in the Cleveland district.

On a subsequent page - that is, on page 1188 -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 sunaraary of the changes in the principal items as compared with a week ago and with last year:

Increase $(+$ ) or Decrease $(\rightarrow)$ During



* It is not possible for the Federal Reserve Board to issue-the weekly re turns 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 191926 it was the practice to have them ready on Thursday of the following week, and to give them out concurrently with the ravday of the Reserve banks for the next week. The Reserve authorities have now ucceeded in expediting the time of the appearance of the figures, and hey are made public the following week on Monday instead of on Thursday. Under this arrangement the report for the week ending Feb. 14
he close of business on Monday of


## Summary of Conditions in World's Market According <br> to Cablegrams and Other Reports of the Department of Commerce

The Department of Commerce at Washington releases for publication to-day (Feb. 26) the following summary of conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and other means of communication

## OANADA

The estimated ordinary expenses of the Dominion Goverxment for the iscal year ended March 31 1928, amounting to $\$ 354,259,412$ ent for the crease of $\$ 6,634,347.58$ over the $1926-27$ period, were tabled in the House of Commons on Feb. 15 by the Minister of Finance, who also presented the 1927-28 estimate of $\$ 22,518,500$ for the Canadian National Railways and the Merchant Harine, a decrease of $\$ 9,081,500$; and further miscellaneous upplementary estimates for 1926-27 aggregating $\$ 575,204.22$. Of the 1927 8 total of $\$ 354,259,412.10$ the prinipal items are: Public services (exlusive of war commitments), $\$ 152,254,551$; interest on public debt, $\$ 128$,General trade is and other war cemmitments, $\$ 48,549,280$.
active, particularly in the border citiontive and allied industries are more is again in operation. Domestic cotton mills plant at Sault Ste. Marie is again in operation. Domestic cotton mills are steadily employed and steady.

The
broad axes, lamps, hardware prices continues, recent declines affecting advanced , All variations for duty purpos is up one cent per pound.
were canceled Feb. 8 except that on American fresh fruits and vegetables pound. It is reported that the new potatoes, which remains 2 cents per year by 21 bridges- 2 of the largest welland Canal will be spanned this tical lift types. In connection 2 sithing type, 7 jack-knife, and 12 verhydraulic dredges will be neded and 6 straightening the river, 2 large hiameter and 350 feet long, will be used lines of tubing, each 32 feet in

The Supreme Court of Canada be used.
of 1923 for Alberta is illegal. This Act imposed Mine Owners' Tax Act of the gross receipts received from the sale of coal, an indirect tax of $2 \%$ the province a revenue of approximatoly $\$ 265$ coal, and in 1925 it brocisht

## GREAT BRITAIN.

and imported coal possition is somowhat improved with a better der and miners were employed during the week onded Over one million soa totaled $5,267,000$ tons, the largest output ended Feb. 5, when production tion of the labor dispute. The number of for any week since the termina shown by the unemployment registers was 1926.

## THE NETHERLANDS

Business continues to be fairly active in the Netherlands, but disappoint ment toxpressed in some quarters at the failure of anticipated improvewith an increasing mifest. The Netherlands Bank is in a strong position held declined during January, but dover to note circulation; foreign bills higher. The return of capital to Belgesits and miscellaneous assets rere rates in the Netherlands and curtailment and France has stiffened money capital is being attempted. Unemployment has shown outflow of of Dutch increase, but is a little lower than a year a clined somewhat. The leather industry is foreign orders for shoes are satisfactory is recovering and domestic and though less active than in November and December, was im in January, January, 1926. Commodity markets have been fairly was improved over for wheat, corn and American apples strengthesed good, with demand recovered, bacon being substituted for fresh pork in Pork exports have United Kingdom. January foreign trade of the Nork in the trade with the avorable trend with imports below the seasonal normal and showed a siderably higher than in January, 1926.

## BELGIUM.

January was a quiet month in Belgian industrial and commercial circles s compared with the high activity of recent months. As compared with the same season of other years, however, it was satisfactory. The decrease orders and lower prices in most lines, especially with regard to coal and metallurgical products, has caused no especialy disappeintment as it was generally realized that the heavy demand and high prices resulting from the British strike could not continue. Most industries and all sections of the country are optimistic regarding the future. This feeling is espectally prevalent in banking circles, where a continued interest on the part of foreign investors in Belgian securities of all kinds is reported. Great activity of the Bourse has been evident during the past month and rising
tendeacies in all categories of securities and a readjustment of values to stabilization parity were in evidence. The general belief is that the reminor difficulty may stabilization period has now passed and that only minor difficulty may be expected. Business in general is cautious, but the present sar more largely than it is doing at Money is 1926 was the most favorable in history Money is cheap and plentiful, resulting in a slight lowering of the bank proaching normal. proaching normal. Conditions in the plate glass industry are satisfactory, automobile markets eement is much below production. The leather and lines are generally are dull. The textile industries are active and other lines are generally satisfactory

## FRANCE.

An issue of fifteen-year 7\% Treasury bonds offered on Feb. 15 was fully
subscribed on the same day. Cash subseriptions exceeded $2,000,000,000$ rancs. This issue was authorized for the redemption of $4,387,000,000$ revenues freasury bonds falling due Sept. 25 1927. Total government revenues from normal and permanent sources in January amounted to in part to in part to advanced csllections last autumn. January imports, amounting compared with the monthly showed a very heavy drop in nominal value as valued at $4,708,000,000$ menty average for the last half of 1926 , while exports, petroleum price war continues, declined to a much smaller extent. The slump which is war continues, but prices are becoming firmer. A sharp tended also to the Belgian and German markets.

## GERMANY.

During the year 1926 the time lost on account of labor disputes aggre figures were $36,000,000$ and $17,000,0001924$ and 1925 the corresponding weeks of February the stock January, owing to the uncertainty of was somewhat more irregular than in German press reports, $150,000,000$ marks political situation. According to $300,000,000$ marks government guarantee for Russian business used of the individual item in this total is for technica for Russian business ; the largest $64,000,000$ marks. The government loan of $528,000,000$, amounting to now being floated will bear $5 \%$ gent loan of $528,000,000$ marks which is loan is being brought bank.

During recent months the govern.
receipts over expenditures but in ent retur have shown lower surplus borne in mind that the Italian ordinary budget is this fact it must be which were not previously contained therein lished of receipts and expenditures for the first estimates recently pub-1926-27 placed revenues at $9,944,897,000$ lire and expenditure fiscal year 99,000 lire. On the basis of these figurese, and expenditures of 9,778 , the period stood at $165,998,000$ lire. The surplus for the recorded for period of the fiscal year 1925-26 amounted to 227,568 the corresponding comparison of these figures must include the $227,568,000$ lire. Proper payments on bank nete redemption and railway corded surplus plus the past fiscal year, namely, $375,000,000$ lire. Taking thstruction during the surplus of receipts over ordinary expenditures ing these into account the previous fige lire in excess of the surplus sluring the same period in the Financial deflation
of Italy issued on Jan. 20, bank according to the statement of the Bank of Italy issued on Jan. 20, bank note circulation has now been reduced to the circulation on account of eompart of this reduction was realized in $7,000,000,000$ lire. This was lowered to $5,410,607,000$ lire by Jan. 20 .

## SPAIN.

Following the successful consolidation of $4,810,426,000$ pesetas of the floating debt the government now has made it pessible to eonvert the re maning short time obligations, amounting to $414,574,000$ pesetas, inte amortizable $5 \%$ bonds, which will be available on Feb. 28. The market to convert the issues are 87 and 99.50 . In case the holders do not wish at par value plus amortization bonus. This action payment of these issues ing debt.

## SWEDEN.

The economic situation in Sweden was steady during January and no during December, but in evidence. Business activity was not so high as was abundant during January were on the whoie satisfactory. Money flected an optimistic fanuary and the 1926 reports of private banks reduring the last few years banks have declared dividends for slower than had been anticipated. Many are equal to the dividends paid 1026 and in practically all cases these Trust has started raising its increasing activities in tered a temporary rise is wes regisment in the lumber market is the sucess of Russion stock in the delopmarket and the temporary dullness in Swedish and Finnish in the British look is still favorable so ar as future purchases rere The chemical pulp market has been pather quiet reoty, however. anticipated locally that a price reduction will be made. Esimate is not his year's production of sulphite as 30,000 metric tons higher indicate year, and sulphate 40,000 metric tons higher. The paper than last ered practically no change. Iron ore shipments The paper market regissatisfactory level, but it is anticipated that a reduction will uture, due to the tendency in Germany to decrease Swedish foreign trade declined during January, due to the steel output. difficulties. All the leading export items showed marked incrapping several of the principal import items were considerably in excess of the December receipts.

## FINLAND.

Preliminary trade statistics for December indicate that an unfavorable balance for 1926 amounting to $25,353,114$ marks (mark-\$.0252) wa returned. Imports were valued at $5,659,641,780$ marks and exports at $5,634,288,666$ marks. Both import and export values for 1926 exceed
those of the preceding year, the fermer by about $140,000,000$ the latter by about $60,000,000$ marks. According to the preliminary and the latter by about $60,000,000$ marks. According to the preliminary figures United States retained second place in inland's import trade during place and England third place. Great Britain leads in the retained first
platal Finnish exports, followed by Germany and the Netherlands. United Stat is fourth with exports to this country, valued at $365,136,545$ marks during the year. Details of the trade for the year are not yet available during tions of the Bank of Finland during the year returned a profit of $107,100,000$ marks, which has been transferred to the reserve fund so that this account

## now amounts to 240 in the previous year.

## LITHUANIA

The proposed budget for 1927, balanced at $227,426,187$ lits (each lit worth $\$ .10$ ), shows substantial reductions over the budgets for the previous two years. Ordinary revenues are estimated at $223,722,762$ lits and at $209,383,210$ lits and extraordinary at $18,042,977$ lits. It has extimated nounced that the original balance has been reduced by Parliament anfinal passage, but final figures are not available. Preliminary estimates indicate that substantial improvements were made in the foreign trade situation during 1926. Although final figures are not available, imports, mainly of rye, rice, spirits, textile goods, vehicles and machinery, show large reductions. Superphosphates and coal imports were larger. The export trade has increased considerably, mainly in flax, woodpulp, veneer and board. Cereal exports were larger and dairy exports, except cheese and eggs, increased. Leather exports were considerably lower.

## pOLAND.

Following the publication of the annual report of the Bank of Poland and the declaration by the bank of $10 \%$ divided ( $8 \%$ regular and $2 \%$ ex tra) there appeared on the Warsaw exchange a brisk demand for the shares of the bank, wher her the first time in the history of the bank, its shares reached par ( 100 zlotys),
and easily ran up to 109.50 . (The shares were selling at 50 on May 18 and $\xrightarrow{\text { last.) }}$ tion report for the past year reveals a general improvement in the condition of the bank. ine bank note circulation increased from less than $400,000,000$ zlotys in April to $593,000,000$ zlbotys in December, 1926, while the cover against the notes grew from a little over $30 \%$ in April, 1926, $341,000,000$ zlotys in January the ear the net the year. The net profit of the bank for the past year amounted to 13,696 , $1,370,000$ zloays were added to the reserve fund: and for dividends; for taxes to the State treasury.

## HAWAII

Retail trade in Hawaii during January was moderate and collections were good. The sugar harvest is progressing satisfactorily, about 200,000 tons, or one quarter of the crop, having been harvested by Feb. 15. While the cane tonnage is to be but thate Rains have been abundant and favorable to crops, bor dollar hol wilki islands asell wish beach attracted visitors from all sections of the islands as well as many tourists from the mainland. The Hawaiian invest ment market has absorbed a considerable volume of seasoned bonds since thennial session lation lation having for its object a greater expansion of Pacific commerce will be presented for action, it is

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

January conditions as a whole were favorable, although seasonally quiet, following the holiday period and annual inventories. Improvement inaugurated the latter part of the month was fairly well sustained during the eary part of February. January's corpa market ovened quiet but latter part of the month. The trade is now weaker as a result of an easier tone in foreign markets. Abaca grades were generally quiet, with a dewn ward price tendency. Weather conditions were favorable for the maturin sugar cane and approximately 230,000 tons of sugar have been ground to date. With a revival of interest from Europe, tobacco trade was more active. Cigar trade, however, continued uncertain, with very low produc tion. Although January saw some improvement in the textile market, price cutting continued and a return to stability is not expected locally before March. Sales of small cars and tires continued excellent. The marketing of imported foodstuffs was generally good.

## INDIA.

Business in India continues to show steady improvement and trade circles are more optimistic, particularly in the raw cotton and piece goods markets. Retail business is goo haye showed encouraging developents. With the exception of rice th export market is dull.
A favorable vote on the Steel Bill is expected in India to be taken hortly despite strong opposition from those who object to the provisions providing for differential duties favoring imports of steel from the United Kingdom. The Indian Legislature is discussing the currency bills at present but action will be delayed until the annual budget is presented. The upee-sterling ratio bill is expected to come up about March 8 and to pass y a narrow margin favoring the higher ratio. The report of the textile inquiry committee is expected shortly
The money market has continued steady, with the demand for funds increasing as cotton arrivals become heavy and rice shipments increase. Yarn and piece goods markets show improvements. Unfavorable weather conditions are affecting the wheat crop and prices are firming despite bearish world factors, and heavy arrivals from Australia. Bazaar dealers report steady business with the outlook optimistic in all import lines.

## SIAM.

Exports of rice from Bangkok in January were the highest on record for that month in any year since 1919. Over $20,000,000$ ticals of the total exports of $25,000,000$ ticals were accounted for by rice shipments. These figures substantiate the early report of a large surplus for export during the current milling season. The total imports into Bangkok for January of $16,000,000$ ticals were slightiy under December imports and nearly $4,000,080$ ticals below the value of the import trade of January, 1926. INDO-CHINA.
The slight business improvement inaugurated in December continued in January, with the exception of the rice trade, which slackened somewhat. This, however, is normal, as the menth is off season. Prospects for the arthcoming rice crop are generally good. Jąnuary exports from Saigon ments. Of the, 462 metric tons, a slight increase of white rice, shophalf of which was destined for Hongkong and Shanghai. The price of first quality white rice on per hundred kolis ( Jout official piastres rate of the piastre on Jan. 31 was 13.35 francs, or a dollar value of $545 / 8$ cents.

## AUSTRALIA.

A cyclonic disturbance which swept across the northeast section of Queensland on Feb. 9 partially destroyed the city of Cairns, which has a
population of 7,500 , and laid waste a considerable section of the surrounding agricultural area. Unprecedented fleods accompanied the disturbance, caussing considerable damage to crops, sugar cane being damaged to the extent of $£ 600,000$, it is estimated. The strike in the coal fields of New inued next week. Wool sales during the past month have enjoyed a good demand with rising prices. According to revised estimates the 1926-27 vool clip in that State will be $25 \%$ greater than the provious record. The wheat position remains unchanged and somewhat discouraging. Australian wheat is not moving well in foreign markets and the domestic brand is sluggish.

## ARGENTINA

Trade in most import lines continues to reflect the seasonal dullness. Exchange has strengthened materially as a result of the large export movement, the paper peso reaching $\$ .42$ (par value- $\$ 0.4245$ ), which is the highest it has been in several years. The cereal and hide markets are cattle market is weak Imports from the United Kingdom into Argentina in 1926 totaled $\$ 111,730,947$ as compared with $\$ 143,543,628$ in 1925 , while Argentina exports to the United Kingdom dropped from $\$ 332,505,836$ to $\$ 327,865,322$ in the same period. This decrease in British-Argentina trade was particularly notable in the case of Britain's exports to Argentina, which declined $22 \%$, there being only a $1.4 \%$ decline in the other direcwhich
tion.

BRAZIL.
Conditions in most lines of business in Brabil throughout the week ended Feb. 18 were satisfactory. Exchange remained firm at approximately the stabilization level of $\$ 0.1192$. Coffee prices fell, Santos spot fours declining from 26.20 milreis ( $\$ 3.12$ ) per 10 kilos to 25.50 milreis ( $\$ 3.03$ ) during the week. The Santos Commercial Association has been the center of consideration trading in coffee, although it is no longer the official coffee exchange, and it has been negotiating transactions at prices under those set by the new coffee institute exchange. The
denied that it is treating for a stabilization loan.

## PERU.

There was no material change in business conditions in Peru during the two-week period ended Feb. 18 1927. The Peruvian Congress assembled in extraordinary session on Feb. 14 to consider important pending legislation. It is believed in Peru that among other measures to be considered at this session the will be coded the bolibility of wia, the proposed Acts removing the present ineligibily of the President to bill. Exchange remained steady at $\$ 3.68$, having maintained this rate since the last week of December, 1926 .

## URUGUAY.

Uruguayan customs revenues during January totaled $1,740,000$ pesos $(\$ 1,775,000)$, as compared with $1,690,000$ pesos $(\$ 1,724,000)$ in the same month a year ago. The Uruguayan Chamber of Commerce and the Cham-Pan-American Commercial Congress, to be held in Washington in May, 1927.

## colombia.

The strike situation along the Magdalena River is greatly improved Martial law had been decreed along the river, beginning at Berranca Ber meja, the petroleum center of the country, on account of the violent strike of oil field workers and rivermen, but this has now been-repealed except ing Berranca, where conditions are not yet normal. Hewever, strikers are gradually returning to work and certain radical leaders have been arrested A disastrous fire occurred at Girardot, the important transfer point for Bogota, at the end of the upper river. The destruction is estimated at half a million dollars. A petroleum starage plant at dirardot was burned, aggravating the already acute situation in the gasoline market in Bogota, where hundreds of automobiles have been forced to cease speration. A small fire is also reported at Namona, near Cartagena, the terminus of oil pipe line from the interior, but the damage apparently was slight. The Magdalena River is in excellent condin, due to the heavy rains in the interior mountain regions. How iter, it is a dory smaints and at Barranquilla can be moved before the river again bepoints and
comes dry.

## MEXICO.

It is expected in Mexico that the new import duties which go into effect on March 71927 will reduce materially imports of many lines. In view of the prevailing economic depression it is believed locally to be improbable that the country will be able to consume the same amount of goods at the higher prices which are inevitable in view of the new tariff schedule and the substitution of a $5 \%$ gold tax in lieu of the former oonsular fees. It is reported that a number of orders already placed by importers in Mexico have been canceled.

PANAMA.
The general business situation is somewhat depressed and it is stated that among the smaller dealers conditions are acute, although there is a slight improvement in retail trade, in riew of the approaching carnival season. Banana shipments are normal for this period of the year. Highway construction continues active. An important concession in favor of an American concern for the development of banana lands has been approved by the Panama Government. Under this contract from $\$ 9,000,000$ to $\$ 12,000$,000 is to be expended in construction and irrigation work, in a concrete wharf oil storage tanks, employees' quarters, and from 60 to 70 kilometers of railway line, including a steel bridge across the Tonosi River. It is stated that approximately 16,000 hectares ( 1 hectare $=2.47$ acres), producing about $4,000,000$ bunches of bananas yearly, will be under cultivation.

PORTO RICO.
General business conditions in Porto Rico during the week ended Feb. 19 were about normal for the season of the year, and slightly ahead of the January 1927 levels or those of corresponding period 1926. Collections are improving, particularly in San Juan, and a general improvement is expected in March. Collections were better in provision lines than in either textiles or hardware. The economic outlook is improving as the rainfall slackens and weather conditions become more favorable to growing crops. The tobacco industry is especially pleased with the decreased precipitation and the drier weaether is more favorable to the sugar industry of the non-irrigated regions, where field operations are mpeded excessive rains. Sugar prizes have weakened somewhat, buring the about three-quarters of a cent above the prevailing prices during the corresponding days of last year.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.
A national exposition of agriculture, industry and arts will be held at A national exposition of agriculture, indays beginning March 301927.

Its purpose is to show the progress of the Dominican people and the num-
ber and value of the prizes, which are reserved for award to the best exhibitors of local products, is expected to assure a large attendance from all parts of the island.

Banker Criticizes Us in Advertisement Abroad-Imbrie
\& Co. Protest Against Our Stand on League in the London and Paris Press.
A protest aga nst the "twilight zone" position of the United States with regard to the League of Nations is being put before the public of England and France through advertisements placed by the New York investment banking firm of Imbrie \& Co., according to the New York "Times" of Feb. 22 , which goes on to say:
An appeal for American participation in the League has been published in the London "Times" over the Imbrie signature, and it will be followed by a similar advertisement in the Paris "Temps.
The advertisements follow similar appeals made by the Imbrie firm to American public opinion, stressing the belief that both altruistic and "dollars and cents" motives call for America's entrance into the League. The advertisements placed abroad represent the first time that such action has
been taken by American bankers on a political question. been taken by American bankers on a political question. The campaign is
the work of James Imbrie, senior member of the firm. While representthe work of James Imbrie, senior member of the firm. While represent-
tug organization, he is said to feel that his convictions coincide with the views of at least a large section of American banking opinion which should be made clear before an international public.
The advertisements declare that an item of good-will of great intrinsic and potential value which the United States possessed in 1919 has since been written off the national balance sheet and add, "we submit to investors the wisdom of counting the cost to them of this loss."
American investments abroad, including our Government's loans to foreign nations," the advertisements read, "total more than $\$ 25,000,000,000$. We contend that with this amount of our money scattered over the face The globe a continued national policy of smug isolation is outworn."
$380,000,000,000$ of capital, accumulated in a century by hundreds of millions of individuals, was wiped out The tremendous losses of France and Ens land, which before the war held our present place as leading creditor nations are cited, together with the pleas of investors in those countries for a World League for the prevention of wars.
"The United States, with their untold wealth and unequal share of the world's gold supply, must and will continue to finance the needs of those members of the family of nations less fortunately situated than themselves, high places consider the "We believe to-day a preponderance of thinkers in and good-will. We belleve Americans rope and agency for world peace altruistic argument. But if self-interest must be a concomitant of action, then for the sake of and in the name of 'dollars and cents' we suggest an ccounting of cost and an indictment against further delay in American Joining the League of Nations.'

## Vincent Massey, Canada's First Minister to United States, Received by President Coolidge.

Vincent Massey, whose appointment as Canada's first Minister to Washington was noted in our issue of Nov. 20, page 2596, presented his credentials to President Coolidge on Feb. 18. In addressing the President Mr. Massey said: "My mission has been established in the confident hope that it will serve to strengthen those cordial sentiments which exist between Canada and the United States." President Coolidge in replying expressed himself as "happy to have this opportunity to assure you that the greetings and messages of good-will which you have delivered on behalf of His Majesty's Canadian Government and the people of Canada are cordially reciprocated and that the people of this country have a deep and lasting regard for the people of your country." Mr. Massey made his initial address in New York on Feb. 23 at a dinner in his honor given at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel by the Pilgrims of the United States. Upon that occasion he said in part (we quote from the New York "Times"):

Whenever somegreat convulsion shakes the world, the Atlantic is spanned by this common language, for I believe that there could be no crisis such as has threatened society once of late, and one day may do so again, in
which the United States and the British which the United States and the British peoples would not be found stand-
ing shoulder to shoulder. Ing shoulder to shoulder.
differences in outlook and in friendship rests on the frank recognition of differences in outlook and in method, rather than on any well meant exaggeration of similarity. As a matter of fact, the readiness to respect and safeguard the customs and characteristics, even the prejudices, of a community, is in itself a fundamental attribute of the Anglo-Saxon wherever
he lives. The British Empire endures because he lives. The British Empire endures because of the respect for national
self-expression which is enshrined in its system self-expression which is enshrined in its system.
In years gone by one has heard it said that in North America there is no justification for two English-speaking nations and that one should ultimave been held, now smacks only of the distant past, I hever seriously it may have been held, now smacks only or the distant past. I know that the idea
that there should be a fusion between our two democracies now belongs either to the sphere of the antiquarian or the humorist.

An Invisible Boundary.
The invisible boundary which runs between us is not a frontier, thank Heaven, and never will be. A sentry on the international border between your country and mine would be about as appropriate as a fire extinguisher on the top of the great pyramid. The boundary is not a frontier; it is not even a point of separation. Tlike to think of it rather as merely a line of demarcation where two nations win miendship and good-will.
The relations between Canada and the United States for upward of a century have been an example to the world. When problems have arisen between us we have given them prompt and workmanlike settlement.
The growth of irade between our countries, which can only be to our mutual advantage and profit, will result in the widening of this knowledge and understanding and, resulting from that, of even greater mutual respect.
(1) We give herewith the exchange of greetings on Feb. 18 between Mr. Massey and President Coolidge, Mr. Massey's address being as follows:
Mr. President:- $I$ have the great honor of placing in your hands the letters of credence by which his Britannic Majesty accredits me as his Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to represent the Dominion of Canada in the United States.
I consider myself highly fortunate, sir, to have the privilege of being the first envoy from my country to be accredited to the Government of your great republic. For upward of a century the relations between these democracies have been those of unbroken friendship. My mission has been established in the confident hope that it will serve to strengthen those cordial sentiments which exist between Canada and the United States, as well as
between the United States and the empire be both proud achievement of these great ends. In the discharge of such a mission of international understanding it is a source of deep satisfaction to me confident of your sympathetic interest and the friendly assistance of your Administration.
Allow me, Mr. President, on behalf of his Majesty's Canadian Government and the people of Canada, to convey to you, sir, assurances of their high and sincere regard, and permit me through you to give the people of the United States a pledge of Canada's enduring friendship and continued Prisies for their happiness and welfare.
President Coolidge in reply said:
Mr. Minister:-It gives me pleasure to receive from you the letters by which his Majesty King George accredits you as his Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to represent the interests of the Dominion of Canada in the United States, and to accord you formal recognition in that capacity.
The establishment of a diplomatic mission in this country to represent Canada's particular interests is, I believe, a striking proof of the importance and extent of the contacts and relations of the two countries. These relations and the existing cordial sentiments between the two countries to which you have referred will, I am sure, be markedly advanced by the
opportunities for direct mutual exchanges of opinion offered by your opportunities for direct mutual exchanges of opinion offered by your presence in this capital.
I am happy to have this opportunity to assure you that the greetings and messages of good-will which you have delivered on behalf of his Majesty's and that the pernment and the people of Canada are cordially reciprocated and that the people of this country have a deep and lasting regard for the people or your country
ion from the officis. you that you will receive the heartiest co-operaIon from the officials of this Government in the carrying out of the high aims of your mission and $I$ hope that your stay in Washington may be most
The letter of credence from King George, which Mr. Massey presented to President Coolidge, read as follows:
George, by the grace of Gold of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the seas, King, Defender of the Faith,.Emperor of India., \&c., to the President of the United States of America sendeth greeting:
Our good friend: We have judged it expedient to confer the rank of Envoy beloved the Hon. Charles Vincent Mosetiary upon our trusty and well in Canada, with the especial object of representing in the United States of America the interests of our Dominion of Canada.
We request that you will give credence to all that Mr. Massey may represent to you in our name, expecially when he shall assure you of our esteem and regard, and of our hearty wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the United States of America. And so we commend you to the protection of the Almighty
Given at our Court of St. James's, Dec. 7 1926, in the seventeenth year of our reign.

Your good friend,
GEORGE, Rex Imperator.
The following message received by Mr. Massey from the Prime Minister of Canada was made public at the same time: Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian Minister to the United States,

Canadian Legation, Washington, D. C.:
of Canada for the complete success of the best wishes of the Government of Canada for the complete success of the mission upon which you are formally entering to-day with the presentation of your letters of credence to
President Coolidge. We are convinced the mented by the noe. Wo are convinced that this forward step. comple mestes Miniter to Co appoinh States Minister to Canada, will prove of the highest service in promoting the welfare and the good relations of both countries.

Ottawa, Feb. 181927.
William Phillips Named as First Minister from United States to Canada-Problems Before New Minister.
Early this month it was announced that William Phillips had been chosen as First Minister from the United States to Canada, his appointment being made known by the State Department at Washington on Feb. 4. The volume and importance of the questions to be handled by the newly-established American diplomatic mission to Canada have been outlined to Congress by Wilbur J. Carr, Assistant Secretary of State, it is learned from the "United States Daily" of Feb. 24, from which we take the following:
Mr. Carr, appearing before the House Committee on Appropriations, stated that William Phillips, who is to be the first American Minister to Ottawa, will find a wide variety of problems awaiting solution, while the new ministry to the Irish Free State will have comparatively little business. Mr . Carr gave his testimony in connection with items in the second deffciency bill, providing appropriation of $\$ 6,66666$ each for the salaries of the Ministers of Ottawa and Dublin, for the current fiscal year.
"So far as Canada is concerned," Mr. Carr said, "there is no question at all about there being much diplomatic work, nor about the fact that it can be done more expeditiously and satisfactorily for this Government by having a mission in Ottawa than by going indirectly through the British Embassy here to the Canadian authorities in Ottawa.
Mr. Carr said there will be questions to discuss with Canada regarding the
boundary waters, prohibition enforcement, execution the boundary waters, prohibition enforcement, execution of the customs laws on
the border and immigration laws and difficulties arising out of the enforce-
ment of them on the border. He said there are various questions relating to fisheries to be discussed there.
"We have created," he said, "a halibut fisheries commission, made up of representatives of the two Governments, which results in a considerable amount of diplomatic discussion. Then we have the international joint commission which has to do with water rights on the border. That is a matter that also requires a considerable amount of correspondence or discussion between the two Governments. For instance, we have this wellknown question of the St. Lawrence River. A treatd has also just been entered into, in 1915 , providing for a perpetual commission to adjust dirferences along the boundary, to keep the boundary clear and to keep the monuments in condition. We have a multitude or ques.
"What about the Irish Free State-" he was aksed. "I do not think there "The situation be nearly the amount of business for that legation."
will be nearly the amount or explained that there will be two clerks at each of these missions. "The mission in Canada," he explained, "will be at much more expense The mission in than those in Switzerland, the Netherlands or Poland. It will certainly have much more work to do. The expense in Ireland will fully equal that of the legations in the Netherlands. and sweden.'
Asked about the effect of establishing these two missions upon the existAsked about the eonsulates at those posts, Mr. Carr said the Consuls there would not be abolished but they would be weakened, because some of the things which the consulates have been doing will be done by the legations.

The Associated Press dispatches from Washington on Feb. 3 referring to the selection of Mr. Phillips to the Canadian post said:
William Phillips, now Ambassador to Belgium and former Under Secretary of State, has been selected to be the first American Minister to Canada The selection indicates the importance attached by the United States to the new diplomatic post at Ottawa, since it has called upon one of its senior "career" diplomats, now holding the rank of Ambassador, to sur-
render that rank and accept instead a post as Minister.
This puts the Ottawa assignment in a special class with that of Minister to Ohina, the Peking post always having been recognized as one of
significance, although it does not carry with it Ambassado
Mr. Phillips was born at Beverly, Mass., May 301878.

## German Reparation Receipts and Payments in January.

Under date of Feb. 8 the Office of the Agent-General for Reparation Payments reports receipts during January of $94,666,667$ gold marks and payments of $88,479,805$ gold marks. The statement follows:
OFFICE OF THE AGENT-GENERAL FOR REPARATION PAYMENTS. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE THIRD ANAUITY YEAR TO JANUARY 311927.
(On Cash Basls, reduced to Gold Mark equivalents.) $\begin{array}{cc}\text { Month of } & \text { Theard Annulty } \\ \text { Yeamula- } \\ \text { January } & \text { ttoe Total to } \\ \text { 1927. } & \text { Jan. 31 1927. } \\ \text { Gold Marks. } & \text { Gold Marks. }\end{array}$
A. Receipts in Third Annuity Year-

1. In completion of Second Annulty:
(b) Transport Tax
n account of Third Annulty:
(b) Normal Budgetary Contribution-1.......
(d) Transport Tax
(d) Interest on Rallway Reparation Bonds..
2. Interest recel
............... $8,095,425.61$
$45,000,000.00$ $\begin{array}{rr}9,166,666.67 & 45.833,333.33\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{cc}18,000,000.00 & 72,000.000,00 \\ 22,500,000.00 & 112,500,000.00\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}22,500,000.00 & 112,500,000.00 \\ 45,000,000.00 & 180,000,000.00\end{array}$

Total Receipts

| $94,666,666.67$ | $464,079.640 .99$ <br> $-\cdots$ |
| :---: | ---: |
| $93,626,074.81$ |  | B. Balance Total Cash Avallable.

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| O. Payments in Third Annuity Year1. Payments to or for the account of |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| British Empire | 17,949,117.01 | 89,992,881.05 |
| Italy. | 5,037,303.72 | 28,796,498.97 |
| Selgium- | ,248,232.64 | 21,262,361.60 |
| Serb-Croa | 3,381,900.00 | 16,478.439.73 |
| Rumania. | 664,123.10 | 3,652,481.77 |
| Jap | 2,216,555.82 | 3,829,620.81 |
| Portug |  | 1,594,130.93 |
| Greec | 254,3192.76 | 1,347,138.39 |
| Polan | 8,158.77 | 85,131.36 |
| Total Payments to Po | 78,818,864.70 | 393,384,019.59 |
| 2. For Service of German External Loan 1924 | 7.722,684.40 | 36,010,991.03 |
| 2. For Service or German External Loan ${ }^{\text {3. For expenses of: }}$ |  |  |
| Reparation Commission | ${ }_{308,232.35}^{299,363.57}$ | 1,483,149.91 |
| Office for Reparation Paymen | 210,792.29 | 1,207,716.70 |
| Inter-Allied Rhinelan Commission of Control. | 400,000.00 | 1,300,000.00 |
|  |  |  |
| 5. Discount on amounts recelved from Deutsche | -432,246.16 | 3,048,725.51 |
| 6. Exchange differences. | 287,621.67 | 422,441.98 |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  | 557,705,715.80 |

* See Tables I and II for analysis of payments by category of expenditure and Dy Powers.
TABLE I-TOTAL PAYMENTS TO POWERS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TABLE I-TOTAL PAYMENTS TO CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE.
TO $\begin{array}{cc}\text { Month of } & \text { Thra Annulty } \\ \text { January Cumula- } \\ \text { 1927. } & \text { tte Total to } \\ \text { Gold Marks. } & \text { Jan. } 31927 . \\ \text { Gold Marks. }\end{array}$

1. Occupation Costs
(a) Marks supplied to Armies of Occupation-.... Rhineland Agreement under Arts. $8-12$ of
2. Dellveries in Kind-
(a) Toal, coke and lignite-....................
(c) Dyestuffs and pharmaceutical products....... (e) Coal by-products................................ (g) Agricultural produots Timber ulscellaneous delli........................

$3,494,087.56 \quad 15,971,343.40$ 58,611,00 11,736,331.35 | $3,552,698.56$ | $27,707,674.75$ |
| :--- | :--- |

3. Dellveries Under Agreement
4. Reparation Recovery Acts.- $\qquad$
$\qquad$ arks. Cear-CumulaMonth of
January 1927 22,695,314.84 $131,451.78 \quad 579,648.03$
5. Cash Transfers-
(a) Settlement of balances owing for delliveries
made or services rendered by the German made or services rendered by the

Government prior to Sept. 1 1924..... (b) In foreign currencies.. $3,381,900.00$ | 4.47 .10 .25 |
| :--- |
| .333 .50 .50 .00 | Total Payments to Powers. $\frac{3,381,900.00}{78,818,864.70}$ $4,780,910.25$ CLASSIFIED $14,780,910.25$

TABLE II-PAYMENTS TO EACH POWER CLASSIF
Month of Year
$\begin{array}{cc}\text { Month of } & \text { Year-Cumula- } \\ \text { January } & \text { tiveTotal to } \\ \text { 1927. } & \text { Jan. } 311927 . \\ \text { Gold Marks. } & \text { Gold }\end{array}$
Fra)
(a)
(b)
(c)
(d)
(e)
(d)
(
(d)
(1)
(
(d)
(d)
 $2,494,081.54 \quad 10,512,036.98$ $\begin{array}{rr}38,087.79 & 8,281,262.41 \\ 5,758127.26 & 27,766845.79 \\ 17,319,586.78 & 62,655,394.94 \\ 1,670,913.44 & 12,718,063.43\end{array}$ (d) Deliveries of coal, coke \& lignite-

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$279,580.93 \quad 1,295,954.22$ (e) Transport of coal, coke \& ilignite (g) Deliveries of chemical fertilizers \& nitrogenous (b) Deliveries
(h) Deliveries of coal by-products
(i) Deliveries of refractory earths.
(J) Deliveries of agricultur
(k)
Delliveries of timber.-
(I)
Deliveries of
$\begin{array}{rr}6,532,369.97 & 21,106,712.35 \\ 169,442.58 & 1,366,324.73 \\ 6,434.18 & 65,981.03\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{rr}169,442.58 & 1,366,324.73 \\ 6,434.18 & 65,981.03 \\ 349,634.18 & 3,721,116.19 \\ 2,109,20.75 & \end{array}$
(1) Deliveries of sugar-...-
$1,061,802.65$
$4,389,940.38$
$103,033.07$

$1,379,742.89$
$31,340,928.80$
403.033 .07
(n) Miscellaneous payments............................ for dellveries made or services rendered by
the German Government prior to Sept. the German Government prior to Sept.
1924........................................... $\qquad$ 286,584.56
Total France
$42,282,241.50191,862,537.01$
British Empire
(a) Marks supplied to Army of Occupation._-...
(a) Marks supplied to Army of Occupation. (c) Rhineland Agreement.-

| $11,923.41$ | $2,123,865.15$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| $16,937,187.58$ | $82,358,837.31$ |

(c) Reparation Recovery Act..........................................
(d) Miscellaneous payments. Transfer: Settlement of balances owing
tor deliveries made or services rendered by
the German Government prior to Sept. 1
Total British Emplre.
3. Italy-
a) Delivertes of coal \& coke- $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{ll}3,682,460.94 & 16,775,423.89\end{array}$
(b) Transport of coal \& coke--.........................
(d) Miscellaneous deliveries
(d) Miscellaneous deliveries.
(e) Miscellaneous payments.
........................................
Total Italy
$\begin{array}{r}54,519.76 \\ 203,123.56 \\ 8,089.93 \\ \hline\end{array}$
5,037,303.72 $\xlongequal[28,796,498.97]{ }$
4. Belgium- (a) furnishings to Army under Arts. 8-12 of
(a) furnishings to Arement-1.-.................... (b) Deliveries of coal, coke \& ilgnite.
$8.599 .80 \quad 1,331,203.79$ (b) Deliveries of coal, coke \& ilgnite-..............-.
(c) Transport of coal, coke \& lignitt.-...-
(d) Deliverles of dyestufts \& pharmaceutical (e) Dellveries of chemical fertilizers \& nitrogenous
 (f) Deliveries of coal by-pr
(g) Deliveries of timber.-.-.
(h) Miscellaneous deliveries. $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$519,937.37 \quad 2,243,759.54$
$\begin{array}{rr}961,425.83 & 1.555,633.81 \\ 25,732.43 & 1,511,032.18\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{cc}961,425.83 & 1.555,633.81 \\ 25,732.43 & 24,472.68 \\ 302,817.92 & 1,511,032,16\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{rr}3,42,817.92 & 1,511,032.16 \\ 2,429,714.47 & 12,932,870.00 \\ 304.82 & 11,252.68\end{array}$
(1) Miscellaneous payments.-.........................for deliveries made or services rendered by


Total Belgium.
5. Serb-Croat-Slovene State-
(a) Deliveries of
(a) Deliveries of pharmaceutical products
(b) Miscellaneous delliveries

Total Serb-Croat-Slovene State.
6. United States of America-
(a) Deliveries under agreement_..................
(b) Cash Transfers in forelgn currencies.........-

Total United States of America....
--.........-
115,483.79
$\overline { 4 , 2 4 8 , 5 3 2 . 6 4 } \longdiv { 2 1 , 2 6 2 , 3 6 1 . 6 0 }$
7. Rumania- $\qquad$

$\begin{array}{rr}5,618.11 & 50,072.90\end{array}$ | $2,728,892.25$ | $16,337,484.74$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| $19,062.09$ | $95,240.33$ |

2,753,572.45 $\xlongequal[16,482,797.97]{ }$
7. Rumania-
(a) Miscellaneous deliveries..

(b) Miscellaneous payments. $\qquad$ 3,381,900.00 | $20,144,639.73$ |
| :--- |
| $14,333,800.00$ |

664,123.10
3,648,646.91
Total Rumania. $\qquad$ $3,652,481.77$
8. Japan-
(a) Deliveries of chemical fertilizers \& nitrogenous
 $1,125,475.78$
$1,091,080.04$ $1,125,475.78$
$2,704,145.03$

9. Portugal-Miscellaneous dellveries $\qquad$
$-\frac{22,966.93}{254,392.76}$

3,829,620.81
10. Greece-Miscellaneous deliveries $\qquad$ $7,196.90$ $1,347,138.39$
11. Poland-

1. Poland-
(a) Deliveries of agricultural products_................
(b) Miscellaneous payments....-.
(c) Cash Transfers -Settlement of balances owing
for dellveries made or services rendered by
the German Government prior to Sept. 1

Note.-Furntshtngs Under Arts. 8-12 of the Rhineland Agreement. - In accordance
with the terms of an Agreement concluded between the French, British and Belgian with the terms of an Agreement concluded between the French, Bances on account of Governments and the German Government,
the value of Furnishtngs to the Armies of ocupation and to the Rhineland Commisslon under Arts. 8-12 of the Rhinela

## Denmark's Return to the Gold Standard.

Denmark's return to the gold standard was effected on Jan. 1 as a preliminary thereto to the Danish Chambers in December having enacted into law a bill permi ting the conversion of Danish notes into gold from Jan. 1 at 24 kroner against one of gold. This action was noted in these columns Nov. 13, page 2465, and Dec. 25, page 3250. The Federal Reserve Board in its January "Bulletin" presents the following regarding the stabilization of the Danish currency:
The return of Denmark to the gold standard at the beginning of 1927
follows upon a long period during which the measures for the stabilization of Danish currency. The continuous fluctuations in the exchange value of the Danish krone since the end of the war and the consequent fluctuations of prices wrone a disturbing factor in the economic conditions of the country, and the Government undertook measures to reduce these fluctuations. By act of Nov. 16 1923, the Danish United States and the proceeds of the credits were in England and in the rency equalization fund of $£ 5,000,000$. For a brief period the downward krone again began to depreciate and the Gtoppe During January, however, the to prevent a further decline. On March 291924 an ishing the central currency office, among the various the right to control foreign exchange transactions and to restrict dealings in foreign exchanges to a small number of banks. The improvement of krone exchange following the establishment of the central currency office, however, was of only brief duration, and in May another period of depreciation began. In July the Government called a conference of representatives of industry and trade as well as of the various political parties to consider the exchange question. The result of this conference was the currency stabilization law of Dec. 201924 which laid down broader principles The chief provisions ef echange conditions.
The chief provisions of the act may be summarized as follows: The Na-
tional Bank of Denmark was exempted tional Bank of Denmark was exempted from its obligation to redeem its notes in gold until Jan. 11927 . The National Bank at the redeem its a rate which up to July 11925 should which is 3.73 kroner per dollar, at Dec. 3119255.64 ; and during the first half of 1926 at a rate this date to ing 5.32 . Thus it was intended gradually to raise the value of the krone. To assist in carrying out these measures the National Bank obtained an exchange credit for one year in the United States of $\$ 40,000,000$, guaraneed by the Danish Gevernment, which also agreed to repay within two years to the National Bank a loan of $40,000,000$ kroner which it had obained in 1922 in connection with the reorganization of the Landsmands The currency stabilization act was primarily cline of the krone and to bring about a gradual intended to check the de cline of the krone and to bring about a gradual increase in its value. Soon at the end of December 1925 it was quoted at 4.03 rose so rapidly that instead of 5.64 kroner, as had been anticipated 4.03 kroner to the dollar instead of 5.64 kroner, as had been anticipated by the law of December 1924.

The rapid rise of the Danish krone was due chiefly to two factors. First,
substantial decrease of imports resulted a substantial decrease of imports resulted from the prolonged labor stoppage in 1925 , so that the excess of imports over exports was reduced from ure, it appears, represents the imports as larger in 1925. Even this figure, it appears, represents the imports as larger than they actually were,
for the impert figures are based upon the value of the when they were cleared into the upon the value of the goods at the time when they were cleared into the country, whereas payment is not made in most cases until considerably later. Thus importers were often able to take advantage of the rapid appreciation of the exchange, and so to meet their obligations at a substantially lower rate than that obtained at the time of purchase. The actual payments in kroner, therefore, were less effected in this manner the trade statistics. An estimate places the saving imports over exports may In consequence of the may be further reduced to about $100,000,000$ kroner. In consequence of the improved trade balance, the balance of payments, which in the previous year had been unfavorable, became favorable by about Second,
payments, was the effect of foreignt than the improvement of the balance of payments, was the effect of foreign speculation in Danish exchange. Forbuy Danish bills heavily expectation of a rapid rise of the krone, began to $100,000,000$ kroner had until foregn funds to an estmated total of about creased interest of had been placed in Denmark. Concurrent with the inof Danish holders of foreign bills of exchange to movement on the part The National Bank took up these exchange to convert them into kroner. the market was unable to these bills, as well as foreign offerings which ization fund, which earlier in the with the result that the exchange equal was again replenished, and the the year had been practically exhausted, bills. Holdings of foreign bills of exchange by the Nationgal Bank inforeign from $30,000,000$ kroner at the end of February to $154,000,000$ kroner in August of the same year. Leans and discounts of the National Bank during at the end of August, bed from $262,000,000$ kroner to $99,000,000$ kroner repay their debts to the National private banks found themselves able to liquidation of their foreign exchange with kroner obtained through the interest rates remained high, and holdings. During the entire period the official discount rate stood un-
The central ba
only temporary movement. On Aug. 241925 the bank purposes, endeavored to check this Sept. 8 to $51 / 2 \%$. By the end of August the krone was checked and foreion funds the rapid upward movement of the ings of foreign bills of the National Bank declined lo the country. Holdthe end of the year, a decrease of 64,000 declined to $90,000,000$ kroner at gust. Notwithstanding the heayy change remained stable for the rest of the year at about 4 kroner to the dollar.
On Dec. 151925 the currency stabilization act was amended. The Naxchange rate of 23.8 cents per obligation to maintain a minimum dollar ver, that if exceptional circumstances should 1926, with the provision, howmerce might authorize a temporary lowering of the rate, but not of Comcents. The exchange credit of $\$ 40,000,000$ which had not been draw 23 was renewed for another year. Although not expressly stated in the upon it was taken as a matter of course that the bank would maintain the act, of exchange obtaining at the end of 1925 and would work toward a gradual eturn to par. During the first half of 1926 krone exchange rose steadily,
and since June it has been quoted at $0.9 \%$ below par. On Jan. 3, the first business day after the return to gold, the krone was quoted at 26.68 The rapid a mint parity of 26.80 cents.
cline rapid appreciation of the krone was accompanied by a sharp de Finanstitende, declined from 234 in January 1925 , as published by the the same year. The rapid adjustment 234 in Jaary 1925 to 160 in December of the krone was due primarily to thent of wholesale prices to the value of wholesal nigh exhausted during the labor conflict. Manufacturers and y to adis 1926 the wholesale price index declined still further, reaching the During point in June. Since July Danish exchang further, reaching the lowest table, while prices have shown an upward tendency
o the movement of the exices adjusted themselves with comparative rapidity able figures show the exchange, retail prices followed but slowly. Availin December 1925 to 177 as rents, interest on 159 in July 1926. Furthermore, certain items, such were increased in on loans, and taxation, remained unchanged, while wages effect on industry middle of 1925. All these factors had an unfavorable vailed. The number of trade, and a large volume of unemployment pre24,000 in June 1925 to unemployed among trade unionists increased from of 1926 conditions improved 85,000 in December. During the early part creased to about 41,000 in May. Since then unemployment has increased creased
slowly.
Toward the end of 1925 , when the return to gold was discussed by a committee. "Tommittee, the bank made the following statement to this payments until price levels and incomes have been brought into equilibrium and into correspondence with the ultimate veen brought into equilibrium ufficient time has elapsed to show the permanence of crown, and until resumption of gold payments by the bank indicate of the situation." The sidered indispensable for the return bank indicates that the conditions con the National Bank expects continued stability of the factors underlying tha exchange value of the crown.

## Economic and Industrial Conditions in Denmark During December-Payment of Bills in Gold.

The statement reviewing economic and industrial conditions in Denmark during December, issued on Jan. 31, jointly, by the Danish National Bank and the Danish Statistical Department, says:
of the 27 th. 1927 the payment of bills in gold was resumed, as the law Bank is obliged amounts than 28 exchange its bills for gold, hower not for smaller exchange can, $28,000 \mathrm{Kr}$. in biils or an's wish, be made by payment of Danish gold coin, gold bars, or gold in other form calculated at a value of $2,480 \mathrm{Kr}$ per kilo fine gold.

The statement also has the following to say:
The value of the Danish Krone has again during the month of December increased a little, as the average Dollar quotations were: $37585-100 \mathrm{Kr}$. to one Krone. to one Krone, (November $37616-100 \mathrm{Kr}$.) equal to 26.58 c average gold value during December was November.
The outstanding loan and deposit activities in the three private principal banks have during the last month remained about the same. The outstanding loans were thus at the end of December $1,015,000,000 \mathrm{Kr}$, against $1,012,000,000 \mathrm{Kr}$. ultimo November and the deposits $1,122,000,000 \mathrm{Kr}$. against $1,123,000,000 \mathrm{Kr}$. in November. However, the outstanding loan of the National Bank has during the month increased with about $24,000.000$ Kr ., of which at least half is due to the fact that the Ministry of Finance overcrew its folio account.
As a result of the increase in the outstanding loans, and as is usually also increased month of December, the amount of bills in circulation is At the end of December 1925 from $377,800,000 \mathrm{Kr}$. to $386,000,000 \mathrm{Kr}$. The National Bank's 1925 the amount of bills was $437,000,000 \mathrm{Kr}$. about the same, as during the month it has gone down from a little over $25,000,000 \mathrm{Kr}$. to a little over $23,000,000 \mathrm{Kr}$. As the government's guarantee of the National Banks foreign credits ceased at the end ofthe year, the Nank credits on its own account to the ralue of $3,000,000$ pounds.
were in Deactions in stocks and bonds on the Copenhagen stock exchange concerned but were thus for sor bonds 3 s 500 stocks $1,800,000 \mathrm{Kr}$. (November 2,700,000 Kr .) and for The index figures for stocks as well as for .
index figure for 86.0 (November 85.7 ) being 91.7 (November 91.2) and the bond index The increase in the exception of shipping papers, which-after a rather considerable increase during the fall months-again declined somewhat.
The statistical deparfment's wholesale index has during the month of December gone down 12 points from 170 to 158 . The wholesale index is thus down on the same level as during the summer months, before the English coal strike brought about the great increase in the fuel prices.
The trade balance with foreign countries in November amounted to 161,$000,000 \mathrm{Kr}$. for imports and $118,000,000 \mathrm{Kr}$. for exports, so that there has been an import surplus of $43,000,000 \mathrm{Kr}$. against $27,000,000 \mathrm{Kr}$. in Novemer 1925. In spite of the comparatively large import surplus in November 1926 , the import surplus for the first 11 months of the year is nevertheless dime during the corresponding time of the precedin T, namely $73,000,000 \mathrm{Kr}$. in 1926 against $102,000,000 \mathrm{Kr}$. in 1925.
The export of agricultural products was for all products considerably ecember 1925, for bacon even $25 \%$ and for meat about Barger. The average weeky exportations were as follows

Buter, 23,469 Kilos (December 1925, 22,821 Kilos). Eggs, 637,000 11,307 Kilos ( 6,405 )
The prices on the exported products were, in accordance with the general The average weekly Decomber 1925, 335 Kr ). Egrs, 2.46 Kr per Kilo ( Kr . per .50 Kr . per Kilo ( 2.02 Kr .). Beef, 55 Ore per kilo on the hoof ( 62 Ore .) The unemployment conditions are still worse than at the corresponding
time in 1925. The percentage of unemployed was thus at the end of Decem-
ber 1926, $32.7 \%$ against 31.7 ultimo December 1925. In the real industrial professions the conditions were similar, as the percentage here was 29.0 ultimo December 1926 against 27.9 in 1925.
The Government's revenue from taxation was in December 1926 12.800,000 Kr . of which $4,600,000 \mathrm{Kr}$. were custom revenue taxes. In December 1925 the corresponding figures were $13,400,000$ and $4,000,000 \mathrm{Kr}$

## F. A. Sterling Chosen as United States Minister to

 Dublin.It was announced at the State Department on Feb. 4 that Frederick A. Sterling had been chosen as Minister to Dublin. Mr. Sterling is at present Counsellor of the American Embassy in London.

Robert W. Bliss to Be Ambassador to Argentina, Succeeding Peter A. Jay, Resigned.
The State Department at Washington has announced that Robert Wood Bliss, now Minister to Sweden, will succeed Peter A. Jay, resigned, as Ambassador to Argentina. The resignation of Mr. Jay was referred to in these columns Feb. 12, page 870.

## Hugh S. Gibson to Succeed William Phillips as

 Ambassador to Belgium.President Coolidge announced on Feb. 8 that Hugh S. Gibson, Minister to Switzerland, now in the United States on a leave of absence, will be appointed Ambassador to Belgium, succeednng William Phillips, who has been named as Minister to Canada. Regarding the new appointment of Mr. Gibson, a cablegram from Geneva to the "Times" Feb. 9 (copyright) said:
Widespread regret is voiced in League circles over the transfer of Hugh Gibson, American Minister to Switzerland, to Brussels, and general hope is expressed that he may be permitted to continue as head of the American delegation at the Arms Conference.
Mr. Gibson for several years has been in close relations with the League and has filled a difficult dipolmatic post with great tact and ability. He nearly always has been on the wrong side of the fence, and he often has been in a situation where, because of his close touch and first-hand knowledge, he has found that his orders conlleted whill but he beyed his or and admired
As chief of the American delegation to the Preparatory Disarmament Conference he opposed the aims of more States than has any other American representative, and yet he enjoys better relations with the opposition than does any other American delegate to Geneva.

## Finance Minister Volpi Denies Italian Stabilization

 Loan Rumors.J. A. Sisto \& Co. are in receipt of a cable from Mr. Sisto stating that in a private interview this week between Finance Minister Volpi and Mr. Sisto in Rome Minister Volpi denied as absolutely false the rumors here that an Italian Government stabilization loan is to be issued in this country in the near future.

## Italy Unifies Exchange-Opens Institute to Concen-

 trate Foreign Dealings Through Treasury.A Rome (Italy) Associated Press cablegram (Feb. 24) appears as follows in the "Times":
The Institute of Foreign Exchange, recently created by decree, went into operation to-day at a ceremony over which Count Volpi, the Finance Minister, presided.
The Institute will purchase and sell foreign exchange. By its creation
Mister, presided the entire dealings in foreign exchange on the market for the account of the Italian Treasury will be concentrated in one organization. Creation the Italian Treasury will of a series of reforms adopted by the Government for the protection of Italian credit and to benefit Italy's foreign trade.

## Offering of \$2,500,000 Department of Antioquia (Re-

 public of Colombia) External Gold Bonds-Books Closed-Bonds Oversubscribed.
Following up the October financing of the Department of Antioquia, offering was made on Feb. 25 of $\$ 2,500,000$ Antioquia (Republic of Colombia) 7\% 20-year external secured sinking fund gold bonds, series C, by Blair \& Co. Inc., the Chase Securities Corporation and E. H. Rollins \& Sons at $961 / 2$ and interest, to yield $7.35 \%$ to final maturity. It was announced yesterday morning (Feb. 25) that the bonds had been oversubscribed and the books closed. The bonds are dated July 1 1925, are due July 1 1945, and are callable $2 s$ a whole only, except for sinking fund purposes, at $1021 / 2$ and accrued interest on July 1 1935, and on any interest date thereafter. A cumulative sinking fund sufficient to retire the series C bonds by maturity is provided, payable semi-annually to call bonds by lot at 100 and accrued interest on the next succeeding interest payment date. The bonds are part of a total authorized issue of $\$ 20,000,000$, to be outstanding in the hands of the public $\$ 5,923,700$ series A, $\$ 5,843,000$ series B and $\$ 2,500,000$ series C. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. 1 and

July 1) are payable in United States gold at the office of Blair \& Co., New York, fiscal agents, free of all taxes, present or future, of the Department of Antioquia and of the Republic of Colombia. The bonds, coupon, in denominations of $\$ 1,000, \$ 500$ and $\$ 100$, are registerable as to principal only. The bonds are the direct obligation of the Department of Antioquia and are to be specifically secured (upon the retirement of Fr. 884,000 bonds and $\$ 40,000$ internal bonds which have been called for payment), by
(1) A first charge and lien on 7
derived from the tobacco tax, and
(2) A first lien on the properties and earnings of the Antioquia Railway, including all extensions, additions and improvements constructed or acquired with the proceeds of these bonds.

The Department covenants that it will not issue any of the remaining $\$ 5,500,000$ authorized bonds unless the proceeds of the assigned revenues for the preceding fiscal year or the annual average of the two preceding fiscal years shall be at least equal to twice the annual interest and sinking fund requirements on the bonds outstanding, including those then to be issued.
Regarding the purpose of the issue and the finances of the Department we quote as follows from the offering circular:
Purpose.-The proceeds of the present issue will be applied to the enlargement and improvement of the Antioquia Railway and (or) other railways in the Department, and (or)

## ncurred for such purposes.

Finances.-The total debt of the Department of Antioquia as of Dec. 31 1926, exclusive of bonds to be redeemed as stated above, amounted to $\$ 15,456,664$ (U. S.). Including the present loan, the total debt of the Department amounts to $\$ 17,956,664$ (U. S.), or about $\$ 20$ (U.S.) per capita.
The ordinary revenues of the Department, exclusive of income from and expenditures on the Antioquia Railway, for each of the four fiscal years ended June 30 1926, exceeded ordinary expenditures.
The banking system of the Republic of Colombia follows that of the United States, the Bank of the Republic being modeled after the Federal Reserve Bank of the United States. As a result of this sound fiscal system and the favorable trade position of the Republic, its currency enjoys a high degree of stability, the present quotation being 98 cents U.S. per Colombian dollar (1 Colombian dollarat par of exchange equals 97.33 cents U.S.)

## Offering of $\$ 1,100,0005 \%$ Bonds of Pacific Coast Joint

 Stock Land Bank of San Francisco.An offering of $\$ 1,100,0005 \%$ bonds of the Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of San Francisco was made on Feb. 18 by Harris, Forbes \& Co., Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Inc., and the William R. Compton Co. The bonds are offered at $1031 / 2$ and interest, to yield about $4.55 \%$ to the optional date (1936) and $5 \%$ thereafter to redemption or maturity. The issue will be dated Nov. 1 1926, will become due Nov. 11956 and will be redeemable at par and accrued interest on any interest date after ten years from date of issue. They will be coupon bonds, fully registerable and interchangeable, in denomination of $\$ 1,000$. Principal. and semi-annual interest (May 1 and Nov. 1) will be payable in New York, Chicago, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles or San Francisco.
The Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of San Francisco was organized in 1922 and is restricted by its charter to loans in California and Nevada.
According to the official statement of the Bank as of Jan. 31, 1927, it has first mortgages on farm property amounting to $\$ 12,338,600$ secured by property appraised at $\$ 29,701,351$. The bank has a paid-in capital of $\$ 700,000$, surplus and reserves of $\$ 142,500$ and undivided profits of $\$ 40,387$. Present net earnings, it is stated, are at the rate of $6 \%$ per annum. Including this issue there will be $\$ 11,725,000$ of bonds outstanding.

The following is the statement of the Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of San Francisco as officially reported Jan. 31 1927:
Acres of real estate security loaned upon.
289,730 Acres of real estate sec
Total amount loaned $\$ 12,338,600$
 $\$ 29,701,351$ Appraised value of real estate security
Average $\$ 102.51$
$\$ 4.58$ Average amount loaned per acre
$84.54 \%$ Percentage of loans to appraised value of security

## President Coolidge Vetoes McNary-Haugen Farm Relief

 Bill-Attorney General Finds Bill Unconstitutional.The McNary-Haugen Farm Relief bill was vetoed yesterday (Feb. 25) by President Coolidge. Along with his veto message to the Senate the President forwarded an opinion from Attorney General Sargent in which the view was expressed that the bill in its essential provisions violates the Constitution. This opinion was referred to by the President in indicating the objections to the bill, the President declaring that the most decisive reason why the bill ought not to be approved "is that it is not Constitutional." According to
the Brooklyn "Eagle" the Attorney General held the act unconstitutional on the following grounds:
(1) It takes from the President the constitutional executive power and duty of making appointments, and by legislation confers that power upon thers.
(2) Congress delegates its constitutional power of legislation to private (3) The act contrans
taking of property without due provisions of the constitution against the
The President in his veto message said that "the difficulty with this particular measure is that it is not framed to aid farmers as a whole, and it is furthermore calculated to injure rather than promote the general public welfare." He refers to the fact that "the bill singles out a few products, chiefly sectional, and proposes to raise the prices of those regardless of the fact that thousands of other farmers would be directly penalized." He also notes that the legislation "propoes in effect that Congress shall delegate to a Federal Farm Board, nominated by farmers, the power to fix and collect a tax, called an equalization fee, on certain products produced by those farmers." He observes that "this so-called equalization fee is not a tax for purposes of revenue in the accepted sense. It is a tax for the special benefit of particular groups. As a direct tax on certain of the vital necessaries of life it represents the most vicious form of taxation." The veto message as given in an Associated Press dispatch to the "Sun." follows. The text of the President's veto message follows:

## To the Senate:

The conditions which Senate bill 4,808 is designed to remedy have been, and still are, unsatisfactory in many cases.
No one can deny that the prices of many farm products have been out of
line with the general price level for several years. No one could fail to want every proper step taken to assure to agriculture a just and secure place in our economic scheme. Reasonable and constructive legislation to that end would be thoroughly justified and would have the hearty support of all
who have the interests of the nation at heart. The difficulty with this who have the interests of the nation at heart. The difficulty with this
particular measure is that it is not framed to aid farmers as a whole, and it is particular measure is that it is not framed to aid farmers as a whole, and it is
furthermore calculated to injure rather than promote the general public relfare.
It is axiomatic that progress is made through building on the good foundations that already exist. For many years-indeed, from before the day of modern agricultural science-balanced and diversified farming has been
regarded by thoughtful farmers and scientists as the safeguard of our agriregarded
culture.
The bill under consideration throws this aside as of no consequence. It of the last fifty years are wrong, that what we ought to do is not to encourage diversified agrieulture but instead puta
The measure discriminates definitely premium on one-crop farming.
what has been universally considered a program of safe farming make up upholds as ideals of American farming the men who grow cotton, corn, rice swine, tobacco or wheat, and nothing else. These are to be given special favors at the expense of the farmer who has toiled for years to build up a constructive farming enterprise to include a variety of crops and livestock that shall, so far as possible, be safe, and keep the soil, the farmer's chief asset, fertile and productive.
The bill singles out a few products, chiefly sectional, and proposes to farmers would b directly pegardless of the fact that thousands of other why does it leave out the producers of beef cattle, sheep, dairy products, poultry products, potatoes, hay, fruit, vegetables, oats, barley, rye, flax and the other important agricultural lines. So far as the farmers, as a whole, are concerned, this measure is not for them. It is for certain groups of farmers in certain sections of the country. Can it be thought that such legislation could have the sanction of the rank and file of the nation's farmers.
This measure provides specifically for the payment by the Federal board of all losses, costs and charges of packers, millers, cotton spinners, or other processers who are operating under contract with the board. It contemplates
that the packers may be commissioned by the Government to buy hogs enough to create a near scarcity in this country, slaughter the hogs, sell the pork products abroad at a loss and have their losses, costs and charges made good out of the pockets of farm taxpayers. The millers would be similarly commissioned to operate in wheat
charges paid by farm taxpayers.
It is roughly estimated that in this country there are 4,000 millers, over 1,000 meat packing plants and about 1,000 actual spinners. No one can
say definitely, after reading this bill, whether each of these concerns would say definitely, after reading this bill, whether each of these concerns would
be entitled to receive a contract with the Government. Certainly no independent concern could continue in business without one. Each of the agencies holding a contract-the efficient and inefficient alike-would be
reimbursed for all their losses, costs It seems almost incredible that the prod charges.
tobacco and cotton should be offered a scheme of hops, corn, wheat, rice, tobacco and cotton should be offered a scheme of legislative relief in which
the only persons who are guaranteed a profit are the the only persons who are guaranteed a profit are the exporters, packers,
millers, cotton spinners and other processors. Clearly this legislation involves government
the proposed Federal board almost unlimited authority of prices. It gives designated commodities. This is price fixing. furthermore on son the designated commodicies. ands is price fixing. furthermore, on soine of the nation's basic foods and materials. Nothing is more certain than existing in the open market and that it would finally have to be extended to cover a multitude of other goods and services. Government price fixing, once started, has alike no justice and no end. It is an economic folly from which this country has every right to be spared.
"This legislation proposes in effect that Congress shall delegate to a Federal farm board nominated by farmers the power to fix and collect a tax That certainly contemplates a remarkable delegation of the taxing power. The purpose of that tax, it may be repeated, is to pay the losses incurred in the disposition of the surplus products in order to raise the price on that portion of the products consumed by our own people.

This so-called equalization fee is not a tax for purposes of revenue in the accepted sense. It is a tax for the special benefit of particular groups. As a
direct tax on certain of the vital necessaries of life it represents the most riclous form of taxation. Its real effect is an employment of the coercive
powers of Government to the end that certain special groups of farmers and processors may profit temporarily at the expense of other farmers and
of the community at large The chief
The chief objection to the bill is that it would not benefit the farmer. Whatever may be the temporary influence of arbitrary interference, no one
can deny that is the long run prices will be governed by the can deny that is the long run prices will be governed by the law of supply and demand. To expect to increase prices and then to maintain them on
a higher level by means of a plan which must of necessity increase production a higher level by means of a plan which must of necessity increase production
while decreasing consumption, is to fly in the face of an economic law as while decreasing consumption, is to fly in the face of an economic law as
well established as any law of nature. Experience shows that high prices well established as any law of nature. Experience shows that high prices
in any given year mean greater acreage the next year. This does not in any given year mean greater acreage the next year. This does not
necessarily mean a larger crop the following year, because adverse weather necessarily mean a larger crop the following year, because adverse weather
conditions may produce a smaller crop on a larger acreage, but in the long conditions may produce a smaller crop on a larger acreage, but in the long
run a constantly increasing acreage must of necessity mean a larger average crop.
Under the stimulus of high prices the cotton acreage increased by 17, 000,000 acres in the last five years. Under the proposed plan as prices are
driven up irresistibly by the artificial demanded created by the purchase of the board, the millions of farmers each acting independently, with no assurance that self-restraint on his part in the common interest will b accompanied by a like restraint on the part of the millions of other in would do under the circumstances, country will do just what any one else take full advantage of a situation which they fear is only temporary. This was, of course, recognized by the authors of the measure, and they proposed originally to offset this tendency by means of the equalization fee to b paid by each producer. But in the present bill the equalization fee is to be paid by only part of the producers.
On the other hand, higher prices will make a decreased consumption
From 1917 to 1925 the per capita From 1917 to 1925 the per capita consumption of pork increased from 55
pounds to 86.3 pounds, but in the following year when pounds to 86.3 pounds, but in the following year when the price pf pork inconceivable that the consumers would rebel at an arbitrarily high price and deliberately reduce their consumption of that particular product especially as uncontrolled substitutes would always be available. The truth is that there is no such thing as effective partial control. To have but of all substitutes
Increased production on the one hand, coupled with decreased domestic to be dumped the other, would mean an increased exportable surplus stantly decreasing world price until the in turn would mean a conworld price was sufficiently low, so that, even though increased by our tariff duties, commidities would flow into this country in large quantities. A board of twelve men are granted almost unlimited control of the agricultural industry and cannot only fix the price which the producers of five commodities shall receive for their goods but can also fix the price which the cosumers of the country shall pay for these commodities.
The board is expected to obtain higher prices for the American farmer by removing the surplus from the home market and dumping it abroad at a below-cost price. To do this the board is given the authority ty
implication to fix the domestic price which it may make with proc price level, either by means of contracts the purchase of the commodities in such quantities as will bring the prices up to the point which the board may fix.
Except as it may be restrained by wear of foreign importations, the farm board, composed of representatives of producers, is given the power orix the prices of these necessities of life at any point it sees fit.
rgulation regulation of any kind. There could be no appeal from the arbitrary decision of these men, who would be under constant pressure from their constituents to push prices as high as possible. To expect moderation nature with qualities it does not posses. It is not so long since the Government was spending vast sums, and through the Department of Justice exerting every effort to break up combinations that were raising the cost exerting every effort to break up combinatio
of living to a point conceived to be excessive.
This bill, if it accomplishes its purposes, will raise the price of the specisod agricultural commodities to the highest possible point and in doing aws. The granting of whot any restraints imposed by the anti-trust is to run counter to our traditions, the philosophy of our Government. the spirit of our institutions and all principles of equity.
The administrative difficulties involved are sufficient to wreck the plan. No matter how simple an economic conception may be, its applicaplexities and large scale in the modern world is attended by infinite comfallacious or not, is simple The principle underlying this bil, whether definite and detailed terms how the principle, is to be carried out in practice, how can the board be expected to carry out the enactment of the law that cannot even be described prior to its passage? In the meanwhile, existing channels and methods of distribution and marketing must be seriously dislocated.
of adm is even more apparent when we take into consideration the problem of administering the collection of the equalization fee. The bureau states that the fee will have to be collected either from the processors or the
transportation companies, and dismisses as impracticable collections at the point of sale In the case of transportation companies it points out the enormous difficulties of collecting the fee in view of the possibility of shipping commodities by unregistered vehicles. In so far as processors are concerned it estimates the number at 6.632.
Without considering the number
Without considering the number of factories engaged in the business of canning corn or manufacturing food products other than millers, some con-
ception of the magintude of the task may be had when we consider that if ception of the magintude of the task may be had when we consider that if
the wheat, the corn and cotton crops had been under operation in the year the wheat, the corn and cotton crops had been under operation in the year
1925, collection would have been required from an aggregate of $16,034,466$,679 units. The bureau states that it will be impossible to collect the 679 units. The burea
equalization fee in full.
The bill will not succeed in providing a practical method of controlling the agricultural surplus, which lies at the heart of the whole problem. In the agricultural surplus, which lies at the dearm is a disadvantage as comthe matter of controlling output, the farmer is at a disadvantage as com-
pared with the manufacturer. The latter is better able to gauge his market and on the face of falling prices can reduce production. The farmer, on the and on the face of falling prices can reduce production. The farmer, on the
other hand, must operate over a longer period of time in producing his crops and is subject to weather conditions and disturbances in world markets which can never be known in advance.
In trying to find a solution for this fundamental problem of the surplus the present bill offers no constructive suggestion. It seeks merely to incrise the the prices paid by the consumer, with the inevitable result of stimulating production on the part of the farmer and decreasing consumption on the part of the public. It ignores the fact that production is curbed only by decreased, not increased, prices. In the end the equalization fee and the entire machinery providid by the bill under consideration will merely

We must be careful in trying to help the farmer not to jeopardize the whole agricultural industry by subjecting it to the tyranny of bureaucratic from all this, no man can foresee what the effect on our economic life will be of disrupting the long established and delicately adjusted channels of commerce. That it will be far-reaching is undeniable, nor is it beyond the range of possibility that the present bill, if enacted into aw, will threaten up of industry and the disruption of the farmer's home market, which absorbs $90 \%$ of his products.

With the limited number of farm co-operatives with whom contracts may be made for surplus disposal and the fact that farm co-operatives are
not likely to be engaged in meat packing, flour milling or cotton spinning, it appears certain that the largest part of these contracts must be made between the board and the processors and other agencies. It means that
the whole contract in swine, for instance, must be carried out with the the whole contract in swine, for instance, must meat packers: that ext exporters and others

It means that any establishment which has such a contract can charge what it likes to our American consumers, because it can place the loss from any product unsalable at home on the farmer or the Government ty dumping it abroad. In actual working this is a complite guarafiteering against of these concerns without restraint or limitation on pronteering against American consumers, of which the farmer himself is a very large element.
It is not a guaranty to the farmer. The implications of this were pointed
It is not a guaranty to the farmer. The implications of this were pointed out in significant remarks in the minority report it has been given.
on Agriculture, which merits fuler at on this phase of the subject, in view its wide circulation in the farming communities of the country, can be only its wide circulation inents of the bill are unwilling that the farmers of the
because the proponent because shall learn that it is proposed that the equalization fee principle shall be utilized to assure to the packers what they have not been able to gain for be utilized to certain profit from every year's operation.
The proponents of the bill at the hearings conceded that it could not perate as to animals except under a contract with the packers. It incidentally follows that no packer without a contract could operate with the Board. The bill nowhere protects the independent packer. It does provide that there shall be no discrimination between
The bill would impose the burden of its support to a large degree upon farmers who would not benefit by it. The products embraced in the plan are only about one-third of the total American farm production. The farmers who grow these commodities are themselves large consumers of them, and every farmer consumes some of them. There are several milion farmers who do not produce any of the designated procucts, or dery of them, and they must pay the premiums upon the products designated in the bill. In some commodities such as corn and mincease the price of are practically the sole consumers. Armers, and, therefore, the costs to the dairy and cattle feeding industries whose products are omitted from the bill. Beyond this, it means that by dumping of American feeds abroad at lower prices than those charged under this plan to the American s.ine,
dairy farmer, we should be directly subsidizing foreign production of pork, dairy farmer, we should be directly subsidizing foreign production of pork, dairy, beef and ther and sell in the markets of the
high cotton at home.
The effect of this plan will be continuously to stimulate American production and to pile up increasing surpluses beyond the world demand. We are already over-producing. It has been claimed that the plan would ons
be used in the emergency of occasional surplus, which unduly suppresses be used in the emergency of occasional surplis, the bill; but, on the other
the price. No such limitations are placed in the price. No such limitations are placelus over domestic requirements," and as we have had such a surplus in most of the commodities covered in the bill for fifty years, and will have for years to see that it means continuous action.

It is said that by the automatic increase of the equalization fee to meet the increasing losses on enlarged dumping of increasing surplus that there would be restraint on production. This can prove enfective only after so great an increase in production as will greatly enlarge our exports on all the commodities excepted. With such increased surplises dumped from the United states on to roreign markets the whid phe wilum in and with them American prices, upon which the premium is based, will likewise be lowered to the pols, It is impossible to see how this bill can work
Several of our foreign markets have agriculture of their own to protect, and they have laws in force wish expect reprisals frominish our foreign markets. will even more dimilish a pie
The bill is essentially a price the premium price which will be demanded Board must arrive in mer and it must these prices in the contracts at from the Americanconsumer, an by flour millers, packers, other manufacturwhich it will authorize purchases by four miners, packers, ormer manuacturers and such coopra beal passes on the export of their surplus. basis upon which erine
The present ne and one rives diferent grades and qualities and varieties of products nvols both for raw and manufactured materials, must entered into-practically cost-plus contracts. The monetary molume of these contracts will be further expand beyond even this sum because in hogs, for instance, the exports are in the main lard and bacon, while other parts of the animal are consumed at home, and thus contracting must apparently need cover all hogs, not the export surplus alone.
Therefore the bill means an enormous building up of Government bureaucracy to let and inspect these billions of dollars of contracts with all their ufinite variety of terms covering different goods and their different grades and qualities. In turn all of the contracts of resales by thes
must be examined and checked to determine the built up to collect and disribute the equalization fee. It all calls for an aggregation of bureaucracy dominating the fortunes of American farmers, intruding into their affairs and offering infinite opportunities to fraud and incapacity. It does not replace any middle men or manufacturers. It means that thousands of officials are set to watch them and the farmers to see that they do not evade the requirements. One of our difficulties to-day is the great spread between the farmer and the consumer. All these increased processors' profits and this cost of bureaucracy must simply add to this spicea whion bringing to the farmer any return on such items. In fact, as he is a large consumer he also pays this.
While the Government is not directly buying or selfing these commodities, It must under this bill let contracts for others to do so and name therein the terms upon which they shall buy and sell. No matter how disguised, this in plain terms is Government buying and selling of commodities through agents.

It is proposed that the administration of this plan shall be in the control of a board whose members are nominated to the President by agricultural organizations for his transmission to the Senate for connimation. That appears to be an unconstitutional 1 ital I dent, but, far more important than this, I do not believe that upon serious consideration the farmers or America would terate the name of the boay of men chosen solely by one industry wh, ach determine prices, secure the ernment, shall arrange for codities.
buying and selling of commodities. of any surplus. There is no reason why other industries-copper, coal, of any surplus. There is no reason why other
lumber, textiles and others-in every occasional difficulty should not receive the same treatment by the Government. Such action would establish bureaucracy on such a scale as to dominate ont only
life, but the moral, social and political future of our people
iife, but the moral, social and poiticass, the method of collection and disposition of these great sums of money are to be determined by the Board without any effective check or review from the Executive or Congressdelegation of powers under which our form of government cannot continue. No time is placed upon the contracts which the Board may make. Such contracts might easily be for a term of years, and in some commodities, as for example, cotton at the present time, must necessarily be for a considerable period since the surplus cannot be disposed of in a single year. During the continuance of any such contract, the equalization fee must continue to be levied unless the whole burden of a continuing operation is to be borne by the producers of the first crop. Oonsequently, th suggestion often made that the scheme should be tried and if it fails be repealed loses all force. This suggestion is lauly in and respect namely, that failure would be demonstrated only by the accumulation of a huge surplus in storage. The discontinuance of operations, while a vast supply remained in storage, would result in a prolonged diph fos of price through the surplus being fed into the markets or through rear it sale. While the bill authorizes an appropriation of $\$ 250,000,000$, it fails to restrict the contracts of the Boarc ditional sums of money. If the Board liability of the United States had begun operating in the 1925 coled to hold up the price on the 1926 20 cents a pound and ha the picking of the whole crop, the whole crop at a level $\$ 250,00,00$, The allocation of $\$ 100,000,000$ to cotto hgure hav, bill, pus the sugrested fee of $\$ 5$ a bale, would have been comin last year's bill, plus the suggested exhausted long before the 1926 crop came into the market. And. if the equalization fee should prove unconstitutional or otherwise uncollectible, the Treasury would have been committed by contracts to a liability to the extent of the whole revolving fund.
"Apart from the necessity of contracting with the packers the bill confers upon the board unlimited power as to the nature, extent and duration of contracts with other processors. herefore, possess an absolute power of life and death over many legitimate business organizations, since none could compete against a processor enjoying a contract with the board protecting it against loss it so desired. No such unlimitedy into processing for its own acred upon any board.
The insurance proposal amounts to a straight Government agreement to y to the co-operative associations any loss which they may incur in withholding commodities from the market-no matter how high the price may go in the mean time. For example, a wheat co-operative may, in a year of shortage, take from a member on a day when it is selling at $\$ 250$ a bushel.
Under this bill it may decide to hold it for s3 but be insured that if the market breaks the Government will pay it the difference between $\$ 250$ and the price at which the co-operative actually disposes of the wheat. Nothing more destructive of all orderly processes of trade could be imagined, and nothing more unfair to the non-member of the co-operative, since his equalization fee would be used to pay the losses
Let us see how the bill is to be put into operation. This act provides that before operations as to any one of these commodities shall begin it shall be necessary to obtain an expression from the producers of the commodity through a State convention of such producers. This applies in any State where not so many as $50 \%$ of the producers of the particular co
The President then quoted from the Senate debate on the subject of State The President then quoted from the senate debate on tho conventions to show there and continued:
If all the producers attended the convention the expense, which must be borne by them individually, would be a tremendous addition to the operating cost, and if the majority of them did not attend the convention the deliberations would not ropresen the volee plan the producers. If such it wise to hamper it with this this bill were desira and $2 w k w a r d$ provision, the compliance with which is
 made is im bill des "delegates," is cays "producers"-the farmers themThe selves, and
unworkable.

Corn is a crop that varies between $2,500,000,000$ and $3,000,000,000$ bushels per year, and the normal export is very small. The reason then for operating this bill on corn would not grow out of the exportable surplus, but according to the definition in Section 6 (C). (2) Would.grow out or a surplus above the requirements for orderly marketing. The marketing of situation include marketing to a purchaser to cattle and hogs, so that a for orderly marketing.
"The act then could be put into operation as to corn under all the different kinds of agreements. But the vast expense of financing the operations of these agencies in the corn market would be charged, not against the entire commodity, but against that part of the commodity which is used for milling or processing, or that is transported by a common carrier. This, accordigg to statistics, amounts to only some 5 to $20 \%$ of the corn produced.
"That the equalization fee is not laid on the entire commodity is not apparent from a casual reading of the act. But a close stuay shows that Section 10 provides that there shall be paid 'an equalization fee upon the following: The transportation, processing, or sale of such unit.' There is no other way to collect the fee. If that stood alone, then ail section 151(1) be subj
says:
"In the case of . . . the term 'processing' means milling for market of . . Corn or the first processing in any mamer for market. ${ }^{\circ}$ of corn not milled, and the term 'sale' means the sale of other disposition in the United States of corn for milling or oth
So, unless the corn is processed or sold for milling or other processing for market or is transported by common carrier, it is not subject to the equals-
zation fee. But the great bulk of it which is neither process
ported by common carrier is free from the equalization fee.
The only figuon carter is free from the equalization lee.
based solely upon exportable surplus reference to corn are some estimates present proposed plan based on desire for orderly marm no basis for the present proposed plan based on desire for orderly marketing and not for the burden of this equalization fee, which must be borne for the entire crop by this small proportion, the simplest calculation will show that the amount per bushel necessarily would be tremendous, so that the market of corn for
milling and other processing and for transportation would be entirely milling an
The provisions of the present measure with reference to an equalization ee on corn must not be confused with the other measures when have been proposed for the reason that former measure but the burden upon the payments on the processor has reached this disastrous rats it is answer to say that the corn producers would induce their advisory council and the members of the board from their land bank districts to exclude corn from the operation of this bill because the people who do not pay an equilization fee and on whom the burden does not fall are 80 or $85 \%$ of the producers of the corn.
It may be contended that since there is to be an equalization fee on swine that the feeders would be taxed, but the swine and corn are separate units nd have a separate stabilization fund and under the law the annot be turned into the stabilization fund for in figuring the percentige fee might fall on corn which the fee would fall, while it is doubtful whether any board would lay a tax on transportation where the corn was being transported to be sold to feeders. If they did, of course, the result would be that to avoid the fee in most cases the seller would not transport by a

It is not enough to say that the right to put the equalization fee on swine would adjust the inequalities between those bearing the burden and those not bearing the burden, irst, because the board might commence operating as to corn and not desire to operate or be permitted to operate as to swine. Howswine, and there is no right to bring the products of livestock other than swine under the provisions of the law. With a requirement for a fee on part of the corn crop and no fee on the balance, the free movement and dealing in that commodity would be hampered to an almost unbearable extent.
It would take a horde of inspectors to insure the payment of the fee on
he particular corn required to bear it. A feeder of cattle who had the the particular corn requrod to bear h. A feeder of cattle who had the necessary machinery to grind or crush his corn bought from other farmers for feeding purposes would be able to market his cattle free from the cost of
the equalization fee, while another feeder who purchased such ground feed the equalization fee, while another feeder who purchased such ground feed
would be compelled to market his cattle with the added cost of the equalization fee on the corn.
This, of course, would be true as to swine; moreover, the feeder who had been compelled to purchase the ground feed would pay the fee on that and when he sells his swine he pays an additional fee on that transaction, he pays twice.
th provided in the law 'the board shall determine in the case of any class of transactions in the commodity whether the equalization fee shall be paid upon transportation, processing, or sale."
require any person engaged in the transportation board may, by regulation, by sale of a basic agricultural commodity:
() account (h) equalization fee as directed by the board or the processor, or those who secure by sale, if on sale, collect the fee which must fall on the producer. Transportation under the act means the acceptance of a commodity by a common carrier for delivery (Section 15 (5) (5). Regardless of just how it is collected it is the intent that it shall fall upon the producer. The farmer pays it when his product moves
It is important to bear in mind that the equalization fee can only be levied upon a unit of the basic agricultural commodity. This means the actual commodity itself as defined in Section 6-to wit, cotton, wheat, corn, rice, tobacco and swine. The reference in subdivision (H) of Section 6 to food products of the commodity specifically limits the application thereof to Sections (D), (E) and (F) of Section 6, which do not in any way relate to the equalization fee.
All of the sections dealing with the equalization fee and all of the references to it clearly limit its application to the basic agricultural commodity itself, and they cannot lay a fee upon flour or other products of wheat, meal or other products of corn, meats or other products of swine.
While there may be some conceivable way of reaching an import of any of these agricultural commodities as such, there is no possible way of reaching any of the products of these commodities after they are processed. The result would be to throw all of our processors and millers, who would have
to buy the commodity with the cost of the equalization fee added, into competition with imports from Canada or other countries who sent in any product of any of the basis agricultural commodities. Of course, the millers or other processors who happen to get desirable contracts from the board might be able to recoup that loss to a certain extent, but the milling capacity of the small mills and large mills is great enough to take care of twice the amount of milling and other processing to be done, and the mills which were not fortunate enough to get such contracts would be ruined.
It is a fundamental principle in writing a tariff law that when a duty is placed upon a raw product that a compensatory duty must be placed on the manuractured or processed product in which the raw product is used. products dumped abroad can there be processed and reshipped here, to the disaster and destruction of this whole bill.
In fixing the amount of the equalization fee the board must necessarily estimate the crop, because it is their duty to estimate the probable "advances, losses, costs and charges to be paid" and to determine the amount for each unit. Of course, they are compelled to estimate the crop in order to estimate the number of units. One of the co-authors of the bill suggests that if the law had been in operation from 1925 the equalization fee on wheat should yield s131,750,000. I mention this to show the fund needed should be inaccurate so that there is collected many millions more than needed, there is no way to return it to the producer.
Suppose there should be estimated an exportable surplus of $200,000,000$ bushels of wheat and there is a surplus of but $100,000,000$, the fund would be almost twice as large as it should be, and if the amount involved should be anything like that stated by Representative Haugen the board would have fifty-five or sixty millions more than needed of the farmers' money. There is no way to return it. Now, in the case of cotion there is provision that to the producer. This is contained in Section 10, sub-division (3), and Section 11, sub-division ( E ).

But there is no place in the law which provides for a return to the producer of other products where the assessment of the fee levies an amount in excess
of that necessary for that stabilization fund. There is quite a large variance
from year to year of the amount of production of these different basis agricultural commodities, and it is manifestly unfair to provide that as to when the products shall share in any excess collected, while as to corn, In
thought necessary they should pay in excess of that required, and it is illogical and indefensible to deem it necessary to still make that provision for the cotton producer and deprive the other producers of that benefit. This appears to be the rankest kind of discrimination in favor of one crop and against all the other crops in the bill.
Another difficulty will be in making proper estimates of the amount of products and the amount of the equalization fee.
It is improbable that this board could do any better in this respect than has been done by the Department of Agriculture. In spring wheat the $90,000,000$ bushels too large; in winter wheat $126,000,000$ bushels too and nd $144,000,000$ bushels too large: in corn $126,000,000$ bushels too smal and $657,000,000$ bushels too large. In cotton the range has been 2983,000 bales too small for 1926 and $3,286,000$ bales too large for 1918
These are all recent estimates, and show conclusively the impossiblility of arriving at accurate conclusions. No rebates are allowed except on cotton. Any year, therefore, that a large corn or wheat crop is estimated
turns out to be too high, to much not returnable, it would result in so much loss to the filcter, and as it is were understimated the fee mighto furnishs the farch. If the crop the market on that particular commodity. The main policy of this bill is anodity
tofore throught to be sound. Instead of undersal of what has been, here orderly marketing which will dispose of undertaking to secure a method of dispose of them at a loss. It runs counter to the principle of conservation, which require us to produce only what can be done at a profit, not to waste our soil and resources producing what is to be sold at a loss to us for the benefit of the foreign consumer.
It runs counter to the well-considered principle that a healthy economic taking to permit a legained through a free play of competition by underestablish permit a legalized restraint of trade in these commodities and by the a species or monopoly under Government protection, supported tracts. Forited power of the farm board to levy fees and enter into conas repugnant to found to be beneficial to agriculture
This measure is so long and involved that it is impossible to discuss it without going into many tiresome details. Many other reasons exist why it ought not to be approved, but it is impossible to state them all without writing a book. The most decisive one is that it is not constitutional This feature is discussed in an opinion of the Attorney General herewith that phase made a part hereof, so that 1 shain hot consider the details of that phase of my objections. Of course, it includes some good features.
 ing, of cons ever.
These provisions are all completely subordinated to the main objective Which is to have the Government dispose of exportable surpluses at a loss
and make some farmer taxpayers foot the bill help co-operative marketing. Its effect, on the contrary is to elimina the very conditions of advantage that now induce farmers to join ground to regulate and improve their own business.
That there is a real and vital agricultural problem is keenly appreciated by all informed men. The evidence is all too convincing that agriculture has not been receiving its fair share of the national income since the war and in many cases still suffer from conditions beyond their control. They are entitled to and will have every consideration in the hands of the Government.
Surely, a real farm relief measure must be just and impartial and open the way to aid for all farmers. Surely, it must not contemplate, as this measure nescapably does, that farmers in some regions should be penalized for the benent of those in other regions. Surely, it must be aimed to promote the not fure of the community at large. There is no thoughtful man who does It muly appreciate how vital a prosperous agriculture is to this nation. schemes helped and strengthened. To saddle it with unjust, unworkable has yet befallen our farmers.
It has been represented that this bill has been unanimously approved by ur farmers. Several of our largest farm organizations have refused to support it, and important minorities in the members and leadership among the most important organizations who are recorded as giving it indorsement have protested to me against it.
It is not to be thought that the farmers of the United States want our agricultural policy founded upon legislation as is proposed in this measure. The final judgment of American farmers always has been and will be on the constructive rather than the destructive side. What the farmers want, and what the American people as a whole will approve is legislation which will not substitute government bureaucracy for individual and co-operative
initiative, but will facilitate the constructive efforts of the farmers theminitiative, but will facilitate the constructive e
selves in their own self-governed organizations.
Although these arguments and others have been advanced in Congress and outside, I find little attempt has been made to answer them. The pressure for this bill arises primarily from the natural and proper sympathy with the farm distress from the after war inflation specdialion and collapse. Many sincere and thoughtful people have expended a great deal of time an energy in working out this measure and ano entir that and honorable in their advocacy of it. It is a great regret agelp agriculture, be of benefit come to the conclusion that the bill would help agricult
to the country, and be in accord with the Constitution.
Other plans have been proposed in Congress for advancement in this recovery, which plans offer promise of sound assistance to the farmers without these unconstitutionalities, invasions of executive authority, this contracting with packers and four milers and other manufacturers, this overproduction with its inflalion and inentable crash, whout this indirect price fixing, buying and selling, this creator of huge bureaucracies. They are, on the contrary, devoted entirely the priciple or builaing up farmer-controlled marketing concerns to accasional surplus production a minor fraction. Thave frequen 1
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I am therefore obliged to return Senate bill 4,808, entitled "An Act to Establish a Federal Farm Board to Aid in the Orderly Marketing and in the Control and Disposition of the Surplus of Agricultural Commodities," without my approval.
The White House, Feb. 251927.

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McNary-Haugen Plan Would Disappoint Wheat Farmers Hopes, According to Food Research Institute of Stanford University
The McNary-Haugen bills, if enacted, would disappoint expectations of wheat farmers, according to studies of the McNary-Haugen plan as applied to wheat, just published by the Food Research Institute of Stanford University. The Institute in a statement on Feb. 23 said:
Growers have been led to expect substantial price advantages under
Ihese measures. If the powers given to the proposed Farm Board were these measures. If the powers given to the proposed Farm Board were
exercised without changes in the tariff, wheat prices could be raised but little except in unusual years. If the tariff duty on wheat were raised enough to give the board full scope for action, and if the board were
administratively successful, the larger advance in price would stimulate enough tatively successful, the larger advance in price would stimulate
administration
increased planting to wheat. The resulting increased surplus would deincreased plantig
press world prices and raise the equalization fee, wheat growing would
again become unremunerative, and painful contraction of acreage would again become unremunerative, and painful contraction of acreage would
be in order. Within a few years, in either case, the experiment would fail be in order. Within a few
to satisfy farmers' hopes.
The latest bills contain concessions to opponents which make it difficult to predict what a board would do. Hitherto full operations with the equalization fee were regarded as the heart of the plan, indispensable to its success as a measure of farm relief. Latterly such operations have been
called passive. Loans to co-operatives and price insurance are offered as called passive. Loans to co-operatives and price insurance are offered as
alternative methods of operation. But whatever their possible merits, they alternative methors ne promise of substantial price advantage to the wheat grower.

## Higher Prices Fundamental Objective

Increase of prices to the grower the Institute regards as the primary objective of the plan, despite much talk of price stabilization. Administered by a Farm Board, the central features of the plan are the main tenance of domestic perices, benind the surplus over domestic requirements export prices; the shat it will bring; and the payment of operating costs, and losses on sales of the surplus, out of a fund derived from equalization fees collected on each bushel of wheat sold. The Institute discusses how such a plan, if adopted and intelligently administered, could be expected to work.

## Difficult Administrative Problems Might Be Solved.

The Institute first essumes that the board would undertake, with the aid of appropriate tariff arrangements, to maintain domestic wheat prices 50
cents above the Canadian price. It would face huge and complex adminiscents above the Canadian price. It would face huge and complex adminis-
trative problems, in determining appropriate differentials among various varieties, grades, and qualities of wheat and among various regions; in handling its purchases and sales of wheat so as to sustain the system of domestic prices; in maintaining futures trading and normal competitive relations among mills; in disposing of the surplus by export or otherwise ; in management of stocks and carryovers. Under certain conditions, however, the Institute believes these problems might be successfully solved. The board would need to be composed of highly competent men, able not only to work together but to secure the co-operation of the producers,
the grain trade, and the milling industry. It would need to limit rather the grain trade, and the milling industry. It would need to limit rather
than magnify its responsibilities, to formulate its policies clearly and than magnify its responsibilities, to formulate its policies clearly and
pursue them without vacillation. It would need to be assured of continued pursue them without vacillation. It would need to be assured of continued
Congressional support, and to have working capital ample for all emerCongres

Effect on Consumers.
Consumers would bear practically the entire financial burden of the measure through increased prices of flour and bakery products. Little would be absorbed in distributive channels. Payment of the equalization fee would merely mean that growers would not get the full benefit of the increase of price. To add 170 million dollars to the nete income of wheat growers, under the plan, would cast the other agricultural population about 55 million dollars, the
urban population 175 million.
urban population 175 million.
As applied to wheat the assumed price increase would probably mean an As appled to wheat living of about $\$ 12$ a year per family. This would be felt most heavily by people with low dollar incomes, especially farmers be felt most heavily by people with ow in prosperous, times this burden and the poorer industrial classes. But in prosperous times this burden
could be borne without restricting wheat consumption, and in hard times could be borne without restricting wheat consumption, and in hard times
without preventing increased purchases of flour and bread, which would without preventing incre.
still be relatively cheap.

> Effects on Acreage and World Prices.

Substantial increase in prices to wheat growers, however, would stimulate planting of wheat. The war experience showed that wheat acreage can expand rapidly under favorable prices. A large margin for such expansion exists, through use of idle land now in farms, through diversion pansm other crops, through extending cultivation onto new lands in the
from Southwest and far Northwest. The Institute predicts that the assumed
prend lead, within a few years, to the increase of wheat Soutice increase would lead, within a few years, to the increase of wheat
prect acreage to the record by some 150 million bushels. So large an addition to our export surplus would depress world prices and increase the equalization fee. The net result, within a few years, would be that wheat prices to the grower
would would be no higher than, agriculture would face the necessity of difficult and painful readjustment.

## Operations Under Existing Tariff.

Economic consequences would be much smaller if the plan were put in operation under the existing tariff. Already American wheat prices are higher because of the tariff. Canadian wheats command premiums because of intrinsic milling superiority at American mills. If-cent duty, American in operation in the past three cave been raised by more than 10 or 12 cents Spring wheat prices could not hashel in 1923-24 or 1925-26. In the exceptional year 1924-25, when Canadian and European crops were short, prices might have been raised $20-22$ cents a bushel. Apart from exceptional years the Institute con20.22 cents a bushel. Apart
cludes that full operations by the board under the present tariff could not cludes terminal prices of the whole crop by more than 12 cents a bushel,
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would otherwise exist.
ould otherwise exist.
Such an increase would mean little to growers or consumers, but administrative problems would be nearly as large as with a much larger increase. The actual price increase would do little to stimulate acreage, but the adoption of the measure would do more; hence even these slight gains would probably prove temporary.
Against the temporary advantages to wheat growers, on either assump-
huge experiment in controlling wheat trade in time of peace, and the probability
agriculture.

## agriculture. Note.

Note.-The publications herein referred to are "The McNary-Haugen Plan as Applied to Wheat: Operating Problems and Economle Consequences," and "The
MeNary-Haugen Plan as Applled to Wheat: Limitations Imposed by the Present
 Institute, stanford

Bill Appropriating $\$ 10,000,000$ for Eradication of European Corn Borer Signed By President Coolidge.
On Feb. 23 President Coolidge signed the bill appropriating $\$ 10,000,000$ to eradicate the European corn borer. Secretary of Agriculture Jardine, it was announced will immediately organize special agents to send into the districts affected by the pest. The President had previously (Feb. 9) signed the bill to provide for the eradication or control of the European corn borer, and at that time transmitted to Congress a supplemental estimate for the appropriation of $\$ 10,000,000$ to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out the provisions of the bill.
On the day of the adoption by the House (Feb. 15) of the resolution authorizing the appropriation Representative Wood, in explanation of the purpose of the resolution, said: The purpose of this resolution is to carry out the determination of this House enacted a few days ago in the authorization of an appropriation of $\$ 10,000,000$ for the purpose of eradicating or controlling what is known as the European corn borer. After the bill passed the House and the on Saturday last. The Secretary of Agriculture and his assistants were present and gave us all the information then at hand with reference to this corn borer. It was made evident by those hearings that if this appropriation is to be of any use it must be made immediately, the testimony being to the effect that it should be available not later than the 18th of this month. Members will see by the map which $I$ have here just what the infested area is. It is marked in black. There are 2,500,000 acres represented there in the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Onio, Incana and Michigan. The Secretary of Agriculture and his assistants tell us that and that the only
ible to eradicate this corn borer with this appropriation and ible to eradicate this corn borer with a the appropriat is anstrate the possipurpose to which the $\$ 10,000,000$ may eeffient plan may be adopted later
bility of checking its ravages until some efficien for its eradication.
This corn borer came into this country about 1910 and commenced infesting the sweet-corn fields about the city of Boston in the State of Massachusetts.
This pest spread northward and westward until he was introduced in the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan, and about Canada. He has been more destructive and has proved a greater pest in Canada. He has hiscountry. The evidence discloses that the fields of corn in Ontario have been $100 \%$ destroyed. He has not been so destructive in in ontario have been $100 \%$ eountry; that his commercial devastation has not been great except in a this country; that his commercial devastated 10 to 15 or $20 \%$ of the growing few isolated fields, where he has drapidly westward. He has also come from crops of corn. But he is mory, and he comes across water, flies across water, Ontario down to this cffect him, and the purpose of this appropriation is to aid the Secretary of Agriculture to make a demonstration showing the farmers how they can protect themselves against its ravages and assist eventually in the externation of this pest. Now, the purpose of this $\$ 10$,000,000 is to employ the necessary man power and necessary machinery to do the work.
It seems this moth lives upon some 200 or 250 succulent plants, but he has a preference for corn when he can get corn, and when he can get it he has a preference anything else in particular. So it is the purpose to go into the cornfields in this affected area, which I have pointed out, and assist the farmer in destroying the cornstalk and everything adajacent to the cornfield in which this animal may find lodgment. Among other things, they propose to show the farmer the work which is required of him, which he himself must ordinarily do as a practical farmer. In other words, if he has been in the habit of plowing his stalks under ratuler than destroy or burn them, they would assist and show how they should be plowed undereverything on the top of the ground plowed under-so when estroyed or starve to the top he will find nothing on which to live, and be destroyed or starie or pick up by birds, or something or that character. Anothis daterial; also in is in machinery used for gathering and grinding up all this material, aliso in burning. Secretary Jardine says that in order for this to be enf if one of the States that are affected must join in co-operat in spending any portion the States should Tail, there would not be any use in spending ande action of Congress. The legislatures in each of the states in the area affected are now in session. The secretary felt that he has had no authorly to request of those States to take action in reference to passing resulatory how, making appropriations and so forth, unil he could assue them that they would have the suppor into the States or fields and do work that is contemplated Agriculture muse regulatory police provisions in this infested area. When that is done they will commence their operation at once; and in order that that may be effective these several States must be notified at the earliest posssble moment of the action of this Congress in making this appropriation. They the United States to act upon it.

The following is the resolution as passed by the House on Feb. 15, and agreed to by the Senate and Signed by President Coolidge on Feb. 23:
Resolved, \&c.., That to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to carry into effect the provisions of the act entitled "An act to provide for the eradication or control of the European corn borer," approved Feb. 91927 , including all necessary expenses for the purchase of equistict of Columbia and elseemployment of persons and means in the District orchase, maintenance: where, rent outside the District of Columbia, purchase, the District or repair, and operation of passenger-carrying vehicles outside the Distary for Columbia, printing, and for such other expenses as may out of any money executing the purpose of such act, there is appropresum of $\$ 10,000,000$, to in the Treasury not otherwise appropriavided, That no part of this approremain available until June until all the States in the proposed control area
shall have provided necessary regulatory legislation and until a sum or sums adequate in the judgment of the Secretary of Agriculture to the co-operation of all the States in such area shall have been appropriated, subscribed, or contributed by State, county, or local authorities, or individuals or organizations: Provided further, That a report shall be made to Congress at the beginning of the first regular session of the Seventieth Congress setting forth in detail a classification of expenditures made from this appropriation prior to Nov. 11927.

## Department of Agriculture on Plans for Control of

 European Corn Borer.Referring to the fact that a $\$ 10,000,000$ intensive campaign under the direction of the Secretary of Agriculture for the control of the corn borer which threatens to spread through the corn belt has been authorized by the joint Congressional resolution signed this week by the President supplementing the Corn Borer Control Act, the Department of Agriculture on Feb. 23 said:
The Act provides for control work in 76 counties in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana, in which the corn crop is threatened by the borer. It is estimated that $2,500,000$ acres of corn land in these States will be included in the clean-up.
The Act provides that the funds appropriated shall be used for such clean-up measures as are necessary in addition to those farm operations normal and usual in each locality. Up to May 1 efforts will be centred on obtaining the co-operation of farmers in a voluntary clean-up of the infested area. Immediately following May 1 steps will be taken to complete the clean-up under the regulatory power of the Act. The provisions of the Act will be administered through the Breau of Entomology of the Department of Agriculture.
The expenditure of funds appropriated by the Act is dependent on the passage of necessary supplementary legislation by the legislatures of the five States, all of which are now in session. It is contemplated by the Act that the clean-up of the borer will be conducted by the Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the State departments of agriculture. The supplementary State legislation is required to cover quarantine and with the Federal Department in dealing with of agriculture in co-operation with the Federal Department in dealing with the borer. As soon as the necessary state legislation is enacted there will be a conference of Federal taken and the regulations governing them will be announced. State authorities are being urged to push the necessary announced. State early enactment. Delay may make it impossible to carry out the proposed control measures effectively.
Further reference to the resolution signed by the President appears elsewhere in this issue.

## Sao Paulo Coffee Institute Opens Office in New York

The opening of an office of the Sao Paulo Coffee Institute in the Cotton Exchange Building, 60 Beaver Street, New York, for the purpose of establishing a close and friendly contact between the Sao Paulo Coffee Institute and the entire coffee trade of the United States, is announced by Evaristo F. da Veiga, general agent in the United States. The announcement says:
This office will be glad to supply any one interested with information about conditions pertaining to the producing, purchasing and shipping of Santos coffee. Suggestions are welcomed from importers, roasters and distributors, in order that every possible improvement in the marketing of this commodity may be accomplished.
It is the intenticn and desire of the Sao Paulo Coffee Institute to facilitate the coffee trade of the United States in its endeavors. Whole-hearted cooperation between every branch of the industry will undoubtedly result in benefit to all-including the consuming public.

## New Orleans and New York Put on Cotton Futures Parity Under Bill Passed by Congress.

New Orleans is put on a parity with New York and Chicago in the settlement of cotton futures contracts under the provisions of a bill that now has passed both the Senate and the House, says the Washington correspondent (Feb. 22) of the "Journal of Commerce." The advices add:
The practice of the New Orleans Exchange has been to settle contracts upon the "commercial differences" of the grades tendered as shown by the transactions on its own spot market, while New York settled upon the "fixed" differences established arbitrarily by that Exchange until the adoption of the Cotton Futures Act, when it was compelled to observe the average commercial differences of the several spot markets in the South designated for that purpose. Chicago also uses that basis and now, with the signing of the new law by President Coolidge, New Orleans will do
likewise. likewise.

The passage of the bill by the Senate was reported in these columns Feb. 12, page 872.

Iowa Senate Urges Passage of McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Bill over President's Veto.
A Des Moines Associated Press dispatch was reported as follows in the "Sun" of last night:
A resolution declaring the McNary-Haugen bill "the most needed economic legislation for the good of the United States that has at any time been before Congress" and requesting Congress to pass the bill over President Coolidge's veto was introduced in the Iowa Senate to-day. Immediate action was sought.

President Coolidge Signs Bill for Control of Radio.
On Feb. 23 President Coolidge signed the bill for the regulation of radio communications. The bill is a compromise between House and Senate bills passed at the last ession. The House bill vested control of radio with the

Secretary of Commerce. The Senate bill provided for a Federal radio Commission. Under the compromise measure a Commission of five members to have complete control of radio communication for one year is provided. After that time initial control will pass to the Secretary of Commerce but the Commission will pass on controversies referred by him, or on appeals from parties dissatisfied with his rulings. The Commission, says the Associated Press, will have authority to classify radio stations, prescribe the nature of their service, assign wave lengths and station locations, regulate apparatus and prevent interference between stations. Another of its tasks will be to prevent monopolization in radio communication and to end discrimination and excessive charges for transmission.

## Call Money Market.

The following are the daily statements issued this week by the New York Stock Exchange regarding the call money market:
Feb. 21-Renewal, 4\%; high, $4 \%$; low, $4 \%$; last, $4 \%$. A normal turn over with abundance of offerings and with some outside loans Feb. 22-Washington's Birth
Feb. 23-Renewal, 4 '
Feb. 24 offerings caused decline in rate to $3 \%$; last $33 \%$.
. 24 -Renewal, $4 \%$; high, $4 \%$; low, $4 \%$; last, $4 \%$. Small volume
Feb. 25 -Renewal, $4 \%$; high, $5 \%$; low, $4 \%$; last, $5 \%$. Preparation for monthly settlements caused advance to $5 \%$, at which rate money was freely offered.
Statements of previous weeks have appeared weekly in our issues since July 10 1926; last week's statement will be found on page 993 of our issue of Feb. 19.

## Corner Prevented in Remington Stock-Bankers Tell <br> Stock Exchange Ample Common Shares Will Be Supplied.

The following is from the New York "Times" of Feb. 20: With a corner perilously near in the common stock of the Remington Typewriter Co., banking interests concerned in the recently announced plan to merge that company with the Rand-Kardex Bureau, Inc., and other manufacturers of office equipment, have taken steps to make, available a
sufficient amount of the stock to relieve any possible stringency in the stock market, it became known yesterday.
The New York Stock Exchange has called upon its members to furnish it by 11 o'clock each morning, beginning yesterday (Saturday, Feb. 19) and until further notice, with a full report of their positions in all classes of the stock. This action, regarded as a precaution, was understood to have been taken after the bankers had given assurance that ample stock would be furnished to keep a "free and open market."
That the short interest has been "paying through the nose" has been apparent for some time as Remington common advanced from $1121 / 2$ last month to $1601 / 2$ on Feb. 8. The stock fluctuated yesterday between 153 and $1521 /$, closing at $1521 / 2$ for a net loss of $3 / 2$ point on the day. Trading in the
stock was uncommonly heavy several days last week, and it was und that many of the shorts had covered their commitment at was understood The common stock outstanding amounts to ants at the rising prices. which a large part is held closely. The floating supply is understood to of around 40,000 shares and the short interest was estimated yesterday to be fully 20,000 shares.
The seriousness of the shorts' predicament was aggravated by the fact that deposits of. stock under the Remington-Rand merger plan are to begin to-morrow and that a large majority of the common stock, closely held and unavailable for loaning purposes, is certain to be turned in. It has been estimated that possibly $75 \%$ of the stock would be deposited on the first day, which would leave only about 25,000 shares out, and only a part of these shares could be borrowed.
Much of the stock has been locked up by owners who are in Florida or Europe. It is understood that steps have been taken, by cable and telegraph, to release part of this stock. There was some borrowing of Remington common after the close of the market yesterday. The stock was lending "flat.
Interests identified with the Rand-Kardex Bureau have made it plain to the Stock Exchange that they will not permit even a technical corner to develop if they can prevent it, and they have seen that the needs of the shorts were supplied without undue expense. Persons actually short of the stock have been led to understand, it was said, that they could settle privately and to better advantage if they wished to do so. The interest concerned in the merger have no intention of punishing the shorts. The Business Conduct Committee of the Exchange has been informed to this effect, it is understood.
Remington common at times recently has sold at higher than parity with Remington Rand common on a when-issued basis, although interests identified win Rand-Kardex have sold some stock whe the view to prevent ing any unwarranted rise in Remington common under the impetus of short
covering. The situation has no relation to the action of the Rand-Kardex covering.
securities.
In issue of Feb. 22 (Tuesday) the same paper, said:
The stringency in Remington Typewriter common was relieved largely yesterday, although the stock was lending "flat" at the close of the day. Banking interests concerned in the merger of this company with the RandKardex Bureau and other ofrice equipment manufacturing companies have made available for lending purposes sumcient stock to keep the market nd while no figures we to be had as to the amount tugan yesterday.
 said the deposit of more than a majority had been assured.

## National City Company, Which Had Previously Limited

 Its Investment Offerings to Preferred, to Extend Scope to Common Stocks.The intention of the National City Co. of New York to enlarge its field of investment offerings by the inclusion of
selected common stocks has been made known during the week, the "Wall Street News" of Feb. 18 noting the com pany's action as follows:
Henceforth selected common stocks will appear on lists of National City Co. salesmen. Charles E. Mitchell, President of National City Bank and
of its subsdiary securities organization of its subsdiary securities organization, asked as to the significance of the latter company's recommendation of the common stock of Southern Railway Co., admitted that this marked a sharp departure from previous prac-
tice and stated that as a result of the new poll tice and stated that as a result of the new policy other common stocks would from time to time be offered to investors through their salesmen.
Hitherto the National City Co. in common with other investment banking houses of similar standing has limited its investment offerings to pre-
ferred stocks and bonds. ferred stocks and bonds.
Mr. Mitchell pointed out that the change in policy was evidence of a be-
lief on the part of the National City Co lief on the part of the National City Co. that certain common stocks in
prosperous and efficiently operated companies could now be classed prosperous and efficiently operated companies could now be classed as sound
investments and that this belief in turn reflected a conviction that the country's present prosperity rested on a stable foundation.
He also pointed out that the change in policy served the practical pur-
pose of filling a demand on the part of the company's pose of filling a demand on the part of the company's clientele.

## Guide to Salesmen.

"Our salesmen are constantly being asked to recommend a good common stock for investment," he said. "As investment specialists we shall now be able in part to guide their commitments in that field as we have always done in respect to preferred stocks and bonds. It was partly with this in mind that the National City Oo. last year made extensive purchases of the rights to subscribe to the new $\$ 10,000,000$ issue of Southern Railway common stock and has offered such stock to a portion of its clientele."
Mr. Mitchell was at pains to state that the new policy did not involve classes of investors. "Confident ns of the selected common stocks to all way common stock," "Confident as we are of the future of Southern Railof that security, "our salesmen were instructed to to to the recent offering selection of those to whom they sold it, and that will contimination in the of the new policy as other common stocks are added to our salesmen's listo. This is because common stocks are by their very nature more a 'business man's investment' than a medium for inherited funds or funds in trust."

Southern Railway's Rating.
As evidence of Southern Railway's title to investment rating for its
junior security Mr. Mitchell pointed out that the common stock had junior security Mr. Mitchell pointed out that the common stock had a book value Dec. 31 last of about \$184 a share, that the company earned in 1926
$\$ 17.16$ a share exclusive of undistributed $\$ 1.16$ a share exclusive of undistributed earnings in subsidiary companies Which would have brought the total up to $\$ 20.60$ a share; that there was and government bonds. He pointed out also that Southern $\$ 41,000,000$ in cash and government bonds. He pointed out also that Southern Railway was
the first road to attempt new financing through the sale of common stock since the war.

## McFadden Branch Banking Bill Signed by President Coolidge.

The McFadden branch banking bill was signed by President Coolidge yesterday (Feb. 25). We give elsewhere in our issue to-day the text of the bill, which provides indeterminate charters for Federal Reserve banks and defines the branch banking activities of national banks.

## New Federal Reserve Branches

According to Washington advices to the "Wall Street Journal" yesterday (Feb. 25), the Federal Reserve Board announces that a branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond will be established at Charlotte, N. C., and a branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas at San Antonio, Tex.

## Federal Advisory Council Meets.

Regarding the meeting of the Federal Advisory Council at Washington, we quote the following from the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 21:
General business and financial conditions were discussed at the meeting of the Federal Advisory Council with the Federal Reserve Board. Frank
O. Wetmore, of Chicago, was reelected President, and Col. John F. Bruton O. Wetmore, of Chicago, was re-elected President, and Col. John F . Brutonk,
of Richmond. Vice-President. These officers as ex-officio members, and of Richmond, Vice-President. These officers as ex-officio members, and
J. S. Alexander, L. L. Rue, Harris Creech, and Breckenridge Jones, will J. S. Alexander, L. L. Rue, Harris Creech, and Breckenridge Jones, will
comprise the executive committee. Walter Lichtenstein continues as comprise the executive
Secretary of the Council.

Senator Glass Considers Passage of McFadden Branch Banking Bill Triumph for Federal Reserve System.
According to Senator Carter Glass of the Banking and Currency Committee in charge of the McFadden branch bank bill: "Not only is the passage of the bill a notable triumph for the Federal Reserve System over its bitterest enemies, but also over a few of its friends, who have seemed to insist that the system should not be perpetuated unless at the same moment and to the fullest extent the provisions of the Act shall be modified in complete accordance with their notion of things."
In his statement Feb. 16 the "Journal of Commerce" also quotes him as saying:
"There are provisions of the bank bill which I could have wished had been omitted. Some of these I persistently opposed in committee and sought to have eliminated. But no Senator can reasonably expect to have his way at all times about all things. My chief interest was to throw out the abominable Hull amendments and to give an indeterminate charter to the Federal Reserve banks, so that the continuation of the system may not The "Times" report of what ignorant politics." following:
"To speak of the charter provision of the bank bill as a 'rider' is misapplication of a term. There was not a single provision of the bank bil
more germane than the charter provision." more germane than the charter provision.'
Mr. Glass said the only rider on the b
Ir. Glass said the only rider on the bill was the Hull branch banking amendments, and he added that when their "viciousness" was pointed out
the House reversed itself and threw them the House reversed itself and threw them out, while the Senate rejectee
them every time a vote was taken. them every time a vote was taken.
bank question has apparently been equitably settled the perplexing branch bank question has apparently been equitably settled for a long time to
come," Mr. Glass continued, "and that the Federal Reserve Syin come, Mr. Glass continued, "and that the Federal Reserve System is given
such an overwhelming vote of confidence in both such an overwhelming vote of confidence in both branches of Congress;
for it must be recalled that a separate vote on the charter extension provision demanded in the House resulted in 298 ayes to 22 noes, whereas in
soter sion demanded in the House resulted in 298 ayes to 22 noes, whereas in
the Senate the bill receives its final endorsement by a vote of 71 to 17 ""

## Secretary Mellon Says McFadden Bill Will Be Helpful

 to Entire United States Banking System.The "Wall Street News" announced the following from Washington Feb. 17 :
Secretary Mellon believes the passage of the McFadden bill will be helpful to the entire banking system of the nation, it was stated at the Treasury to-day. The bill will aid in defining the laws governing the national banking system. While Secretary Mellon anticipated no difficulty in obtaining renewal of Federal reserve charters he is gratified they have been Because of tis
Because of the far reaching influence of the reserve system the Secretary points out any uncertainty as to its future or as to changes that may be made in the banking system would be harmful to business in general and advantage to the banks assuring a permanent and settled policy for the future.
Although the McFadden bill empowers the Federal Reserve Board to act in the opening and closing of Federal Reserve branch banks, the Secretary does not think that any change of policy will result from this provision. The Secretary's favorable attitude to the bill presages its signature by the President.

Changes Impending in Reserve System-Steps Under Way to Centralize Control in Board-Would Restrict Powers of Individual Banks.
From Washington the "Wall Street Journal" reported the following in its issue of Feb. 24:
Far reaching changes in the fundamental theory of the administration of the Federal Reserve System are impending. Foundations have already been laid for the development of a policy designed to centralize control of the system in the Cederal Reserve Board, and testrict the powers for indiEnactment of the McFadden Banking Bill extendin Resreve banks. charters of the Reserve banks, clears the way for the Feding in perpetuity the to carry out its new policy of gathering to itself the reing of Reserve Board activities of the different institutions of the system. What is sough the disciplined organization, wherein the policies of the Federal Besoght is a will be administered uniformly by individual banks. In other words the Board is seeking a position from which at all times it can guide the st, the rather than be compelled at times to follow the lead of a few of the Re serve banks.
Appointment of Gates W. McGarragh as Chairman of the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and the selections of Owen D. Young as a Class C director of the same institution, represents the first specific
move in this direction. The Board's idea is to build up the personnel of the Class C directors of the various Reserve banks to the point where these officers, who represent the public in the Reserve system, will consist of the highest type of men obtainable. Such a move is expected to render unshakable the public confidence in the system.

## To Appoint Strong Board Chairman

Next, the Board proposes to work in as Chairmen of the Board of the twelve Reserve banks individuals selected from among the Class C directors who will stand out both nationally and locally as financial figures. They will be expected to dominate their banks; and this is the crux of the new
Federal Reserve Board policy. Chairmen of the Board of the Reserve Federal Reserve Board policy. Chairmen of the Board of the Reserve banks are appointed by the Federal Reserve Board. They are the Federa Reserve agents for their banks. They are officials of the Federal Reserve Board first and then officers of hte Reserve bank which they serve.
By gradually working into board chairmanships men of the dominant type, the Board at Washington hopes to wrest from the Governors of the banks their present day dictatorships of policies of the individual institutions. The Governors, selected by the banks, are under no real authority from the Federal Reserve Board, and they are frequently in a position to disregard the Chairmen as other than Reserve agents to whom they must apply when there is
the Reserve banks and the Governosh between the Board Chairmen of the Reserve banks and the Governors for the position of authority. If
the Chairmen win out, then virtually complete control the Chairmen win out, then virtually complete control of the Reserve banks
will pass to the Federal Reserve Board, since the Chairmen will pass to the Federal keserve Board, since the Chairmen are responsible
to the Board. Success of the program would to the Board. Success of the program would enable the Board to require a far greater uniformity in the discount and open market policies of the twel -
banks than has so far been possible. The Board wants to to adjust Federal Reserve policies to the needs of the country as position to adjust Federal Reserve policies to the needs of the country as a whole,
from the standpoint of national administration rather than to vidual banks to determine questions of procedure for their districts with the national aspect seen through local eyes.

## Determining the Discount Rate

For instance, the Board Chairmen of the different Reserve banks are not members of the open market committees of those institutions, and yet there is supposed to be a uniform Federal Reserve policy for open market operations. There is supposed to be a uniform policy for the determination of discount rate levels, but there have been instances when one bank by taking the lead, has forced the rest of the system to follow in altering the rate.
Unfolding of the Board policy for acquiring maximum control of the administration of the Reserve banks will take time. It will be years before the Board can rearrange the Class C directorships of the twelve bank in the manner it desires. But the perpetual charters for the Reserve banks provided by the McFadden bill removes any difficulties to the steady aggression by the Board which might have been halted had it been necessary to consider the rechartering of the banks after a beginning had been made for the new policy

Situation in New York.
Inauguration of this policy in the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was made possible by vacancies occurring among the Class O directors. The Board would reject any suggestion that Benjamin Strong, Governor
of the New York bank, overshadowed the rest of the system as a national figure, and hence exercised an influence which made the Federal Reserve figure, and hence exercised an influence which made the Federal reserve
Bank of New York looked upon internationally as the representative of Bank of New York. But it is realized that Mr. Strong cannot be the perpetual Governor of the New York bank, even though the charter of that institution has been made inderinite. Thus the Board has sought to place in the New York bank a Chairman who can eventually take over the conyears are to be expected to assume the helm in other Federal Reserve banks. The basis of the Board's new policy may be said to rest in the Federal Reserve Act itself. Nowhere in that Act is provision made for Governors of the twelve Reserve banks, although the office of Chairman of the Board from the analogy of the Bank of England in its administrative officer, despite the fact that the head of the Federal Reserve Board is called the Governor. From the standpoint of the Reserve Board, the Act intended that the Chairman of the Boards of the various Reserve banks should be
the chief officers of those institutions, with the Federal Reserve Board the chief officers of those institutions, with th
superimposed as the central point of authority.

## See Blue Sky Law in McFadden Act-Bank Representatives Analyze Effect of New Legislation.

The effect of the new McFadden Bank Act on bank loans, investment securities, real estate loans, branch banking and other banking activities is explained in a copyright analysis of the Act issued by Kiplinger, Babson \& Jacobs, a Washington firm of bank representatives, according to Washington advices Feb. 24 to the New York "Journal of Commerce," from which we also take the following :

Referring to Section 2 (b) of the Act, the analysis explains that this pecifically authorizes "national banks to engage affirmatively in the business of buying and selling investment securities" under regulations to be drafted by the Comptroller of the Currency to define "marketable obligations." These regulations, together with the provisions of the Act, will constitute, in effect, a Federal Blue Sky law for national bank investments.

## Real Estate Bonds.

Regarding real estate mortgage bonds, the analysis points out that some of them may be able to qualify before the Comptroller as proper investment securities for national banks and thereby improve their marketability. Heretofore they have been regarded not as investments, but as real estate loans limited to one year, and therefore practically excluded as investments. National banks may now make first mortgage loans on improved city real estate for torms up to five years. with a limit of $50 \%$ of the value of the property. This is connected with a new legalizing of the eavings deposit
business of national banks, Upon the present status of savings in national banks this Act will release for first mortgage city property loans of more than $\$ 3,000,000,000$.
Section 5200, "the heart of the National Banking Act," has been completely rewritten. The $10 \%$ limitation of capital and surplus loanable to a single customer remains the same as in the old law, but this limit now applies to the endorser of paper who obtains a loan from the bank, whereas under the old law the limit ran only against the maker of a note. It is stated that under this and other provisions of the new Act many lines of
credit in national banks must be reorganized. The status of loans upon cotcredit in national banks must be reorganized. The status of loans upon cotton, grain and other readily marketable non-perishable staple commodities also is modified materially by the new Act.

## Branch Bank Limits.

Regarding branch banking, it now develops that the Act as finally passed limited future branches of both national banks and State bank members of the Federal Reserve System to "limits of the city," not "corporate imits of the city." Thus it will devolve upon the Federal Reserve Board and the Comptroller or the his means limits. This may reoped in "contiguous territory."
gh should be permitted in "contiguous territory." The Act limits future extension of cale of the number of branches perpopulate the bank mitted, and this applies only to States which by law permit State bank branches. Nevertheless, some ambiguous State laws must be interpreted and applied under regulations of the Comptroller of the Currency and many complicated questions will arise. Regarding the powers onder in basing busins stated in the anaiysis that "any and every character of the board of dimay be carried on in the branches at the discretion of Comptroller of the Currency is not empower to make regulations for the conduct of the branches, such as he made for the "additional offices" or "tellers' windows."

## Text of McFadden Branch Banking Bill.

As we indicate in another item, President Coolidge signed yesterday (Feb. 25) the McFadden branch banking bill. The text of the newly enacted measure follows:
An Act to further amend the national banking laws and the Federal Aeserve Act, and for other purposes.

## Consolidations.

## Be it enacted by Senate and Hous <br> of Representatives of the United States of

That an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the consolidation of national banking associations," approved Nov. 7 1918, be amended by adding at the end thereof a new section to read as follows:
Sec. 3. That any bank incorporated under the laws of any State, or any bank incorporated in the District of Columbia, may be consolidated with a national banking association located in the same county, city, town, or village under the charter of such national banking association on such terms and conditions as may be lawfully agreed upon by a majority of the board of directors of each association bafirmed by the consolidate, and which greement shall be ratified and con or bank owning at least two thirds of shareholders of each such association or bank owning at least two-thirds its capital stock outstanding, or be the laws of the State where the same stock in the case of such State bank if the laws of on the call of the directors
after publishing notice of the time, place, and object of the meeting for four consecutive weeks in some newspaper of general circulation published in the place where the said association or bank is situated, and in the legal newspaper for the publication of legal notices or advertisements, if any such papser has been designated by the rules of a court in the county in the suce then iation or bank is situated, and if no newspaper is puolished in the place, then in a paper of general circulation published nearest thereto, unless such notice of meeting is waived in writing by anostockholders of any such record by or bank, and aiter seast 10 days prior to said meeting, but any additional notice shall be given to the shareholders of such State bank which may pe required by the laws of the State where the same is organized. The capital stock of such consolidated association shall not be less than that required under existing law for the organization of a national banking association in the place in which sinterests of such State or District bant and all the rights, franchises, and interests or suen State or District bank so consolidated with a national banking associalio in and therery species of shall be deemed to be transferred to and vested in such national banking shall be deemed to be transferred to and vested in such national banking association into which it is consoldated and the said consolidated national banking associand interests including the right of and the same manner and to the same extent as was held and enjoyed by such the same manner ank the suth national bank such tion. When such consolidation shall have been effected and approved by the comproller any shareholder of either the association or of the State o District bank so consolidated, who has not voted for such consolidation, may give notice to the directors of the consolidated association within 20 days from the date of the certificate of approval of the comptroller that he dissents from the plan of consolidation as adopted and approved, whereupon he shall be entitled to receive the value of the shares so held by him, to be ascertained by an appraisal made by a Committee of three persons one to be selected by the shareholder, one by the directors of the consolidated association, and the third by the two so chosen; and in case the value so fixed shall not be satisfactory to such shareholder he may within five days after being notified of the appraisal appeal to the Comptroller of the Currency, who shall cause a reappraisal to be made, which shall be final and binding; and the consolidated association shall pay the expenses of reappraisal, and the value as ascertained by such appraisal or reappraisal shall be deemed to be a debt due and shall be forthwith paid to said share holder by said consolidated association, and the shares so paid for shall be surrendered and, after due notice, sold at public auction within 30 days after the final appraisement provided for in this Act; and if the shares so sold at public auction shall be sold at a price greater than the rai appraised value, the excess in such sale price shall be paid to the said shareholder, and the consolidated association shallave tho auction, if it is the highest bidater thereror, for the purpose of resellig such shares within 30 days therearter to such person or pers
The liquidation of such shares of stock in any State bank shall be determined in the manner prescribed by the law of the State in such cases if such provision is made in the State law; otherwise as hereinbefore provided To such consolidition shall be in contravention of the law of the State under which such bant is incorporated
The words "State bank," "State banks," "bank," or "banks," as used in this Section, shall be held to include trust companies, savings banks, or ther such corporations or institutions carrying on the banking busines nder the authority of State laws. states, subsection "second" thereof as amended, be amended to read as ollows:
"Second. To have succession from the date of the approval of this Act until such time as it be dissolved by the act of its shareholders owning two thirds of its stock, or until its franchise becomes forfeited by reason of violation of law, or until terminated by either a general or a special Act of
Congress or until its affairs be placed in the hands of a receiver and finally congress or until it,",
wound up by him."

## Buying and Selling Investment Securities.

(b) That Section 5136 of the Revised Statutes of the United States subsection "seventh" thereof, be further amended by adding at the end of the first paragraph thereof the following:
Provided, That the business of buying and selling investment securities sall hereafter be limited to buying and selling without recourse marketable obligations evidencing indebtedness or any person, co-partion debentures, ation, or corporation, in the form of bonds, notes, and tor debentires. commonly known as investment securities, under such fe prescribed by the the term "investment securities" as may by regulation be prescribed by the Comptroller of the Currency, and the total ach association shall at no securities of any one obligor or maker the capital stock of such association ime exceed $25 \%$ of the amount of the of its unimpaired surplus fund ctually paid in and umimpaired anut shall not apply to obligations of the but this limitation as to total antions of any State or of any political subUnited States, or general obligations under authority of the Federal Farm Loan Act: And provided further, that in carrying on the business commonly known as the safe-deposit business no such association shall invest in the capital stock of a corporation organized under the law of any State to onduct a safe-deposiation actually paid in and unimpaired and $15 \%$ of its nimpaired surplus, so that the subsection as amended shall read as follows: Seventh. To exercise by its board of directors, or duly authorized officers carry on the business of banking; by discounting and negotiating promiscarry on the business of banking; by drather evidences of debt; by receiv-
sory notes, drafts, bills of exchange, and other
ing deposits; by buying and selling exchange, coin, and bullion; by loaning sor
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according to the provisions of this title: Provided, That the business of buying and selling investment securities shall hereafter be limited to buying and selling without recourse marketable obligations evidencing indebtedness of any person, co-partnership, associon ind $\begin{aligned} & \text { nonds, notes and /or debentures, commonly known as investment securi- } \\ & \text { bont }\end{aligned}$ ties, under such further definition of the term 'investment securities' as
may by regulation be prescribed by the Comptroller of the Currency, and the total amount of such investment securities of any one obligor or maker capital stock of such association actually paid in and of unimpaired and $25 \%$
of its unimpaired surplus fund, but this limitation as to total amount shall of its unimpaired surplus
not apply to obligations
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und association shall invest in the capital stock of a corporation organized in excess of $15 \%$ of the capital stock of such association actually paid ir and unimpaired and $15 \%$ of its unimpaired surplus.
But no association shall transact any business exept such as is incidenta and necessarily preliminary to its organization, until it has been authorize
by the Comptroller of the Currency to commence the business of banking

Sec. 3. That Section 5137 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, Sec. 3. That Section 5137 of the Revised Statutes of the
sub-Section "first" thereof, be amended to read as follows:
"First. Such as shall be necessary for its accommodation in the transof its business.

Capital Requirements of National Banks.
Sec. 4. That Section 5138 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended, be amended to read as follows:
"Sec. 5138 . No national banking association shall be organized with a
less capital than $\$ 100,000$, except that such associations with a capital of not less than $\$ 50,000$ may, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, be organized in any except that such associations with a capital of not less than $\$ 25,000$ may, with the sanction of the Secretary of the Treasury,
be organized in any place the population of which does not exceed 3,000 inhabitants. No which exceeds 50,000 persons with a capital of less than $\$ 200,000$, tion of which exceeds 50,000 persons with a capital of less than $\$ 200,000$,
except that in the outlying districts of such a city where the state laws
permit the organization of State banks with a capital of $\$ 100,000$ or less, national banking associations now organized or hereafter organized may,
with the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency, have a capital of with the approval of the
not less than $\$ 100,000$.

> Provision Governing Increase in Capital.

Sec. 5. That Section 5142 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended, be amended to read as follows:
"Sec. 5142. Any national banking association may, with the approval
of the Comptroller of the Currency, and by a vote of shareholders owning of the Comptroller of the Currency, and by a vote of shareholders owning
two-thirds of the stock of such associations, increase its capital stock to any sum approved by the said Comptroller, but no increase in capital
shall be valid until the whole amount of such increase is paid in and notice thereof, duly acknowledged before a notary public by the president, vice-
president, or cashier of said association, has been transmitted to the president, or cashier of sacy and his certificate obtained specifying the amount of such increase in capital stock and his approval thereof, and Provided, however, that a national banking association may, with the
approval of the Comptroller of the Currency, and by the vote of shareapprova owning two-thirds of the stock of such association, increase its
holders own
capital stock by the declaration of a stock dividend, provided that the capital stock by the declaration of a stock dal of the incre se, shall be
surplus of said association, after the approval of the
at least equal to $20 \%$ of the capital stock as increased. Such increase shall not be effective until a certificate certifying to such declaration of dividend, signed by the president, vice-president or cashier of said asso-
ciation and duly acknowledged before a notary public, shall have been
forwarded to the Comptroller of the Currency and his certificate obtained forwarded to the Comptroller of the Currency and his certificate obtained
specifying the amount of. such increase of capital stock by stock dividend, and his approval thereof.

Chairman of Board.
Sec. 6. That Section 5150 of the Revised Statutes of the United States be amended to read as follows:
"Sec. 5150 . The president of the bank shall be a member of the board in lieu of the president to be chairman of the board, who shall perform

## Operation of Branches.

Sec. 7. That Section 5155 of
amended to read as follows: may retain or establish and operate a branch or branches are the following: or branches as it may have in lawful operation at the date of the approval or branches as it may have in lawful operation at the date of the approval maintained and operated not more than one branch for a period of more
than 25 years immediately preceding the approval of this Act may continue to maintain and operate such branch. national banking association, or if two or more national banking associations are consolidated, such converted or consolidated association may, with
respect to any of such banks, retain and operate any of their branches which
may have been in lawful operation by any bank at the date of the approval may have be
of this Act.
"(c) A national banking association may, after the date of the approval of
this Act establish, and operate new branches within the limits of the city town, or village in which said association is situated if such establishment
and operation are at the time permitted to State banks by the law of the State in question. Act within the limits of any city, town, or village of which the population by the last decennial census was less than 25,000 . No more than one such branch may be thus established where the population, so determined, of
such municipal unit does not exceed 50,000 , and not more than two such
而 municipal unit where the population exceeds 100,000 the determination of the number of
"'(e) No branch of any national banking association shall be established or moved from one location to another without first obtaining the consent "( f ) The term 'branch' as used in this section shall be held to include any branch bank, branch orrice, branch agency, additional office, or any Sranch or in the District of
checks paid, or money lent
checks paid, or money lent. be construed to amend or repeal Section 25 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, authorizing the establishment by
national banking associations of branches in foreign countries, or dependencies, or insular possessions of 'he 'State banks,' 'bank,' or 'banks,' as used "(h) The words 'State bank, 'State banks, 'oank, or 'banks, as used
in this section shall be held to include trust companies, savings banks, or
other such corporations or institutions carrying on the banking business under the authority of State laws."

Sec. 8. That Section 5190 of the Revised Statutes of the United States be amended to read as follows:
"Sec. 5190 . The general business of each national banking association shall be transacted in the place specified in its organization certificate and ance with the,
by this Act.
Sec. 9. That the first paragraph of Section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act, be amended so as to read as follows:
"Sec. 9. Any bank incorporated by special law of any State, or organized
nder the general laws of any State or of the United States, desiring to under the member of the Federal Reserve System, may make application to the Federal Reserve Board, under such rules and regulations as it may prescribe, for the right to subscribe to the stock of the Federal Reserve
bank organized within the district in which the applying bank is located.
Such application shall Such application shall be for the same amount of stock that the applying
bank would be required to subscribe to as a national bank. The Federal
Reserve Board, subject to the provisions of this Act and to such condition as it may prescribe pursuant thereto may permit the applying bank to
become a stockholder of such Fend established and is operating a branch or branches in conformity Act, has State law, may retain and operate the same while remaining or with the bank may retainolder of such Federal Reserve bank; but no such State relinquishment of any branch or branches established after the date of
the approval of this Act beyond the limits of the city, town, or village in the approval of this Act beyond the limits of the city, town, or village in

Obligations Limited to $10 \%$ of Capital.
Sec. 10. That Section 5200 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended, be amended to read as follows:
 exceed $10 \%$ of the amount of the capital stock or such association a actuanly term 'obligations' shall mean the direct liability of the maker or acceptor of paper discounted with or sold to such association and the liability of the
indorser, drawer, or guarantor who obtains a loan from or discounts paper indorser, drawer, or guarantor who obtains a loan from or discounts paper
with or sells paper under his guaranty to such association and shall include with or sells paper under his guaranty to such association and shallinclude
in the case of obligations of a co-partnership or association the obligations
of the several members thereof. Such limitation of $10 \%$ shall be subject of the following exceptions:
faith against actually existing values shall not be subject under this section "(2) Obligations arising out of the discount of capitus.
to any limitan based und paper actually owned by the person, co-partnership, association or business paper actually owned
tion negotiating the same shall not be subject under this section to any "(3) Obligations drawn in good faith against actually existing values and under this section to any limitation based upon such capital and surplus. "(4) Obligations as indorser or guarantor of notes, other than commercial
or business paper excepted under (2) hereof, having a maturity of not more
than six months, and owned by the person, corporation, association, or copartnership indorsing and negotiating the same, shali be subject, under
this section to a limitation of $15 \%$ of such capital and surplus in addition

 surplus. receipts or other such documents transferring or securing title covering covered by insurance, if to is customary to insure such staples, shall be in addition to such $10 \%$ of such capital and surplus when the market value
of such staples securing such obligation is not at any time less than $115 \%$ of such staples securing such obligation is not at any time less than $115 \%$
of the face amount of such obligation, and to an additional increase of
limitation of $5 \%$ of such capital and surplus in addition to such $25 \%$ of such capital and surplus when the market value of such staples securing
such additional obligation is not at any time less than $120 \%$ of the face
amount of such additional obligation, and to a further additional increat of limitation of $5 \%$ of such capital and surplus in addition to such $30 \%$ of such capital and surplus when the market value of such staples securing
such additional obligation is not at any time less than $125 \%$ of the face
amount of such additional obligation, and to a further additional increase of limitation of $5 \%$ of such capital and surplus in addition to such $35 \%$ of such capital and surplus when the market value of such staples securing
such additional obligation is not at any time less than $130 \%$ of the face
amount of such additional obligation, and to a further additional increase omount of such additional obligation, and surplus in addition to such $40 \%$ of such capital and surplus when the market value of such staples securing
such additional obligation is not at any time less than $135 \%$ of the face amount of such additional obligation, and to a further additional increase
of limitation of $5 \%$ of such capital and surplus in addition to such $45 \%$ of such capital and surplus when the market value of such staples securing
such additional obligation is not at any time less than $140 \%$ of the face
amount of such additional obligation, but this exception shall not amount of such additional obligation, but this exception shall not apply
to obligations of any one person, co-partnership, association or corporation
arising from the same transactions and /or secured upon the dentical arising from the same transaction
staples for more than ten months.

## Live Stock Obligations.

"(7) Obligations of any person, co-partnership, association, or corporation
in the form of notes or drafts secured by shipping documents or instruments in thensferring or securing title covering livestock or giving a lien on livestock When the market value of the livestock securing the obligation is not at
any time less than $115 \%$ of the face amount of the notes covered by such documents shallas surplus in addition to such $10 \%$ to a limitation of $15 \%$ of such (8) Obligations of any person, co-partnership, association, or corporaindebtedness of the United States, shall (except to the extent permitted by rules and regulations prescribed by the Comptroller of the Currency,
with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury be subject under this
section to a limitation of $15 \%$ of such capital and surplus in addition to section to a limitation of $15 \%$ of such capital and surplus in addition to

Sec. 11. That Section 5202 of the Revised Statutes of the United States as amended be amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph to read as follows:
Eighth. Liabilities incurred under the provisions of Section 202 of
Title II of the Federal Farm Loan Act, approved July 17 1916, as amended Title II of the Federal Farm Loan Act, app
by the Agricultural Credits Act of 1923 .

## Certification of Checks

Sec. 12. That Section 5208 of the Revised Statutes of the United States as amended be amended by striking out the words "or who shall certify a check before the amount thereof shall have been regularly entered to the credit of the drawer upon the books of the bank," and in lieu thereof inserting the following: or who shall certify a check before the amount thereof shall have been regularly deposited in the bank by the drawer 4.
 in the Act of Dec. 23 1912, known as the Federal Reserve Act, to certify any check drawn upon such Federal Reserve bank or member bank unless
the person, firm, or corporation drawing the check has on deposit with
such Federal Reserve bank or member bank, at the time such check is such Federal Reserve bank or member bank, at the time such check is check. Any check so certified by a duly authorized officer, director
agent or employee shall be a good and valid obligation against such Federal Reserve bank or member bank; but the act of any officer, director, agent,
or employee of any such Federal Reserve bank or member bank in violaor employee of any such Federal Reserve bank or member bank in viola-
tion of this section shall, in the discretion of the Federal Reserve Board,
subject such Federal Reserve bank to the penalties imposed by Section 11, subsection (h) of the Federal Reserve Act, and shall subject such member
bank, if a national bank, to the liabilities and proceedings on the part Statutes, and shall, in the discretion of the Federal Reserve Board, subject any other member bank to the penalties imposed by Section 9 of said
Federal Reserve Act for the violation of any of the provsions of said Act. Any orricer barrector, agent, or emp miolate the provisions of this section or who shall resort to any device, or receive any fictitious obligation directly
or collaterally, in order to evade the provsions thereof, or who shall certify a check before the amount thereof shall have been regularly deposited and shall, on conviction thereof in any district court of the United States, be fined not more than $\$ 5,000$, or shall be imprisoned for not more than
five years, or both, in the discretion of the court. Reports to Comptroller of Currency.
Sec. 13. That Section 5211 of the Revised Statutes of the United States as amended be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 5211. Every association shall make to the Comptroller of the
Currency not less than three reports during each year, according to the form which may be prescribed by him, verified by the oath or affirmation
of the President, or of the Cashier, or of a Vice-President or of an Assistant Cashier of the association designated by its board of directors to verify such reports in the absence of the President and Cashier, taken before a
notary public properly authorized and commissioned by the State in which such notary resides and the association is located, or any other
officer having an official seal, authorized in such State to administer
oaths, and attested by the signature of at least three of the directors. Each such report shall exhibit, in detail and under appropriate heads,
Eate resurces and liabilities of the association at the close of business on
the rest
within five days after the receipt of a request or requisition therefor from
hitm; and the statement of resourcesand liabilities, together with acknowledgment and attestation in the same form in which it is made to the Comp-
troller, shall be published in a newspaper published in the place where such association published in a atablished, newspaper published in the the place who ne newspaner in the place,
shen in the one published nearest thereto in the same county, at the expense of the association; and such proof of pubblication shanl be frunnished
as may be required by the Comptroller. The Comptroller shall also as may be required by the Comptrofer. The Comptroller shall also
have power to cal for special reports from any particular association
whenever in his judgment the same are necessary in order to obtain a Fhenever in his judgment the same are nec
full and complete knowledge of its condition.

Loans or Gratuities to Bank Examiners Prohibited.

Sec. 14. That Section 22 of the Federal Reserve Act, subsection (a), paragraph 2 thereof, be amended to read as follows:
(a) No member bank and no officer, director, or employee thereof shall
hereafter make any loan or grant any gratuity to any bank examiner. Any bank officer, director, or employee violating this provision shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be imprisoned not exceeding one year,
or fined not more than $\$ 5,000$, or both, and may be fined a further sum equal to the money so loaned or gratuity given. Any examiner or assistant examiner who shall accept a loan or gratuity
from any bank examined by him, or from an officer, director, or employee
thereof, or who shall steal, or unlawfully take, or unlawfully conceal any money, note, draft, bond, or security or any other property of value in the possession of any member bank or from any safe deposit box in or adjacent shall, upon conviction thereof in any district court of the United States, be both, and may be fined a further sum equal to the money so loaned, gratuity fiven, or property stolen, and shall forever thereafter be disqualified from

## Loans on Real Estate.

Sec. 15. That Section 24 of the Federal Reserve Act be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 24. Any national banking association may make loans secured by
irst lien upon improved real estate, including improved farm land, situated within its Federal reserve district or within a radius of one hundred miles of the place in which'such bank is located, irrespective of district lines. A loan of an obligation or obligations secured by mortgage, trust deed, or other or obligations is made or is sold to such association. The amount of any or security but no such loan upon such security shall be made for a longer erm than five years. Any such bank may make such loans in an aggregate um including in such aggregate any such loans on which it is liable as instock of such association actually paid in and unimpaired and $25 \%$ of its unimpaired surplus fund, or to one-half of its savings deposits, at the election of the association, subject to the general limitation contained in Section tinue hereafter as heretofore to receive time and savings deposits and to pay interest on the same, but the rate of interest which such banks may xceed the maximum rate authorized by law to be paid upon such deposits by State banks or trust companies organized under t
wherein such national banking association is located.

Par Value of National Bank Stock.
Sec. 16. That Section 5139 of the Revised Statutes of the United States amended by inserting in the first sentence thereof the following words: "or into shares of such less amount as may be provided in the articles of ssociation" so that the section as amended shall read as follows:
Sec. 5139 . The capital stock of each association shall be divided into in the articles of association, and be deemed personal property, and transerable on the books of the association in such manner as may be prescribed in the by-laws or articles of association. Every person becoming a shareholder by such transfer shall, in proportion to his shares, succeed to all rights n the articles of association by which the rights, remedies, or security of the oxisting creditors of the association shall be impaired.

## Minimum Holdings of Directors.

Sec. 17. That Section 5146 of the Revised Statutes of the United States as amended be amended by inserting in lieu of the second sentence thereof the following: "Every director must own in his own right shares of the capital stock of the association of which he is a director the aggregate par value of which shall not be less than $\$ 1,000$, unless the capital of the bank shall not exceed $\$ 25,000$ in which case he must own in his own right shares of such capital stock the aggregate value of whin shall not be less than $3500, "$ so that the section as amended shall read as follows:
Sec. 5146 . Every director must during his whole term of service, be a
citizen of the United States, and at least three-fourths of the directors must have resided in the State, Territory, or District in which the association is ocated, or within fifty miles of the location of the office of the association, for at least one year immediately preceding their election, and must be esidents of such State or within a firty-mile territory of the location of the his own right shares of the capital stock of the association of which he is a director the aggregate par value of which shall not be less than $\$ 1,000$, unless he capital of the bank shall not exceed $\$ 25,000$ in which case he must own hall not be less than $\$ 500$. Any director who ceases to be the owner of the equired number of shares of the stock, or who becomes in any other manner isqualified, shall thereby vacate his place.

Federal Reserve Banks Chartered for Indeterminate Period. Sec. 18. That the second subdivision of the fourth paragraph of Section of the Federal Reserve Act be amended to read as follows:
Second. To have succession after the approval of this Act until dissolved

## Discontinue of Reserve Bank Branches.

Sec. 19. That Section 3 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following
The Federal Reserve Board may at any time require any Frederal Reserve Bank to discontinue any Franeral Reserve Bank shall thereupon proceed to wind up the business of such branch bank, subject to such rules and regulations as the Federal Reserve Board may prescribe.

## Framing of Tax Reduction Measure to Be Started in

 Autumn.The following is from the United States Daily of Feb. 11: Is the result of a decision reached by the House Committee on Ways and Means on Feb. 10, tax reduction legislation to be considered by the next Congress will be framed in advance of the session to begin in December.
The committee agreed to a resolution authorizing Chairman Green (Republican) of Council Bluffs, Iowa, to convene the membership early next autumn to begin work on tax reduction proposais. was adopted before the opening of the presed.
of the Revenue Act of 1926 was formulated. defeated.

Smith Signs Bill Relating to State Bank Depositaries. The following is from the "Times" of yesterday (Feb. 25): A bill signed by Governor Smith yesterday carries slight amendments to the Banking law applying to the banks in the various boroughs of New York Oity which may serve as depositaries of State funds. Under the new regulations banks having a combined capital and surplus of $\$ 1,000,000$ may receive State deposits in boroughs having a population of $1,500,000$. This represents a change from the old law, which stipulated a population of $2,200,000$. Banks having capital and surplus of $\$ 750,000$ are ellg communities with a population of from 1,000,000 to $1,500,000$, and banks with capital and surplus of $\$ 500,000$ elsewhere.

Address of President Coolidge Commemmorating Birth of Washington-Plans for Two Hundredth Anni-
versary-Character and Efficiency of Father of Country Extolled-His Part in Founding Country's Banking System.
In an address extolling the life of Washington, delivered on the anniversary of the birth of the Father of His Country on Feb. 22, President Coolidge referred to him as "a man endowed with what has been called uncommon common sense, with tireless industry, with a talent for taking infinite pains, and with a mind able to understand the universal and eternal problems of mankind." President Coolidge remarked that "Washington had the ability to translate ideals into the practical affairs of life," and he observed that "his accomplishments were great because of an efficiency which marked his every act and a sublime, compelling faith in the ultimate triumph of the right."

The President went on to say:
"As we study his daily life, as we read his letters, his diaries, his State papers, we come to realize more and more his wisdom, his energy, and his efficiency. He had the moral efficiency of an abiding religious faith, emphasizing the importance of the spiritual side of man, the social
efficiency shown by his interest in his fellow-men, and in his realization of the inherent strength of a people united by a sense freedom, the business efficiency of a man of affairs, of equality and manager of large properties, the of a man of affairs, of the owner and a new nation, who taking an untried political system made it operate cessfully, of a leader able to adapt the relations of the government to the people.
"He understood how to translate political theory into a workable scheme of government. He knew that we can accomplish no permanent good by going to extremes. The law of reason must always be applied."
President Coolidge declared that "to Washington, the man of affairs, we owe our national banks, for had he followed the advice of other leaders, great but less enlightened on matters of finance, the plans of Alexander Hamilton would not have been realized." On this point the President added :
"As a result of the war the country was deeply in debt and had no credit; but the solution of our financial difficulties suggested by the first Secretary of the Treasury was opposed by those from rural commenies. hey argued that the large commercial cyties ous Sete to the and Rander phe stat and kans. Ah, Alo by by All argued araint the constitutionality of this proposition Hamilton
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In concluding his tribute to Washington the President said:

His was the directing spirit without which there would have been no Independence, no Union, no Constitution, and no Republic. His ways were the ways of truth. He built for eternity. His influence grows. His statare increases with the increasing years. In wisdom of action, in purty of character, he stands alone. We cannot yet estimate him. We can only indicate our reverence for him and thank the Divine Providence which sent him to serve and inspire his fellow-men."
At the outset of his address President Coolidge referred to the proposed celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Washington on Feb. 221932 and said that "in recognition of the importance of this coming anniversary, more than two years ago the Congress passed a joint resolution establishing a commission, which was directed to have this address made to the American people reminding them of the reason and purpose for holding the coming celebration. It was also considered that now would be an appropriate time to inform the public that this commission desires to receive suggestions concerning plans for the proposed celebration and to express the hope that the States and their political subdivisions under the direction of their Governors and local authorities would soon arrange for appointing commissions and committees to formulate programs for co-operation with the Federal Government." The address was delivered in the House of Representatives before an audience (we quote from the Washington dispatch to the New York "Times") comprising the members of the Supreme Court, the Diplomatic Corps, the Cabinet, the Senate and the House of Representatives, Governors of

States, ranking officers of the army, the navy and the Marine Corps and other notable persons, together with many women of official and residential society and of prominence in patriotic organizations. The "Times". also said: The President spoke into a radio microphone, and through this means his voice was broadcast to all parts of the country and was heard abroad. General Harbord, President of the Radio Corporation of America, informed President Coolidge this afternoon that he had heard his address in London.
The distribution of the address through the air was the most extensive ever undertaken. Forty-two stations of the new transcontinental hook-up of the National Broadcasting Co. relayed it.
How many millions listened in is problematical, but, as the relay of broadcasting stations extended across the continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast and from Maine to Georgia in the South and to Texas in the Southwest, let alone the broadcasting effort which reached the British as they were spoken by him in Washington than ever had been able to as they were spoken by him in Washington
It was noted by the Washington correspondent of the "Herald-Tribune" that:
Incidentally, it was the first time that a joint session of Congress had ever convened to listen to an address about George Washington on his birthday, and the first time that a President of the United States had ever addressed Congress on the subject of the first President.

## Address Heard Around Globe.

Also, the radio "hook-up" which carried the President's address from the House of Representatives chamber was the first to encircle the globe.
Messages poured in on the White House this affernoon and to-night indiMessages poured in on the White House this afternoon and to-night
cating that Mr. Coolidge's words had been heard successfully abroad.

The following is the address in full: My fellow Americans: On the 22d day of February 1932 America will celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington. the observance to that event. Although he belongs to us, yet by being a great American he became a great world figure. It is but natural that here under the shadow of the stately monument rising to his memory, in the capital city bearing his name, the country made independent by his military genius and the Republic established by his statesmanship, should begin preparations to proclaim the immortal honor in which we hold the Father of our country.

## Celebration of Two Hundredth Anniversary.

In recognition of the importance of this coming anniversary, more than mission which was directed to have this address made to the a compeople reminding them of the raven celebration. It was also considered that now would be ang to inform the public that this commission desires to receive sriate time concerning plans for the puggestions concerning plan the States their proposed celebration and to express the hope Governors and lhe missions and comme the Federal Goverment When Federal Government. When the plans begin to be matured they should many civic, social and fraternal organizations, asricultural and trade asso ciations, and of other numerous activites which characterize our national life.
It is greatly to be hoped that out of the studies pursued and the investigations made a more broad and comprehensive understanding and a more complete conception of Washington, the man, and his relation to all that is characteristic of American life may be secured. It was to be expected there were scanty reports in the public press, coupled with the inclination of early biographers, resulted in a rather jmaginary character being crented in response to the universal desire to worship his memory. The facts of his life were of record, but were not easily accessible. While many excellent books, ofter scholarly and eloquent, have been written about him, the temptation has been so strong to represent him as an heroic figure composed of superlatives that the real man among men, the human being subjected to the trials and temptations common to all mortals, has been much obscured and forgotten.

Washington's Uncommon Common Sense.
When we regard him in this character and have revealed to us the judgment with which he met his problems, we shall all the more understand and revere his true greatness. No great mystery surrounds him; he never relled on miracles. But he was a man endowed with what has been called infinite pains, and with a mitid able to understand the universal for taking problems of mankind.
Washington has come to be known to the public almost exclusively as the Virginia colonel who accompanied the unfortunate expedition of General Braddock, as the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, as the first President of the United States, and as the master of the beautiful estate at Mount Vernon. This general estimate is based to a large extent on the command he held in time of war and the pubic office he held in time of peace. A recital of his courage and patriotism, his loyalty and devotion, his self-sacrifice, his refusal to be king, will always arouse the imagination and inspire the soul of every one who loves his country. Nothing can detract from the exalted place which this record entitles him to hold. But he has an appeal even broader than this, which to-day is equally valuable to the people of the United States. Not many of our citizens are to be called on to take high command or to hold high public office. We are all necessarily engaged in the ordinary affairs of life. As a valuable example to youth and to maturity, the experience of Washington in these directions is worthy of much more attention than it has received.
We all share in the benefits which accrued from the independence he won and the free Republic he did so much to establish. We need a diligent comprehension and understanding of the great principles of government Which he wrought out, but we shall also secure a wide practical advantage him also as a man of record, already so eloquently exporded, and consider executive ability which he later displayed in the camp and in the council executive
chamber.

## Inspiration to the Young

It ought always to be an inspiration to the young people of the country to know that from earliest youth Washington showed a disposition to make the most of his opportunities. He was diligently industrious-a most
admirable and desirable, if seemingly uninteresting, trait. His father, who had been educated in England, died when his son was 11 years old. His incentives to learning in Virginis in 1732 , and the facilities for a great incentives to learning in Virginia in 1732, and the facilities for acquiring
knowledge were still meager. The boy might well have grown knowledge were still meager. The boy might well have grown up with
very little education, but his eager mind and indomitable will led him to acquire learning and information despite the handicaps surrounding him His formal schooling, which was of a rather primitive character, at the age of 13 . His copy and exercise books, still in existence, ended forms of bills, receipts and like documents, showing he had devoted considerable time to that branch of his studies. He was preparing himself to be a practical business man. When his regular instruction ended his to cation was just beginning. It continued up to his death, Dec. 141799 . If ever there was a self-made man it was George Washington. Through all his later years he was constantly absorbing knowledge from contact with men, from reading whenever time and facilities permitted, and from a wide correspondence
When 16 he became a surveyor and for four years earned a living and about experience in that calling. Although considerable has been written He prep not many people think of our first President as an agriculturist. of his life tall treatise on this subjectu Those who have studied this phase of an agricultural estate in his day. A visitor in 1785 declared "Washing ton's greatest pride was to be thought the first farmer in America." Toward the end of his life he wrote:
"I am led to reflect how much more delightful to an undebauched mind is the task of making improvements on the earth than all the vainglory which
can be acquired from ravaging it by the most uninterrupted career of He always had a great affection for Mount Vernon. He increased his land holdings from 2,500 to over 8,000 acres, 3,200 of which he had under cultivation at one time.

Washington's Business Ability.
His estate was managed in a thoroughly businesslike fashion. He kept a rery careful set of account books for it, as he did for his other enterprises. Overseers made weekly statements showing just how each laborer had been employed, what crops had been planted or gathered. While he was absent reports were sent to him, and he replied in long letters of instruction, displaying wonderful familiarity with details. He was one of the first converts to the benefits of scientific fertilization and to the rotation of crops, for that purpose making elaborate tables covering five-year periods. He overlooked no detail in carrying on his farm according to the practice of those days, producing on the premises most of the things needed there, even to shoes and textiles. He began the daily round of his fields at sunrise, and often removed his coat and helped his men in the work of the day. He also showed his business ability by the skillful way in which he managed the considerable estates left to his two stepchildren by their father. So successiully was this done that John Parke Custis became, at the age of 21, the richest young man in the Old Dominion. Prussing tells us that Martha Custis was ads her estate and th marrying sa young colonel and And he adds: That she chose wisely in marrying the young colonel, and got the best of a good bargain, is the opinion of many
He was engaged in many business enterprises. That of the Dismal Swamp, comprising drainage and lumber operations south of Norfolk, was handled efficiently by Washington for five years subsequent to 1763 . In addition to his lll small degree for his fortune, Washington participated in a number of real on the outlook for sound investments and for ways to increase his capital In the purchase frontier lands and in the promotion of plans capital. In the purchase of frontier lands and in the promotion of plans for the ing important public service
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Dr. Albert Bushnell Hart, distinguished historian, and a member of our mission, says:
"Washington has been criticized for buying up land warrants and holding on to his title in the face of squatters. Actually no American has ever
done so much to open up vast tracts of land, first under the British and done so much to open up vast tracts of land, first under the British and
then under the American flag, fitted to become the home of millions of american farmers."
After thirteen years of effort Washington forced the British Government to give to the Virginia veterans of the French and Indian wars the 200,000 acres of Western lands promised by the Governor of that colony. His management and distribution of these bounties were carried out in an eminently efficient and satisfactory manner. He acquired two large farms in Maryland. During a trip in New York State in 1783 he saw the possibilities of a waterway from the sea to the Great Lakes by way of the Hudson River and the Mohawk Valley-the present route of a great barge canal. Because
of his business vision he joined with General Olinton in the purchase of of his business vision he
6,000 acres near Utica.

Founding of Country's Banking System
To Washington, the man of affairs, we owe our national banks, for had he followed the advice of other leaders, great but less enlightened on matters of finance, the plans of Alexander Hamilton would not have been realized. but the solution of our financial difficulties suggested by the first Secretary of the Treasury was opposed by those from rural communities. They argued that the large commercial cities would dominate to the detriment of other parts of the country. Both Jefferson, Secretary of State, and Randolph, Attorney General, in writing opposed the incorporation by Congress of a national bank. They were joined by Madison and Monroe. All argued against the constitutionality of this proposition. Hamilton answered their arguments fully in his famous opinion. But had the President not been a man of affairs, had he not been for many years a large holder of stock in the Bank of England, coming from the estate of Daniel Parke Custis, he might have yielded to the opposition. Because he knew something about bank accounts and bank credits the bill was signed and the foundation of our financial system laid.
Washington was also a stockholder in the Bank of Alexandria and in the Bank of Columbia at Georgetown. In his last will and testament he directed that such moneys as should be derived from the sale of his estate during the lifetime of Mrs. Washington should be invested for her in good bank stocks.
After his retirement from the Presidency in March, 1797, Washington spent more than two and a half happy years at Mount Vernon. In his last Summer he made a will, one of the most remarkable documents of its kind of which we have record. Again he showed his versatility, in disposing of his many properties under a variety of bequests and conditions without legal advice. It has been called an autobiographic will-it shows in its manifold provisions his charitable thoughtfulness for dependents and his solicitude for the future welfare of his country.
As President he was always an exponent of sound and honest public
finance. He advocated the payment of our debts in full to holders of
record，and the assumption by the nation of the debts incurred by the vari－
ous States to carry on the Revolution．His support of financial integrity， ous States to carry on the Revolution．His support
because it was morally right，strengthened the Union．

## His Vision of Future Republic．

This practical business ability and interest in broad and general affairs made him one of the first to realize that the future of the American Ohio and the Mississippi．Because of this belief，he is said to have been the moving spirit in the first plans for the organization of our public lands． His association with the West may have started in the period 1749－1751， When he assisted his brother，Lawrence，in his various business enterp las， on the east side of the Ohio River．The French having driven out the early British settlers who had started a fort where Pittsburgh now stands， Washington，at the age of 21 ，volunteered to head an expedition for its recovery．The comprehensive report of this young man was considered of
enough importance to be sent from London to all the European capitals，by way of justifying Great Britain in making war upon France．
In 1763 he organized the Mississippi Company to take the place of the Ohio Company，which was one of the casualties of the war．He applied for a grant of $1,000,000$ acres of land，tiough he did not receive it．But he to his will we find Western that in the schedule of his property attached to his will we find Western lands appraised at over $\$ 400,000$－along the
Ohio，the Great Kanawha，in Western Pennsylvania，in Kentucky and in the Northwest Territory．
Having a vision of what the West meant in the future prosperity of the new Republic，Washington in 1784 journeyed out into the wilds．His diary of the trip is filled with interest and enthusiasm over the possibilities of that region．Hulbert，who has made a study of it，calls him our first
expansionist，the originator of the idea of possessing the West through com－ expansionist，the originator of the idea of possessing the West through com－ mercial relations．＂It was a pioneer idea，instinct with genius，＂this author writes，＂and Washington＇s advocacy of it marks him as the first commercial American，the first man typical of the America that was to be．＂
Due to his investments he became the President of the James River Com－ Due to his investments he became the President of the James River Com－
pany and of the Potomac River Company，organized in 1785 to look into pany and of the Potomac River Company，organized in 1785 to 1ook into
the possibility of opening navigation through to the West．To the Potomac Company，which involved the first Inter－State commerce negotiations in this country，he devoted four years of service．It has been thought that these negotiations entered into by Washington led up almost directly to
the calling of the Constitutional Convention．They revealed clearly the difficulty under the Articles of Confederation of accomplishing anything involving the welrare of all the states，and showed the need of a more strongly centraized national government．His ability as a business man intensely practical．
Washington＇s Atlantic－Mississippi waterway plan was never carried out． But his advocacy of it without doubt had much to do with preventing a break in the Union，which threatened serious consequences．The people of Western North Carolina，now Tennessee，shut off from the east by moun－ tains，had no outlet to the sea other than the Mississippi，and Spain，con－ trolling the mouth of this river，levied heavy tribute on all commerce pass－ ing through it．Disappointed at the inability of the national goverument to get concessions from Spain，they，in 1784，established a separate State and started negotiations for an association with that foreign country．This action was rescinded after Washington put forth his waterway plan．
That he should have been responsible in large measure for the opening of the West and for calling attention to the commercial advantages the country might derive therefrom is by no means the least of his benefac－ whether along agricultural，commercial and industrial lines or in any other field of endeavor，are entitled to the approval，rather than the cen－ sure，of their countrymen．

## Washington a Builder

Washington was a builder－a creator．He had a national mind．He was constantly warning his countrymen of the danger of settling problems in accordance with sectional interests．His ideas in regard to the opening of our Western territory were theught out primarily for the benefit of the nation．It has been said that he would have been＂the greatest man in America had there been no Revolutionary War．
He was largely instrumental in selecting the site for our national capital， influenced in no small degree by his vision of the commercial possibilities of this locality．It included his plan of the waterway to the West，through the Potomac，the Monengahela and the Ohio Rivers，which he used to speak of as＂the channel of commerce to the extensive and valuable trade of a rising empire．＂He，of course，could not foresee the development of railway transportation and the great ocean－going vessels，because of which the seat of our government became separated from active contact with commerce and was left to develop as the cultural and intellectual centre of the nation．Bue to the genius of L＇Enfant，the great engineer，this city from the first has had a magnificent plan of development．Its adoption was due in no small degree to the engineering foresight and executive ability of Washington．By 1932 we shall have made much progress toward perfecting the ideal city planned by him in the closing days of the eight－ enth century．
Washington had the ability to translate ideals into practical affairs of iife．He was interested in what he believed contributed to the betterment of everyday existence．Perhaps becuuse he realized the deficiency of his own early education，he was solicitous to provide liberal facilities for the your of a mairs he knew the everyday ses of learning，in an early message to the Congress and in his will he ought methods for the establishment of a national university．Even in
＂Promote，then，as an object of primary is
Promote，then，as an object of primary importance，institutions for the eneral arfusion a govern－ ment gives force to public opinion，it is essential that public opinion hould
He desired his system of education to be thoroughly American and thor－ oughly national．It was to support the people in a knowledge of their fights，in the creation the Union．
His Views on Religion.

It was with the same clear vision that he looked upon religion．For him there was little in it of emotionalism．He placed it on a firmer，more secure foundation，and stated the benefits which would accrue to his coun－ try as the result of faith in spiritual things．He recognized that religion was the main support of free institulio．
＂Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity， religion and morality are indispensable supports．In rain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great
pillars of human happiness－these firmest props of the duties of men and pillars of human happines－these firmest props of the duties of men and
citizens．The mere politician，equally with the pious man，ought to re
A volume would not trace all their connections spect and to cherish them．A volume would not trace anl their connections
with private and public felicity．Let it simply be asked，Where is the
security for property，for reputation，for life，if the sense of religious obliga－
tion desert the oathis which are the instruments of investigation in courts tion desert the oaths which are the instruments of investigation in courts
of justice？And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion． mind hatever may meculiar se concturceded reason and ine influencence of refined education on
that nation forbid us to expect
thar morality can prevail in exclusion of relighous principle．It is substantially true that virtue or morality is a n necessary spring of popular
government．The rule，indeed，extends with more or less force to every
specis of species of free government．Who that is a sincere friend to it can look with
indifference upon attempts to shake the foundation of the fabric？＂， Without bigotry，without intolerance，he appeals to the highest spiritual nature of mankind．His genius has filled the earth．He has been recog－
nized abroad as＂the greatest man of our own or any age．＂He loved his fellow－men．He loved his country．That he entrusted their keeping to a Divine Providence is revealed in the following prayer which he made in 1794：
＂Let us unite in imploring the Supreme Ruler of Nations，to spreadpHis wicked，to the confirming of our Constitution；to enable us，at all times，to root out internan sedition and put invasion to flight；to perpetuate to our
country that prosperity which His goodness has already conferred；and to country that prosperity which His goodness has already conferred；and to
verify the anticipations of this Government being a safeguard of human verify th
rights．＂
He was an idealist in the sense that he had a very high standard of private and public honor．He was a prophet to the extent of being able to forecast with remarkable vision the growth of the nation he founded
and the changing conditions which it would meet．But，essentially，he was a very practical man．He analyzed the problems before him with a was a very practical man．He analyzed the problems before him with a
clear intellect．Having a thorough understanding，he attacked them with courage and energy，with patience and persistence He brought thing to pass．When Patrick Henry was asked in 1774 whom he thought was the greatest man in the Continental Congress，he replied：
＂If you speak of eloquence，Mr．Rutledge，of South Carolina，is bylfar
the greatest orator；but if you speak of solid ment，，Colonel Washington is unquestionably the greatest man⿱口⿰口口⿺辶 on that
ment Efficiency Which Marked Every Act
His accomplishments were great because of an efficiency which marked the risht act and a sublime，compelling faith in the ultimate triumph of his State papers，we come to realize more and more his wisdom，his diaries， and his efficiency．He had the moral efficiency of an abiding religious faith，emphasizing the importance of the spiritual side of man，the social efficiency shown by his interest in his fellow－men，and in his realization of the inherent strength of a people united by a sense of equality and free－ dom，the business efficiency of a man of affairs，of the owner and manager of large properties，the governmental efficiency of the head of a new nation， who taking an untried political system made it operate successfully，of a leader able to adapt the relations of the government to the people．
He understood how to translate political theory into a workable scheme of government．．He knew that we can accomplish no permanent good by going to extremes．The law of reason must always be applied．He fol－ fowed Milton，who declared：．．＂law in a free nation hath ever been public reason，＂and he agreed with Burke that＂Men have no right to what is not reasonable．＇

## Great Men in His Cabinet．

It is a mark of a great man that he surrounds himself by great men． Washington placed in the most ímportant positions in his Cabinet，Jeffer－ son，with his advocacy of the utmost degree of local self－government and of States＇rights，and Hamilton，whose theories of a strong national gov－ ernment led him to advecate the appointment of State Governors by the President．Either theory carried to the extreme soon would have brought disaster to what has proved the most successful experiment in liberty under proper governmental restraint in the history of the world
It is due to his memory that we guard the sovereign rights of the indi－ vidual States under our Constitution with the same solicitude that we main－ tain the authority of the Federal Government in all matters vital to our continued national existence．
Such is the background of a man performing the ordinary duties of life． As it was George Washington，of course he performed them extraordinarily well．The principles which he adopted in his early youth and maintained throughout his years are the source of all true greatness．Unless we under－ stand this side of him，we shall fail in our comprehension of his true char－ acter．It was because of this training that he was able to assume the leadership of an almost impossible cause，carry it on through a long period of discouragement and defeat and bring it to a successful conclusion．In advance of all others he saw that war was coming．With an army that tion inexperienced，inefficient and shifting，poorly supported by a confedera－ ments of a government，he was victorious over the armies of seasoned troops commanded by Howe，Burcoyne，Clinton and Cornwallis，supported by one of the most stable and solid of covernments，possessed of enormous revenues and ample credit，representing the first military power of the world．
As an example of generalship，exterding over a series of years from the siege of Boston to the fall of Yorktown，the commander－in－chief of the Continental armies holds a position that is unrivaled in the history of war－ fare．He lever wavered，he never faltered from the day he modestly un－ equal independent colonies．He trised his commission to the represelight of their glory who had aeknowledged no victor for 700 years．
Washington has come to personify the American Republic．He presided over the convention that framed our Constitution．The weight of his great name was the deciding factor in securing its adoption by the States．These results could never have been secured had it not been recognized that he would be the first President．When we realize what it meant to take thir－ teen distracted colonies，impoverished，envious and hostile，and weld them into an orderly federation under the authority of a central government，we can form some estimate of the influence of this great man．
But when we go．further and remember that the government which he did so much to bring into being not only did not falter when he retired from its administration，but，notwithstanding every assault，has constantly grown stronger with the passage of time and been found adequate to meet the needs of nearly $120,000,000$ people occupying half a continent and con－ stituting the greatest power the world has ever known，we can judge some－ thing of the breadth and soundness of his statesmanship．

## Growth of His Influence．

We have seen many soldiers who have left behind them little but the memory of their conflicts，but among all the victors the power to establish among a great people a form of self－government which the test of experi－ ence has shown will endure was bestowed upon Washington，and Washing－ struct．That Many others have been able to destroy．He was able to crom
his glory. His was the directing spirit without which there would have been no independence, no Union, no Constitution, and no Republic. His ways are the ways of truth. He built for eternity. His influence grows. purity of character, he stands alone. We cannot yet estimate him. We purity of character, he stands alone. We cannot yet estimate him. We
can only indicate our reverence for him and thank the Divine Providence can only indicate our reverence for him and thank
which sent him to serve and inspire his fellow-men.

## Conference of Soft Coal Miners and Operators Ends at Miami Without Effecting New Wage Agreement.

The joint wage conference of operators and union miners in the Central bituminous field which opened at Miami, Fla., on Feb. 14, unanimously adjourned sine die on Feb. 22 without reaching agreement on the question of a new wage scale to replace the one expiring on March 31. The conference was the outgrowth of the biennial convention of the United Mine Workers of America recently held at Indianapolis on Feb. 2. Instructions to negotiate a new agreement with bituminous coal operators on the basis of no reduction in wages were issued to the Scale Committee of the United Mine Workers by the delegates to the union convention; Feb. 14 was then set as the date for the meeting of the committee with operators' representatives at Miami.
The Wage Scale Committee's report of Feb. 2 read in part as follows, according to the "Times" account from Indianapolis:
"We recommend that the properly authorized and accredited representatives of the organization be instructed to secure the best agreement possible duction in wages and that any agreement so secured be submitted to a referendum vote of our membership for ratification.
"That the agreement be made for a period of two years, beginning April 11927 and expiring March 311929.
"For the purpose of meeting any unforeseen emergency that might arise, a policy committee shall be created which shall be composed of the Scale Committee of the Oentral competitive field, three representatives from each the International Executive Board, and that this policy committee be empowered to take such acton for the protection of the interests of our organization as circumstances may require and to advise the membership of all unexpected developments which cannot now be foreseen or provided
"Your committee recommends that the outlying districts be authorized to enter into wage scale negotiations with their respective operators when the opportunity presents itself, it being understood, however, that no outying district will conclude an agreement until after the agreement for the Central competitive field has been secured or permission to do so has been granted by the policy committee mentioned herein.
The committee recommends that all contracts in the bituminous dis. sun concurrently and expire on the same date.,
The adjournment of the Miami conference on Feb. 22 followed the acceptance of the report of a sub-committee which could not reconcile diverse demands by the wage scale committees of miners and operators. The Associated Press advices from Miami on that date said:
Unless negotiations are resumed elsewhere and an agreement reached before April 1 union miners automatically will cease labor in the Central bituminous field.
The sub-committee announced its failure to agree yesterday after considering for three days the Lewis and Haskins proposals received from the joint conference on last Wednesday.
The Haskins proposal drafted by the wage scale committee of the operators, sought sought to replace the Jacksonville agreement with a continuous wage scale, competitive with the wages paid in the non-union mines of West Virginia.
Offered by the miners, the Lewis plan asked the conference to recognize the inadequacy of wage reductions to solve the problems of the soft coal industry. It requested that the joint conference continue its existence during a two-year contract.
Before the report of the sub-committee was put to a vote to-day, leaders for both sides expressed regret that the conference had not been able to reach an agreement. Both declared that the obligations of the industry to the American people had been duly considered.
It was stated in a Miami dispatch to the "Times" on Feb. 22 that the operators profess not to be alarmed over a strike. The dispatch continued:
They say that there will be an ample supply of coal above ground by April 1, and, with the non-union mines of West Virginia and Kentucky working full time, the situation should be taken care of well.
Throughout the conference the miners have expressed the opinion that a They said that the Ohio and Western Pennsylvania in district settlements. cipal advocates of the competitive wage, and they expressed the opinion that the Indiana and Illinois operators were lukewarm to that proposal.

> Setback to Settlement Hopes.

It was with the Illinois operators in particular that they had hoped to effect a separate settlement. But their hope in this regard received a severe setback this afternoon when the Illinois operators issued a long statement condemning the Jacksonville agreement as inflexible and out of date, and advocating adoption of a competitive wage scale.
They also took a shot at the "without-which-nothing" first paragraph of the Lewis resolution, whch, they sad, Mr. Lewis acknowledged, meant atwo-year extension of the Jacksonville contract. This paragraph, they said, made acceptance of the resolution impossible.
All the operators present at the meeting held after the conference are azid to have pledged themselves to stand together and under no condition o consent to district settlements.
To-day's adjournment was not unexpected. John M. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, warned the operators in his first speech at the
conference, which opened eight days ago, that the miners would abide by conference, which opened eight days ago, that the miners would abide by
instructions of the Indianapolis convention to work for as good a contract instructions of the Indianapolis convention to
as posible on the basis of no wage reduction.

The operators, on the other hand, particalarly those from Western Pennsylvania and Ohio, were just as insistent in their demands for a contract based on a continuously competitive scale, which, they said, would enable
them to compete with the non-union mines of Kentucky and West Virginia.

## Lewis Speaks on Miners' Stand.

As soon as the report of the sub-committee was read to the conference this morning the operators offered a motion for adjournment sine die. Mr. ewis was on his feet instantly.
"The mine workers," he said, "will vote for the acceptance of the subcommittee's report, not because they desire to do so but because they have alternative. that the miners with sorrow.
He declared that the miners keenly appreciated their responsibility in the conference and the public responsibility which devolved upon them "The mine workers," he continued
ut any here with open minds, with out any hard and fast proposals and
"I do not mean to be critical, but I cannot refrain from expressing the wish that our operator friends from Western Pennsylvania and Ohio might have come here in a more conciliatory mood. But with such fixed purposes in the minds of some of the conferees a disagreement was inevitable. "I cannot believe this conference marks the and all for to prevent haos from obtaining in the industry after April 1. The mine workers want no strike or suspension. We do not think that the circumstances and wast ditions of the industry warrant the that the crirela and contime. Nor do we think that the American people will endorse or condone a strike in the industry at present, because every tendency is away from that condition.
"The condition of American business and American industry does not call for any organized effort on the part of any one group to force an industrial Armageddon or to break down the living standards of any number of employees.
"If there is anything we can do now or later to prevent the catastrophe of a strike in the industry without sacrificing the rights of those we represent, our operator friends may feel free to call upon the representatives of the miners."

Phil Penna Speaks for Operators.
Phil H. Penna of Indiana spoke for the operators.
"I think it fair to say that the operators came wth a desire to make a settlement and make a scale," he said.
"I think this conference started wrong. Our friends came here with chastisement, with adverse criticism, charging that the coal operators' trouble was due to inefficiency. But I submit that we have managed our business at least as well as the other side. All of the efficiency is not on ne side. Nor is the consideration for the American people all on one side.
"The four units of operators have different problems to contend with. speaking for Indiana, we came here to make a settlement if such a thing was possible. We submitted a proposal which the miners turned down coldly. We regret that the proposal from the miners' side perhans did not receive the consideration it was entitled to, largely because of this.
"The Pennsylvania operators came here with their own problems. So did the Ohio and Illinois operators. All of us want a contract, but we want one under wheh
respected when made.
Calls Local Strikes Main Problem.
Mr. Peuna declared the Jacksonville agreement to be offensive and intolerable and said the operators would never submit to its renewal.

Since I have been in Miami," he continued, "four or five strikes in Indiana have been reported to me. These strikes were based uvon interpretations by the mine workers, who interpreted things wholly for themselves. It has grown into a system, a system of one-sided interpretation, a one-sided procedure to enforce by strikes, if you please, all the provisions
of a contract under which, if it were observed, strikes would not be of a con
possible.
"That is our trouble, our main trouble, and it is going to remain our main trouble intil we clear it up. We have come to the point where we would prefer no contract at all to a contract which can be interpreted by the workers as they see fit."
After the sub-committee's report had been accepted unanimously, the question of an adjournment sine die was also carried unanimously.
The Illinois operators this afternoon issued a statement, which reads, in part, as follows
"Like all other unionized fields, IlinoisThas"suffered severely and progressively under the Jacksonville wage contract.
"Illinois opers live spirit of the contrate but the experience has been so unhappy that none can contemplate a renewal as otherwise than suicidal both to operators and miners.
centage of the country's central competitive field produced a major perfor its product under wage contracts recognizing competitive conditions. To-day, under the inflexible and out-of-date Jacksonville contract, the
unionized States have almost ceased to compete and have been forced to yield their position and markets to rapidly growing production from adjacent and even distant non-union fields, working unde.
mitting reasonable flexibility and adjustments."

From Miami on Feb. 23 the "Times" reported the following:
It was disclosed in an authoritative quarter that the miners' policy committee decided to-day that only the union mines in the Central competitive field would be affected by any walk-out on April 1. Union mines in the "outlying distrcts" would be permitted to operate under the existing Jacksonville agreement although no new contracts would be made in these districts until the disagreement with the Central field operators is settled. The Central competitive field includes Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, Indiana and Illinois. Outside of these States are many other unionized bituminous mines, usually referred to as being in the "outlying districts." About 150,000 union miners are employed in such "outlying districts" in Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Michigan and Washington,
A majority of these mines are owned by the Northern Pacific, the Chicago, Milwaukee \& St. Paul, the Rock Island, the New York Central and other railroad systems. The fact that these mines would not be shut down means that the coal supplies of most of the large railroad systems would be assured in the event of a strike. With the non-union mines of West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Virginia, Utah and Colorado running full time, operators declare that the public would suffer little if any coal shortage.
The policy committee is also reported to have discussed the question of district settlements. The miners are said to have favored a conciliatory policy and to have advocated making separate contracts, if possible, with the Illinois and Indana operators.
The miners think that the conference indicated that these operators are
a setback yesterday when the operators from both States openly denounced
the Jacksonville contract and alleged union domination.
Since Mr. Lewis's attacks on the disorganized condition of the industry
there has been a growing demand for an operators' organization, and the
early formation of one is declared probable.

## United States Supreme Court Declares Utterances of <br> Inter-State Commerce Commission Cannot Be <br> Enjoined-Decision in Valuation Proceedings of Los Angeles \& Salt Lake RR.-Erroneous Report as to Decision Upsets Stock Market.

Misleading reports regarding the purport of a decision on Feb. 21 of the United States Supreme Court growing out of the proceedings of the Los Angeles \& Salt Lake Railroad Co. to enjoin an order of the Inter-State Commerce Commission affecting the valuation of the property of the road, had the effect of disturbing? the stock market on that day, heavy selling of stocks with an attendant break in prices resulting with the misinterpretation of the decision. The Supreme Court ruling did not concern the valuation issue, but held that the so-called order of the Commission for which an injunction had been sought "is merely the formal record of conclusions reached after a study of data collected in the course of extensive research conducted by the Commission, through its employees." The Court added that "it is the exercise solely of the function of investigation,"
and that, "moreover, the investigation made was not a step in a pending proceeding in which an order of the character of those held to be judicially reviewable could be entered later. It was merely preparation for possible action in some proceeding which may be instituted in the future-preparation deemed by Congress necessary to enable the Commission to perform adequately its duties, if and when occasion for action shall arise." In conclusion, the Court declared that "neither its [the Commission's] utterances, nor its processes of reasoning as distinguished from its Acts, are a subject for injunction." The effects of the misleading view of the Court's findings were described as follows in the New York "Times" of Feb. 22:

Rails Raided on Deisison.
The railway shares passed through the second convulsion in two weeks yesterday when frightened speculators and bear traders, upon a hasty interpretation of the United States Supreme Court's decision in the Los Angeles \& Salt Lake Railway's valuation suit, threw at an ill-prepared market on the New York Stock Exchange in ten minutes a volume of securities which it had taken them days to accumulate. Losses ranging
rom 3 to $12 \frac{1}{2}$ points were recorded in the brief but spectacular decine.
The crash was more disastrous than the collapse which took place on the
Exchange on Feb. 9, when Wheeling \& Lake Erie led a downturn started Exchange on Feb. 9, when Wheeling \& Lake Erie led a downturn started by bear raiders. Much more so than in the previous break, the high-priced
railways were the targets in yesterday's selling movement. A heavy railways were the targets in yesterday's selling movement. A heavy
attack on Reading gave the signal for the decline. In a perpendicular drop attack on Reading gave the signal for the decline. In a perpendicular drop
this stock lost $121 / 2$ points before the market could brace itself. Other this stock lost $121 / 2$ points before the market could brace itself. Other
issues, many of them the "blue chips" of the railway group, were thrown issues, many of them the "blue chips" of the $r$
overboard at whatever prices they would bring.

## Bears Waiting for Opening.

News of the Supreme Court's decision was flashed on the financlal tickers at 1.40 o'clock. Until that time the market had been moving rather listlessly, with professional groups colliding with each other and unable to get anywhere. Quick-minded operators who had been seeking an opportunity to turn the marke down community had time to digest even the skeletonized announcement of the gered and the riot of selling was on. gered and the riot of selling was on
the break geined momentum as these ws orders, it was soon apparent, and the break gained momentum as these were uncovered. On the floor of the Exchange in Where was a repetition of the orders. Only the coolest heads could do business with any success.
Selling spread throughout the rail list, and for a brief period it unsettled the entire market. Large blocks of stocks of Reading Atchison Topeka \& Santa Fe, Kansas City Southern, Missouri Pacific, New York Central, Santa Fe, Kansas City Southern, Missouri Pacific, New York Central,
New Haven, Nickel Plate, Lehigh Valley, Union Pacific, Wabash and others were offered at the market. Values crumbled so fast that in many cases the quotations appearing on the tape were 5 points or more aoove the actual market.

Quick Recovery Made
The reversal of trend came almost as suddenly as the break, although the ecovery was much slower. By 2 o'clock the market showed signs of finding itself, and the selling movement quickly subsided as buying support appeared.
Wall Street, after a more careful study of the Supreme Court's decision, was disposed to revise its judgment, or at least to await fuller information as to the real significance of the ruling.
Virtually all of the stocks which had sunk under the swift rush of selling rallied and offerings were snapped up promptly. The entire market recovered its confidence, and from then until the close there was an orderly advance. In some cases the losses recorded in the short market panic were canceled, while in others tellwether in the decline, snapped back so instance, which had been the belwether in the decline, snapped back
The that it was able to end the daylar a
The market as a whole was in several so-called pivotal issues in the industrial group. Net
changes in this group, however, were for the most part unimportant.
$\qquad$ Railroad Circles Unconcerned.
Little concern was shown yesterday in railroad circles Jover the decision of the Supreme Court in the Los Angeles \& Salt Lake case, and the general
have no immediate bearing on the question of valuation as a whole. While the Los Angeles \& Salt Lake case has been regarded in many quarters as a test, it is now held, in view of the Supreme Court's stand, that no revolutionizing factor in the valuation scheme will ensue until the Inter-State Commerce Commission lays down a valuation upon a railroad which will act in adversity to the interests of the carrier in question.
The consensus of opinion is that the Supreme Court has taken the stand that it can take no legislative action in the valuation problem until the Inter-State Commerce Commission makes some affirmative decision as to valuation which acts adversely to the interests of the carrier. When such an adverse effect appears the door is left open for the railroad to thrash its trouble out in court

The following is the text of the Supreme Court decision: This suit was brought in the Federal Court for Southern California by the Los Angeles \& Salt Lake Railroad Co. to enjoin and annul an order of the Inter-State Commerce Commission purporting to determine the "final
value" of its property, under what is now Section 19a of the Act to Regulate value" of its property, under what is now Section 19a of the Act to Regulate Commerce, Feb. 4 1887, C. 104, 24 Stat. 379, as amended by the Valuation Act, March 1 1913, C. 92, 37 Stat. 701, by the Act of Feb. 28 1920, C. 91 , Section 433,41 Stat. 456, 474, 493, and by the Act of June 7 1922, C. 210 ,
42 Stat. 624 , San Pedro Los Angeles \& Salt Lake Railroad Co., 75 I. C. O. 42 Stat. 624, San Pedro Los Angeles \& Salt Lake Railroad Co., 75 I. C. O.
$463 ; 97$ I. C. C. $737 ; 103$ I. C. C. 398 .
The bill asserts that the order fixing the final value is invalid, because it The bill asserts that the order fixing the final value is invalid, because it s in excess of the powers conferred upon the Commission, contrary to the
provision of the Valuation Act, and violates the Fifth Amendment. It asserts also that irreparable injury is threatened.
Reasons why the final valuation is invalid are set forth specifically in 31 paragraphs and 35 sub-paragraphs of the bill. It charges that the Commission adopted rules for the valuation which are unsound and unwarranted in law; that in the determination of values it ignored facts and factors of major importance; that it refused to report an analysis of the methods employed by it, although required so that it refused to comply with the requirement that all values and eleand that it refused soparately reported.
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## Defendant Challenged Jurisdiction of Court

It charges that the valuation was made as of June 30 1914, whereas it should have been made as of June 7 1923; that the value found is that for rate-making purposes, whereas the finding should have been a general one of value for all purposes; that properties enumerated were erroneously excluded from the valuation; that in making the finding of value the Commission erroneously failed to consider nine specified elements of value; that in making the finding of investment in road and equipment it ignored six items; that in making the finding of cost of reproduction new it ignored eleven items; that in making the finding of cost of reproduction new less depreciation it made thirteen errors; that in valuing the lands eleven errors were made; and that in making the finding as to working capital a large
sum was arbitrarily deducted. It alleges that for these and other reasons sum was arbitrarily deducted. It alleges that for these and other reasons
the findings made are incomplete, erroneous in law and misleading in point the findings made are incomplete, erroneous in law and misleading in point The jurisdiction of the District Court was invoked under the Urgent
Deficiencies Act, Oct. 2 1913, O. 32, 38 Stat. 208, 219, and also under its Deficiencies Act, Oct. $21913, \mathrm{O} .32,38$ Stat. 208,219 , and also under its
general equity powers. The United States was named as defendant and general equity powers. The United States was named as defendant and
the Commission became such by intervention. Both defendants answered. But by appropriate pleadings the United States objected that the adoption by the Commission of the final valuation does not constitute an order within the meaning of the Urgent Deficiencies Act; challenged also the jurisdiction of the Court to enjoin or annul the order under its general jurisdiction ors and moved that the bill be dismissed.
The motion was overruled; the case was heard on the pleadings and evidence; and, after proceedings which it is not necessary to detail, a decree was entered which annulled the final valuation and enjoined its use for any purpose. Los Angeles \& Salt Lake Railroad vs. United States, 4 F. (2d) 36:8 F. (2d) 747. Whether all or any of the claims and charges made in opinion that the District Court should have sustained the motion to dismiss the bill.
The final report on value, like the tentative report, is called an order. But there are many orders of the Commission which are not judicially reviewable under the provision now incorporated in the Urgent Deficiencies Act. See Proctor \& Gamble Co. vs. United States, 225 U. S. 282; Hooker vs. Knapp, 255 U. S. 302; Lehigh Valley RR. Co. vs. United States, 243
U. S. 412; United States vs. Illinois Central RR. Co., 244 U. S. 82, 89; Delaware \& Hudson Co. vs. United States, 266 U. S. 438.
For the first 19 years of the Commission's existence no order was so reviewable. The statutory jurisdiction to enjoin and set aside an order was granted in 1906, because then, for the first time, the rate-making power was conferred upon the Commission, and then disobedie. C. 3591 , orders was first made punishable. Hepburn Act, June 29 1926, an order sections 2-7, 34 Stat. 584, 586-595. The first suit
was broght soon after. Sticknecy v. Inter-State Commerce Commission, 164 Fed. 638; 215 U. S. 98
The jurisdiction conferred by the Hepburn Act was transferred, substantially unchanged, to the Commerce Court, by the Act of June 18 1910, C. 309, Section 1, 36 Stat. 539; and, when that Court was abolished, to the district courts, by the Urgent Deficiencies Act.
Present Order Differs from Those Reviewed.

The so-called order here assailed differs essentially from all those held by this Court to be subject to judicial review under any of those Act. function of determining controversies or of the delegated legislative function of rate making and rule making.
The so-called order here complained of is one which does not command the carrier to do, or to refrain from doing, any thing; which does not grant or withhold any authority, privilege or license; which does not extend or abridge any power or facility; which does not subject the carrier to any liability, civil or criminal; which does not change the carrier's existing or future status or condition; which does not determine any right or obligation. This so-called order is merely the formal record of conclusions reached after a study of data collected in the course or ex. It is the exercise ducted by the Commission, through its employees. It is the exercise solely of the finction of investigatio. Moreover, the investigation made Commerce Commission, 245 U. S. 33. Moreover, the investigation made was not a step in a pending proceedizble could be entered later. It was of those held to be judicially re action in some proceeding which may be merely preparation for possible action deemed by Congress necessary to instituted in the future-preparform adequately its duties, if and when enable the Commission arise.
The final report may, of course, become a basis for action by the ComThe final report become a basis for action by Congress or by the Legismission, as an mative board of a State. But may reort of an investigation, whether made by alcommittee of Congress or of either branch thereof.

The Valuation Act requires that the investigation and study be made 40 Annual Report Inter-State Commerce Commission, 13. In directing the Commission to investigate the value of the property of the several carriers, Congress prescribed in detail the subjects on which findings should be made, and constituted the "final valuations" and "the classification thereof" prima
Every party in interest is, therefore, entitled to have and to use this evidence; and the carrier, being a party in interest, has the remedy by mandamus to compel the Commission to make a finding on each of the subjects specifically prescribed. Kansas City Southern Ry. Co. vs Inter-State Commerce Commission, 252 U. S. 178.

## o Pover in Courts to Annul Reports.

But Congress did not confer upon the courts power either to direct what this "tribunal appointed by law and informed by experience." Illinois 454 , shall find, or to annul the report, because of errors committed in property of each of the nearly 1,800 carriers. And it is at least possible that no proceeding will ever be instituted, either before the Commission or a court, in which the matters now complained of will be involved or in which the errors alleged will be of legal significance.

The mere fact that Congress has, in terms, made "all final valuations and the classification thereof
prima facie evidence of the value of the property in all proceedings under the Act to Regulate Commerce . . . in all in all judicial proceedings brought to enjoin, set aside annul or suspend, in whole or in part, any order of the Inter-state Commerce Commission" is, obviously, not a violation of the due process clause justifying proceedings to annul the order.
That to make the Commission's conclusions prima facel evidence in judicial proceedings is not a denial or due process, was settled by Meeker vs Lehigh Valley RR. Co., 236 U. S. $412,430,431$. It was there said of a like provision relating to reparation orders: "This provision only establishes a rebuttable presumption. It cuts off no defense, interposes no obstacle to a full contestation jur See also Mills vs. Lehigh Valley RR. Co., 238 U. S. 473, 481-482; St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Co. vs. United States, 264 U. S. 64,77

## Southwestern Ry. Co. vs. "all final valuations

and the classifications thereof" are made prima facie evidence prevent the report from being solely an exercise of the function of investigation. Data collected by the Commission as a part of its function of investigation, constitute ordinarily evidence sufficient to support an order, if the data are duly made part of the record in the case in which the order is entered. See Inter-State Commerce Commission vs. Louisville \& Nashville RR. Co., 227 U. S. 88, 93; Chicago Junction Case, 264 U. S. 258, 262; United States vs. Abilene \& Southern Ry. Co., 265 U. S. 274, 286-290; Act of June 18 1910, O. 309, Section 13 36 Stat. $539,555$.
Inquests and inquisitions, if they were expressly authorized, are, at common law, admissible in evidence in judicial proceedings, thus constituting an exception to both the hearsay rule and the rule against opinion evidence. 3 Wigmore on Evidence (2d ed.), Sections 16-71-1674. Some inquests are at common law also prima facie evidence of the facts found. Hughes vs. Jones. 116 N. X. 67.

Remedies Provided to Correct Errors.
Congress has provided adequate remedies for the correction of errers in the final valuation and the classification thereof. The conclusions reached Section 19a, Pars. (f) and (h). When so submitted, the carrier is authorized to file a protest and to be heard thereon, Par. (i). If such protest is filed, the Commission is directed to make in the report such changes, if any, as it may deem proper. Even if no protest is filed, the Commission may of its own motion upon due notice to parties in interest correct the tentative report. Compare New York Ontario \& Western Ry. Co. vs. United States, decided Jan. 101927.

When the final report is introduced in evidence the opportunity to contest the correctness of the findings therein made is fully preserved to the carrier; and any error therein may be corrected at the trial. Specific findings may be excluded because of errors committed in making them. It is conceivable that errors of law may have been committed which are so fundamental and far-reaching, as to deprive the "final valuations . . and the classification thereof" of all probative force. Moreover, additional evidence may be introduced.
Paragraph ( j ) provides that "if upon the trial of any action involving a final value fixed by the Commission, evidence shall be introduced regarding such value which is found by the court to be different from that offered upon the hearing before the Commission, or additional thereto and substantially affecting the value, the proceedings shall be stayed so as to permit the Commission to consider tho sand "olt a fodify amend orent from that fixed in the first instance, and to "alter, fuodry, amend or re ind any order which it has made involving suit to
the District Court rested Jurisur. valuation order within the scope of the words "upon the trial of any action such involving a final value
That paragraph was intended to apply to actions brought to set aside rate-fixing orders in which the question of the value of the carrier's property would be material. In our opinion it is not applicable to so-called orders fixing only valuations. The objection to entertaining this suit to annul the final valuation is not merely that the question presented is moot, as in United States vs. Alsaka Steamship Co., 253 U. S. 113, 116; or that the plaintiff's interest is remote and speculative as in Hines Yellow Pine Trustees vs. United States, 253 U. S.143, 148. There is the fundamental infirmity that the mere existence of error in the final valuation is not a wrong for which Congress provides a remedy under the Urgent Deficiencies Act. Little need be added concerning the further contention that the suit should be entertained under the general equity power of the court. Two arguments are urged in support of the proposition. One is that since the Commission has by reason of errors of law and of judgment grossly undervalued the property, its report will, unless suppressed, injure the credit of the carrier with the public. The other is that the commission may itself be misled into illegal action by the erroneous conclusions and may apply them to the carriers injury, since use of the final valuation is required in making rates pursuant to section $15 a$ of the Act to Regulate Commerce, as amended by Transportation Act, C. 91, Section 421, 41 Stat. 456; in prescribing divisions of joint rates under Section 15; in determining the imit upon the amount of capitalization, in the event of a consolidation under section 5; in determining the propriety of an issue of securities, under Soction 20a, or under section 15 . to be recaptured und is pergna 15 a
in Pennsylvania RR. Co. vs. United States Railroad Labor Board, 261
U. S. 72, to suppress the report of that board. The second of the attempt to secure a declaratory judgment in Liberty Warehouse Co. vs. Grannls, decided Jan. 3 1927; and, also of cases in which it was sought to enjoin a municipality from passing an illegal ordinance. Compare New Orleans Waterworks Co. vs. New Orleans, 164 U. S. 471, 481; McChord vs. Louisville \& N. Ry. Co., 183 U. S. 483.
No basis is laid for relief under the general equity powers. The investigation was undertaken in aid of the legislative purpose of regulation. In conducting the investigation, and in making the report, the Commission performed a service if erroneous in law, may be disregarded. But nelther its utterances, nor its processes of reasoning, as distinguished from its acts, are a subject for injunction. Whether the remedy conferred by the Urgent Deficiencies Act is in all cases the exclusive equitable remedy, we need Mr. Justice. Rutler
Mr. Justice Butler took no part in the consideration or decision of this case.
Seaboard Air Line Withdraws from the Southeastern
Group-Takes Issue with the Management of the Negotiations and Settlement of the Wage Increase Given by the Group Committee Representing the Railroads and the Board of Mediation.
At a banquet of the Chamber of Commerce of St. Petersburg on Feb. 21, which day, by proclamation of the Mayor, had been declared a holiday as "Warfield Day" in commemoration of services rendered by S. Davies Warfield, President of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, in his pioneer raitroad construction and development work in Florida, among other matters Mr. Warfield discussed the wage increase of $71 / 2 \%$ asked by the leaders of the trainmen and conductors of all the railroads of the country, especially as it applied to the Southeastern Group of carriers, the Seaboard Railway being one of the group. Among other things Mr. Warfield said:

The Seaboard Air Line Railway is completing 500 miles of new railroad in Florida, more railroad construction than in many States taken collectively in the same period if time. This has involved large expenditures. I have sold within twenty months $\$ 60,000,000$ of Seaboard securities, not including $\$ 7,000,000$ recently sold, a total of $\$ 67,000,000$. A large part of the proceeds has been spent in Florida in pioneer construction and in additions and
traffic.
Because of statements by me respecting further construction and extensions you should know that the Seaboard Railway will now curtail its con structive program owing to recent heavy increases.
The recent settlement of wage increase in the Eastern group of forty-five railroads and more recently in the nineteen railroads and three terminal companies comprising the Southeastern Railroad Group, our group, and now under discussion in the Western Group of seventy-six railroads, has a sig. nificance which I do not believe is at all understood. It is the first set tlement of these questions under the Railway Labor Act passed by Congress in 1926. The methods employed in reaching a settlement in the Southeastern Railroad Group displayed either lack of decision or understanding by the so-called Board of Mediation provided in the Act, which was appointed by President Coolidge, of the purposes of Congress, or the Act
itself is incompetent in dealing with questions of so far-reaching a nature itself is incompeterease was before the Eastern Railroad Group, which operate in thickly populated and rich traffic territory, by agreement between the representatives of the men and those of the group the questions involved the representatives of the ment a $71 / 2 \%$ increase in that territory resulted.
The committee of eight representing the Southeastern Group, after the so-called Board of Mediation was supposed to have endeavored to mediate, requested that the increase asked by
be also arbitrated; this was declined.
Section 10 of the Railway Labor Act provides that, failing in settlement or arbitration, on the application of any railroad of the railroads of a group, if in the opinion of the Board of Mediation there is threatened interruption of Inter-State commerce in any section of the country that the board shall ask the President of the United States to appoint an emergency board to investigate and report to the President. Since a strike vote had already been taken on all the railroads of the Southeastern Group it was the opinion of many that the committee of eight representing the group declining to proceed without arbitration or the appointment of the emergency board, taken in connection with the strike vote, constituted a sufficient menace to Inter-State commerce for the Board of Mediation to ask the President to appoint the emergency board in accordance with the Act. The group committee suggested that the Board of Mediation ask for the appointment of the emergency board. My information was tirat the Chairman of the Boar of Mediation considered that there was not a threatened interruption o Inter-State commerce under the terms of the Act, as the strike vote had not been annownoed, and therefore the President could not be asked to appoint the emergency board, but I was also informed that the Chairman asked the labor leaders not to announce the vote in the express hope of mediating the questions involved, which had already failed of result, un less the terms proposed were accepted. A vote was taken by the committee of eight, which unfortunately contained two representatives from two rail roads which were properly in the Eastern Group, who should have been disqualified from serving on this committee, resulting in five to three in favor of accepting the arbitrated award of $71 / 2 \%$ increase allowed in the Eastern territory, without arbitration in Southeastern territory.
The group committee of eight (one a Seaboard representative) instead of insisting that the question be settled under the provisions of the Railway Labor Act, voted to aceept the Eastern Group settlement. The repre sentative of the Seaboard voted against acceptance and withdrew from the committee. I have notified the Chairman of the Presidents' Conference Committee, Southeastern Railroads, that ir. future conference on wages,
rules and working conditions the Seaboard Railway will not be a party to rules and working conditions the Seaboard Railway will not be a party to the proceedings of those who may represent the group and will hereatter take these matters up direct with our own men. The Southern Railway System was not represented on $t$
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Personally I could not see why a wage decision in the Eastern Railroad Group operatiug in heavy traffic and thickly populated territories, after Group operating in heavy traffic and thickiy po the Southeastern Group operating in territory of less traffic and less population, without arbitra-
tion, or without givnig the emergency or fact finding board opportunity and working conditions. My position was the as they apply to wages, rules a question should not be made without exhausting every means provided by the Railway Labor Act to secure arbitration, failing in this to insist on the Railway Labor Aet to secure arbitration, failing in this to insist on
the appointment of the emergency board. If every request for increase in wages proposed for the Southeastern Group is to be determined by the action taken by the Eastern Group, why confer in Southeastern territory at all? The Eastern Group of railroads should not set the pace for wage increases throughout the country.
When the Railway Labor Act was before committees of Congress it was stated that its passage would provent strikes, bring about arbitration and peace between the railroads and their men.
The Transportation Act of 1920 provides for the adjustment of railroad rates by regions, that is to say, by the groups of railroads into which the country has been divided. Railroad rates differ in the several groups or districts. The men submit the questions involved in increase in wages to the same groups of railroads that deal with railroad rates from which wages are paid. There is no reason why the settlement of wage increases should not be made by each regional railroad group independent of and without interefrence by another group.
The full responsibility for the action recently taken cannot be placed on the representatives of the railroads alone.

## Conductors and Trainmen in Western Territory Seek $71 / 2 \%$ Wage Increase.

Demands for an increase in wages of $71 / 2 \%$, proportionate to the advances recently granted to railroad employees in the East and Southeast, were filed on Feb. 24 by conductors and trainmen in the Western territory, it is noted in the "Times," which in addition says:
The petition represented about 60,000 employees. It is estimated that if this increase were granted the carriers in the Western territory would be forced to make an additional annual outlay of about $\$ 13,000,000$.
Railroad men here believe that considerable difficulty will be encountered before the Western railroads consent to granting the increase. The action of the Southern Ry, in declining to go along with the movement which resulted in the $71 / 2 \%$ advance to railroad workers in the Southeast and the note sounded this week by S. Davies Warfield, President of the Seaboard Air Line Ry., who protested vigorously against the Southern increase, are
will take.

## Proclamation ${ }^{2}$ of ${ }^{4}$ President Coolidge Increasing ${ }^{2}$ Duty on Iron Win要Pigs.

President Coolidge, acting under the flexible provisions of the Tariff Act of 1922 , has issued a proclamation increasing the import duty on iron in pigs and iron kentledge from 75 cents a ton to $\$ 1.12 \frac{1}{2}$ per ton. His action, it is pointed out in the "United States Daily," was taken as the result of a cost investigation by the United States Tariff Commission. The President found that the existing duty of 75 cents a ton did not equalize the differences in the costs of production in the United States and in British India, the principal competing country. The proclamation, dated Feb. 23 , is given as follows in the paper quoted:
Whereas, ident of the United States of America
Whereas, in and by Sec. 315 (a) of Title III of the Act of Congress approved Sept. 21 1922, entitled "An Act to Provide Revenue, to Regulate United States, United States, and for Other Parposes," it is, among other things, provided that whenever the President, upon investigation of the difference in costs of production of articles wholly or in part the growth or product of the United States and of like or similar articles wholly or in part the growth or product of competing foreign countries, shall find it thereby shown that the duties fixed in this Act do not equalize the said differences in costs of production in the United States and the principal competing country, he shall, by such investigation, ascertain said differences and determine and proclaim the changes in classifications or increases or decreases in rates of duty provided in said Act shown by said ascertained Whereas in such costs of production necessary to equalize the same;
Whereas, in and by Sec. 315 (c) of said Act it is further provided that in ascertaining the differences in costs of production, under the provisions of subdivisions (a) and (b) of said section, the President in so far as he finds it practicable, shall take into consideration (1) the differences in conditions in production, including wages, costs of material, and other items in costs of production of such or similar articles in the United States and in competing foreign countries; (2) the differences in the wholesale selling prices of domestic and foreign articles in the principal ducer by a foreign government, (3) advantages granted to a foreign producer by a foreign government, or by a person, partnership, corporation, or asseciation in a foreign country ; and (4) any other advantages or disWhereas, under and by
Whereas, under and by virtue of said section of said Act, the United States Tariff Commission has made an investigation to assist the President in ascertaining the differences in costs of production of and of all other described in paragraph 301 of title I of said Tariff respect to the articles described in paragraph sol of title 1 of said Tariff Act of 1922, namely, iron in pigs and iron kentleage, being wholly or in part the growth or rodice wholly or in part the growth or prospect to like or simlar rticles wholly or in part the growt or product of competing foreign ountries ;
Whereas, in the course of said investigation a hearing was held, of which reasonable public notice was given and at which parties interested were given reas
be heard;
And whereas, the President upon said investigation of said differences in costs of production of said articles wholly or in part the growth or product of the United States and of like or similar articles wholly or in part the growth or product of competing foreign countries, has thereby found that the principal competing country is British India and that the duty fixed in said title and Act does not equalize the differences in costs of production in the United States and in said principal competing country, namely, British India, and has ascertained and determined the increased amely, duty necessary to equalize the same;

Now, therefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States of America, do hereby determine and proclaim that the increase in the rate of duty provided in said Act shown by said ascertained differences in said costs of production necessary to equalize the same is as follows:
Amit of total increase duty on iron in pigs and iron kentledge (within the limit of total increase provided for in said Act) from 75 cents per ton to $\$ 1.121 / 2$ per ton.
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the United States to be affixed. the United States to be affixed.
Done at the City of Washington this twenty-third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, and of fifty-first.
By the President:
Frank B. Kellogg,
CALVIN COOLIDGE.
Secretary of State

## United States Court of Customs Appeals ${ }^{7}$ Upholds

 Constitutionality of Flexible Provisions of Tariff Act and President's Powers Thereunder.The constitutionality of the flexible provisions (Section 315) of the Tariff Act of 1922 is upheld in a decision of the United States Court of Customs Appeals delivered on Feb. 24 by Presiding Judge William J. Graham. The Court held that Congress acted within its rights in delegating to the President the power to raise or lower duties within a maximum of $50 \%$ of those fixed in the Act. The decision was given in a test case in which protest was made against the action of President Coolidge in raising the duty on barium dioxide from 4 to 6 cents a pound. The protestants were J. W. Hampton, Jr., \& Co., New York, who opposed the assessment by the Cellector at New York of 6 cents a pound duty on 292 drums of barium dioxide, the company contending that the goods were properly dutiable at 4 cents a pound under paragraph 12 of the same Tariff Act of 1922. The importing firm alleged that section 315 was unconstitutional and that all acts under it by the President were null and void, says the New York "Times," which also said in part: Contentions of the Appellant.
The protest was referred to the Board of General Appraisers, which sustained the assessment. The importer then appealed to the Court of Customs Appeals, making three assignments of error against the board. These were that section 315 was unconstitutional because it attempted to delegate to the President the power to logislate and because it sought to delegate to him the "power to tax," a power which could be exercised only by Congress, and, furthermore, that section 315 was a provision, not for a tax, duty or excise but solely for the "protection" of Ameriean industries. Appellant contended that Congress had no constitutional right to
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The "United States Daily" in noting the conclusions of the Court of Customs says:
By holding that the flexible provisions are within the constitutional limits of Congress' right, the court also found valid provisions of the law by which Congress may enact statutes having as their aim the protection of American industry. It said specifically that Congress had the right to lay duties which would equalize the difference in production costs in the United States, and in the principal competing countries, declaring this to be a valid exercise of the constitutional grant of power to regulate commerce.
The case decided originated under a proclamation ay President Coolidge
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## Three Questions at Issue.

After reviewing the facts, Judge Graham said the many assignments of error made by the appellants could be summed up in three propositions: That section 315 is unconstitutional in that it attempts to delegate to the President the power to legislate;
That it is unconstitutional in that it attempts to delegate to the President the power to tax, and
That section 315 is a provision, not for a tax, duty or excise, but solely for the protection of industries of the United states; and that Congress may not so legislate under the powers given it by the Constitution.
The Court, answering the propositions, found adversely in each instance. It stated the general rule that as regards foreign commerce the power of Congress to regulate includes the right to levy discriminatory duties and the right to prohibit; and this legislative right is absolute.

> Right to Lay Duties Upheld.
"It was for Congress to select the means," the Court said in conclusion, "by which it thought the best interests of the country would be served in encouraging, fostering, and protecting the commerce and industries of the country. Having done so within legislation which thus protects one industry at the at the expense of others should be declared invalid therefor, then we must
deny to the Congress the power to lay any duties at all. The power to lay duties implies the power to select the objects upon which such duties lay duties implies the power to select tue ojects upon which such dutie»
are laid. Necessarily, the laying of a duty upon one product and not upon are laid. Necessarily, the laying of a disadvantage to the domestic proanother may give added advantage or disadvantage to the domestic pro-
ducer of the product thus made dutiable. But what might be said of the ducer of the product thus made dutiable, But what might be said of the inequality of the laying of duties may also be said of als taxes for public purposes. The pauper, the dependent, and the criminal, are burdens unequally borne; and yet, while the means of one citizen are taken from him to minister to and yet, while the means of one citizen are taken from him to minister an
another, it is still deemed to be a public purpose, the benefits of which all another, it is still deemed The right of our national legislature to take such steps as the people, acting through it, may think best suited to protect, foster and encourage its commerce and industrial life cannot be denied; for to so deny it would be to deny the sovereign right which every properly constituted government has to perpetuate itself and to accomplish one of the chief purposes for which it was created.
"It is apparent, from the facts hereinbefore recited and the discussion had, that the single question presented for determination is whether Congre ss, in attempting to grant to the President the power to increase the
rates of duty speeified in the statutes by adding thereto the differences in cost of production ascertained by him under section 315 (a), acted within constitutional limits or whether such act was, in that respect, null and void; ; and our decision is limited to that precise question. is "We find
It is stated that the importers have announced their in tention to appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

## Bill to Regulate Importation of Milk and Cream into United States Passed by Congress and Signed by President Coolidge-Text of Law.

On Feb. 15 President Coolidge signed the Lenroot-Taber bill, regulating "the importation of milk and cream into the United States for the purpose of promoting the dairy industry of the United States, and protecting the public health." The Senate on Feb. 4 passed in amended form by a vote of 51 to 27 the bill, which had passed the House last year (June 30 1926) and on Feb. 11 the House concurred in the Senate amendments. Before the vote on the passage of the bill was taken in the Senate on Feb. 4 a motion by Senator Walsh (Democrat) of Massachusetts to recommit the bill to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry was defeated by a vote of 48 in opposition to 31 in favor of the motion.

Following the action of the House on Feb. 11 in concurring in the Senate amendments, Representative Sol Bloom of New York requested that President Coolidge, before passing on the bill, give a hearing to Dr. Louis I. Harris, New York Health Commissioner, one of the opponents of the measure. President Coolidge consented, fixing Feb. 14 as the date for the hearing. In referring to the House action on the 11th the Washington dispatch to the "Herald-Tribune" said:
Representative Black opposed the bill on the ground that it would interfere with New York's supply of milk and make it largely dependent upon up-State dairymen. He added that the curtailed shipments from Canada "This is a pure graft proposition milk prices in New York. "This is a pure graft proposition and not a sanitary proposition. The
With reference to the protest lodged with the President by Dr. Harris, the Washington dispatch to the Now York "Times" Feb. 14 said :
The proposed law constitutes a danger to the public health of New York "1. Commissioner Harris said in his protest, stating these reasons essential supply of Canadian milk deprives the City of New York of an " 2 . It at all times restricts the supply of essential Ca
must be maintained as a reserve for times of shortage. Canadian milk which "3. It further intensifies the present conflict betwe on the one hand and Boston and ether New England een New York City for nearby sources of milk supply in their natural milk shed.
"4. It lessens the administrative efficiency of the inspection forces of New York City by compelling their dispersion for the inspection of more emote sources of supply.
" 5 . It constitutes a provocation for bootlegging.
6. It compels a duplication of inspection in order to protect the New York City supply because (a) of the inadequacy of the Federal appropriation, totaling $\$ 50,000$, for the entire United States, in comparison with the present New York City appropriation of over $\$ 400,000$ for inspection personnel alone; (b). Federal inspection at best insures only the condition of milk at the border and does not insure the condition when milk is received at New York City, and (c) because the Federal standards are lower than the New York Oity standards in essential respects and New York Oity must therefore inspect independently.
"7. Because the necessary effect will be (a) to increase the price of milk, constituting a serious burden on the children and the sick poor of the City of New York, and (b) to tend in times of emergency to lower the standards either by compelling less effective inspection at more remote sources of supply or by lowering the standards at nearby sources of supply make up the deficit.
Commissioner Harris said New York needed about $3,000,000$ quarts of milk a day, of which Canada supplied 190,000 quarts.
Past experience has shown that a shortage of milk supply has always induced the bootlegging of milk, which means the obtaining of milk from the cities of New York and Boston and other New England cities depriving the cities of New York and Boston and other New England cities of their present reserve Canadian supply will induce the bootlegging to these cities
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mand, particularly during a shortage, in view of the higher prices then to mand, particu

The same paper in its Washington advices Feb. 15 stated in part:
In expressing satisfaction over the President's approval of the bill, which will become operative as soon as supporting appropriations are made by Congress, Representative Taber of New York, co-author of the measure, declared that the opposition to it of Health Commissioner Harris of New York was without logical foundation, and that there were errors of fact in the brief sukmitted to the President yesterday by the Commissioner.
"Commissioner Harris in his brief declared as his chief argument that 190,000 quarts of Canadian milk were imported into New York City daily,"
said Mr. Taber. "As a matter of fact, according to offieial figures, the said Mr. Taber. "As a matter of fact, according to official figures, the
total importation of milk into the whole country was only 80,000 quarts in total importation of milk into the whole country was only 80,000 quarts in 1926, of which only one-half went to New York City. Thus the total for
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"This bill will keep out impure milk, and at the same time will prevent the lowering of those standards which we bave required of our own farmHealth Department in years gone by. The bill is so drawn, and the regu-
ations of the Department of Agriculture will so operate, that there will be o unnecessary duplication or expense.
"Instead of preventing the Canadian milk frem coming over, as the opponents of the bill assert, it will simply mean that the Camadian farmers and producers will clean up, and that clean, pure milk will come over here instead of the other kind."
Senator Walsh was one of those who opposed the bill, which, according to the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce," had been contested bitterly every step of the way through both House and Senate, the opposition being largely a group of Boston cream dealers and one large milk distributing company of New York City. The correspondent added:
It [the bill] was supported by the National Co-operative Milk Producers Federation, assisted by the General Farm Organizations, and had the endorsement of many public officials. The bill now goes back to the House, where an effort will be made for concurrence without the recassity of the bill going to conference.
As it passed the Senate the bill Outlined.
this country without a permit. It gives the Secretary of Agriculture the power to issue such permits under the following terms:
All cows producing milk or cream offered for importation must be exammed annually by a competent veterinarian, and except in the case of milk pondensary in the United States, and when the milk is to be subsequently pasteurized, all imported milk or cream must enter the country either in tested for tuberculosis and must not exceed a temperature of 50 degrees
Other provisions prescribe the bacteria count for milk and cream at the time of importation and for inspection of the farms on which the imported products are produced. The Secretary of Agriculture is required to issue temporary permits to all applicants until such time as he is in a position to administer the provisions of the act. But the Secretary is given authority to revoke the permits whenever a permit holder violates regulations. Other sections of the Act prescribe fines and imprisonment for knowing iolations of its provisions.
Senator Walsh in his declarations against the bill during the Senate debate on Feb. 4 said:
This bill is intended to be an embargo upon milk flowing from Canada into New York and the New England States. The proof of that is that under the bill as originally drawn no one could ship milk under any conditions, commencing with the passage of the bil, from Canada until the farm where the mik was produced was ispected. As only $\$ 50,000$ is ppropre the and is used in the summer mont
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required than by any State or any city in the whole United States. The farm score standard of grading the sanitary farm conditions was $70 \%$. No farm score standard of grading the santary farm conditions was $70 \%$. State or city requires a percentage higher than 55 for dornestic grading.
higher standard than any State or city in this country has already fixed for domestic milk.
There is no attempt to improve the standard of milk that is predueed in the several States and transported from one State to another, or to require that it should be of as high standard as imported cream. The sole intent that and purpose of milk and cream produced in Canada that set up a chl dithe of this country of that supply of cream and milk which they use during the summer months, because the local pro duction is ample excent during that period. Practically the only time duction iow from Canada into New York and Boston and the there is a excessive demand for ice by the poor in the crowded eities. It is the industrial workers and children that this bill penaldustr. It is probibition riot-prohibition of ice cream and soda-fountain milk and cream drinks for the city toilers.
We do not go to Canada for cream because we want to; it is because we re compelled to do se or go without cool drinks and foods made of cream. I join with the Senator from Utah in characterizing this legislation as icious; as an attempt to establish another breau, as amounting to an where they want it and when they want it, at reasonable prices. Further, it means, as he has indicated, an entering wedge into a complete inspection system of all milk and cream, because we have no right to establish a standard of inspection and quality of Canadian milk and cream that we are unwilling to apply to the domestic supply of every State and community in the Union.
Mr. President, the States have ample power to protect the public health. They are performing that duty now. Where are we to stop in our bureaucratic usurpation of State rights?
. . I am sorry there is no opportunity to discuss this bill more at length. I assume the bill will pass, because I know the influences that have been at work here. I want to say to Senators who vote for this bill bureau, and it may mean because it means the establishment of anether propriation and the employment of a corps of spies and inspectors second only in numerical strength and power to the spies and inspectors now maintained by the Prohibition Bureau. When these inspectors visit the farms of American dairymen there will be general regret that we sef up a national standard of milk and cream and usurped the control now wisely and satisfactorily exercised by lecal communities. To what low ebb has local self and State government sunk that it can no longer protect the public against unfit milk and cream or regulate its supply of these necessities of life?
Mr. President, this bill is most dangerous precodent, in addition to its violaton of the principles of local self-government. It s a bill to force the people of one section of the country to buy certain necessities of life from another section of the country that will result in higher prices and inferior quality, for the longer the haul of milk and cream the more likely of deterioration and the higher the prices because of increased transportation costs.

Senator King, who also declared himself against the bill, stated on Jan. 31:
If the primary purpose of this bill is not that of increasing the price of milk to the millions of people who do not produce milk, then I do not read the English language aright. I believe that the paramount purpose of the bill is to enable the local producers of milk to increase the price to the
domestic consumer, as a result of which the people in the industrial sec-
tions, the people in the cities and in the towns, who have to buy milk, will be compelled to pay a higher price for the milk than they otherwise would have to pay. A bill of this character will be a potential sword hanging
over the heads of the consumers, and the result, of course, will be an augover the heads of the consumers, and the result, of course, will be an aug-
mentation of the price of milk to the domestic consumer. It will eventuate, perhaps, in monopolies here and there, but nevertheless so integrated that they will move from some central organization or be propelled or impelled in their movements by reason of some central organization.

Senator Lenroot, one of the sponsors of the bill, in his statements in its behalf in the Senate on Jan. 31 said
I wish it were possible for the milk producers of the United States, as well as those who engage in other kinds of agriculture, through organization and co-operation, to be put upon the same basis as manufacturing is
put. Unfortunately that is not practicable at least such a condition does not exist to-day. It is universally admitted that agriculture in the United States to-day is suffering under the great inequality that the prices of agricultural products do not stand in proper relation to those of manufactured articles which the farmer must buy and use. Even if this bill should result in helping somewhat to bring about such equality, who is there who has any right to complain when we consider what agriculture has been suffering from and is suffering from to-day?
However, the fact is, Mr. President, that while this bill is pri-
marily a health measure, the dairy industry is concerned in the bill marily a heath measure, the dairy industry is concerned in the bill any very properly coneerned in it. In the first place, the dairy in-
dustry of the United States is very vitally concerned in increasing the consumption of milk $n$ the United States. It is vastly increased during the past few years, and the purer milk is required to be the greater the consumption of milk in the United States. It is vastly increased will follow to all the dairy farmers of the United States. So the dairy farmer of the United States has a perfectly legitimate interest in being anxious to see that the milk consumed in the United States shall be of the highest possible purity. That is the primary purpose of the bill, to require all milk sent to the United States from other countries to be produced under the same high sanitary standards that are required by nearly all of
the States in the Union. Is there anything unfair in that? the States in the Union. Is there anything unfair in that?
Then, Mr. President, from the economic side, is it fair to put the dairy farmers of the United States in untrammeled competition with the dairy farmers of Canada when, under the health laws of the various States of the Union, the dairy farmers of the United States are compelled to observe certain sanitary conditions affecting the construction of barns, and so forth which entail a higher cost of production of milk than over in Canada?
I have pages of testimony from officials of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and from, I think, all the other New England States, in which it is stated that they themselves have visited the dairy farms of Canada, and the conditions they found there were shocking and would not be permitted for a moment of the sthe of chusetts or in most of the other States of the Union. That condition can not continue, M. Pres. does not require any higher standard from the producers of milk in Canada than it require mut prer no more than put hem upon an equally. So I repeat that this bill is primarily a healt measure, but also in its operation it will tend to some and the dairy former Can So as this bill creating an embarco is and the dairy farmer on cana. So far as this bin creating an embargo is concerned, all the Canadian farmer has to do is to comply with these milk from the dairy farms in the State of New York flows into the City of New York.
The following is the text of the bill as enacted into law: AN AOT to regulate the importation of milk and cream into the United States for the purpose of promoting the dairy industry of the United States and protecting the public health.
Be it enacted by the SEnate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That on and after the date on and cream is prohibited unless the person by whom such milk or cream is shipped or transported into the United States holds a valid permit from the Secretary of Agriculture.
Sec. 2. Milk or cream shall be considered unfit for importation (1) when all cows producing such milk or cream are not healthy and a physical examination of all such cows has not been made within one year previous to such milk being offered for importation ; (2) when such milk or cream, if raw, is not produced from cows which have passed a tuberculin test applied by a duly authorized official veterinarian of the United States, or of the country in which such milk or cream is produced, within one year previous to the time of importation, showing that such cows are free from tuberculosis; (3) when the sanitary conditions of the dairy farm or plant in which such milk or cream is produced or handled do not score at least fifty points out of one hundred points according to the methods for scoring as provided by the score cards used by the Bureau of Dairy Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture at the time such dairy farms or plants are scored; (4) in the case of raw milk if the number of bacteria per cubic centimeter exceeds three hundred thousand and in the case of raw cream seven hundred and fifty thousand, in the case of pasteurized milk if the number of bacteria per cubic centimeter exceeds one hundred thousand, and in the case of pasteurized cream five hundred thousand; (5) when the temperature of milk or cream at the time of importation exceeds fifty degrees Fahrenheit.
Sec. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall cause such inspections to be made as are necessary to insure that milk and cream are so produced and handled as to comply with the provisions of section 2 of this Act, and in all cases when he finds that such milk and/or cream is produced and handled so as not to be unfit for importation under clauses 1,2, and 3 of section 2 of this Act, he shall issue to persons making application therefor permits to ship milk and/or cream into the United States: Provided, That in lieu of the inspections to be made by or under the direction of the Secretary of Agriculture he may, in his discretion, accept a duly certified statement signed by a duly accredited official of an authorized department of any foreign government and/or of any State of the United States or any municipality thereof that the provisions in clauses 1,2 , and 3 of section 2 of this Act have been complied with. Such certificate of the accredited official of an authorized department of any foreign government shall be in the form prescribed by the secrefich form Agricull, who is hereby authorized and directed to prescribe such iorm, as worl milk or cream into lations regulating the United States.
The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to waive the requirement of section 2, paragraph 4, of and /or cream is used permits to operators of condenseries in wheam is a necessary process:

Prrovided, however, that no milk and/or cream shall be imported whose bacterial count per cubic centimeter in any event exceeds one million two hundred thousand: Provided further, That such requirements shall not be waived unless the farm producing such milk to be imported is within a radius of fifteen miles of the condensery in which it is to be processed Provided further, That if milk and/or cream imported when the requirements of section 2, paragraph 4, have been so waived, is cold, used, or disposed of in its raw state or otherwise than as condensed milk by any person, the permit shall be revoked and the importer shall be subject to fine, imprisonment, or other penalty prescribed by this Act.
The Secretary of Ariculture is directed
The Secretary of Agriculture is directed to waive the requirements of paragraphs 2 and 5 of section 2 of this Act in so far as the same relate to milk when issuing permits to operators of, or to producers for delivery to, creameries and condensing plants in the United States within twenty miles of the point of production of the milk, and who import no raw milk when for pasteurizatio or condensing: Provided, That if milk imported waived is sold, used, or disposed of in its raw state, or otherwise than as pasteurized, condensed, be revoked and the importer shall be subjected to fine, imprisonment, or other penalty prescribed by this Act.
The Secretary of Asriculture
and enforce such regulations is hereby authorized and directed to make out the purpose of this spection of milk, cream, cows, barns, and other facilities used in the production and handling of milk and/or cream and the nandling, keep:ng, transporting, and importing of milk and/or cream: Provided, hovever,
unless and until the Secretary of Agriculture shall unless and until the Secretary of Agriculture shall provide for inspections to ascertain that paragraphs 1,2 , and 3 of section 2 have been complied with, the Secretary, of Agriculture shall issue temporary permits ITnited applica
States. States.
The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to suspend or revoke any phall find the shipment of milk or cream into the United States when he lated fhis that the holder thereof has fanied to comply with or has vio lated this Act or any of the regulations made hater, or that the milk uniter crean hot the Guality theref alo Act.
Sec. 4. It shall be unlawful for any person in the United States to re eive milk or cream imported into the United States unless the importation is in accordance with the provisions of this Act.
Sec. 5. Any person who knowinglyly violates any provision of this Act hall, in addition to all other penalties prescribed by law, be punished by a fine of not lese then $\$ 50$ nor more than $\$ 2,000$ or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment
Sec. 6. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $\$ 50,000$ per annum, to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out the provisions of this $\stackrel{\text { Act. }}{\mathrm{Sec}}$

## repealed.

Sec. 8. Vothing in this Act is intended nor shall be construed to affect the powers of any State, or any political subdivision thereof, to regulate the shipment of milk or cream into, or the handling, sale, or other disposition of milk or cream in, such State or political subdivision after the milk and/or cream shall have been lawfully imported under the provisions of this Act.

When used iti this Act-
(a) The te
(b) The term "United States" means continental United States.

Sec. 10. This Act shall take effect upon the expiration of ninety days rom the date of its enactment.

## Decision of United States Supreme Court in Proceed-

 ings Against Trenton Potteries Co.-Price Fixing, Though "Reasonable," in Violation of Sherman
## Anti-Trust Act.

The United States Supreme Court, in an opinion handed down Feb. 21, upheld the Government in its prosecution of the Trenton Potteries Co. and others, under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. The Trenton and twenty-two other pottery companies representing more than $80 \%$ of the entire trade in sanitary pottery ware and fixtures, were prosecuted on the charge of having agreed upon fixed uniform prices. The Supreme Court in its conclusions upheld the findings of the District Court in New York, which found twenty individuals and twenty-three corporations guilty of violating the statute. A Court of Appeals decision, which held the verdict invalid, was reversed by the Supreme Court. The latter's opinion was approved, 5 to 3. Justices Van Deventer, Sutherland and Butler disenting. Justice Brandies took no part in the case. With regard to the decision of the High Court the Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" said in part:
As a result of the decision the jail sentences imposed upon most of the individual defendants will be carried into effect.
The case was brought against the Trenton Potteries Co. and others, members of an association having factories in New Jersey, Californla, Illinois, Michigan, West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania, and maintaining sales agencies in New Yoro were engaged in manufacture or record that members of the assous fixtures produced in this country for uso distribution of $82 \%$ of the vis.
in bathrooms and lavatories. The judgment of the Circuit Court of Appeals overturning the convictions in the District Court on the ground that there were errors in the conduct of the trial was reversed in an opinion by Associate Justice Stone.
"Rule of Reason" Again Applied.
The Court reiterated the "rule of reason" as outlined in its decisions in the standard Oil and Tobacco Trust cases, holding that there might be a
restraint of trade even where prices are reasonable, and that "the reason-
able price fixed to-day may through economic and business changes become the unreasonable price of to-morrow

Agreements which create "such potential power," Justice Stone said, may well be held to be in themselves unreasonable or unlawful restraints, without the necessity of minute inquiry whether a particular price is reasonable or unreasonable as fixed and without placing upon the Government enforcing the Sherman Law the burden of ascertaining from day to day whether it has become unreasonable through the mere variation of economic conditions.
Moreover, in the absence of express legislation requiring it, we should hesitate to adopt a construction making the difference between legal and illegal conduct in the field of business relation depend upon so uncertain a test as whether prices are reasonable-a determination which can be satisfactorily made only after a complete survey of our economic organization and a choice between rival philosophies

## dgreements Themselves Condemned.

The Court pointed out that there was no attempt before it to show that the verdict of conviction in the District Court was not supported by sufficient evidence to fix prices and to limit sales in inter-State commerce to jobse allegations of the indictment.
It approved the action of the trial Judge in charging the jury that it might return a verdict of guilty without regard to the reasonableness of the price fixed, or of the good intentions of the combining units, whether prices were actually lowered or raised or whether sales were restricted to the restraint.

Justice Stone continued:
"If the charge itself was correctly given and adequately covered the various aspects of the case, the refusal to charge in anoquar form or to quote
to the jury extracts from opinions of this Court was not err to the jury extracts from opinions of this Court was not errur, nor should the "The question therefore to be considered here is whether the trial Judge
correctly withdrew from the jury the consideration of the reasonabieness of

The Court held, in effect, that there had been no errors in the conduct of the case in the District Court as stated by the Circuit Court, which ruled, among other things, that the lower tribunal "erred in the admission and

## Variance of Term "Reasonable."

Discussing the question of what may be "reasonable," either in priceflxing, or other attempts to regulate trade, Justice Stone said that "reason-
"Its meaning necessarily varies in the different fields of the law, because "Its meaning necessarily varies in the different fields of the law, because control in the application of egal doctrines. Our view of what is a reasonable
restraint of commerce is controlled by the recognized purpose of the Sherman Law itself.
art at least this the lype of restraint is reasonable or not must be judged in of opinion there may be among economists as to the social and econonce that the Sherman Law and and the judicial decisions interpretivg it are based
pon the assumption that the public interest is best protected from the ils of monopoly and price control by the maintenance of comp.petition. "The power to fix prices, whether reasonably exercised or not, involves

With reference to the findings the "Times" also said:

## Prosecutor Sees Public Gain

David L. Podell, the Special Assistant Attorney-General, who prosecuted the pottery case defendants in the courts here, said that the decision of the highest court establishes the law in all Sherman law prosecutions, that it clears away much of the uncertainty in the minds of some of the lower courts as to the extent of the responsibility of those engaged in pricetions and be of coms and that it would have a tendency to reduce combinations and be of great advantage to the general public
onces," said Mr. Podell, "is of infinitesimal defendants with jail sentences, said Mr. Podell, "is of infinitesimal significance compared to importance and affects every by the court. That it is of nation-wide recent tendency toward every large industry, particularly in view of the decision puts new life and vigor into the Sherman Anti-Trust Law. The
'Had the rule prevailed that it was necessary for the Gowern.
ove that the prices fixed by a combination or association were unreasonable or excessive, it would in a practical way have made it impossible for the Government ever to secure a conviction.

## Strengthening of Sherman Law.

Such a rule would have rendered the Sherman Anti-Trust Act a nullity. It would have compelled the Government in the conduct of these cases
to submit proof of valuations of plants, reasonable and unreasonable to submit proof of valuations of plants, reasonable and unreasonable
expenditures, reasonable and unreasonable profits, capitalizations and a expenditures, reasonable and unreasonable profits, capitalizations and a
host of similar considerations about which it is almost humanly impossible host of similar consideration
"We took the position on the trial in the court below that the Sherman law condemns a price-fixing agreement entered into by members of a trade association who controlled a substantial part of an industry. the prices fixed were reasonable or otherwise. Wh as whether or not permit this controlling group to fix a price would be to place the consumer at the mercy of the manufacturer, thereby destroying honest competition.

Trade associations under the law have a legitimate existence. There are many salutary purposes to which they can devote themselves. There ls no reason why they should indulge in price-fixing
event, it is now made clearly a violation of the law."

From the "United States Daily" we take the text of the decision as follows:
Respondents, 20 individuals and 23 corporations, were convicted in the District Court for Southern New York of violating the Sherman Anti-
Trust Law, Act of July 2 1890, c. 647,26 Stat. 209 . The indictment Trust Law, Act of July 21890, c. 647,26 Stat. 209 . The indictment was
in two counts. The first charged a combination to fix and maintain uniform prices for the sale of sanitary pottery. in restraint of inter-State commerce; the second, a combination to restrain Inter-State commerce by limiting sales of pottery to a special group known to respondents as "legiti-
mate jobbers." On appeal, the Court of Appeals for the Second Circul mate jobbers. On appeal, the Court of Appeals for the Second Circult there were errors in the conduct of the trial. This Court granted certiorari. 266 U. S. 597 , Jud. Code, section 240
Respondits, ens pottery fixtures pre the manufacture or distribution of $82 \%$ of the vitreous pottery fixtures produced in the United States for use in bathrooms and lavatories, were members of a trade organization known as the Sani-
$\boldsymbol{t}^{\text {ary Potters' Association. Twelve of the corporate respondents had their }}$
factories and chief places of business in New Jersey; one was located in California and the others were situated in Illinois, Michina, West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Many of them sold and delivered their product within the southern
There is no contention here that the verdict was not supported by sufficient evidence that respondents, controlling some $82 \%$ of the business of manufacturing and distributing in the United States vitreous pottery of the type described, com
commerce to jobbers.
The issues raised here by the Government's specification of errors relate only to the decision of the Court of Appeals upon its review of certain rulings of the District Court made in the course of the trial.
It is urged that the Court below erred in holding in effect (1) that the trial
Court should have submitted to the jury the question whether the price Court should have submitted to the jury the question whether the price agreement complained of constituted an unreasonable restraint of trade; (2) that the trial Court erred in failing to charge the jury correctly on
(3) that it erred also in the admission and exclusion of certain evidence.

## Reasonableness of Restraint Fixed.

The trial Court charged, in submitting the case to the jury, that if it found the agreements or combination complained of, it might return a verdict of guilty without regard to the reasonableness of the prices fixed, or the good
intentions of the combining units, whether prices were actually raised or whether sales were restricted to the special jobbers, since both raised or whether sales were restricted to the special jo
agreements of themselves were unreasonable restraints.
These instructions repeated in various forms applied to both counts of the indictment. The trial Court refused various requests to charge that both the agreement to fix prices and the agreement to limit sales to a particular unless it was found, did not in themselves constitute vilations of the law In particular the Court refused the request to charge the following:
"The essence of the law is injury to the public. It is not every restraint of competition and not every restraint of trade that works an injury to such an effect and is deemed to be unlawful."
other requests of similar purport were refused including a quotation from the opinion of this Court in Chicago Board of Trade vs. United States, 246 U. S. 231, 238

The Court below held specifically that the trial court erred in refusing to charge as requested and held in effect that the charge as given on this branch of the case was erroneous. This determination was hased upon the assumption that the charge and refusals could be attributed only to a mistaken view of the trial judge, expressed in denying a motion at the close of the case to quasb and dismiss the indictment, that the "rule of
reason" announced in Standard Oil Co. vs. United States, 221 U. S. 1 and reason" announced in Standard Oil Co. vs. United States, 221 U. S. 1 and
in American Tobacco Co. vs. United States, 221 U. S. 106 which were in American Tobacco Co. vs. United States, 221 U. S. 106 , which were
units for injunctions, had no application in a criminal prosecution. Comunits for injunctions, had no application in a
pare Nash vs. United States, 229 U. S. 373 .
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and varisposition of the matter ignored the fact that the trial judge plainly and variously charged the jury that the combinations alleged in the indictment, if found, were violations of the statute as a matter of law, saying:
the law is clear that an agreement on the part of the members
nation controlling a substantial part of an industry, upon the of a combination controlling a substantial part of an industry, upon the
prices which the members are to charge for their commodity, is in itself
an undue and unreasonable restraint of trade and commerce;
If the charge itself was correctly given and adequately covered the
various aspects of the case, the refusal to charge in another correct form or to quote to the jury extracts from opinions of this court worrect form or to should the court below have been concerned with the was not error, that may have inspired the charge, if correctly given. The question there fore to be considered here is whether the trial judge correctly withdrefrom the jury the consideration of the reasonableness of the particular restraints charged.

Restraints Barred by Sherman Law.
That only those restraints upon inter-State commerce which are unreasonable are prohibited by the Sherman Law was the rule laid down by
the opinions of this Court in the Standard Oil and Tobacco cases. But the opinions of this Court in the Standard Oil and Tobacco cases. But it does not follow that agreements to fix or maintain prices are reasonable
restraints and therefore permitted by the statute, merely because the restraints and therefore permitted by the statute, merely because the prices themselves are reasonable.
Reasonableness is not a conct
Reasonableness is not a concept of definite and unchanging content. Its meaning necessarily varies in the different fields of the law, because it is used as a convenient summary of the dominant considerations which control in the application of legal doctrines. Our view of what is a reasonable restraint of commerce is controlled by the recognized purpose of the Sherman judged in part judged in part at least in the light of its effect on competition, for whatever difference of opinion there may be among economists as to the social and economic desirability of an unrestrained competitive system. It cannot be doubted that the Sherman Law and the judicial decisions interpreting it are based upon the assumption that the public interest is best protected
from the evils of monopoly and price control by from the evils of monopoly and price control by the maintenance of com-
petition. See United States vs. Trans-Missouri Freight petition. See United States vs. Trans-Missouri Freight Association, 166 vs. United States, 257 U. S. 377,400 . United Stat American Column Co. 262 U. S. 371, 388; Eastern States Lumber Association vs. United States, 234 U. S. 600, 614.

Aim and Result of Price Fixing.
The aim and result of every price-fixing agreement, if effective, is the elimination of one form of competition. The power to fix prices, whether reasonably exercised or not, involves power to control the market and to fix arbitrary and unreasonable prices
changes become the unreasonabley may through economic and business it may be maintained unchanged because of the absence of competition secured by the agreement for a price reasonable when fixed.

Agreements which create such potential power may well be held to be of minute inquiry, whether or unlawful restraints, without the necensity as fixed and without placing on the Government in enforcing the Sherman Law the burden of ascertaining from day to day whether it has become unreasonable through the mere variation of economic conditions.
Moreover, in the absence of express legislation requiring it, we should hesitate to adopt a construction making the difference between legal and illegal conduct in the field of business relaitons depend upon so uncertain a test as whether prices are reasonable-a determination which can be satisfactorily made only after a complete survey of our economic organization and a choice between rival philosophies. Compare United States vs. Cohen Grocery Co., 255 U. S. 81 ; Mash vs. United States, supra. Thus viewed the Sherman Law is not only a prohibition against the infliction of a particular type of public injury. It is a limitation of
restrained." Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co. vs. United States, 226 U. S. 20, 49.
That such was the view of this Court in deciding the standard Oil and fter those case, and that such is the effect of its decisions both before and

## Tenor of Former Decisions Set Forth.

Beginning with United States vs. Trans-Missouri Freight Association, supra; United States vs. Joint Traffic Association, 171 U. S. 505 , where agreements for establishing reasonable and uniform freight rates by competing lines of railroad were held unlawful, it has since often been decided and always assumed that uniform price-fixing by those controlling in any hibited by the Sherman Law, despite the reasonableness of the particular prices agreed upon.
In Addyston Pipe \& Steel Co. v. United States, 175 U. S. 211, 237, a case nvolving a scheme for fixing prices, this Court quoted with approval the following passage from the lower Court's epinion. ( $85 \mathrm{Fed} .271,293$ ):
the affiants say that in their opinion the prices at which pipe has
by defendants have been reasonable. We do not think the issue an important one because as already stated we do not think that th tommon law there is any question of reasonableness
reference to such a contract." See also p. 291 .
In Swift \& Co. v. United States, 196 U. S. 375, this Court approved and ffirmed a decree which restrained the defendants "by combination, conspiracy or contract [from] raising or lowering prices or fixing uniform prices tive agents."
In Dr. Miles Medical Co. v. Park \& Sons Co., 220 U. S. 373, 408, decided at the same term of court as the Standard Oil and Tobacco cases, contracts fixing reasonable resale prices were declared unenforcible upon the authority of cases involving price-fixing arrangements between competitors.
That the opinions in the Standard Oil and Tobacco cases were not intended to affect this view of the illegality of price-fixing agreements affirmatively appears from the opinion in the Standard Oil case, where, in considering the Freight Association case, the Court said (p. 65):

That as considering the contracts or agreements their necessary effect and the character of he parties by whom they were made they were clearly restraints of trate wory by indulging in general reasoning as to the expediency
out of that categre
or non-expediency of having made he contracts or the wisdom or want of or non-expediency of having made he contracts or the wisdom or want of
wisdom of the statute which prohibited their being made. That is to say,
the cases but decided that the nature and character of the contracts creating as they did a conclusive presumption which brought them within the
statute such results was not to be disregarded by the substitution of a
judicial appreciation of what the law ought to be for the plain judicial duty judicial appreciation of what the lay,

## Cases Noted in State and Federal Courts.

And in Thompson vs. Cayser, 243 U. S. 66,84 , it was specifically pointed out that the Standard Oil and Tobacco cases did not over-rule the earlier cases. The decisions in Maple Flooring Association vs. United States, 268 U. S. 563 , and in Cement Manufacturers' Protective Association vs.
United States, 268 U. S. 588, were made on the assumption that any agreeUnited States, 268 U. S. 588 , were made on the assumption that any agree-
ment for price-fixing, if found, would have been illegal as a matter of law. ment for price-fixing, if found, would have been illegal as a matter of taw.
In Federal Trade Commission vs. Pacific States Paper Trade Association, 272 U. S. -, we upheld orders of the Commission forbidding price-fixing and prohibiting the use of agreed price lists by wholesale dealers in interState commerce, without regard to the reasonableness of the prices.
Cases in both the Federal and State courts have generally proceeded on a like assumption, and in the second circuit the veiw maintained below that the reasonableness or unreasonableness of the prices fixed must be submitted to the jury has apparently been abandoned. [The illegality of such agreements has commonly been assumed without consideration of the 1010; Craft vs. McConoughby, 79 III. 346; Vulcan Power Co. vs. Hercules Powder Co., 96 Cal. 510; Johnson vs. People, 72 Colo. 218; People vs Amanna, 203 App. Div. 548; see Trenton Potteries Co. vs. Oliphant, 58 Amanna, 203 App. Div. 548 ; see Trenton Potteries Co. vs. Oliphant, 58
N. J. Eq. 507,521 ; Beechley vs. Mulville, 102 Iowa 602, 608; People vs. N. J. Eq. 507,521 ; Beechley vs. Mulville, 102 Iowa 602,608 ; People vs.
Milk Exchange, 145 N. Y. 267 (purchase prices). In many of these cases price-fixing was accompanied by other factors contributing to the illegality. Upon the precise question, there has been diversity of view. People vs. Upon the precise question, there has been diversity of view. People vs.
Sheldon, 139 N. Y. 251; State vs. Eastern Coal Co., 29 R. I. 254, 256, 265; Sheldon, 139 N. Y. 251; State vs. Eastern Coal Co., 29 R. I. 254, 256, 265;
Pope, Legal Aspect of Monopoly, 20 Harvard Law Rev. 167, 178; Watkins, Pope, Legal Aspect of Monopoly, 20 Harvard Law Rev. 167, 178; Watkins,
Change in Trust Policy, 35 Harvard Law Rev. 815, 821-3; (reasonableness of prices immaterial) contra: Cade \& Sons vs. Daly, [1919] 1 Ir. Ch. 306; of prices immaterial) contra: Cade \& Sons vs. Daly, [1919] 1 Ir. Ch. 306;
Central Shade Roller Co. vs. Cushman, 143 Mass. 353; Skrainka vs. ScharCentral Shade Roller Co. vs. Cushman, 143 Mass. 353 ; Skrainka vs. Schar-
ringhausen, 8 Mo. App. 522; Dueber Watch Case Mfg. Co. vs. Howard Winghausen, 8 Mo. App. 222 ; Dueber Watch Co. 5 Fed. 851.] See Poultry Dealers' Association vs. United States, 4 Fed. (2d) 840 . While not necessarily controlling, the decisions of this Court denying the validity of resale price agreements, regardless of the reasonableness of the price, are persuasive. See Dr. Miles Medical Co. vs. Park \& Sons Co., supra; Boston Store of Chicago vs. American Graphophone Co., 246 U. S. 8; United States vs. Schrader's Sons, 252 U. S. 85; Federal Trade Commission vs. Beechnut Packing Co., 257 U. S. 441. Respondents rely upon Chicago Board of Trade vs. United States, supra, in which an agreement by members of the Chicago Board of Trade controlling prices during certain hours of the day in a special class of grain contracts and affecting only a small proportion of the commerce in question was upheld. The purpose and effect of the agreement there was to maintain for a part of each business day the price which had been that day determined by open competition on the floor of the Exchange. That decision, dealing as it did with a regulation of a board of crade, does not sanction a mpetitors in an open market such as is presented here.

## Trial Court's Charge Proper.

The charge of the trial court, viewed as a whole, fairly submitted to the jury the question whether a price-fixing agreement as described in the first count was entered into by the respondents. Whether the prices actually agreed upon were reasonable or unreasonable was immaterial in verdict. The requested charge which we have quoted, and ound by the similar tenor, while true as abstracted propositions, were inapplicable to to the case in hand and rightly refused.
The first count being sufficient and the case having properly submitted to the jury, we may disregard certain like objections relating to the second count. The jury returned a verdict of guilty generally on both counts. sentence was imposed in part on the first count and in part on both counts, to run concurrently. The combined sentence on both counts does not exceed that which could have been imposed on one alone. There is nothing in the record to suggest that the verdict of guilty on the first count was in any way induced by the introduction of evidence upon the second. In these circumstances the judgment must be sustained if either one of the wo counts is sufficient to support it. Claasen vs. United States, 142 U. S. 140; Locke vs. United States, 7 Cranch 339, 344; Clifton vs. United States, 4 How. 242, 250.

The trial court instructed the jury in substance that if it found that the respondents did not conspire to restrain trade as charged in the indictment. then it was immaterial whether the agreements were ever actually carried out, whether the purpose of the conspiracy was accomplished in whole or in part, or wheth
The court below recognized that this charge was a correct statement of the general proposition of law that the offensive agreement or conspiraey alone, whether or not followed by efforts to carry it into effect, is a violation
of the Sherman Law. Nash vs. United States, supra. And it was clearly the intent and purpose of the trial judge to deal with that aspect of the case in giving it
But the appellate court held the charge erroneous and ground for reversal because the trial judge did not go further and charge the necessity of finding overt acts within the Southern District or New York to satisfy jurisdictional requirements. Since the indictment did not charge the formation of a conspiracy or agreement within that district, the court was without juris-
diction unless some act pursuant to the agreement or conspiracy took place diction unless some act pursuant to the agreement or conspiracy took place
there. Hyde vs. United States, 225, U. S. 347; Easterday vs. McCarthy, there. Hyde
256 Fed. 651.
This part of the charge, so far as respondents deemed it objectionable in that the absence of efforts to carry out the agreement might be taken into account in determining whether it was in fact made, was promptly
remedied by on instruction that the jury might consider all the facts in remedied by on instruction that the jury might consider all the facts in determining whether a combination or conspiracy had been entered into. But respondents made no request to charge with respect to venue or the jurisdictional necessity of overt acts within the district. Neither did on that ground A motion in jurisdictional sufficiency of the indictment but the adequacy of the evidence establishing jurisdiction was not questioned.
The reason for this complete failure of respondents to point out the objection to the charge now urged, or otherwise to suggest to the trial jurisdictional requirements is made plain by in inspection of the record Jurisdiction not in Issue.
In point of substance, the jurisdictional facts were not in issue. Al though the respondents were widely scattered, an important market for their manufactured product was within the southern district of New York, which was therefore a theatre for the operation of their conspiracy, adjacent to the home of the largest group of the respondents located in a single on in the southern district of New York combined action under it. on in the southern district of New York combined action under it. The record is replete with the evidence of witnesses for both prosecutionita do the course of business within the district, the circulation of price bulle to the course of business within the district, the circulation of price bulletion organized by respondents. The Secretary testified that, acting for the association he effected sales within the district. All of these were overt acts sufficient for jurisdictional requirements. In such a state of the record, the appellate court might well have refused to exercise its discretionary power to disturb the conviction because of the trial court's failure to give a charge not requested. If this failure to guard against the misinterpretation of a correct charge is to be deemed error, it was of such slight consequence in the actual circumstances of the case and could have been so easily corrected by the trial judge had his attention been directed to it, that the respondents should not have been permitted to reap the benefit of their own omission.

## Alleged Errors in Evidence.

The alleged errors in receiving and excluding evidence were rightly described by the court beiow as minor points. The trial lasted $41 / 2$ weeks A great mass of evidence was taken and a wide range of inquiry covered nichal a case a new trial is not lightly to be rdere onde do michal errors in ruling on the admissibile of ovidene the objoction afrect whish of have considered. have considered.
which ondents called as a witness the manager of a potteries corporation he knew that a defendant. On cross-examination, he was the Sherman he knew that his concern had pleaded guily to a violation of the sherman While it may be within the discretion of the trial judge to limit cross examination of this tye we would not be prepared to say that such a examination of this type, we would not be preparedion say on the ground that it was directed to the bias of the witness, Wabash Screen Door Co. vs. Black, 126 Fed, 721, 726: 2 Wigmore, Evidence (2d ed.) Section 949, or that it was preliminary to showing his implication in the supposed offense, and thus affecting his credibility. But in any case, we do not think the answer given prejudiced the respondents in any such substantial way as to justify a reversal. Davis vs. Coblens, 174 U. S. 719, 727; Blitz vs. United States, 153 U. S. 308, 312.

It is part of the Government's case to show that it was the purpose of respondents, in aid of their price-fixing agreement, not to sell second grade or class B pottery in the domestic market. The Government evidence, including the testimony of the Secretary of the respondents association, to show that a distinct association of jobbers of pottery was co-operating in this effort and that its Secretary had tendered his active assistanc to confine the sale of this class of pottery to the export trade
On cross-examination of the secretary of the respondents association, the fact was brought out that at one time 20 out of 24 members were selling class " $B$ " pottery in the domestic market. government asked questions of the wress issocition had been called that time the Secretary of the Jobbers' Association had examination before a Committee of the New Yortions in a general investigation into resu. Yoity and vicinity an investigation with the building industry in New York Ciky
of which the lower court took judicial notice.
It was held below and it is urged here that because of the known character of the investigation, the evidence should have been excluded because it improperly "smirched the whe the brief statement which had relans with an "unreliable" person. But the brier stany sought was material in explaining record makes it plain that the testimony sought was mation at that time to the failure of the members "B" pottery to the export market as promised. The inquiry wo dimpeachment of the government's The inquiry was not directed to the impel the adverse impression possibly own witness. Its purpose was to dispel the adverse impression possibly merely because they tend to discredit the witness by showing his relations with unreliable persons.

Makers and Dealers on Witness Stand.
Respondents called numerous witnesses who were either"manufacturers or wholesale dealers in sanitary pottery, to show that competition existed
ery. On direct examination these witnesses were asked in varying potwhether they had observed or noted competition asked in varying form the association. The questions were objected to and excluded on the ground that they were too general and vague in character and called for the opinion or conclusion of the witness.
Whenever the witness was asked as to the details of transactions showing competition in sales, his testimony was admitted and the introduction of records of prices in actual transactions was facilitated by stipulation Whether or not such competition existed at any given time is a conclusion which would be reached only after the consideration of relevant data known to the witness. Here the effort was made to show the personal conclusion of the witness without the data and without, indeed, showing that the conclusion was based upon knowledge of relevant facts. Hence the offered evidence, in some instances, took the form of vague impressions, or recollections of the witness as to competition, without specifying the kind or extent of competition.
A certain latitude may rightly be given the Court in permitting a witness on direct examination to testify as to his conclusions, based on common knowledge or experience. Compare Erie RR. vs. Linnekogel, 248 Fed. 389; been allowed here, we cannot say if these questions could properly have properly exercised in excluding the conclusions of the of the Court was impetitive conditions when full the conclusions or the witnesses as to comdata the conditions of the industry with in the given to prove by relevant Other objections urged by respondents to the sufficienuestion.
ment and charge have received our consideration but do not the indict-lomIt fo
It follows that the judgment of the Circuit Court of Appeals must be re Mr. Justice Van Devanter, Mr. Justice Sutherland and Mr. Justice Butler dissented.
Mr. Justice Brandeis took no part in the consideration or decision of this case.

## Mid-Winter Trust Conference Under Auspices of Trust Company Division of American Bankers <br> Association.

The mid-winter trust conference and banquet held in New York Feb. 16 to 18 under the management of the Trust Company Division, American Bankers Association, was attended by over a thousand men and women engaged in fiduciary work representing banks and trust companies from all parts of the country. The discussions, led by outstanding experts in various phases of fiduciary banking and its problems, presented a comprehensive course of instruction and interchange of experience of great practical value to those in attendance.

David P. Condon, Registrar Farmers' Loan \& Trust Co., New York, told of a swindle that led to New York registrar and transfer agents being warned recently not to affix State tax stamps to the back of stock certificates on which the number of shares is indicated by perforations. Mr. Condon said some men had bought certificates calling for one share of stock each and had gone to Florida, where they purchased real estate, arranging with a Florida banker to accept the stock as collateral for a loan. The banker remitted the certificates to New York, where it was discovered that the number of shares had been raised by a clever method of inserting an inlay of figures held in place by the
tax stamp on the reverse side. tax stamp on the reverse side.

John C. Mecham, Vice-President First Trust \& Savings Bank, Chicago, told how banks there have instituted a new rule under which they no longer will safekeep between $\$ 600,000,000$ and $\$ 700,000,000$ of securities for customers free of charge. If the amount of a customer's securities is above $\$ 5,000$ and they remain on deposit longer than three months, charges will be made. Winslow Russell, VicePresident Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn., brought out how trust companies and national banks are natural allies of life insurance companies. He said the insurance companies are launching an advertising campaign in which they call attention to trust facilities. "Not far from a million dollars a day was paid last year by life insurance companies in lump sums to beneficiaries, most of whom were untrained in the safe handling of money," he said. "About $10 \%$ of all claims paid by the companies was conserved through trusts created between the insured and his life insurance company. It is quite likely that a considerable part of the rest has already been misinvested."

The number of millionaires who die intestate, leaving estates to be handled in the most expensive way, is large because many men of wealth are unwilling to pay a small fee to a lawyer to draw their wills, Gilbert T. Stephenson, Vice-President Wachovia Bank \& Trust Co., Raleigh, N. C., said. He distributed copies of "One Hundred Questions About Wills, Trusts and Trust Companies," compiled from more than 600 questions asked trust solicitors of forty-four banks and trust companies in twenty States by beneficiaries. Mr. Stephenson said many men name their wives or friends as executors as a compliment, but that satisfactory answers
to the questions in his pamphlet would greatly popularize corporate fiduciary services instead.

James G. Smith, instructor in statistics, Princeton University, spoke on "The Market for Corporate Fiduciary Services." He said a survey showed that $100 \%$ of the trust companies queried would solicit or accept trust funds of $\$ 100,000$ or more, that $50 \%$ drew the line at $\$ 50,000$, and that the percentage willing to accept trust funds below this figure descended as the amount fell. Only $10 \%$ were willing to accept trusts as small as $\$ 100$, although one had a $\$ 7$ trust. "Most of these very small trusts seem to be cemetery trusts," Mr. Smith said. He cited one company as saying it expected a minimum annual fee of $\$ 25$, and another as saying: "All trusts have an advertising value. Many trusts are given to us by court order-we cannot well refuse the small ones and hope for appointment of the large ones." Mr. Smith said returns from 334 trust companies and fiftyseven national banks showed that they had invested trust funds as follows: Government bonds, $17.3 \%$; municipal bonds, $14.9 \%$; real estate bonds and mortgages, $27 \%$; railroad bonds, $3.7 \%$
The question, "What factors have been chiefly responsible for the rapid growth of trust company business in the last decade?" brought the following composite reply: Greater complexity of business, corporation development, life insurance, wider distribution of securities, tax laws, increasing complexity of financial structure, humanness of institutions increasing, new methods of financing, desire for organized financial ability.
"I never dreamed when I went into the trust business that I would be asked to arrange funerals," said Edward J. Reilly, Jr., Trust Officer of the National Bank of New Brunswick, N. J., in a symposium on settling estates. "I've had charge of three funerals in the last six months."
C. Alison Scully Vice-President National Bank of Commerce, New York, said prospective will-makers should be warned not to use witnesses who might be hard to locate. He cited a will that tied up an estate over a long period because the executors were unable to find a bellboy and a public stenographer in a hotel who had witnessed the in strument.
R. H. Trott, Vice-President Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, Providence, R. I., said trust company officials should encourage men establishing trusts to give full information of their business affairs in lifetime to their trust companies and members of their families, as it is difficult to assume management of a dead man's affairs overnight. Fred W. Ellsworth, Vice-President Hibernia Bank \& Trust Co., New Orleans, told fellow trust representatives that his company had found young men of little value as trust solicitors. "They simply can't bring home the bacon." said Mr. Ellsworth. "We have turned to men of middle age, men of maturity, who have had experience and who have contact. These trained men from our Trust Department know how to answer questions and how to ask them. In the field we're working in the surface has only been scratched."

A question submitted to the chairman as to methods to produce wills promptly after the death of the testators brought out that one bank's plan is to provide the testator with a copy of his will, a receipt for the original will and a memorandum card to be put in his safety vault or other place of safekeeping. The memorandum would advise relatives of the presence of the original will in the care of the trust company.
A preliminary report on principles and methods for trust investments presented by the Committee on Review and Survey of Trust Securities recommended permanent trust investment committees for this work, with at least two senior officers and one director as permanent members and with preference for the banker and the lawyer in the membership. It also recommended that either the bank or trust company executive committee or else a directors' advisory committee approve all recommendations of the trust investment committee before any purchases or investment securities are made. Also there should be kept a complete record of all recommendations of the investment committee for future reference in case of need.
W. S. McLucas of Kansas City, Vice-President of the Trust Company Division, presided at all business sessions. At the annual dinner Edward J. Fox, President of the division, who presided, said: "Reports for 1926 indicate that the banking resources of the trust companies of America are more than $\$ 19,000,000,000$ and that the gain over 1925 is
$\$ 1,190,000,000$. Deposits during 1926 totaled $\$ 16,000,000,000$, a gain of $\$ 900,000,000$ in the year."

## ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, \&C.

The New York Stock Exchange membership of Walter C. Taylor was reported posted for transfer this week to Waldo I. Shuman, the consideration being stated as $\$ 185,000$. This is the same as the last preceding sale.

The proposed union of the Fifth-Third National Bank of Cincinnati and the Union Trust Co. of that city, to which reference was made in these pages on Jan. 1 and Jan. 8, has now been consummated. The new organization-the FifthThird Union Trust Co.-has combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of $\$ 11,477,762$; deposits of $\$ 72,410,888$, and total resources of $\$ 93,034,420$. The banking rooms now occupied by the Fifth-Third National Bank will be the main office of the enlarged bank and the location of the Union Trust Co. at the northwest corner of Fourth and Walnut streets will be known as the Fourth and Walnut office. Other offices will be as follows: Vine near Twelfth office; Fourth and Plum office, Peebles Corner office, Ninth and Central office, Vine near Sixth office, Court and Main office, Mohawk office, Woodburn at Myrtle office, Harrison and Spring Grove Avenue office, Winton Place office and Madisonville office. Charles A. Hinsch is President; Louis E. Miller, Edward Senior, Edward A. Seiter, Monte J. Goble, Charles H. Deppe, Louis G. Pochat, Edward F. Romer and Lewis E. Van Ausdol, Vice-Presidents; Edgar Stark, Vice-President and Trust Officer, and Charles H. Shields, Cashier.
At a meeting of the directors of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, held on Feb. 23, a plan for the increase of the capital stock from $\$ 25,000,000$ to $\$ 30,000,000$ was approved, and the regular dividend was increased from $\$ 12$ to $\$ 16$ per share per annum. The increase of capital stock, being $\$ 5,000,000$, or 50,000 shares, will be offered to stockholders of $\circ$ record at the close of business March 11 at $\$ 200$ a share for subscription and payment ratably in the proportion of their respective holdings. The date of the issue of the $\$ 5,000,000$ increase will be April 11, payment to be made on or before that date. The trust company, in its announcement, also says:

Thus, if the plan is approved, each stockholder of record at the close of business on Friday, March 11, 1927, will be entitled to subscribe for one new share of stock at the price of $\$ 200$ a share for each five shares of stock held by him. The proposed increase will add $\$ 5,000,000$ to the capital and $\$ 5,000,000$ to the surplus of the company. The directors at the meeting held yesterday also voted to transfer to the surplus fund of the company, from undivided profits, the further sum of $\$ 5,000,000$. Accordingly, upon the increase of the amount of capital stock as planned, the company will have a capital of $\$ 30,000,000$ and a surplus fund of $\$ 30,000,000$.

At the same meeting the directors voted to increase the regular dividend to the rate of $\$ 16$ a share per annum. The first quarterly dividend at this rate, namely, $\$ 4$ a share, will be paid to stockholders of record at the close of business March 181927.

Notice of a special meeting of the stockholders of Guaranty Trust Co. of New York to be held on March 111927 has been given.
If the proposed capital increase shall bo authorized an assignable subscription warrant for each stockholder's ratable proportion of such increase will be mailed shortly after March 141927.
No stock certificate will be issued for less than a full share, but nondividend bearing scrip representing interests in fractional parts of shares of stock will be issued, exchangeable for stock certificates (with accumulated dividends) when presented in amounts aggregating one share or multiples of one share.

James T. Monahan, Vice-President of the Chatham-Phenix National Bank \& Trist Co., sailed on the S. S. Orizaba on Saturday, Feb. 19, for Cuba on business.

Robert Williamson has been appointed Trust Officer of the Hamilton National Bank of New York, 130 West Forty-second St., according to announcement made by Archibald C. Emery, President. Mr. Williamson goes to the Hamilton National Bank after eight years of service in the Trust Department of the American Exchange Irving Trust, where he held the position of Assistant Secretary. He is a graduate of New York University.

The State Superintendent of Banks has approved the increase in the directorate of the Commercial Exchange Bank of New York, successor to Lionello Perera \& Co., from eleven to seventeen members. Dr. A. H. Giannini will continue as Chairman of the enlarged board, while the new directors are Alessandro Olivotti, art dealer; Almerindo Portfolio, retired manufacturer; H. J. Burchell. Jr., secretary of Italy America Society; Louls J. Scaramelli, Im-
porter ; Anthony S. Andretta, banker, Hartford, Conn., and Mario Perera, second Vice-President of, Commercial Exchange Bank.

The Yorkville office of the Standard Bank celebrated this week the first anniversary of its opening. Max Lederer, Vice-President, is in charge.
A charter was issued on Feb. 8 by the Comptroller of the Currency for the Capitol National Bank of Hartford, Conn. The institution will have a capital of $\$ 300,000$ and surplus of $\$ 200_{j} 000$. The price at which the stock is being placed is $\$ 220$ por $\$ 100$ share. The bank will begin business about March 15. The officers are: C. P. Tomlinson, President; E. F. Dustin, William A. Sanhorn, James N. H. Campbell and C. S. Timberlake, Vice-Presidents, and Calvin C. Bolles, Cashier.
At the regular meeting of the directors of the Thames National Bank of Norwich, Conn., on Jan. 22 the resignation, because of ill health, of Oliver L. Johnson, as President and director was accepted with regret. The vacancies caused by his action were filled by the election of Arthur M. Brown as President and Philip A. Johnson as director. At the annual meeting on Jan. 11 Nathan A. Gibbs was elected VicePresident and Cashier. The other officers were all re-elected at this time.
Samuel F. Dixon has been elected a director of the Guardian Trust Co. of New Jersey, at Newark, to fill a vacancy on the board. Mr. Dixon is President of William Dixon, Inc., New York and Newark, manufacturers and importers of jewelers' and dental tools. He is also Vice-President of the Baker Printing Co. and the Barlow Foundry, Inc., both of Newark, N. J.
The Guardian Trust Co. of New Jersey reports deposits of $\$ 11,342,354$ for its first five months of business, ended Dec. 31 1926, an increase of $\$ 4,330,306$ over the $\$ 7,012,048$ deposits made on Aug. 2 1926, the day the bank opened its doors. For the first six months of business ended Jan. 31 1927 earnings were equivalent to an annual rate of $\$ 5.50$ per share, after setting up reserves for measured discount and contingencies. After the writing off of all organization expenses the book value of the bank's stock as of Jan. 31 was placed at $\$ 158.75$, only $\$ 1.25$ per share less than the subscription price.

At the February meeting of the board of directors of the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh, Pa., Monday, B. W. Lewis, Cashier, and H. S. Zimmerman, Assistant Cashier, were elected Vice-Presidents. Both have been with the Mellon National Bank since its organization in 1:02. Mr. Lewis began his banking career with T. Mellon \& Sons, the predecessor of the Mellon National Bank. He has been active in banking organizations, has served as Chairman of Group Eight, Pennsylvania Bankers' Association, and has been and is a member of its important committees. His new title at the Mellon National is Vice-President and Cashier. Vice-President Zimmerman has for years been in charge of bank relations of the Mellon National and has traversed the continent many times. His banking life began with the Second National Bank of Pittsburgh. Mr. Zimmerman also has been active in the various banking organizations.

That the First National Bank of Washington, Pa., and the Real Estate Trust Co. of that place will consolidate under the title of the First Bank \& Trust Co. of Washington, with total resources of more than $\$ 8,000,000$, was reported in the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Feb. 18. Under the terms of the merger the First National Bank, one of the oldest national banks in Western Pennsylvania, will surrender its charter, effective March 15. The bank was originally chartered, it is said, as the Franklin Bank in 1835. James P. Braden heads the institution and Robert R. Hays is Cashier, while T. Jeff Duncan is President of the Real Estate Trust Co., with Robert S. Winters as Secretary and Treasurer.

That the First National Bank of Dunbar, Pa., had failed to open its doors on Feb. 21 was reported in a dispatch by the Associated Press from Connellsville, Pa., on that date, appearing in the Baltimore "Sun" of Feb. 22. The dispatch said in part:
A notice nosted on the door said the hank was closed by a resolution adopted by the board of directors Saturday, and that the institution was
under the direction of the Comptroller of the Currency, with Addison Olarke, a National Bank Examiner, in charge
According to the last public statement on Dec. 31, the bank had deposits of $\$ 345,000$. It was capit
16,000 undivided profit
Clarke said Treasury regulations prevented him from commenting on was some talk of reorganization.

Associated Press advices from Marietta, Ohio, on Feb. 23, appearing in the "Herald-Tribune" of this city on Feb. 24, stated that the Central Natienal Bank of Marietta, with resources of approximately $\$ 3,000,000$, had failed to open for business on that day. A notice posted by the bank stated that the institution had been closed by order of the Board of Directors. Federal bank examiners from Columbus, it was stated, had taken over its affairs. A statement, the only one, it was said, issued by G. E. Hayward, the bank's President, read as follows:
"In view of what seemed to be a threatened run this morning and the suspension of negotiations with other institutions the board of directors decided last night that it would be best to close the bank this morning and

Mrs. Frances E. Weise was recently appointed head of the newly opened department for women of the United States Trust Co. of Detroit, according to the Detroit "Free Press" of Feb. 20. Mrs. Weise has been in busineses in Detroit for several years for five years in the real estate business. At present, it is said, she is making a study, going through the Wayne County Probate Court daily, in which she has found that in more than $50 \%$ of will cases, women or widows are named as executors, while in cases where there is no will at least $33 \%$ of the executors named are women. In announcing the appointment of Mrs. Weise, Frank E. Fisher, Secretary of the United States Trust Co., was quoted by the paper mentioned as saying:
"With trust company business in Michigan rapidly approaching a volume of $\$ 200,000,000 \mathrm{in}$ assets and liabilities, officials of fiduciary institutions have come to realize that perhaps the most important part of their business is coming from women. In sponsorng the creation of estates, the making of wills, the handling of real estate, buying and selling of bonds and protecting their property from get-rich-quick promoters, women have done much to bring about the huge growth of trust activities we have seen in Michigan during the last few years.
"Women are definitely in business everywhere. Women want to do business with women in whom they can repose business confidence. It is not generally realized, I believe, that fully $75 \%$ of the savings accounts in the United States are in women's names and that $85 \%$ of the nation's individual income is spent women. It is women's nature to save, create and conserve, therefore their turning to trust companies for counsel. In creating a women's division of our business extension department, with Mrs. have made imperative in trust ave made imperative in trust company activities."

At a meeting of the directors of the Mound City Trust Co. of St. Louis on Feb. 19 George W. Clarkson was elected President of the institution to succeed N. S. Magruder, who resigned several weeks ago, while J. T. Dobbs was made Chairman of the board, according to the St. Louis "GlobeDemocrat" of Feb. 20. Mr. Clarkson was formerly President of the Grand Avenue National Bank of St. Louis for sixteen years, resigning in December, 1925. Other officers of the Mound City Trust Co. are: John C. Tobin, VicePresident and counsel ; Collins E. Bushnell, Vice-President and Secretary, and Harry C. Avis, Treasurer.
D. L. Bingham, active Vice-President and Manager of the Bank of Indianola, Indianola, Miss., since 1914, has been elected a Vice-President of the Fidelity Bank \& Trust Co. of Memphis, Tenn., and will assume his new duties about March 1, according to the Memphis "Appeal" of Feb. 19. Mr. Bingham, it was stated, would be succeeded at the Indianola bank by Edwin A. Tanner, at present Cashier, who has also been with the bank since 1914, while M. A. Moore, a bookkeeper, would be promoted to the Cashiership to succeed Mr. Tanner.

What is described as Jacksonville's tallest building, an eighteen-story structure built to house the Barnett National Bank, the oldest banking institution in the city, was formally opened on Feb. 22. Modeled after the most up-to-date bank buildings in the United States, particular attention was given to the safe deposit vaults, which occupy an entire floor. W. B. Barnett, founder of the institution which owns the new structure, and one of the pioneers of Florida more than fifty years ago, opened the bank in 1877. In that year the bank's deposits were but $\$ 10,000$, while to-day the $\$ 25,000,000$ deposits of the Barnett National Bank reflect the great growth of the State. Bion H. Barnett, present Chairman of the Board of Directors and the son of the
founder, completes his fiftieth year of service with the
bank next May. W. R. McQuaid is President of the pioneer institution.

Amalgamation of the Bank of Italy and the newly created Liberty Bank of America (full particulars regarding the huge scope of the latter appeared in our issue of Feb. 5, page 748), the two forming, it is said, the largest banking institution in the country outside of New York City has been announced in San Francisco, according to an Associated Press dispatch from that city on Feb. 21 appearing in the New York "Evening Post" of that date, which went on to say:
Endorsement by the Federal Reserve Board in Washington of an application by the bank to merge its interests with the Liberty Bank of America made this announcement possible, eaid James A. Dacigalupi, President of the Bank of Italy.
Liberty stockholders will receive 50,000 shares of Bank of Italy stock, thereby increasing Bank of Italy capital and the Affiliated Stockholders' Auxiliary Corporation by approximately $\$ 30,000,000$ and making the combined capital investment more than $\$ 105,000,000$, the second largest in the United States.
In its issue of Feb. 16 the San Francisco "Ohronicle" in regard to the then proposed consolidation of the banks, stated that Will C. Wood, State Superintendent of Banks for California, had on Feb. 15 verbally authorized the purchase by the Bank of Italy of the newly ereated Liberty Bank of America, his authorization being conditional upon the sanction of the Federal Reserve Board. In making this announcement Mr. Wood said:
"I have given verbal approval of the sale of the Liberty Bank of America to the Bank of Italy with the understanding that written approval will follow if the proposed amalgamation of those two banks shall be approved by
the Federal Reserve Board. The Bank of Italy is a member of the Federal Reserve, whereas the Liberty Bank of America is not, consequently the approval of the Federal Reserve Board is necessary if the banks are to remain in the Federal Reserve system.
"In deciding to approve the agreement of purchase and sale, I took into consideration the fact that both the Bank of Italy and the Liberty Bank of America are now owned by the same people and are all but technically under the same general management. Bankers generally are agreed that it is neither good banking policy nor good public policy to keep banks separate in operation when the ownership is practically identical."
The "Chronicle" further stated that the enlarged Bank of Italy would have resources of $\$ 650,000,000$ and some 270 branches throughout California, "if no more of the present 106 applications for new branches now on file for Liberty Bank of America with the State Banking Department are granted in the interim."
The San Francisco "Chronicle" of Feb. 16 also stated that according to an announcement made the previous day (Feb. 15) the Merced Security Savings Bank, the oldest financial institution in Merced County, and the Bank of Pleasanton, Alameda County, had been acquired by the Bancitaly Corporation, and would shortly become branches of the Liberty Bank of America, under the terms of the merger of the Bank of Italy and the Liberty Bank of America. Officers of the Merced Bank, it was stated, would continue to manage its affairs under the new regime, as would those of the Pleasanton Bank with the exception of Edward L. Benedict, irs founder, who would retire.

## THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Speculative activity on the New York Stock Exchange thepresent week has centered largely in the industrial list and though many individual stocks among the specialties, rails, oils and copper, scored further sharp advances which carried several to new high records for the year, the stock market on the whole was not as strong and buoyant as last week. The market was somewhat irregular in the two-hour session on Saturday and there was much selling to realize profits. Baldwin Locomotive was the feature of the specialties group, first yielding 3 points and then in a sudden spurt moving forward to a new top at 192. Union Carbide bounded forward more than 6 points to 114. Allis-Chalmers had an unexpected run up of $21 / 2$ points to a new high at $951 / 4$ and General Electric reached 86 at its high for the day. American Tel. \& Tel. made a record high at 160.
The market opened moderately strong on Monday, but following the announcement from Washington that the United States Supreme Court had decided the valuation case of the Los Angelees \& Salt Lake Railroad adversely to the railroads, stocks took a sudden drop and for a short time the trend of prices moved sharply downward. Railroad shares were violently sold and the selling quickly spread to the industrial issues with big declines all around. Baldwin Locomotive had a break of 5 points and many of the specialties were heavy. When it appeared that the decision had been misinterpreted and that the Supreme Court had not passed on the merits of the Commerce Commission's valuation figures, quick recovery ensued. All financial markets:
were closed on Tuesday in observance of Washington's Birthday. Industrial stocks moved to the front on Wednesday, followed by the oil shares and many new tops were recorded during the session. United States Steel common was especially prominent and moved forward three points to a new peak at 161. Bethlehem Steel and Republic Iron \& Steel were also strong and scored substantial advances. Railroad equipment stocks were particularly active, Baldwin Locomotive crossing 200, while American Locomotive improved nearly two points. In the railroad group, St. Louis \& San Francisco reached a new high for the year at $108 \frac{3}{4}$, but lost most of its gain later in the day. Wabash moved forward about 2 points and Canadian Pacific, Norfolk \& Western and Union Pacific were in strong demand at improving prices. Motor shares were in active demand throughout the day, especially General Motors, which gained about 2 points; also Hudson Motors, which topped Monday's final by 2 points, and Nash and Chrysler, which made a gain of more than one point each.
Bullish activities were again apparent in the industrial group as the market opened on Thursday and many prominent issues were bid up to new tops. The outstanding feature of the day was the strength of United States Steel common, which continued its remarkable advance and reached a new high level in all time at $162 \%$. Motor shares were in brisk demand, particularly General Motors, which reached its highest level of the year at 160, followed by Chrysler, Jordan, Pierce Arrow and Mack Truck with fractional advances. General Railway Signal forged ahead more than 4 points to $1031 / 8$ and Westinghouse Air Brake bounded upward $51 / 2$ points to $154 \frac{1}{2}$. American Locomotive also advanced 2 points Railroad securities were generally firm. Copper stocks were in strong demand at improving prices, Kennecott crossing 64 and Anaconda advancing more than a point to $481 / 2$ at its high for the day. The outstanding feature of the day was the strength of Houston Oil, which made a further gain of 13 points to 103. American Smelting \& Refining sold at a new top for 1927 and United States Cast Iron Pipe \& Foundry shot forward $47 / 8$ points to 223 . On Friday industrial shares continued in the foreground and new high records were established all around. General Motors held a prominent place in the advance and pushed into new high ground for the present recovery at 162 and Hudson Motors moved forward to a new high at $66 \%$. Local traction stocks were unusually strong, particularly Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit, Third Avenue R. R. and Interborough, the latter making a gain of 4 points to 51. Houston Oil continued its remarkable advance, reaching new high ground at 106, and Air Reduction reached a record level at 150 . Other noteworthy advances included United States Rubber, National Lead, Canada Dry Ginger Ale and General Electric. The final tone was good.
transactions at the new york stock exchange

| Week Ended $F$ | Stocks, Number Shares. Shares | $\text { of } \begin{gathered} \text { Rallroad, } \\ \text { Boc.id. } \end{gathered}$ | State, <br> Munictpal \& Poreion Bonds | United States Bonds. Bonas. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Baturday <br> Monday <br> Tuesday <br> Thursday <br> Friday. | $\begin{aligned} & 996,095 \\ & 2,152,824 \\ & \text { HOLI } \\ & 2,144,640 \\ & 2,101,330 \\ & 2,023,200 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 5,080,000 \\ 8,242,000 \\ \text { DAY WAE } \\ 8,075,000 \\ 8,163,000 \\ 8,981,000 \end{array}$ | $\$ 2,033,000$ <br> $2,834,000$ <br> HINGTCNN's <br> $3,064,000$ <br> 3,2861500 <br> $2,131,000$ | $\$ 164,400$ <br> 431,700 <br> BIRTHDAX <br> 802.000 <br> $1,772,500$ <br> $2,382,000$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| tal. | 9,418,089 | ,841,0010 | , 34 | 5,55 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sales at } \\ & \text { Neot York Stock } \\ & \text { Exchange. } \end{aligned}$ | Week Ended Feb, 25. |  | Jan. 1 to Feb. 25. |  |
|  | 1927. | 1926 | 1927 | 1926. |
| tocks-No. of sharesBonds.Government bonds_-_-State and forelgn bonds Railroad \& misc. bonds | 9,418,089 | 8,164,560 | 74,704,350 | 74,211,858 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 13,348,500 |  | 188,25 | 100,528,850 |
|  | 38.841,000 | 35,670,500 | 409,384,700 | 383,357,000 |
| Tota | \$57,742,100 | \$48,930,300 | \$628,474,650 | \$531,574,7 |

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND

| Week EndedFeb. 251927. | Boston. |  | Phtadelpha. |  | Ballimore |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Shares. | Bona Sales. | Shares. | Bond Sales. | Shares. | Bond Sates. |
| Saturday | $\begin{aligned} & * 21.570 \\ & \begin{array}{l} * 33 \\ \hline 38 \end{array}, \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 13,000 \\ 6,050 \end{array}$ | 27.783 49.939 | 853.000 <br> 9,200 | ${ }^{194.208}$ |  |
| Monday | *33,438 | - 6.050 |  | INGT, ${ }^{\text {9,200 }}$ | ${ }_{\text {BIP TH }}^{\text {at, }}$ | DAY ${ }^{24,000}$ |
| Wednesda | ${ }_{*}^{* 37} \mathbf{* 3 2 4}$ | 19,000 | 41,837 | 27,500 | ${ }^{22,984}$ | 31,200 |
| Thursday Friday | *33,840 ${ }^{16,789}$ | $\begin{array}{r}17,000 \\ \hline 6.000\end{array}$ | ${ }_{26,303}^{41.48}$ |  | ${ }^{a} \times 2,748$ | 319,000 30,900 |
| T | 143,261 | \$61,100 | 191,110 | \$203,100 | 13,77 | \$134,300 |
| Prev. week revised | 179,693 | \$123,835 | 215,640 | \$161,500 | 10,453 | \$279,200 |

## THE CURB MARKET.

Business on the Curb Market this week was less active and prices, which showed some improvement in the early part of the week, showed a reactionary tendency in the later trading. Public utilities became active as the week closed. Amer. Gas \& Elec. com. sold up from $701 / 8$ to $735 / 8$ and reacted finally to $721 / 2$. Amer. Light \& Trac. com. gained four points to 234 . Commonwealth Power com. improved from $433 / 4$ to $453 / 4$. Electric Bond \& Share Securities was conspicuous for an advance from $677 / 8$ to $723 / 4$, though it eased off finally to $713 / 4$. Electric Investors sold up from $331 / 4$ to $357 / 8$ and at 35 finally. Northern Ohio Power com. moved up from $115 / 8$ to $133 / 4$ and sold finally at $131 / 4$. Industrials were quiet. Amer. Seating was active and sold up from $423 / 4$ to $461 / 4$, closing to-day at 46 . Bancitaly Corp. advanced from 111 to $1121 / 4$. Rand-Kardex Bureau also active, advanced some three points to 68 , with the final transaction to-day at $671 / 2$. Sugar stocks show improvement. Central Aguirre Sugar rose from 100 to $1023 / 4$ and closed to-day at 102. Fajardo Sugar gained three points to $1581 / 2$. Oils were quiet with price changes for the most part of little moment. Cumberland Pipe Line sold up from 1281/2 to 133 . Prairie Pipe Line after early loss from 142 to 139 ran up to 146. Suuthwest Pennsylvania Pipe Lines improved four points to $621 / 2$.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 1205.


## COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings the present week will again 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. 26) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be $5.5 \%$ larger than those for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at $\$ 8,839,214,492$ against $\$ 8,374,468,838$ for the same week in 1926. At this centre there is a gain for the five days of $136 \%$. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:


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. 19. For that week there is an increase of $7.5 \%$, the 1927 aggregate of clearings being $\$ 11,267,947,153$, and the 1926 aggregate $\$ 10,482,096,670$. Outside of New York City the increase is only $2 \%$, the bank exchanges at this centre having shown a gain of $11.8 \%$. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve District (including this city) there is an improvement of $11.8 \%$, in the Boston Reserve District of $5.9 \%$ and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of $7.9 \%$. The Cleveland Reserve District has a gain of $5.3 \%$, but the Richmond Reserve District shows a loss of $8.1 \%$ and the Atlanta Reserve District of $13.4 \%$,
the latter due mainly to the falling off at the Florida pionts， Miami showing a decrease of $72.5 \%$ and Jacksonville of $37.9 \%$ ．In the Chicago Reserve District the totals are $\mathbf{0 . 2} \%$ smaller，in the St．Louis Reserve District $6.9 \%$ ，and in the Minneapolis Reserve District $7.2 \%$ ．The Kansas City Reserve District has an increase of $3.4 \%$ ，the Dallas Reserve District of $7.7 \%$ and the San Francisco Reserve District of $5.9 \%$ ．
In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts：

| Wreak Ended Feb． | 22 | 1927. | 1926. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} I n c . o r \\ \text { Dec. } \end{array}\right\|$ | 1925. | 24. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fe |  | $\underset{\text { 633，496，064 }}{ }$ | 503，704，592 | $\begin{gathered} q+5.9 \\ +11.8 \\ +1.8 \end{gathered}$ | $\xrightarrow{\mathbf{8}}$ | $\underset{{ }_{3} 661,051,241}{\mathbf{s}}$ |
|  |  | 6，712，740，652 | 6，002，10， 6 ，691 |  | 5，653．535，994 |  |
| ${ }^{\text {3rd }}$ Prd Phlladelphala |  | － $7176,4837,40888$ | － $6424,3647,513$ | $9$ | ¢ $401,3907,008$ | － |
| eth Cleveland－ 6 |  | 186，883，449 | 203，23， 5 254 |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{6 \text { cth }}$ Atlanta－－．－${ }^{13}$ |  |  |  | － |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | －0 | 984，211．119 |  |
| 9th Minneapoils 7 |  |  |  | 50， | 242，2， | 98，330， 812 |
| 10th Kansas City 12 | 5 | － 2 233，979，989 $91.928,932$ | $255,235,163$ <br> $86,39,50$ |  |  | $202,420,723$$72,141,800$ $414,214,340$ |
| 12 th San Fran． 17 － |  | 625，097，21 | 591，363，785 |  |  |  |
|  | $9 \text { citles }$ | $11,267,947,1$ | 10，482，096，670 <br> 4， $606,157,920$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 70 \\ 200 \\ \hline 7.5 \\ \hline, 5.5 \end{array}$ | $9,9006.615,042$ $4,175,233,099$ | 7，070，640，683 <br> 3，324，118，666 |
| Canada $\qquad$ 29 ottes |  | 320，137，61 | $299,995.183+6.7$ |  | 290，093，718 | 267，017，056 |
| We now add our detailed statement，showing last week＇s figures for each city separately，for the four years： |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Clearngs at－ | Week Endino February 19. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 227． |  | 1926．${ }^{1}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Inc.or } \\ \text { Dec. } \end{gathered}$ | 192 | 1924. |
|  | $\stackrel{s}{8}$ |  | 8. | \％ |  | s |
| alne Ban |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} t-\text { Boston } \\ 589.284 \\ 2.875,810 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & +12.5 \\ & +31.8 \\ & +3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 710.861 \\ 3,135.817 \\ 8 \\ 8 \end{array}$ |  |
| Portand |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fall River | 2，031，049 |  | 2，391，677 | ${ }_{-15.1}^{+6.7}$ | 45，805，882 | $\begin{array}{r} 21,000,000 \\ 1,946,594 \end{array}$ |
| Holyoke | $\underset{1,237,370}{\substack{\text { a }}}$ |  | ${ }_{1,095,081}^{\text {a }}$ | ＋13．0 | $\underset{1,276,000}{\text { a，}}$ | ${ }_{951,677}$ |
| Lymen． |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New Be |  |  | 5．926．112 | +5.0 +5 | $1.732 .415$ | 1．244．380 |
| Springtie | 5．317．264 |  |  | － +10.3 +3.0 | $\begin{array}{r} 5.573 .671 \\ 3.197,000 \end{array}$ | 2.572 .000$10.074,247$ |
| Conn．－H |  |  | － | －11．7 | 15．005．211 |  |
| New Haven |  |  | 13，574，000 | $\begin{array}{r} +11.2 \\ +5.1 \\ +18.8 \end{array}$ | $13,959,400$679,560 | $\begin{array}{r} 5.309153 \\ 9.563 .100 \\ 522,222 \end{array}$ |
| H．－Manch＇er |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total（12 cittes） | 533，496，064 |  | ，704，592 | ＋5．9 | 513，034，93 | 61，051，241 |
| Second |  |  |  | ork－ | 6，574，086 | 343,686728.700 |
| Blnghamt | 1，432．000 |  | 1，082．300 | ＋+15.3+15.5 |  |  |
| Butralo－ |  |  | 0．510．862 |  | 57，619．918 | 51，9492．543 |
| ${ }_{\text {Elamira }}$ Jameato | 6，57 |  | ， $1,0828.924$ | ＋13．7 | ${ }_{\text {1，}}^{1,475.000}$ |  |
| New Yor |  |  | 5，938． |  |  |  |
|  | 15． | 204，299 | 3，774．6 |  | ${ }_{\text {，}}^{\text {，}} 133.331 .557 .517$ | 8，065，227 |
| Syr |  | 6．873，729 |  |  | 5，138．191 |  |
| J．－－Mont | c3，198， 97820 |  | 6， 694,147$41,089,946$ | ＋4．7 | 2，435．201$32,790.151$ |  |
| N Northern N．J． | 45，622，901 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total（11 cttles） | 6，712，740，652 6,0 |  | ，02，102，691 | ＋11．8 | 5，853，585，994 | 3，862，966，278 |
| Third |  |  |  |  | 1，417，104 |  |
| Bethleh |  |  | ＋11 | ${ }_{3}^{1,001.383}$ |  |  |
| Chester－ |  |  | ＋11 | 1，22 | ， |  |
| ${ }_{\text {L }}$ Lancaster |  |  | ＋7．5 | 560．000．${ }^{2,468}$ | －${ }^{2}, 7833,225$ |  |
| Reading－ |  |  | ＋16．2 | 3，279，930 |  |  |
| Scranton． |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| York． |  |  | ＋ | 1，81 |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { e.-Tren } \\ & \mathrm{el} \text {-Tllm } \end{aligned}$ |  |  | ${ }_{\mathbf{a}}^{11.5}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 12,254 ; 044 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 1 （10 c | 716，630，468 |  |  | 664，344，489＋7．9 |  | 588，630，888 | 452，164，962 |
|  |  |  |  | strict－Clev$5.098,000$$4.304,886$$87,987,895$$130,769,304$$15,919,600$a$a$$2,053,836$$a$$a$$4,734,329$$a$$a$$201,799,663$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{r} \text { eland- } \\ +0.2 \\ +15.0 \end{array}\right\|$ | 5，311，000 | 8.533000 |
|  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 5,311,000 \\ 5.042,79 \\ 77,181,104 \end{array}$ |  |  | －${ }_{3}^{8,5333,000}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  | 58．419，958 |  |
|  |  |  | ＋10．4 |  | 15，334，900 | －${ }^{92.078 .882}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | ，928 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | ＋10．8 |  | 5，028，048 | 14 |
|  |  |  | ＋3．2 |  | 173，372，999 | 139，281，198 |
| Total（8 citles）－ |  |  |  | ，07，013 | ＋ 6 | 201，397，0 | 317，175，058 |
| Fifth Feder |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wa．Va． V Hunt |  | 781，821 | ${ }_{8,132.277}^{1.615 .52}$ | ＋10．3 | －${ }_{8,293,672}$ | ${ }_{7}^{1.648,67588}$ |
| Richmo |  | 194，000 | 51．419．000 | －12．1 | 54，392，000 | 43，793．000 |
| S．C．Charleston |  | 723.033 | 2，382．62 | ＋14 | 2．651．410 | ${ }^{2.565 .579}$ |
| Md．－Baltimore | － 104 | 987，518 | 120．135 |  | ${ }_{23,213,4}^{10,818}$ |  |
| Total（6 citles）－ | －186，8 | ，449 | 3，228，854 | －8．1 | 192，217，09 | 154，182，177 |
| Slxth Fed |  |  | Ata |  |  |  |
| enn．－Cha |  | 7．109 | ${ }_{3,245.733}^{9.062 .837}$ | ＋13．5 | 7，466，843 <br> $3,469.000$ | 7，4050．834 |
| Nashyllle． |  | 892，206 | 24，593．6 | ＋ | ${ }^{23,379,894}$ | 17，080，159 |
| － |  | 仿 | ${ }^{76.563 .6}$ |  | 2，251，6 |  |
| ga |  | ，092，649 | 1，589，658 | $+31.6$ | 1，386 | 1，024，315 |
| Ja |  | 41 | ，${ }^{\text {a }}$ | －${ }^{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{- 3}$ | 23.69 |  |
| Mlami |  | 825，02 | 20．88 | ${ }^{-72.5}$ | 12，388 | 3，683：813 |
| Ala．－Birm |  | 961，548 | 24，996． | －0．1 | 27．598．22 | ${ }^{23,550.228}$ |
| Miss．－Jack |  | 24 | ${ }_{2}^{1.8}$ | ＋3 |  |  |
| Vickst |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a．－NewOr |  | 244，346 | 5，289，35 | ＋18 | 59，6 | 57，738，899 |
| Total（13 citles） | 225， | 465，954 | 60，221，6 | －13．4 | 232，646，70 | 180，260，66 |


| artnos at | Week Ending Pebruary |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1927. | $1926 .\left.\right\|^{1}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ine. or } \\ & \text { Dec. } \end{aligned}$ | 1925. | 1924. |
|  |  | ${ }_{\text {ict－}}$ | \％ |  |  |
| Mich．－Adrian．－ |  |  | ＋13．0 |  | 191 |
|  | 184，366，711 |  | +9.8+1.8+1 |  | 139，4148．9514 |
| Detroit Grand Rapid |  | 181，472，030 |  | $\begin{array}{r} 965,485 \\ 162.659 .31 \end{array}$ |  |
| Lansing． | 2，800．000 |  | －0．7 | $\begin{array}{r} 7.257 .521 \\ 2.498 .629 \end{array}$ | 1，984，065 |
| Ind．－Ft．W | －${ }^{3,267.728}$ | － $\begin{array}{r}\text { 3．116．730 } \\ \text { 21．612000 } \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 2.598 .029 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 1，830，872 |
| Incianapo | － $3,254.300$ | － $\begin{array}{r}3,727.200 \\ 5,377,321 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| Terre Haut |  |  | 1.8 <br> +1 | 2．647．000 5.688 .765 | ${ }_{4} 5666.920$ |
| Wis．－Milwau |  | 40.102 .019 |  | 38．617．305 | 31．811．198 |
| Iowa－Ced．Rap |  |  | ＋6．0 | ＋ |  |
|  |  |  | ＋9．5 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1,846.877 \\ & 9.286,204 \end{aligned}$ |
| ux C |  | ${ }^{11,221,752} 7$ | $\pm_{-8.0}^{4}$ | 10.472 .93 <br> 7.277702 | $5,286,690$ |
| Waterloo | 1，074， 103 |  |  | 1．48 |  |
| －－Bloomi | 761，475，154 | 770．906．720 | －1．2 | ${ }^{691.050 .501}$ | 512，409，566 |
| Chieago |  |  |  |  |  |
| Danvilie | 1．327．032 | 1．479．399 | 10.3 <br> -1.1 | ${ }^{1.479,281}$ | ${ }_{897.786}$ |
| eoria． |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rock | 4，282，61 |  | +28.4 +23.9 | 2.476 .558 $2,337.334$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.037 .838 \\ & 1,968,241 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total（20 citles） | 1，073，628 | 1，076．16 | －0．2 | 4，211，119 | 748，920，720 |
|  |  | 5ict－st．${ }^{\text {a }}$ | ＋19．8 | 5．159．260 |  |
| Mnd．－Evan |  |  | $\pm 126$ |  |  |
| －－Louis |  | 41，032．332 <br> 570.582 | ＋18．81 | （11．970．935 549.293 |  |
| Owensboro | 26.065 .4 | 27．626．3 | +5.7 <br> +1.2 | －${ }_{\text {24．8577．729 }}$ |  |
| Ark．－Litle R | 15，102．8 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 44 |  |
|  | 238，544，664 | $\left[\begin{array}{l} 256,131,182 \\ \text { trict-Minn } \end{array}\right.$ | eapolis | 242，262，48 | 206，761，875 |
| Ninth |  |  |  |  | 7，986．443 | $\begin{array}{r} 6.246 .124 \\ 55,397.768 \end{array}$ |
| ， |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pau | 32，907．967 | ${ }^{35.608,755}$ | 二－7 |  |  |  |
| No．Dak |  | － $\begin{aligned} & 1.837 .023 \\ & 1.482 .273\end{aligned}$ | －${ }^{2.4} .4$ | 1．878．495 | 31.885 .860 <br> 1.338 .115 |  |
|  | 1，7225．648 |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 864.324 \\ 893.237 \end{array}$ |  |
| Onte－－Billing | 6.742 .000 <br> 204 | 2．822．481 | ＋12．8 | 3．103．84 |  |  |
| 硣 |  |  |  |  | 8，380，841 |  |
| $\mathrm{th}^{\text {F }}$ | Reserve Dis trict－Kans <br> $\mathbf{d} 349.523$ <br> 346.509 <br> as City <br> +0.9 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Frem |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| sting | 4．854．659 | 4.674 | $\begin{array}{r} 28.9 \\ +3.8 \\ +1.8 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 598.218 \\ 5.49 .10 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 2，2，941．379 |  |
| coln |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Omaha |  |  | +3.8 <br> +8.5 <br> 8.5 | $\begin{array}{r} 4.43,669 \\ 3.251,904 \\ \hline \\ \hline .563 .707 \end{array}$ | （ ${ }_{\text {2．9．90．085 }}^{7.151 .328}$ |  |
| Wi－chita |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mo．－K | 484．884．447 ${ }_{\text {16，314，994 }}$ | $\begin{array}{r}133.628 .878 \\ 7,761.391 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} +5.4 \\ \mathbf{S}_{8.6}^{8.5} \end{array}$ | 131．622．096 |  |  |
| Jo |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| la．－Musko | d32，450．218 | 30．999．505 | $\stackrel{9}{+4.7}$ | 27．445，149 | $\xrightarrow{\text { ，} 090,762}$ |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{r}1.307 .426 \\ 20.867 \\ 1.323 .695 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| colo． |  | $\begin{array}{r} 1.086 .392 \\ 20.639 .776 \\ 1.353 .881 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} a \\ +20.3 \\ +{ }_{-2.0}^{1.0} \end{array}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total（12 citles） |  | 255.236 .163 <br> District－Da <br> $1,737.207$ <br> 55.352 .636 <br> 14.312 .616 <br> $8,692,000$ <br> a <br> $5,265,042$ | Has ＋$_{\text {＋}}$ | ．476，9 | 202，420，723 |  |
| Texas－Austin．．．Dallas．．．．．．．．Fort Worth．．．Galveston．．．．Houston．．．．．． |  |  | ${ }_{-15.1}^{\text {Has }}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 1， $56.501,888$ | 62 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & -20.6 \\ & +78.9 \\ & { }_{2}^{2} \\ & +13.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8,798.068 \\ & \mathbf{8}, 274,609 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | $4,511,878$ |  |
| Total（5 ctiles） | ${ }^{91,98}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 85,359,501 \\ \text { istrict-San } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} +7.7 \\ \text { Brancl } \end{array}$ | $87,242,398$ | ，141，800 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 48．992．023 |  |  | 5，0 |  |
| spokane | 13，382，000 | 12，335．000 | ＋8．5 | 11.366 | 8，935，000 |  |
| Tacoma |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| tim | 1，444．057 | 1.517 |  |  |  |  |
| Port | ${ }_{\text {3 }}^{35,589.83}$ | 43，491 |  |  |  |  |
| Utah－s．L． | 18，015，778 | 18，332，630 |  |  |  |  |
| Nevada－Reno |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cal．－Freeno | ， | ． 88 |  | ． 91 | ，729，754 |  |
| Long Beac |  | $8{ }^{8} 5$ |  |  |  |  |
| Los Angele | 222.69 |  | ＋17 | 157，97 | 36，826，000 |  |
| Oakland． | 24．206．1 | 24，262 |  | 19.418 | 13.6 |  |
| Pasa |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sacramento | 7．635．4 |  |  |  |  |  |
| San Franci |  | 208，87 |  | 129 |  |  |
| San Jose |  |  |  | 2.391 |  |  |
| Santa Barb |  | ， 592.5 |  |  |  |  |
| ta Monica | $\begin{gathered} 2,42,42 \\ 2,63 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,4 \\ & 2,4 \\ & 0,0 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2,10 \\ & 2.58 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  | 620，097，215 | 591，303，755 | ＋5．9 | 453，937，38 | 14，214，340 |  |
| cities） | 11 | 104 | ＋7 | 9，908，615，0 |  |  |
| Outside New York |  | 4，605，757，920 | ＋2 | 行，283， |  |  |


| Clearinos at－ | Weak Ended Peb． 17. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 27. | 1926. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Inc. or } \\ \text { Dec. } \end{array}\right\|$ | 25. | 92 |
|  | ${ }_{100}^{88}{ }^{8}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Toronto | 115，094，251 | 95．389，351 | ＋20．6 | 84．942．111 | 81．788．601 |
| Winnipeg |  | ${ }_{15}^{36.6173 .3532}$ | ＋1．23 | 40，167．466 | 34，471．957 |
| Ottawa． | 6．122．338 | 5，840，440 | ＋4．8 | 5，477，476 | 5，978，831 |
| Quebec |  | ${ }^{3} .5799 .326$ | ＋38．6 | 4．550， 289 | 4．690．848 |
| Hamaxton | ${ }_{5,41}$ | ${ }_{4,274,361}$ | ＋11．3 | 2，816．724 | ${ }^{2} .302 .538$ |
| Calgary | 6，159．924 | 6．968，717 | －11．5 | 5，818．065 | 6，987，920 |
| St | 2．426．865 |  | ${ }^{-6.8}$ | $2.432,890$ | 2．715．554 |
| London． | 2，751．240 | ${ }_{2,247512}$ | ＋0．4 | 1．984．000 | ${ }_{2}^{2} .299 .544$ |
| Edmont | ${ }_{4,128.140}$ | 5，712，514 | ${ }_{-27.7}$ | 3，739．281 | ${ }_{3,786.068}$ |
| Regin | 3，132，733 | 2，584．851 | ＋21．2 | 3，069．122 | 3，087．086 |
| Brandon－－ | ${ }^{3991.295}$ | ${ }_{502} 393$ | －22 | ${ }^{3}$ | ${ }_{408.624}$ |
| Saskatoon | 1，463．366 | 1，50 |  | 1，345 |  |
| Moose J | 996 | 913．015 |  |  | ，045，066 |
| Brantord | 941，419 | ，029，697 |  | 717.124 | 712.526 |
| New Westminster | 669．475 | 646．939 | ＋4．5 | ${ }_{571.512}$ | 484，631 |
| Medictine Hat | 246,919 | 229．489 | ＋7．6 | 250，139 | 304．219 |
| Peterbor | 659. | 571 | ＋15．4 | 758．007 | 677．698 |
| Skerbrooke | 775 | 575 |  | ${ }^{713,574}$ |  |
| Windsor． | 3，736，1 | 4，180．18 | $-4.6$ | 2，696，789 | 2，120，308 |
| Prince Alb | 386．794 | 428．392 | ＋17．8 | 325.870 |  |
| Kingston．．－－－ | $\begin{aligned} & 764,939 \\ & 584.882 \end{aligned}$ |  | +22.6 +7.9 | 657.691 <br> 57097 | ＋12，649 |
| Total（29 citles） | 320，137，517 | 299，995，183 | ＋6．7 | 280，093，718 | 7，017，056 |

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## 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. 9 1926:

GOLD.
The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to $£ 149$, 751,705 on the 2 d inst. as compared with $£ 150,081,305$ on the previous Wednesday.
About $£ 786,000$ bar gold was offered in the open market this week The greater part of this amount- $£ 585,000$-was bought for America, $£ 79,000$; Egypt, $£ 34,000$, and India and the Straits, $£ 52,000$
The following movements of gold to and from the Bank of England have been announced

Of the withdrawals $£ 796,000$ was in sovereigns destined as follows: det aside for account of the South African Reserve Bank, $£ 500,000$; Spain, $£ 253,000$; Holland, $£ 10,000$; Italy, $£ 18,000$; India, $£ 8,000$, and Arabia. £7.000. During the week under review withdrawals from the bank totased $£ 811,000$, making a net efflux during this year of $£ 1,035,000$. The net efflux since the resumption of an effective gold standard, according to the daily bulletins at the bank, is now $£ 6,359,000$.
The topsy-turveydom under which currency now labours is indicated by the following Reuter telegram published to-day, in which Switzerland debars the gold coin of certain countries from circulating any ionger as currency, although such coins are identical in weight and fineness with her own:
"The Swiss Federal Council has decided that gold coins of the Latin Monetary Union (Belgian, Frenci, Greek and Italian) shall not be legai tender in Switzerland after April 1 next.
The swiss State Bank does not bind itself to buy gold at any fixed rate, and presumably wishes to supplement its control over the influx of gold by the new regulation, especially as these foreign coins naturaily present condition of exchanges, at the Swiss par exchange value.
United Kingcom imports and exports of gord during the week ended the 2 d inst. were:

Denmark- British West Africa--
British South Africa-


Other countries.

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Exports.
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£1,194,890 SILVER.
During the first few days of the Chinese holidays some of the Indian bears showed some nervousness and prices rose on the 3d inst. to 28d. for cash and $273 / 4$. for two months' delivery. These were the highest touched since 17th September 1926 and 23d September 1926, for cash and two months' delivery respectively. From this point quotations daily receded with the exception of yesterday. News was received this morning that China had sold in Bombay with the result that the value of silver there was reduced by $2 \%$. We received a cable to-day stating that the offtake is 150 bars. This seems rather too low, if, as is probable, India will be expected to bear the onus of supplies. China sales here to-day upon a eluctant market caused a sharp fall of $3 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. for cash and $11-16 \mathrm{~d}$. for forward delivery, a drop of $15-16 \mathrm{~d}$. and $11 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. respectively from the highest prices of the week.
The tone of the market is not confident
The text of the Currency Bill now before the Indian Legislature contains among its provisions as to the Constitution of the Reserve against notes, that during the three years after the date that they come into force the mount held in rupee coin shall not exceed $700,000,000$ rupees, during the
 years $350,000,000$ rupees, and $250,000,000$ rupees therearter. As the pren an immediate sup United Kingdom imports and exports of silver during the week ended the 2d inst. were:

£91,354
Exports-




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, Week Ending Fel

 Week Ending Feb. 25. Gold, per fine ounce Gold, per fine ounce.British, 5 per cents British, 5 per cents. Fritish, $43 / 2$ per cents.... French Rentes (in Paris), fr

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.)
Foreign.-

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$571 / 4 \quad 571 / 8$

## Public Debt of United States-Completed Returns Showing Net Debt as of Dec. 311926.

The statement of the public debt and Treasury cash holdIngs of the United States as officially issued Dec. 31 1926, delayed in publication, has now been received, and as interest attaches to the details of available cash and the gross and net debt on that date, we append a summary thereof, making comparisons with the same date in 1925

Cash available to pay maturing obligations.

Balance end month by dally statement, \&c--
Add or Deducl- Excess or deflelency of recelpts over
or under disbursements on belated items............ Dec. 311926.
$\$ 227,010,246$ Dec. 31 1925.
$\$ 328,707,933$
$\qquad$ $-1,569,278$ \$223,212,838 \$327,138,657

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## Total


$\qquad$
\$123,908,895
$\$ 125,583,678$



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FOREIGN TRADE OF NEW YORK-MONTHLY STATEMENT.

| Month. | Merchandise Movement at Nero York. |  |  |  | Customs Recespts at New York. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Imports. |  | Exports. |  |  |  |
|  | 1926. | 1925. | 1926. | 1925 | 1926. | 1925. |
|  | $\stackrel{\text { 215,137,735 }}{\text { S }}$ | 156,923,263 | 153,410,759 | 156,313,003 | ${ }_{26,628,880}^{\text {S }}$ | $\stackrel{\stackrel{S}{S}}{17,121,252}$ |
| February ${ }^{-1}$ | 195,930,212 | $1100,460,910$ | 135,855,812 | 123,210,344 | 25,131,733 | 27,072,503. |
| March_ | 234,703,468 | 183,494,498 | 147,798,478 | 175,312,931 | 29,523,243 | 27,666,955- |
| April | 193,961,303 | 166,694,007 | 164,810,083 | 171,392,165 | 24,280,726 | 22,893,230 |
| May | 161,807,859 | 149,170,018 | 124,551,637 | 147,545,548 | 22,333,749 | 21,933,376 |
| June | 175,031,076 | 160,308,912 | 112,535,945 | 123,740,727 | 25,280,530 | $23,298,326$ |
| July- | 164,794,382 | 154,206,974 | 132,903,105 | 135,781,354 | 24,619,552 | 24,327,006. |
| August | 161,973,351 | 166,853,232 | 116,821,090 | 168,713,039 | 29,183,549 | 26,235,015 |
| September | 182,914,678 | 166,212,020 | 151,629.613 | 137,468,016 | 32,000,997 | 30,186,355 |
| Octobe | 177,239,667 | 192,479,742 | 123,823,326 | 126,801,020 | 31,369,820 | 29,389,796- |
| November | 185,959,035 | 196,527.068 | 149.662,955 | 135,152,139 | 30,431,596 | 29,333,221 |
| December- | 178,172,967 | 221,274,002 | 150,344,551 | 172,257,373 | 26,823,969 | 26.729,182 |
| Tot | 2227625733 | 2074604646 | 1664147354 | 1773687659 | 327,608,344 | 306,186,217 |

Movement of gold and silver for the twelve months:

| Month. | Gold Movement at New York. |  |  |  | Stloer-New York. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Imports. |  | Exports. |  | Imports. | Exports. |
|  | 1926. | 1925. | 1926. | 1925. | 1926. | 1926. |
| January | 705,698 | $\underset{1,029,134}{\mathbf{8}}$ | 2,569,831 | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{\$} \\ 66,002,262 \end{gathered}$ | $1,858,862$ | $36,232$ |
| February - | 10,707,020 | 612,514 | 2,012,359 | 33,520,792 | 5,524,289 | 3,848,818 |
| March.-.- | 3,201,667 | 3,662,342 | 2,038,148 | 21,435,084 | 1,613,500 | 5,556,070 |
| April | 895,895 | - $5,694,336$ | ${ }_{901208}^{802,731}$ | 19,899,381 | 2,252,994 | 4,650,649 |
| May | 619,245 $4,287,601$ | 7,776,455 | $9,174,510$ | $10,304,670$ $2,641,349$ | 1,273,845 | $4,432,012$ $4,945,823$ |
| July.- | -846,762 | 6,489,017 | 1,598,540 | 2,468,247 | 2,172,443 | 3,888,993 |
| August | 662,466 | 759,804 | 21,154,974 | 1,024,953 | 1,724,207 | 4,260,831 |
| September | 972,617 | 672,610 | $21,675,322$ 1 1 | 5,060,700 | 3,225,587 | 3,758,076 |
| October -- | 523,939 | ${ }_{4}^{42,379,042}$ | 1,013,790 | 1,395,082 | 1,508,244 | $4,029,252$ $4,270,276$ |
| November December- | 653,488 $6,622,900$ | 3,867,642 | 6,756,464 | 4,597,913 | 1,640,123 1,655,483 | ${ }_{3,273,288}^{4,270,276}$ |
| Total | 30,699,298 | 74,839,105 | 64,161,782 | 171,320,423 | 25,475,411 | 53,350,320 |

## By Barnes \& Lofland, Philadelphia:

National Banks.-The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.
Feb. 15-The Citizens National Bank of Olivia, Minn-
Correspondent, Go. F. Gage, Olivia, Minn.
Feb. 15 -The First National Bank of Big Sandy, Tenn
Correspondent. A. S. Justice, Big Sandy, Ten. Suc-
ceeds the Bank of Big Sandy, Big Sandy, Tenn.
Feb. 17 -The Michigan Avenue National Bank of Buffalo, N. Y.
Correspondent, Josenh A. Schwendler, 1020 Bramson
Bldg. Buffalo, N. Y.
Feb. 19-The First National Bank of Deckerville, Mich ${ }_{\text {Coin }}$ Correspondent, L. T. Bishop, Deckerville, Mich.
APPLICATION TO CONVERT REOEIVED
Feb. 19-The Greenwich National Bank of the City of New York, N. Y. N When The Greenwich Bank of the City of New
Conversion of $1,000,000$ York, N. Y. CHARTERS ISSUED
Feb. 15-13,040-The County National Bank of Scranton, Pa Conversion of the County Savings Bank of Scranton,
Pa. President, L. A. Watres; Cashier, W. M. Ruth.
Feb. 15-13,041-The Security National Bank of Hope, No President, John S. Paifrey; Cashier, o. w. Moores. Feb. 16-13.042-First National Bank in Greenwich, Conn- $\quad$ President, George L. Geibel; Cashier, George R. Bonner.

OHANGES OF TITLE.
Feb. 15-3.817-The Canandaigua National Bank, Canandaigua, Company.
Feb. 18-1, 260 -The Pittsfield National Bank, Pittsfield, Mass. Feb. $18-10,787$-The First National Bank of Pompton Lakes,
N. Jo to The Fisst National Bank \& Trust Company
of Pompton Lakes.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.
Feb. 17-3.086-The Exchange National Bank of Hastings, Nebr. $\$ 100,000$ Effective Feb. ${ }^{10} 1027$ Liq. Agent, J. M. Davis,
Hastings, Nebr. Absorbed by the First National Bank
of Hasting, Nebr., No.
Feb. 17-7.015-The Citizens National Bank of Whitney, Texas $\quad 50,000$ Effective Feb. 11.1927 . Liq Agent, Jirs. Collier
Whitney, Texas. Absorbed by the First National

25,000
100,000

| Capital. |
| :--- |
| $\$ 25,000$ |

## 25,000

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 25 Mutual Trust Co., Dar $\$ 50$ par $\$ 50.176$ 35 Republic Trust Co., par $\$ 50-\ldots-156$
14 Republic Trust Co., par $\$ 50 \ldots 155$ 5 Mitten Men \& Management Bank \& Trust Co, par $\$ 50 \ldots \ldots-125$
7 Wharton Title \& Tr. Co........ 1250
5 Merion Title \& Trust Co
 85 Lykens Valley RR. \& Coal.-.-.-153/ 5 2d \& 3d Streets Pass. Ry---...-16
2 Philadelphia Traction Co---din.
5 American Casualty Co., Reading,
 Shares. Stocks.
350 Urban Wat 100 Otto Elsenlohr \& Bros. 10 Dar North Phila Trust Collol 10 North Philla. Trust Co., par 850.350
10 Kensington Nat. Bank', par $\$ 50-211$ ${ }_{10}^{25}$ Quaker City National Bank 10 Quaker Citry National Bank.... 317
10 Market
10
 2 Penna. Co. for Ins, on Lives, \&c- 885
9 American Bank \& Trust Co., par 9 American Bank \& Trust Co., par 188 15 Logan Bank \& Trust Co........-18r 5092 15 Logan Bank \& Trust Co.. par $\$ 5092$
40 Colonial Trust Co., par $\$ 50 .-240$
5 Aldine Trust Co 10 Broad Street Trust Co., par $\$ 50-793$

## 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:

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:


By Wise, Hobbs \& Arnold, Boston: Shares. Stocks.
10 First Matlonal Bank...
25 Frrst Natlonal Bank ${ }^{2} 5$ First National Bank -......5 Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co-.
10 Nashua MIt. Co.. common.-.
45 Bates MIg. Co
 4L Ludiow Mig. Assoclates-.177.
20 Nashua Mg. Co. common.
5 Vermont \& Mass. RR.-----.
 1 Boston Athenaeum, par $\$ 300$.-...
4 Mutual Finance Corp., pref., par ${ }_{3} 850$ New England Sitorace whe-...... 6 unlts First Peoples Trust.-....
25
Quincy 8 Warehouse Co, pref. ......... 1 unit Mutual Finance Corp...... 68
100 Fall RIver Elec. Lt. Co., par $\$ 2547$
20 New Bedforct Gas \& Edison Light
$\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { Charlestown G. \& El. CO..Dar } \$ 25.5183 / \\ & 10 \text { Great Northern Pap.Co., par } \$ 2568 \%\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & 10 \text { Great Northern Pa. Co.., par } \$ 25681 / \\ & 25 \text { Fall River Elec. Lt. Co., par } \$ 2547 \% \\ & 40 \text { Malden }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & 4 \text { Mass. Ilties Realty Co., partic. } \\ & \text { preferred. } 20 \\ & \text { 10 No. Bost. Ltt. Pron. .o. }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & 5 \text { Fitcthburg G. \& El. Co., par } \$ 50-.1231 / \\ & 3 \text { units Frist Peoples Trust } \\ & \text { 17 Fall }\end{aligned}$

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

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| :---: | :---: |
| 25 First National Bank -.......-.-363\%/4 |  |
| Waltham (Mass.) N |  |
| , |  |
| Milto | 10 Sullvan Machinery Co.-....... 51 |
| 8 | 25 Charlestown G. \& El. par $\$ 25 .-1191 / 8$ |
|  |  |
|  | 10 Fitchrurg G. \& El. Co., par \$50-1231/4 |
| 400 York | ${ }_{20}^{25}$ Worcester Elec. Lt. Co., par $25.151 \% / 8$ |
| 168 Amoske |  |
|  |  |
|  | 50 Fit. c. par 25. |
| 5 |  |
| nney Mrg. C | par \$25 |
| ${ }_{10}^{12}$ Kinney M ${ }^{\text {M }}$ |  |
| 隹 | Rtghts |
| New |  |
|  | 1 Columbian Nat. Life Ins. Co..... $311 / 1 /$4 Columblan Nat. Life Ins. Co... $31 / 4$5 West Boston Gas Co |
|  |  |
| Post Office Square Co., pref.... 11 |  |
| By Weilepp Bruton \& Co., Baltimore: |  |
| Shares. Stocks. 8 per sh. |  40 units First Nat' ${ }^{\prime}$ Co. (unlts, 1 50 pret., 1 com.).-......... 810 per unlt |
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| Name of Company. | Per Cent. | When Payable. | Books Closed. Days Inclusioe. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Railroads (Steam). <br> Bangor \& Aroostock, common (quar.) - | ${ }^{75} \mathrm{c}$. | Apr. | *Holders |
| Preferred (quar.) --...-- | *13/4 |  | *Holders of rec. |
| Consolidated RRs. of Cuba, | $13 / 2$ |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 10a |
| Cuba RR., common (quar.) | \$1.20 | Mar. 21 | Holders of rec. Mar. 21 |
| Erie \& Pittsburgh (quar.) | 873/2 | Mar. 10 | Holders of rec. Feb. 28a |
| Fonda Johnstown \& Gloversv., pf. (qu.) - | $11 / 2$ | Mar. 15 | Holders of rec. Mar. 10a |
| St. Joseph South Bend \& Sou., com | 7/8 | Mar. 15 | Mar. 11 to Mar. 14 |
| Preferred | $21 / 2$ | Mar. 15 | Mar. 11 to Mar. 14 |
| St. Louis So | 11/4 | Mar. 31 | Holders of rec. Mar. 11 |
| Public Utilit Amer. Public Service, pref. | 18. | Apr | Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| mer. Superpower Cor |  |  |  |
| Common class A \& B | 30c. |  | Holders of rec. |
| First preferred (quar. | \$1.50 | Apr | Holders of rec. Mar. |
| Amer. Utilities, preferred (qu | *11.75 | Mar. | *Holders of rec. Feb. 21 |
| Associated Gas \& Elec., orig. p | 28713/ ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | Apr. | Holders of rec. Feb. 28 |
| Original series preferred (e | ${ }^{112313 \mathrm{c}}$ | Apr. | Holders of rec. Feb. 28 |
| \$7 dividend series (quar.) | t\$1.75 | Apr. | Holders of rec. Feb. 28 |
| Baton Rouge Elec. Co., pref. ser | 13/4 | Mar. | Holders of rec. Feb. $24 a$ |
| Bell Telephone of Canada (quar.) | *2 | Apr. 15 * | *Holders of rec. Mar. 23 |
| Bell Telephone of Pa. $61 / 2 \%$ pref. (quar.) | *158 | Apr. 14 | *Holders of rec. Mar. 19 |
| Birmingham Water Wks., $8 \% \mathrm{pf}$. (qu.)- |  | Mar. 15 | Holders of ree. Mar. |
| 7\% preferred (quar | *13/4 | Mar. 15 | *Holders of rec. Mar. |
| Boston Elevated Ry. Second preferred | *31/2 |  | *Holders of rec. Mar. 10 |
| Brooklyn Union Gas (quar |  | Apr | *Holders of rec. Mar. 11 |
| Connecticut Light \& Power $61 / 2 \%$ pf.(qu) | *158 | Ma | *Holders of rec. Feb. 15 |
| $7 \%$ preferred (quar. | *13/4 | Mar. | *Holders of rec. Feb. 15 |
| 8\% preferred (quar |  |  | *Holders of rec. Feb. 15 |
| onnecticut Power, | *2 ${ }^{1} / 2$ | Ma | ${ }^{*}$ Holders of rec. Feb. 20 |
| Preferred (quar.) | *11/2 |  | *Holders of rec. Feb. 20 |
| Diamond State Telephone, pr | *1/8 | Apr. 14 | *Holders of rec. Mar. 19 |
| Eastern Texas Elec. Co., pref. (quar | $13 /$ | Apr. | Holders of rec. Mar. 4 |
| Electric Power \& Light, pr | \$1.75 | Apr. | Holders of rec. Mar. 11 |
| Allotment certific | 70 c. |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 11 |
| Federal Water Service, class A (qu | 50c. | Mar. | Holders of rec. Feb. 18 |
| Foshay (W, B.) Co., com. (monthly) | 67 c. | Mar. 10 | Holders of rec. F |
| Seven per cent preferred (m) | 58c. | Mar. 10 | Holders of rec. Feb. 28 |
| Preferred A (mont | 7 c . | Mar. | Holders of rec. Feb. 28 |
| General Gas \& Elec. Corp. co | 71/2c. | Apr. | Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| \$8 preferred class A (qu | \$2 | Apr. | Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| \$7 preferred class A (qua | \$1.75 | Apr. | Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| Preferred class B (quar.) | \$1.75 |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| Illinois Bell Telephone (quar | *2 | Mar. 31 | *Holders of rec. Mar. 30 |
| Illinois Power \& Light part. pr | *13/2 |  | *Holders of rec. Mar. 10 |
| Seven per cent preferred (qua | *13/4 | Apr . | *Holders of rec. Mar. 10 |
| x per cent preferred | *11/2 | Apr. | *Holders of rec. Mar. 10 |
| Indianapolis Water Works, pref | 31/5 | Apr. | Holders of rec. Mar. 12 |
| Jamalca Public Service, pref. | \$1.75 |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| Kansas Clity Pow. \& Lt., 1st pf. A (qu.) | *\$1.75 | 5 Apr . | *Holders of rec. Mar. 14 |
| Kentucky Hydro-Elec., pret. (quar.) | *13/4 | Mar. 21 | *Holders of rec. Feb. 28 |
| Mackay Companies, comm | $1 \%$ | Apr. | Holders of rec. Mar. 5 a |
| Preferred (quar |  |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 5 a |
| Memphis Power \& Light, pref. (quarl) -- | \$1.75 | 5 Apr . | Holders of rec. Mar. 19 |
| Tontana Power, common | $11 / 4$ | Apr. | Holders of rec. Mar. 11 |
| Preferred (quar.) | 13/4 | Apr. | Holders of rec. Mar. 11 |
| National Power \& Light, pref. (quar.)-- | $\$ 1.75$ | 5 Apr. | Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| National Public Service, com. A (quar.)- | 40 c . | Mar. 15 | Holders of rec. Feb. 26 |
| New York Telephone, $61 / 2 \%$ pref. (qu.)- | *15/8 | Apr. 15 | *Holders of rec. Mar. 19 |
| Northern Ohio Pow. \& Lt., 6\% pf. (qu.) | ) 13/2 | Apr. | Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| Seven per cent pref. (quar.) | $13 /$ | Apr. | Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| Ohlo Bell Telephone, pref. (qu | *13/4 |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 21 |
| Peoples Lt. \& Pow., com. cl. A (mthly.) | 20c. | Mar. 10 | Holders of rec. Feb. 28 |
| Seven per cent pref. | *sc. | Mar. | Holders of rec. Feb. 28 |
| Philadelphia Traction | *\$2 | Apr. | *Holders of rec. Mar. 10 |
| Southwestern Bell Telep., pref. (quar.) -- | $13 / 4$ |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 19 |
| Utilities Power \& Light, cl. A (quar.) -- | y50c. |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 7 |
| Preferred ( | $y^{25} \mathrm{c}$. |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 7 |
| Preferred (quar. | \$1.75 | Apr. | Holders of rec. Mar. 7 |
| ashington Ry. \& Elec., com. (qua | 1\%/4 | Mar. | Holders of rec. Feb. 12 |
| Banks <br> ommerce (Nat. Bank | 4 | $\text { Apr. } 1 \mid$ | ers of rec. Mar. $18 a$ |
| Trust Companies. Guaranty (quar.) | 4 | 28 | Holders of rec. Mar. 18 |
| Miscellaneo <br> Adams Express (quar.) | *\$1.50 | 0 Mar. 31 | *Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| Allied Chemical \& Dye, pre | $13 / 4$ | Apr. 1 | 1 Holders of rec. Mar. 11 |
| American Bank Note, com. | *50c. | Apr. 1 | 1 *Holders of rec. Mar. 17 |
| Preferred (quar.) | *750. |  | $1{ }^{\text {*Holders of }}$ (Hece. Mar. 17 |
| American Locomotive, com |  | Mar. 31 | Holders of rec. Mar. 11 |
| Preferred (quar.) | $13 / 4$ | Mar. 31 | 1 Holders of rec. Mar. 11 |
| American Plano, | $21 / 2$ | Apr. | Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| Common (payable in common stock) | ${ }^{213}$ | Apr . | 1 Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| American Tobacco | $11 / 2$ | Apr. | Holders of rec. Mar. 9 |
| Bendiz Corporation, class | $* 30 \mathrm{c} .$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { Appr. } \\ & \text { Apr. } \end{aligned}\right.$ | *Holders of rec. Mar, 15 |


| Name of Company. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { Cent. } \end{aligned}$ | Payable. |  | ame of Compan | ${ }_{n t}^{e r} .$ | Payc | ooks Closed. ays Inclustoe. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ech-Nut Packing, com. (Q |  |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 25 <br> Holders of rec. Apr. 1 <br> Holders of rec. Mar. 1 | Miscellaneous (Concluded). |  |  | $1 \begin{aligned} & \text { *Holders of rec. Mar. } 15 \\ & \text { Holders of rec. Mar. } 15\end{aligned}$ |
| ${ }^{\text {Preferred }}$ Lake oll |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| n Woven Hose \& Rubb., com. (qu.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| -A |  |  |  | Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table. |  |  |  |
| sh Terminal Co., $7 \%$ deb. stk. ( q |  | Mar. Apr. 15 | *Holders of ree. Apr. 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Bush }}$ Terminal |  | ${ }_{\text {Aprar }}^{\text {Apr. }} \mathbf{3 1}$ | *Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| lumet \& Arizona |  | Mar. 21 | Holders of rec. Mar. 5 | Name of Company. |  |  | . |
| Chicago Min \& Lumber, pref. (qu |  |  | 1 *Holders of rec. Mar. 23 Holders of rec. Mar. $15 a$ |  |  | Payable. | . Days Inclustve. |
| ties Service bank |  | ${ }^{\text {apre }}$ Apr. 1 |  | Railroads (Steam). |  |  |  |
| $\xrightarrow{\text { Bankerss }}$ |  | Apr. Mar. 1 |  | Atchison Topeka \& Santa Fe, com. (qu.) Common (extra) | $\begin{gathered} 1164 \\ 750 \\ 136 \\ 13 / 2 \\ 1 / 2 \\ 2 \end{gathered}$ |  | Holders of rec. Jan. |
| Seven per cent |  |  | *Holders of rec. Mar. 11*Holders of rec. Mar. 11*Holders of | (a) |  | Mar. 1 |  |
| Eight pe |  |  |  |  |  |  | a |
| mmeretal |  |  | *Holders of rec. Mar. 18 | Preferred (fuar)................-- |  |  |  |
| Continental Can, | 114 |  |  | Boston \& Abany (quar.) |  | Mar. 31 |  |
| Preterred (qu |  |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 19 <br> Holders of rec. Mar. 19 | Preference | - ${ }_{2}^{2}$ | Appr. 1 |  |
| Dinkler Hotels, In |  | Mar. 1 | Holders of rec. Mar. 19 <br> Holders of rec. Feb. 21 | Chesapeake \& Ohlo, com. (quar.) Preferred. | - $\begin{array}{r}31 / 4 \\ 11 / 5\end{array}$ | July $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jar. } \\ & \text { Mar } \\ & 4\end{aligned}$ |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Dominion Glass, }}^{\text {Preferred ( }}$ (uas) |  |  | Holders of rec. Mar. Holders of rec. Mar. 15 | Chestnut Hill RR. (quar.) <br> Chicago Rock 1sland \& Pacfic, com. (qu.) |  |  |  |
| Eagle (C |  | Apr. 1 |  | Chicago Rock 1sland \& Paclic. com. (qu. Cinc. New Orl. \& Taxas Pac., pref. (qu) | ) $11 / 4$ | Mar. 31 |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Eastern }}$ |  |  |  | Cleveland \& Pittsburgh, quar., (quar.) Special guaranteed (quar.) |  |  |  |
|  | $13 / 4$ | Appr. | *Harders of rec. Aprer. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Cripple Creek Central, pret. (quar.) |  | Mar. ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| child | $23 / \mathrm{c}$. | Feb. 28 |  |  | ${ }_{* 1}^{50}$ | Mar. 21 |  |
| Waker Dry |  |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 11 | Gult Moblle \& Northern, pref. (quar.)- | *1/24 | ${ }_{\text {Apr. }}$ Mar, 21 |  |
| Feltman \& |  |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 1. | Hocking Valley (quar.) - . | $-1$ |  |  |
| Foote Bros. Gear |  | Apr.  <br> Apre  <br> July 1 <br> 1  | Holders of rec. Mar. ${ }^{1}$ | Preterred_-1-1.-.----- |  | Mar. 1 | Holders of rec. Feb. ${ }^{4 a}$ |
|  |  |  | *Holders of rec. June | Ne |  |  | lders of rec. Feb. $15 a$ |
| Common (quar |  |  | *Holders of rec. Sept. 20 |  | ${ }_{\text {23, }}^{23} 1$ |  | rec. Feb. rec. Feb. $15 a$ |
| Preferred |  |  | Holders of erc. Mar. 19 | Norfol |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Holders of rec. June 20 | nsy |  |  | a |
| Preterred |  |  | Holders of ree. Sept, | ${ }^{\text {Phila, }}$ Cits. Y |  |  | a |
| Preferred (q) |  |  | rec. Ma | Reading Co |  | 10 |  |
| Class A (quar. |  |  | rec | St. Louls- |  |  |  |
| neral Electr |  | ${ }_{\text {Appr }}^{\text {Apr }}$ | Holders of rec. Ma |  |  |  | a |
| dial |  |  | Hold | So |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Great |  |  | Holders of rec. M | Public Ut |  |  |  |
| Prete |  |  |  | can Po |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| d $($ ( |  |  |  | Assoclatec Gasd |  |  |  |
| d |  |  | Holders of rec. Sept. 15 | ne |  |  | a |
| Preferred |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| eywood-Wakeri |  |  |  | Brooklyn Edilson Co. |  |  |  |
| a Lime |  |  | Feb | Bkln,-Manh. Transil, pre |  |  | Holders of rec. Apr. 1 |
| sppration Conse | ${ }_{*}^{25}$ |  | Ma | al |  |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 150 |
| rational $\mathbf{C}$ |  |  |  | Central $11 /$ |  |  |  |
|  | *13/4 |  |  | Central Indiana Puwer |  |  | Holde |
| International P |  |  | H | Chic. Nor. Shore \& Mi |  |  | Holder |
|  |  |  | H | Preterred (quar.) -.............- |  |  | der |
| sen |  |  | Feb |  |  |  | ${ }^{56}$ |
| Kirby Lumb |  | Mar. 10 | Feb | Prior preferred A (m | 650. |  | Hold |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Common (quar. | 13 |  | Holders of rec. Aug. 31 | Prior preferred B (monthly) |  |  |  |
| Llbb |  |  | Fel | Prior preterred B (monthly) .-.......- |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | *Holders of rec. Feb. 19 | Cleveland Electric Illuan | 13/2 |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 15 |
| ett \& M y ers Tob |  |  | deers of rec. Mar | Colorado Pow |  |  |  |
| thes | ${ }_{*}^{23 / 2}$ |  | Ho | Consol. Gas, | 62 |  | Holders of rec. ${ }^{\text {Heb. }}$ Helders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| rete |  |  |  | \% |  |  |  |
| Midvale |  |  | Holders of rec. Ma | $7 \%$ |  |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| ${ }^{\text {Cla }}$ |  |  | Mar | \% pret | 1 |  | Holders of rec. Mar. ${ }^{\text {che }}$ |
|  |  |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 23 | Duquesne Light Co., |  |  |  |
| Ogilvie Flour M1115, | * 81.75 |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 22 | Emplire Gas \& |  |  |  |
| Patchogue-Plymout |  | Mar | Holders of rec. Feb. 18 |  |  |  |  |
| Peabody Coal, com |  |  |  | ret |  |  |  |
| Preerred ( non |  |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 18 | 87 prer |  |  |  |
| Preterred (quid | ${ }^{2} 13$ 25. |  | Holders of rec. Mar | Common (paya |  |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 1 as |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pettibone-M |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Slilecond | ${ }^{*}$ |  | Feb | Co | 5 |  | Iders or rec. Feb. $15 a$ |
| Pittsburgh Steel | *146 |  | M | Common (payable 1 | 515 |  | Hold |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| O |  |  | Ma | Havana Electri |  |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 25 a |
|  | *11/1 |  | *Holders of rec. Mar. 10 | 1 l | ${ }^{1 / 1 / 2}$ |  | Iders of rec. Mar. $15 a$ |
|  |  |  | Holders of rec. Ma | , |  |  |  |
| Real Slik Hosier |  |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 18 | Lader |  |  |  |
| St. Mauri |  |  |  | Loussus A an |  |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 28a |
| Simm's Petroleum (quar.) ..-.......-..- |  |  | *Holders of rec. Ma | nila Ele |  |  |  |
| Sloss-St |  | Ma | *Holders of rec. Ma | nila Elec | $621 / 2$ |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 310 |
| ${ }^{\text {ch }} \mathrm{P}$ |  |  | Holders of ree. Mar. 21 | onal P |  |  |  |
| South Porto Ric | $11 / 2$ |  |  | Nabral | $1 \%$ |  | Holde |
| Preterred (qua |  |  | Ma | New En |  |  | der |
| Standard Milling |  |  |  | ara | 43 \% |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 31 |
| Preferre | $11 / 2$ |  | Holders of rec. Mar | Niag. Lo |  |  |  |
|  | * 51 |  | Mar |  |  |  | Holders or rec. Mar. 150 |
| Stanley Comp |  |  |  | Nortia |  |  |  |
| Stock divide |  |  |  | North American Edison, pref. (qua | 81.5 |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 150 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Telautog |  | pr. |  | North Carollina Puolio S | \$1 |  |  |
| Texon Oil $\&$ Las |  |  | *Holde | P P | ${ }_{3}^{1 / 4}$ |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 19 |
| Todd Shlpyards |  |  | *Holders or or rec. Mar. 11 | Nortawestern Puble |  |  |  |
| Tonopah Mining | 13 |  | *Holders of rec. Ma- | Onlo Edison, | 1.65 |  | Holders of rec. Fee. ${ }^{\text {Hel }}$ Holders of rec, Feb, 15 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 13/4 |  | Hoiders of rec. Feb. 15 |
| Pre |  |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 5 | $6 \%$ pre | ${ }^{500}$. |  |  |
| Union Carble |  |  |  | O Oklahoma Gas ded |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Penn-Central LIIght \& Power, pref. (qu.) | 1.2 |  |  |
| Prete |  |  | Apr | Penn-0 | 13/4 |  |  |
|  |  | ${ }_{\text {Appr }}{ }^{\text {Appr }}$ | der |  | 13/4 |  | Holders of rec. Apr. 20 |
|  |  |  |  | . 2. |  |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 21 |
|  |  |  |  | $7.2 \%$ preferred | 60 c 600 |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 21 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 21 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | com. (quar. |  |  | Holders of rec. Feb. ${ }^{21}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |




| Name of Company. | Per Cent. | $\begin{gathered} \text { When } \\ \text { Payable. } \end{gathered}$ | Books Closed. Days Inclustive. |
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| Miscellaneous (Concluded). <br> Slmon (Franklin) \& Co.. pref. (quar.) | 18/ |  |  |
| Skelly Oll (quar.) --...- | 50c. | Mar. 15 | Holders of rec. Feb. 15a |
| Southern Pipe Line, new \$50 |  | Mar. 1 | Holders of rec. Feb. 10 |
| Spalding (A. G.) \& Bros., 1 st pref. (qu.) | 13/6 |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 15a |
| Second preferred (quar |  |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 15 |
| Spear \& Co. pref. (quar |  |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 15a |
| standard Oil (California) | 123/5 | Mar. 15 | Holders of rec. Feb. 15 |
| Standard öll (Indiana) | $621 / 2 \mathrm{C}$ | Mar. 15 | Holders of rec. Feb. ${ }_{16}$ |
|  | 25 c. | Mar. 15 | Holders of rec. Feb. 16 |
| Standard Oil (Nebraska) | 63 c. | Mar. | Mar. 1 to Mar. 21 |
| Standard Oil (N. J.) com... par $\$ 25$ (qu.) | ${ }_{25}^{25 \mathrm{c} .}$ | Mar. 21 | Mar. 1 to Mar. 21 |
| Common, par value $\$ 25$ (extra) | $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. | Mar. | Holders of rec. Feb. $25 a$ Holders of rec. Feb. $25 a$ |
| Common, par value $\$ 100$ (qu | 1 | Mar. 15 | Holders of rec. Feb. $25 a$ |
| Common, par value \$100 (extra) | 50 c | Mar. 15 | Holders of rec. Feb. $25 a$ |
| Preferred (quar.) | ${ }^{13 / 4}$ | Mar. | Holders of rec. Feb. $25 a$ |
| Standard Oll of New York (qua | 40. | Mar. 15 | Holders of rec. Feb. 18a |
| Standard Oil (Ohio), com. (qu | 21/2 |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| Stromberg-Carlson Telep. Mig. (quar.) | 25 c. | Mar. | Holders of re? l . Feb. 14 |
| Extra | 1215 c |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 14 |
| Studebaker Corporation, com. | \$1.25 | Mar. | Holders of rec. Feb. $10 a$ |
| Preferred (quar.) -----1-...-.-.-.-. | $13 / 4$ | Mar. ${ }^{1} 18$ | Holders of rec. Feb. 10a |
| Sun Oill (quar) | 25. | Mar. 15 | Holders of rec. Feb. 12 |
| Swan-Finch oil Corp., pref. (quar.) | $1 \%$ \% |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 7 |
| Taunton-New Bedford Copper (qu | \$2 |  | *Holders of rec. Feb. 9 |
| Tennessee Copper \& Che | 25 c. | Mar. 15 | Holders of rec. Feb. $28 a$ |
| Texas Company (quar | 75 c. | Mar. 31 | Holders of rec. Mar. $4 a$ |
| Texas Corporation (qu | ${ }^{75} \mathrm{c}$. |  | Holders of rec. Mar. $4 a$ |
| Stock dividen | 10 | Apr. | Holders of rec. Mar. $4 a$ |
| Texas Pacific Coal \& ${ }^{\text {O }}$ | ${ }_{15} 15$. | Mar. 15 | Holders of rec. Mar. ${ }^{1 a}$ |
| Thompson (J. R.) Co. (monthly | 30c. | Mar. 1 | Mar. 11 to Mar. 31 |
| Thompson Products, pref. (qu | 13/6 | Mar. | Holders of rec. Feb. 19a |
| Thompson-starrett Co., | 4 | Apr. | Holders of rec. Mar. 19 |
| Timken-Detrolt Axie, pref. (qu) | 13/4 | Mar. | Feb. 20 to Feb. 28 |
| Timken Roller Bearing (qu | \$1 | Mar. | Holders of rec. Feb. 18a |
| Truscon Steel, preferr | $1 \%$ |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 18 a |
| Union Mills, com. (q | *50c. | Mar | ${ }^{*} \mathrm{H}$ olders of rec. Feb. 15 |
| Preferred (quar.) | *\$1.50 |  | *Holders of rec. Feb. 15 |
| Union Storage (qua | **231/c |  | *Holders of rec. May 1 |
| Quarterly.- <br> Quarterly - | $\begin{aligned} & { }^{*} 623 \mathrm{yc} \\ & { }^{6} 6235 \end{aligned}$ | Aug. 10 | ${ }^{*}$ Holders of rec. Aug. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| Unlon Tank Car (quar | 114 |  |  |
| United Biscuit, class A (qua | \$1 |  |  |
| United Cigar stores of Am | 50 c. | ar. 31 | Holders of rec. Mar. 10a |
| Common (in common stock) | f13 | Mar. 31 | Holders of rec. Mar. 10a |
| Preterred (quar.) | 13/4 | Mar. 15 | Holders of rec. Mar. $1 a$ |
| nited Drug. |  |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 15a |
| nited Fruit (quar. | \$1 | Apr. | Holders of rec. Mar. $5 a$ |
| Extra | \$1.50 | Apr. 1 | Holders of rec. Mar. $5 a$ |
| . S. Cast Iron Pip | $23 / 2$ | Mar. 15 | Holders of rec. Mar. $1 a$ |
| Common (quar.) | $23 / 2$ | June 15 | Holders of rec. June 1a |
| Common | $23 / 6$ | Sept. 15 | Holders of rec. Sept. 1a |
|  | 2 |  | Holders of rec. Dec. $1 a$ |
| Preferred (quar. | 13 | June 15 | Holders of rec. Mar. $1 a$ |
| Preferred (quar. | 13/4 | Sept. 15 | Holders of rec. Sept. $1 a$ |
| Preferred (quar.) --.-----.-.-.--- | 1317 | Dec. 15 | Holders of rec. Dec. $1 a$ |
| U. S. Dairy Products, 1st pref. (quar.) -- | \$1.75 | Mar. | Holders of rec. Feb. 15 |
| Second preferred (qu | \$2 | Mar. | Holders of rec. Feb. 15 |
| 8. Envelope, | 4 | Mar | Holders of rec. Feb. 15 |
| Common (extra) | 2 | Mar. 1 | Holders of rec. Feb. 15 |
| U. S. Gypsum, | 40 c. | Mar. 31 | Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| Preterred (qua | 13/4 | Mar. 31 | Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| U. S. Hoffman M | ${ }^{75 \mathrm{c}}$. | Mar. 1 | Holders of rec. Feb. 18a |
|  | c. |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 18a |
| U. S. Playing C |  |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 2 |
| U. S. Realty \& Imp | \$1 | Mar. 15 | Holders of rec. Feb. $23 a$ |
| stock dividend |  | Mar. 15 | Holders of rec. Feb.d23a |
| United States Steel Corp., com. (quar.)- | 13/4 | Mar. 30 | Holders of rec. Feb. 28a |
| Common (payable in common stock) . |  |  | Hoders rec. Feb. 281 |
|  | 13 | Feb. 26 | Holders of rec. Jan. $29 a$ |
| U.S. Stores Co | 13 | Mar. | Holders of rec. Feb. 19a |
| Universal Pipe \& Radiator, pref. (quar.) | 13 | May | Holders of rec. Apr. $15 a$ |
| Preterred (quar.) | $1 \%$ |  | Holders of rec. July 15a |
| Preterred (quar.) | 13/4 | Nov. 1 | Holders of rec. Oct. 15 a |
| Vacuum Oll (qua | 50 c. | Mar. 19 | Holders of rec. Feb. 28 |
|  | ${ }^{50 \mathrm{c} .}$ | Mar. 19 | Holders of rec. Feb. 28 |
| Van Raalte Co.. 1 st pre | $1{ }^{13 / 2}$ | Mar. 17 | Holders of rec. Mar. 11 |
| Vesta Battery, preferred (qu | *144 | Mar. | Holders of rec. Feb. 15a |
| Vlau Blscuit, first pref. (quar. | 13 | Mar. 1 |  |
| Vipond Consol. Mines, Ltd. (interim) |  | Apr. 15 | Apr. 1 to Apr. 15 |
| Va.-Carolina Chemleal, prlor pret.(qu.)- | 13/4 | Mar. 1 | Holders of rec. Feb. 14a |
| Wabasso Cotton (quar | \$1 | Apr. 2 | Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
|  |  |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| Wahl Company, pref. (acct. accum | ${ }_{* 1}^{\text {nsi.75 }}$ | Apr. ${ }_{\text {Mar, }} 15$ | Holders of rec. Mar. 25 |
| Wayagamack Pulp \& Paper (quar. | 75 c . | Mar. 15 | *Holders of rec. Feb. ${ }^{9}$ |
| Weber \& Hellbroner, pref. (quar.) | 184. | Mar. 1 | Holders of rec. Feb. 15 a |
| Welch Grape Jutee, com. (quar. | 25 c . | Feb. 28 | Holders of rec. Feb. 19 |
| Preferred (qua | 12/4 | Feb. 28 | Holders of rec. Feb. 19 |
| Wesson Oll \& Snowdrift, com. (quar.) | \$1 | Mar. 30 | Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| Western Dairy Products, class A (quar.) | \$1 | Mar. 1 | Holders of rec. Feb. 8 |
| Western Grocers, new no par common.. |  | Mar. 15 | Holders of rec. Feb. 28 |
| Whitaker Paper, pret (quar.) | 114 | Apr. 1 | Holders of rec. Mar. 20 |
| White (J. G.) \& Co., Inc., pref. (quar.)- | $11 / 2$ |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 15 |
| White (J.G.) Engineering Co., pt. (qu.)- | 14 |  | Holders of rec. Feb. 15 |
| White (J.G.) Mgt. Corp.. pref. (qu | 13.4 | ${ }_{\text {Mar. }}{ }^{\text {Apr. }} 1$ | Holders of rec. Feb. 15 |
| Woolworth (F.W.) Co, (quar.) | \$1.25 |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 21 |
| Wright Aeronautical Corpor | 25 c . | Feb. 28 | Holders of rec. Feb, $15 a$ |
| Wrigley (Wm.) Jr. \& Co. | 25 c. | Mar. 1 | Holders of rec. Feb. 20 a |
|  | *255. |  | ${ }^{*} \mathrm{H}$ olders of rec. Mar. 20 |
|  | *25c. | May | ${ }^{*}$ Holders of rec. Apr. 20 |
| Month | *25c. |  | *Holders of rec. May 20 |
| "Y" | *25c. | July 1 | *Holders of rec. June 20 |
| "Y" Oll \& Gas, new, \$25 par stk. (No. 1) | ${ }_{4}^{255 .}$ | Feb. 28 | Holders of rec. Feb. 15 |
| Yellow Truck \& Coach, pref. (quar.) |  |  | *Holders of rec. Mar. |
| Youngstown Sheet \& Tube, com. (quar.) | \$1.25 |  | Holders of rec. Mar. $14 a$ |
| Preferred (quar.) | $13$ |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 14 |

* From unofficial sources. ${ }^{\text {t The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock }}$
will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. $\ddagger$ The New York Curb Market Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-
divldend on this date and not until further notice.
dividend on this date and not until further notice.
$a$ Transer books not closed for this dividend. $d$ Correction. $e$ Payable in stock
s Payable in common stock. $g$ Payable in serip. $h$ On account of aceumulated dividends. $m$ Payable in preferred stock
o Less \$2 per share to cover legal expenses of extending second mortgage and
third and fourth installments of 1925 income tax. 8 Payable elther in cash or in stock at the rate of 46 -100ths of a share of class A
for each share of $\$ 6$ pref. and $5-100$ ths of a share of class A for each share of $\$ 63 / 2$ pref. $t$ Payable elther in cash or in stock at rate of $27-100$ ths of a share of class A stock for each share of original pref. and 4 72-10.
share of $\$ 7$ dividend series preferred stock.
u Cushman $\&$ Sons common stock dividend ts payable in $\$ 8$ preferred on the
valuation of $\$ 100$ for preferred stock
- Payable in common stock at rate of one-fortieth of a share for each share held. of island Creek Ceal stock dividend is four new shares of common for each share
$x$ Dividend is
or before March 3 will be in time for payment of dividend to transferees. $y$ Class A stockholders in lieu of cash may take additional class A stock at rate of
one-fortleth of a share for each share held and class B stockholders one-fortleth of a
hare of class B stock.

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. 19. 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.


Note.-U. S. deposits deducted from net demand deposits in the general totals
above were as follows: Average total Feb. 19, $\$ 24,963,000$. Actual totals Feb. 19, $\$ 24,963,160 ;$ Feb. 11, $\$ 24,963,000$; Feb. $5, \$ 29,169,000 ; J a n .29, \$ 29,168,000 ;$ Jan.
$22, \$ 29,167,00 ;$ Jan. $15, \$ 29,168,000$. Bill payable, rediscounts, acceptances and Feb. $5, \$ 601,731,000 ;$ Jan. $29, \$ 598,869,090 ;$ Jan. $22, \$ 614,045,000$; Jan. $15, \$ 639$,-
126.000 . 126,000 . Actual totals Feb. 19, $\$ 611,579,000 ;$ Feb. $11, \$ 636,917,000 ;$ Feb. 5 ,
$\$ 603,344,000 ;$ Jan. $29, \$ 614,355,000 ;$ Jan. $22, \$ 627,857,000 ;$ Jan. $15, \$ 655,189,000$. * Includes deposits in foreign branches not included in total footings as follows:
National City Bank, $\$ 231,736,000$; Chase National Bank, $\$ 11,638,000$; Bankers Trust Co., $\$ 30,503,000$; Guaranty Trust Co., $\$ 89,861,000$; Farmers' Loan \& Trust
Co., $\$ 4,089,000$; Equitable Trust Co., $\$ 86,220,000$. Balances carried in banks in
 Co.. $\$ 5,892,000$; Farmers' Loan \& Trust Co., $\$ 4,089,000$; Equitable Trust Co.; $\$ 5,949,000$.

The reserve position of the different groups of institutions on the basis of both the averages for the week and the actual condition at the end of the week is shown in the following two tables:
STATEMENT OF RESERVE POSITION OF CLEARING HOUSE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

|  | Averages. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cash Resetve in Vault. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Reserve } \\ \text { Depositartes } \end{array}\right\|$ | Total Reserve. |  | Surplus Reserve. |
| Members Federal Reserve Bank. | \$ | 565,731,000 | $\|565,731,000\|$ | $\stackrel{\text { 560,594,040 }}{\text { ¢ }}$ | $\stackrel{\text { 5,136,960 }}{ }$ |
| State banks*......-- | 9,942,000 | 6,426,000 | $565,731,000$ $16,368,00$ | 16,268,220 | 5,99,780 |
| Trust compantes | 2,621,000 | 6,824,000 | 16,445,000 | 9,396,750 | 48,250 |
| Total Feb, 19 | 12,563,000 | 578,981,000 | 591,544,000 | 586,259,010 | 5,284,990 |
| Total Feb. 12 | 13,322,000 | 581,256,000 | 594,578,000 | 590,690,070 | 3,887,930 |
| Total Feb. ${ }^{5}$ | 12,742,000 $12,891,000$ | 588,430,000 | $601,172,000$ $601,157,000$ | $599,114,770$ $598,339,690$ | $2,057,230$ $2,817,310$ |

[^2]or This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows:
Feb. 19, $\$ 18,428,130 ;$ Feb. $11, \$ 18,313,110 ;$ Feb. $5, \$ 18,202,260 ;$ Jan. 29, $\$ 17,981,-$
$850 ;$ Jan. $22, \$ 17.739,540 ;$ Jan. $15, \$ 17,995,860$.


State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House. -The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House as follows:
SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK; NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT. (Figures Furnished by State Banking Department.)

 Total........................ $\overline{\$ 57,490,100} \quad \overline{25.26 \%} \quad \overline{\$ 118,535,500} \quad \overline{19.55 \%}$ * Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies comblned on Feb. 19 was $\$ 106,682,800$.

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 OR BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN

|  | Loans and Incestments. | Demand Deposits. | Total Cash in Vaults. | Reserve in Depositaries. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Week Ended- | , |  | ${ }^{5}$ | \% |
| 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. | 6.615.890.200 | 5.562.041.000 | 86.272,300 | 723.552.600 |
| Nov. 13 | 6.553,162.600 | 5,511,751,000 | 87,381.300 | 721.151,800 |
| Nov. 20 | 6.570,297.600 | 5.551,891.300 | 84.480,000 | 724.021,000 |
| Nov. 27 | 6.599.942.200 | 5.556.678.300 | 864,684,000 | 728 368,600 |
| Dec. | 6,689,295.600 | 5.716,914,900 | 76.615.500 | 734,203,700 |
| Deo. 11 | 6,667.713,300 | 5.586.288.800 | 88,536.500 | 726,827,700 |
| Deo. 18 | 8,664,332,100 | 5,630,977,600 | 96,557,700 | 738,221,800 |
| Deo. 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. | 6.954,175,000 | 5.898,416.700 | 91,552.900 | 786.230.700 |
| 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. | 6.72x.899.400 | 5.721.854.900 | 83,192.800 | 731,203,500 |
| Feb. | 6,670,129,400 | 5,642,353,800 | 86.676.800 | 721,361,700 |
| Feb. | 6,657,735,000 | 5,545,046,000 | 84,366,800 | 726,327,800. |

New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Com-panies.-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:

a United States deposits deducted, $\$ 19,000$.
Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances, and other Habilitles, $\$ 3,507,000$.
Bills payable, rediscounts, accepe.|

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.

|  |  | Chanjes from Previous Week. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } 16 \\ & 1927 . \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{1927}{ }^{\text {Feb }}{ }^{\text {a }}$. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Capital | $\underset{69.650,000}{8}$ | d |  | $00$ |
| Surplus and protits...- | 1,005,972,000 | Dec. 4,551,000 | 1,010,523,000 | 1,013,723.723.000 |
| Individual deposits. | 668,386,000 | Dec. 13,844,000 | 682.230,000 | 678.843.000 |
| Due to ba | 135,780.000 | Dec. 7,124,000 | ${ }^{142,904.000}$ | 146.071.000 |
| TImedeposits | 230,265 | Dec. 405.000 | ${ }^{233.670,000}$ | 232.37 |
| United States deposi | 10,754 | Inc. ${ }^{4.0}$ | 10,750.000 | 12.354 .000 <br> 3.0350 |
| Exchanges for Cr'g H'se | 27.769.000 | Dec. ${ }^{2,103,000}$ | 29,72,000 | $33,035.000$ 78.640 .000 |
| Res've in legal deposi'les | 79,239,000 | Dec. 1,935,000 | 81,174,000 | 80.746.000 |
| Cash in bank | 9,260,000 | Dec. ${ }^{486.000}$ | 746,0 | ,222,000 |
| Res've excess In F.R.Bk | 455,000 | Dec. 380,000 | 835,000 | 502,000 |

Philadelphia Banks.-The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Feb. 19, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are $10 \%$ on demand deposits and $3 \%$ on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is $10 \%$ on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositaries" and "Cash in vaults."

| Twoo CYphers (00) omitted. | Week Ended Feb. 191927. |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb } 11 \\ & 1927 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Feb} .5 \\ & 1927 . \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Members of <br> F.R.System | $\begin{gathered} \text { Trust } \\ \text { Compantes } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1927 \\ \text { Total. } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| apl | \$50,225,0 | \$5,000,0 | 855,225,0 | \$55,225,0 | 55,225 |
| Surplus and pr | 152,996.0 | 17.812,0 | 170,808.0 | 170,898,0 | 170,808,0 |
| Loans, dlsc'ts \& Investm'ts | 936.213.0 | 46.282 .0 | 982,495.0 | 987,132,0 | 988,105,0 |
| Exchanges for Clear.House | 43.789.0 | 511.0 17.0 | 113,461.0 | 37,701,0 | 42.848 .0 104.551 .0 |
| Bank deposits | 139,662.0 | 1,004.0 | 140,666.0 | 136,465.0 | 141,184,0 |
| Individual depo | 645,115.0 | 26,252.0 | 671,367.0 | 659,923,0 | 663,851,0 |
| Time deposits | 152,385.0 | 2,302.0 | 154.687.0 | 151,368.0 | 154.002 .0 |
| Total deposits. | 937,162.0 | 29.558 .0 $3,729.0$ | 966.720 .0 | 947,756,0 | $959.037,0$ 3.967 .0 |
| Res've with legal deposits. Reserve with F. R. Bank.- | 69,844.0 | 3,729,0 | $\begin{array}{r} 3.729 .0 \\ 69.844 .0 \end{array}$ | $4,030,0$ <br> $69,439,0$ | $3,967.0$ 69.712 .0 |
| Cash in vault | *9.611.0 | 1,432.0 | 11.043.0 | 10,961,0 | 10.645,0 |
| Total reserve \& cash held. | 79.455.0 | 5,161,0 | 84.616 .0 | 84.430,0 | 84,324,0 |
| Reserve required Excess res. $\&$ cash in vau | 69.799 .0 $9,656.0$ | $\stackrel{4}{4,124.0}$ | 73.923 .0 $10.693,0$ | $73,788,0$ $10,642,0$ | $73,695,0$ $10,629,0$ |

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. 231927 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

## Resources-

 eder Reserve AgentFeb. 23 1927. Feb. 16 1927. Feb. 241926
 Gold held exclustvely agst. F. R. notes. $416,880,000 \quad 383.283 .000$ Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board-. $151,648.000-152.111 .000 \quad$ 205.661:00 Gold and gold certifleates held by bauk-.-

Total gold reserves- $\qquad$ | 1511648.00 |
| :--- |
| 501.488 .00 |

Total reserves
Non-reserve cash $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{r}-1,069.996 .000 \\ -\quad 32.059 .000 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$\qquad$ ${ }^{2058,325,000}$ Non-reser
Bills disc s.-....

 Total bills discounted.-...............-
Bills bought in open market.......... Bills bought in open market-.
U. 8 . Government securitles

Treasury notes -i-l.i.................
Total U. S. Government securites_53,533,000 54,118.000 Total bills and securtles (See Note) $\ldots \ldots$ 196,986,000 $253,515,000$ 336,943,000 Due from forelgn banks (See Note) -. Bacollecterditems.
All other remessources. $\qquad$ 659,000
$141,857,000$

$\qquad$ | 16.276 .000 |
| :--- |
| 2.82200 |

Total resources $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ Labiutices-
Fed'l Reserve notes in actual clrculation. $412,668,000 \quad 405,474,000 \quad 366,888,000$
 Forergm bant ${ }^{\text {Gon }}$ Other deposits

## Deterred availtabil

Capltal pald in.
Surplus......
All
Total llabillties
Ratlo of total reserves to deposit and
Fed'l Res've note llabulites combined. Conttingent liability on bilis purchased
$\begin{array}{lllll} & 26,696,000 & 26,024,000 & 22,153,000\end{array}$
NOTE.-Beglning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925. two new Items were added
in order to show separately the amount of balacces held abroad and amounta due to In order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad anc anounta due to
torelgn correspundents. In addition, the caption. All other earning assets," pre-

 counts, acceptances and securttes scquired under the provisions of Sections 1 and
of the Federal Reserve Act, whlch, it was stated, are the only y tems included thereln.

## Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Feb. 24, 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 1149 being the first item in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."
combined resources and liabllities of the federal reserve banks at the close of business february 231927.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| eederal | $\begin{array}{\|c} \substack{1,560.960 .000 \\ 38,751,000} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1,547,671.000 \\ 44.528 .000 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gold held exclustvely agst. F. R. notes Gold and gold certificates heid by banks. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| tal gold reeerves |  |  |  |  |  |  | 155 |  |  |
| equrec |  | 3.158.076.000 $74,980,000$ 230.954 .000 $165,516.000$ | $3,148,258,000$ <br> $74,783,000$ 202.048 .000177,017 177,017,000 | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} 3,128,649,000 \\ 71,890,000 \\ 203,661,000 \\ 189,610,000 \end{gathered}\right.$ |  | $3,095,501.000$ $81,174,000$ $2,1,0$ ${ }_{214,448.000}^{201.611}$ 214,448.000 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | $379.065,000$ <br> $302,565,000$ <br> 56.148 .000 <br> 93, 4088.000 <br> 155, 122,.00 |  |  | $416,059.000$ <br> $337,360,000$$55,463.000$ <br> $97,774,000$ 159.505.000 |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Tressury notes } \\ & \text { Certificates of Indebter } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 305,208,000 |  |  | 303,879,000 | 302,765,000 <br> 2.500 .000 | $\xrightarrow{312,742.000}$ | 311.051 .000 <br> 3.500 .000 <br> -.3 .0 | $313,873,000$ $3,621,000$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5 | $\frac{5 \text { 5,128,211,000 }}{}$ | 4,884,9 | 4,937,168,000 | ,090,000 | 5,039,023,000 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1,685,431.000 | 1,694,120,000 | 1,686,515,000 | 1,,88,485,.000 | 1,709,919,000 |  | 1,812,689,000 |  |
| Member banks-reeerve account.....-. |  | $\begin{array}{\|c} 2,288.588 .000 \\ 28.52 .1 .00 \\ 5.38 .000 \\ 19.846 .000 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  | 2,351,953,000 <br> 65451.000 <br> $25,30,000$ <br> $25,657,000$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 4,874,303,000$76.0 \%$$80.1 \%$92.002 .000 | 5,128,211,000 <br> $74.2 \%$ <br> 78.4\% | 4,946,000 | 4,937,168,000 | ,83,090,0 | 5,039,023,000 | 5,073,37,000 |  | 4,942,439,000 <br> 70.1\% <br> 74.0\% <br> 82,168,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| , |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\underset{\substack{175.233 .000 \\ 310.434000 \\ 4.360 .000}}{\mathbf{s}}$ | ${ }^{137}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 153,551.000 \\ & 296,490,000 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{266.642 .000}^{123.99900}$ |  |  |  |  |
| U |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Still | -61.531.000 |  | 965,.699...0̈0 <br> $26,493,000$ | $933,7877.000$ <br> $26,748,000$ | 72.3 .13 .0000 <br> $25,299.000$ | $71,170.000$ <br> $21,613.000$ | - 8.2001 .0000 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{8}{ }_{8}$ | $\begin{array}{r}-31.9999000 \\ 35,922,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 490.50.0.0.00 } \\ 34,118,000 \end{gathered}$ | -98.816 .000 <br> $36,305,000$ | $\substack{60.3220000}$ <br> $38,881,000$ | 81.7778 .000 41.669 .000 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.754 .000 \\ & \hline, 411.000 \\ & \hline, 0 \end{aligned}$ |  | , |  |
| ¢ | cen | $\begin{gathered} 18.734,000 \\ 19.498 .000 \end{gathered}$ |  | 71.5 .10 .00021.560 .00020 | 17.618 .000 22,479,000 | 21.060 .000 | $\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{l} 3,34,00000 \\ 4,270,000 \end{array} \end{aligned}$ |  | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 6,119000 $9,668.000$$158,043.000$$\qquad$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $1,928.346 .000$ 8611.688 .000 2 |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 2.983 .478 .000 \\ 820.473 .000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 3.023,052,000 \\ & 770,918,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Issued to Federal Reserve Banks.... | 2.066,648,000 2 | 2.0 | 2.076 .775 .000 | 2,088,703,000 | 2.122.168.000 |  | 0.403.000 |  | 2,011,369,000 |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 362.953 .000 \\ 1.01 .470 .000 \\ 1.068 .53 .000 \\ 654,539.000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|} 357.928 .000 \\ 1.08 .430 .000 \\ 1.888 .290000 \\ 689.590 .000 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



| RESOURCES (Concluded)- <br> Two ciphers (00) omitted. | Boston. | Neto York. | Phila. | Gleveland. | Richmond | Atlanta. | Chicago. | St. Louss. | Minneap. | Kan. Cuty | Dallas. | San Fran. | Tota. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Other se | \$ | \$ | $\$$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | 8 | \$ | \$ | $\stackrel{\text { \% }}{2,000,0}$ |
| To | 91,141,0 | 6,986 | 76,121,0 | 110,677 | 40,549 | 41,079,0 | 149,542,0 | 48,251,0 | 30,443,0 | 51,585,0 | 39,921,0 | 109,031,0 | 5,326,0 |
| Due from foreign b | , | 141,857,0 | 647,0 | 60,838,0 | 50,234,0 | 27,419,0 | 72,071,0 | 31,160,0 | 13,566,0 | 38,389,0 | 26,929,0 | 37,163,0 | $\begin{array}{r} 659,0 \\ 610,228,0 \end{array}$ |
| Bank premlse | 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 | 4,459,0 | 1,752,0 | 3,443,0 | 58,351,0 |
| Al. other reso | 116,0 | 2,622,0 | 411,0 | 1,032,0 | 374,0 | 752,0 | 2,196,0 | 807,0 | 2,072,0 | 534,0 | 532,0 | 1,129,0 | 12,577,0 |
|  | 353,540,0 | 1,481,823,0 | 346,943,0 | 483,746,0 | 209,148,0 | 278,586,0 | 637,058,0 | 174,950,0 | 135,207,0 | 213,205,0 | 148,528,0 | 411,569,0 | 4,874,303,0 |
| R. notes | 128,662,0 | 412,668,0 | 122,273,0 | 202,028 | 73,920,0 | 162,261,0 | 214,843,0 | 44,894,0 | 63,611,0 | 68,532,0 | 42,165,0 | 172,473,0 | 1,708,330,0 |
| Deposits: <br> Member bank |  |  | 136,357.0 | 179,361,0 | 67,305,0 |  |  | 81,598,0 | 49,609,0 | 91,100,0 | 61,222.0 | 88,611,0 | 165.653,0 |
| Government | 4,307,0 | 1,931,0 | 2,075,0 | 1,712,0 | 3,263,0 | 3,094,0 | 2,261,0 | 1,988,0 | 1,121,0 | 1,444,0 | 1,470,0 | 3,061,0 | 27,727,0 |
| Forelgn bank | 283,0 | 1,980,0 | 362,0 | 400,0 | 196,0 | 155,0 | 520,0 |  | 113.0 | 140.0 | 132,0 |  | 4,707,0 |
| Other dep | 58,0 | 9,632,0 | 249,0 | 1,151,0 | 110,0 | 89,0 | 820,0 | 271,0 | 159,0 | 89,0 | 72,0 | 3,895,0 | 16,595,0 |
| Tota | 142,795, | 838,97 | 139,043,0 | 182,624, | 70,874,0 | 73,083,0 | 300,769,0 | 84,019,0 | 51,002,0 | 92,773,0 | 62,896,0 | 175,831,0 | 2,214,682,0 |
| Deferred avall | 55,172,0 | 128,944,0 | 51,150,0 | 60,336,0 | 45,226,0 | 28,147,0 | 70,147,0 | 29,992,0 | 9,086,0 | 38,176,0 | 30,517,0 | 37,981 | 584,874,0 |
| Capital p | 8,888,0 | 37,208,0 | 12,883,0 | 13,854,0 | 6,1799,0 | $5,030,0$ $9,632,0$ | 16,947,0 | $5,290,0$ 9,9390 | 7,527,0 | $4,161,0$ $9,029,0$ | 8,215,0 | 16,121,0 | $126,509,0$ $228,775,0$ |
| Aurplus.-- | $\begin{array}{r} 17,606,0 \\ 417,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 61,614,0 \\ 2,416,0 \end{array}$ | $21,267,0$ 327,0 | $23,746,0$ $1,158,0$ | 12,198,0 | $\begin{array}{r}9,632,0 \\ 433,0 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 2,471,0 | 816,0 | 963,0 | 9,029,0 | 430,0 | 417,0 | 11,133,0 |
| Total liabilit | 353,540,0 | 1,481,823,0 | 346,943,0 | 483,746,0 | 209,148,0 | 278,586.0 | 637,058,0 | 174,950,0 | 135,207,0 | 213,205,0 | 148,528,0 | 411,659 | 4,874,303,0 |
| serve ratio (per cent) |  |  |  |  | 75.9 | 85.9 | 77.0 | 67.0 |  | 72.1 | 73.3 | 73.8 | 0. |
| Contingent llability on bills purchased for forelgn correspond'ts | 6,878,0 | 25,696,0 | 8,804,0 | 9,721,0 | 4,769,0 | 3,760,0 | 12,656,0 | 3,944,0 | 2,751,0 | 3,393, | 3,210,0 | 6,420,0 | 92,002,0 |
| from $F$ R. Agent less notes in elrculation) | 26,735, | 111,431, | 39,860,0 | 19,260 | 16,322,0 | 27,120,0 | 47,196,0 | 3,697,0 | 4,579,0 | 11,923,0 | 6,234,0 | 43,961,0 | 358,318,0 |

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT GLOSE OF BUSINESS FEB. 231927.

| Federal Reserve Agent at- | Boston. | Nero York. | Phida. | Cleveland. | Richmond | Atlanta. | Chicago. | St. Louts. | Minneap. | Kan. Cxty | Dallas. | San Pran. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Twoo csphers (00) omitted.) |  |  |  |  |  | 252,826,0 |  |  | 87,592,0 |  |  |  |  |
| F.R.notes ree'd from Comptroller | $251,397,0$ $96,000,0$ | $816,179,0$ $292,080,0$ | 195,633,0 3 | $272,228,0$ $50,940,0$ | $\begin{array}{r}116,596,0 \\ 26,354,0 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $252,826,0$ $63,445,0$ | 161,100,0 | $71,211,0$ $22,620,0$ | $87,592,0$ $19,402,0$ | $108,465,0$ $28,010,0$ | 67,146,0 | $265,934,0$ <br> $49,500,0$ | $988,346,0$ $861,698,0$ |
| F.R.notes lssued to F. R. Bank | 155,397,0 | 524,099,0 | 162,133,0 | 221,288,0 | 90,242,0 | 189,381,0 | 262,039,0 | 48,591,0 | 68,190,0 | 80,455,0 | 48,399,0 | 216,434,0 | 2,066,648,0 |
| Collateral held as security for |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| T. R. notes issued to F. R. Bk.: Gold and gold certificates. | 35,300,0 | 210,080,0 |  | 8,780,0 | 28,805,0 | 15,423,0 |  | 7,750,0 | 13,507,0 |  | 18,308,0 | 25,000,0 | 362,953,0 |
| Gold redemption fund. | 15,210,0 | 22,797,0 | 8,256,0 | 13,455,0 | 6,168,0 | 5,706,0 | 2,454,0 | 2,846,0 | 899,0 | 5,268,0 | 2,721,0 | 15,690,0 | 101,470,0 |
| Gold fund-F. R. Board | 54,000,0 | 176,000,0 | 106,877,0 | 145,000,0 | 28,000,0 | 132,000,0 | 175,000,0 | 19,300,0 | 46,000,0 | 56,860,0 | 14,000,0 | 143,500,0 | 1,096,537,0 |
| Ellgible paper...... | 81,299,0 | 132,083,0 | 47,532,0 | 72,637,0 | 31,701,0 | 38,277,0 | 102,837,0 | 25,912,0 | 13,617,0 | 23,861,0 | 15.571,0 | 69,212,0 | 654,539,0 |
| Total collatera | 185,809,0 | 540.960,0 | 162,665.0 | 239,872,0 | 94,674,0 | 191,406,0 | 280,291,0 | 55,808,0 | 74,023,0 | 85,989,0 | 50,600,0 | 253,402,0 | 2,215,499,0 |

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 677 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 1150.


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Wall Street, Friday Night, Feb. 251927. Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.-The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 1177.
The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:


New York City Banks and Trust Companies.


Note. -The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Foreign Exchange.-Sterling exchange ruled steady and a shade firmer on a better demand and lighter offerings. Quotations, however, were only a fraction over those of last week. The Continental exchanges were inactive, but generally steady. Lire, pesetas and krone all scored good gains. Speculative activity was still in evidence in these last two.
To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 48458 (@)
$48411-16$ for checks and $4851 /(64853-16$ for cables. Commercial on

 484 9-16. (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were $3.891 /$
To-day's (Germay bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short
for short. for short. German bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short
bills. Amsteram bankers' guilders were 40.02 for short.
Exchange at Paris on London, 123.99 francs; week's range, 123.82 francs
Int Exchange at Paris on London, 123.99 francs; week's ra
high and 133.99 francs low
The range for foreign exchange for the weel follo
Sterling, Actual-
High for the week
High for the week
Checks. Cables.
Paris Bankers' Francs-
High for the we



Domestic Exchange.-Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15@25c. per $\$ 1,000$
discount Boston discount. Boston, par, San Fra
$\$ 1,000$ premium. Cincinnati, par.

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{High and low sale prices-PER Share, not per cent.} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\begin{tabular}{l}
Sales
for \\
the \\
Week.
\end{tabular}} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\begin{tabular}{l}
stocks \\
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
\end{tabular}} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{PER SHARE Range Stnce Jan. 11927 On basts of 100 -share lots} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{PER SHARE Rangs for Prevtous Year 1926} \\
\hline Saturday, Feb. 19. \& Monday. Feb. 21. \& Tuesday, Feb 22. \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Wednesda \\
Feb. 23.
\end{tabular} \&  \& \[
\begin{aligned}
\& \text { Frlday } \\
\& \text { Feb. } 25 .
\end{aligned}
\] \& \& \& On oasis of \&  \& Year \& Htghest \\
\hline r \& \$ per share \& \multirow[t]{8}{*}{\$per share} \& 8 per share \& \$ per share \& \$ per share \& Shares \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Atch Topeka \& Santa Fe.- 100} \& \$ per share \& \& \$ per share \& \$ per share \\
\hline \[
\begin{aligned}
\& 1701_{8} \\
\& 100 \\
\& 100 \\
\& 100
\end{aligned}
\] \&  \& \& \[
\begin{array}{ll}
39 \& 16978 \\
00 \& 1003_{4}
\end{array}
\] \& \[
\begin{array}{ll}
169 \& 1701_{2} \\
1007_{8} \& 1011_{8}
\end{array}
\] \& \[
\begin{array}{ll}
169 \\
100{ }^{1} \& 1693_{4} \\
1000_{4}
\end{array}
\] \& \& \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{array}{rrr}
1613_{4} \& \text { Jan } \& 6 \\
993_{8} \& \text { Jan } \& 5 \\
55_{8} \& \text { Jan } \& 3 \\
183_{4}^{4} \& \text { Feb } \& 8
\end{array}
\]} \& \$ per share 1724 \({ }^{2}\) Feb 18 \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} \& 172 Dec \\
\hline \(193 \overline{4}_{4} 19\) \& \(\overline{185} \overline{14}_{4} 19{ }^{-1}\) \& \& \(\mathrm{l}_{19233_{4}}^{19312}\) \& \(\mathrm{i} 92 \overline{3}_{4}{ }_{4} 19\) \& \(1924_{4} 1941_{2}\) \& \& Atlanta Blr \& \& \(5{ }^{5}\) \& \& \\
\hline \({ }_{*}^{1148} 811\) \&  \& \& \({ }_{11314}^{414144}\) \& \(1138_{8} 1137_{8}\) \& 1124 \& \& Baltimore \& - \({ }^{10612}\) \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} \& \[
831_{2}^{2} \mathrm{Mar}
\] \& \[
10 \mathrm{Jan}
\] \\
\hline \({ }^{* 76}\) \& \& \& 57 \& 12 \& \& \& \({ }_{\text {Pr }}^{\text {Pr }}\) \& \& \&  \& \begin{tabular}{l}
\({ }^{7378} \mathrm{Aug}\) \\
46 \\
\hline 68
\end{tabular} \\
\hline \({ }_{*}^{*} 106{ }^{3} 10683_{4}^{4}\) \& 10634 106 \& \& \& 106106 \& 1064 \& \& Preferr \& \({ }^{44}{ }^{4} 10{ }^{\text {J Jan }}\) Jan \({ }^{6}\) \&  \& \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\({ }^{103}\) D778 Deo} \\
\hline  \& +67448 \& \& \(\begin{array}{ll}68 \& 6838 \\ 88 \& 88 \\ 88\end{array}\) \&  \& \(\begin{array}{ll}6814 \& 7034 \\ 8758 \\ 8787\end{array}\) \& 15,100
400 \&  \&  \& \[
7078 \text { Jan } 20
\] \& 5418 Mar \& \\
\hline  \& [1178121 \& \& 12
\(* 83\) \& \({ }^{113}\) \& 111 \(111^{18}\) \& \&  \&  \& \({ }^{88}{ }^{88}\) Jan \({ }^{\text {Jan }}\) \& \({ }^{78}{ }_{812} \mathrm{Mar}\) \&  \\
\hline \[
\begin{array}{ll}
* 82 \& 86 \\
* 59 \& 60 \\
\hline
\end{array}
\] \& \(\begin{array}{|cc|}8612 \\ * 59 \& 8612\end{array}\) \& \& \(* 83\)
\(* 59\)
\(* 50\) \& \&  \& \& \& \& 8612 Feb 21 \& \(6{ }^{693}{ }_{4} \mathrm{Mar}\) \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} \\
\hline \[
\begin{array}{cc}
* 59 \& 60 \\
1841_{2} \& 1871_{2} \\
* 300 \& 303
\end{array}
\] \&  \& \& \[
\begin{array}{r}
11_{2} \\
6
\end{array} \frac{189}{3}
\] \& 迷 1888 \& \begin{tabular}{ll}
\(* 59\) \& 60 \\
187 \& 6078 \\
1895 \\
1898 \\
\hline 298
\end{tabular} \& 21.600 \&  \&  \&  \&  \& \\
\hline \({ }^{160} 162\) \& 155161 \& \& \({ }^{1583^{3}} 8159\) \&  \& \(\begin{array}{ll}295 \& 303 \\ 157\end{array}\) \& 18.700 \& Chesapeake \& Ohlo -..---100 \&  \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} \& \({ }_{240}{ }^{\text {char }}\) \& \[
\begin{array}{cc}
\text { 61 June } \\
1701_{4} \& \text { Dea } \\
305 \& \text { Jan }
\end{array}
\] \\
\hline  \&  \& \& \& \({ }_{11}^{71_{2}} \quad 11^{712}\) \& \(\begin{array}{cc}73_{8} \& 7{ }^{38} \\ 103_{4} \& 103_{4}\end{array}\) \& \& Chteago \& Alton.-...-.-. 100 \&  \& \& \({ }_{6}^{414}{ }^{418}\) Sept \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\({ }_{181}^{115}\)} \\
\hline  \& \({ }^{*} 27888\) \& \& \({ }_{*}^{25}\) \& \(\begin{array}{ll}11 \& 11 \\ 280\end{array}\) \&  \& \& \& \({ }_{275}{ }^{7 / 2} \mathrm{Jan} \mathrm{Jan}^{5}\) \&  \& \(17314{ }_{4} \mathrm{Mar}\) \& \\
\hline *35 37 \& \(35 \quad 35\) \& \& *35 37 \& \(341_{4} 35\)
49
49 \& \(\begin{array}{cc}* 35 \& 3512 \\ 49 \& 495 \\ 4\end{array}\) \& \& Chit \& East Illinots RR.-. 100
Preferred \&  \&  \& \({ }_{3612}^{30}\) Mar \& \[
\begin{array}{cc}
184^{275} \& \text { Aug } \\
37 \& \text { Feb }
\end{array}
\] \\
\hline \& \& \& \(\begin{array}{ll}48 \& 48 \\ 1688 \& 17\end{array}\) \& \(\begin{array}{ll}4157_{8} \& 49 \\ 174\end{array}\) \&  \& 20,300 \& \& \[
\begin{array}{lll}
43 \& \text { Jan } 6 \\
81, \& \text { Jan } \&
\end{array}
\] \& \({ }^{5154}\) \&  \& \(51{ }^{8} 4\) Feb \(121_{8}\) Sept \\
\hline 2912 \& 25.31 \& \& 29 \&  \& \(29{ }^{\circ} 287_{s}\) \& 25.5 \& Preferre \& \({ }^{2314}{ }^{1 / 5 a,} 7\) \& \& \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\({ }^{3158}\)} \\
\hline 16 \& \({ }_{141} 1_{8} 16\) \& \& 15 \& 15.16 \& 15 \& 20.8 \& Cago Miw \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\(\begin{array}{llll}9 \& \\ 9 \& \text { Jan } \& \\ \text { Jan }\end{array}\)} \&  \&  \& \\
\hline 1478
158 \& \({ }^{1358}\) \& \& 15 \& \({ }^{1458} 814{ }^{1478}\) \& \(\begin{array}{lll}1412 \\ 142^{2} \& 147_{8}\end{array}\) \& 15.200 \& Certificate \& \& \[
\begin{array}{lll}
16 \& \text { Feb } \& 16 \\
25 \& \text { Feb } \& 9
\end{array}
\] \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{array}{rl}
73_{4} \& \mathrm{Dec} \\
141_{8} \mathrm{Mar}
\end{array}
\]} \& \({ }_{14}^{142}{ }^{\text {J Jan }}\) \\
\hline \({ }_{23}^{2314}{ }_{23}^{2312}\) \& \({ }_{22}^{2212}\) \& \& \(221_{2}\)
23
2212
23
23 \&  \& \({ }_{22}^{2214}{ }_{2}^{23}\) \& 10,000
5,200 \& Preferred \& \({ }^{18} 8^{58}\) Jan 3 \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\begin{tabular}{l}
25 Feb 9 \\
\(233_{4}\) Feb 16 \\
\(87^{3} 8\) Feb 18
\end{tabular}} \& \& \[
\begin{array}{ll}
14 \& \text { Jan } \\
24 \& \text { Aug } \\
2358 \& \text { Aug }
\end{array}
\] \\
\hline \& \({ }_{* 128}{ }^{515} 88\) \& \& \({ }^{86}\) \& 132 \& \({ }_{8314}^{8314} 8848\) \& 50,300 \& Chlcago \& North Western. 100 \& \({ }_{183}{ }^{124}\) Jan 27 \& \&  \& \({ }_{83}{ }^{2384}\) Sept \\
\hline \(\begin{array}{cc}* 130 \\ 78 \\ 78 \\ \& 781 \\ 781\end{array}\) \& \({ }^{128}\) \& \& \({ }_{791}^{132}\) \& \({ }_{79}^{132}\) \&  \& 44,800 \&  \& \[
\begin{array}{r}
1240^{\circ} \mathrm{Jan} \\
68 \mathrm{Jan}_{2} \\
6 \operatorname{Jan} \\
4
\end{array}
\] \& 1342 Feb 3 \& 118 ! Jan \&  \\
\hline *10512 106 \& 1064 \& \& 106106 \& 106106 \& 10512105 \& 1,100 \& \(7 \%\) preferred...-----100 \& \(1023_{4}\) Jan 4 \& 10912 Feb 3 \& 96 Mar \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{array}{cc}
114 \\
108 \& \text { Dec } \\
98 \& \text { Nov }
\end{array}
\]} \\
\hline \({ }^{* 9712} 98\) \& 071 \& \& \({ }^{9714} 978{ }^{978}\) \& *9714 98 \& 97\% \& \& \& \({ }^{9514}\) Jan 28 \& \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\(\begin{array}{ll}8314 \mathrm{Mar} \\ 52 \& \\ \& \text { Mar }\end{array}\)} \& \\
\hline *92 \({ }^{92} 9\) \& *72 \({ }^{91} 9\) \& \&  \& \({ }_{* 72}{ }_{7}^{11}{ }^{18} 98\) \& \(* 72\)
\(* 72\) \& 900 \& Colorado \& \(\begin{array}{llll}84 \& \text { Jan } \\ 70 \\ 70 \& \text { Jan } \& 4\end{array}\) \&  \& \& \[
\begin{aligned}
\& 81^{14} \mathrm{NO}
\end{aligned}
\] \\
\hline \({ }_{69} 72\) \& * 68 \& \& 72 \& \({ }_{* 69} \quad 72\) \& \({ }_{* 69}\) \& \& Second pret \& \& \& \& Sept \\
\hline \& \(72.73{ }^{7} 8\) \& \& \(\begin{array}{lll}72 \& 733_{8}\end{array}\) \& 7314 \& \(7312{ }^{7418}\) \& 0 \& Consol RR of C \& 6912 Jan 15 \& 74. Feb 25 \& \(6^{683}{ }^{\text {N Nov }}\) \& \\
\hline \(\begin{array}{rrr}183 \\ 149 \& 184 \\ 152\end{array}\) \& \({ }_{147} 152\) \& \& \(\begin{array}{llll}1813_{4} \& 18238 \\ 149 \& 151\end{array}\) \& 18181821 \&  \& \& (elaware \& Hudson-1.-. 100 \& \(1711 / 8\) \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} \& 15014 Mar \& \(721_{2}\) Dec
18312
Sept \\
\hline 56 \&  \& \& \({ }_{5618}\) \& 14812 \& 55 \& \& Denv \& Rlo Gr West pret. 100 \& 14014 Jan 27 \& \&  \& \\
\hline \(\begin{array}{lll}46 \\ { }_{5858} \& 471_{2} \\ 5912\end{array}\) \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\({ }_{5}^{55} 5^{59}\)} \& \& [10 \&  \& \(\begin{array}{llll}461_{4} \& 463_{4}^{4} \\ 57 \\ 57\end{array}\) \& \({ }_{26}^{99,900}\) \& \&  \&  \& \({ }_{2212} 2{ }^{2} \mathbf{M a r}\) \& \(\begin{array}{ll}47 \\ 42 \& \text { Jan } \\ \text { Deo }\end{array}\) \\
\hline 5312 \& \& \& \({ }_{537}\) \&  \& \(\begin{array}{ll}5212 \& 5212\end{array}\) \& 4.100 \& Seco \& \({ }_{49}^{5238}{ }^{3} \mathrm{Jan} \mathrm{Jan}_{4}^{4}\) \& \(544_{4}^{2}\) Feb 19 \& \({ }_{\text {ar }}\) \&  \\
\hline  \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} \& \& \({ }^{8938}\) \&  \&  \& 37,500
4,500 \& Great Northern preterred. \({ }^{\text {a }}\) - 100
Iron Ore Propertles \&  \& \({ }_{2314}^{914{ }^{4} \mathrm{Feb}}\) \& \({ }^{6812} 8\) \& \({ }^{8418} 800\) \\
\hline \({ }_{49}^{49} 49{ }^{495}\) \& \& \multirow[b]{3}{*}{Stock} \& \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\multirow[b]{2}{*}{\({ }_{108}\)}} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{array}{r}
11,200 \\
400
\end{array}
\]} \& Creterred - - No. \& 105 Jan 14 \& 7 \& \({ }_{95}^{2518} \mathrm{Apr}\) \& 2714 Feb \\
\hline \(*^{*} 107122^{10814}\) \&  \& \&  \& \& \& \& Pre \&  \& \({ }^{1083}{ }^{3}{ }^{3} \times \mathrm{Feb}\) \& \({ }_{3458}{ }^{\text {95ars }}\) \& \({ }^{10912}\) Sept \\
\hline  \& \(82 \quad 82\) \& \& \({ }^{579}{ }^{522_{8}}{ }^{537}{ }^{537}\) \&  \& \({ }_{* 79}^{543_{8}}{ }_{83}^{5558}\) \& \& Huc \&  \& \({ }_{82}{ }^{56}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{Fe}\) \&  \& \({ }_{80}^{411_{2}}\) Deo \\
\hline \({ }_{*}^{12712} 12129{ }^{1298}\) \& \(127 \quad 128\) \& Exchange \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{(127 \begin{tabular}{c}
127 \\
\(* 125\) \\
\hline 130
\end{tabular}} \& \({ }_{126}^{12678} 12{ }^{127_{8}}\) \& \({ }_{12614}{ }_{12818}^{1274}\) \& 5,100 \& \& 12118 Jan \& 12988 \& 11312 Mar \& \\
\hline \& \& sed- \& \& 25 \& \({ }^{125} 128\) \& \& Preterre \&  \&  \& \& \\
\hline  \&  \& \&  \& *25 \&  \& 160 \& \({ }_{\text {Rnt }}^{\text {Rell }}\) \& \begin{tabular}{ll}
74 \& Jan \\
\hline 24 \& Jan \\
\hline 18
\end{tabular} \& \[
\begin{array}{ll}
77 \& \text { Feb } 17 \\
25 \& \text { Jan } 15
\end{array}
\] \& \({ }^{74}{ }^{714} 4 \mathrm{Jan}\) Dec \& \[
\begin{aligned}
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\hline \& \({ }_{4614}^{46}\) \& \& \(47 \quad 47\) \& \(\begin{array}{lll}47 \& 4718\end{array}\) \& \(\begin{array}{lll}4718 \& 517^{6}\end{array}\) \& 20.3001 \& Interboro R \& \({ }_{4}^{43,1} 8\) \&  \& \({ }_{3412}^{241}{ }_{4} \mathrm{Jan}\) \& \({ }^{533^{3} 3_{4} \text { Dea }}\) \\
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\(* 68\) \& \({ }_{*}^{43}\) \& \& \(\begin{array}{ll}49 \& 513^{3 /} \\ 67 \& 67\end{array}\) \& 50 \& \begin{tabular}{ll}
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\end{tabular} \& 79,100 \& Kanssas City southern-...- 100 \& \({ }_{6478}{ }^{4}{ }^{4} \mathrm{Ja}\) \& \({ }_{68}{ }^{3} \mathrm{Feb}\) \& 304 Mar \& \\
\hline \& 119123 \& \& \({ }_{12058} 122\) \&  \&  \& 15,70 \& frer \& \({ }_{4}{ }^{\text {Ja }}\) \& 126 Feb \& \(75{ }^{12}\) \& \\
\hline 138139 \& \(1361_{8} 1388_{8}\) \& \& \(361_{4} 137\) \& \(136136{ }^{3}\) \& 1361213612 \& 2,930 \& Loulsville d \& \(128^{3 / 8} \mathrm{Jan}\) \& 139 Feb 18 \& 118 Mar \& 144 Sept \\
\hline \& \& \& \& \& \& \& Manhattan Elevated guar-100 \& 85 Jan 2 \& \({ }^{90}\) Feb \& \& \\
\hline \({ }_{50}^{50}{ }^{3} 4815\) \& \(55^{5034} 451\) \& \& \(\begin{array}{lll}5012 \\ 841_{2} \& 5114\end{array}\) \& ( \({ }^{811}\) \& \(\begin{array}{ll}511_{2} \& 54 \\ { }_{* 5} \& 51 \\ 518\end{array}\) \& 100 \& Modified guaranty \& \({ }_{412}{ }^{\text {2 }}\) Jan Jab \& \(\begin{array}{|cc|}54 \& \text { Feb } 25 \\ 5 \& \text { Feb } 21\end{array}\) \& \[
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\hline \(4_{421_{2}}{ }^{421}\) \& \({ }_{4221_{2}}^{422_{2}}\) \& \& \& \({ }_{* 4212}{ }^{42}{ }^{4} 3_{4}\) \& \({ }^{* 4212}{ }^{2} \quad 423_{4}\) \& 300 \& Prior preterred--.-----100 \& \({ }^{415} 5_{8} \mathrm{Feb}{ }^{7}\) \& \({ }^{4414}\) Jan \({ }^{2}\) \& \& \({ }^{513} 8{ }^{\text {c }}\) Feb \\
\hline \& \({ }_{* 12}^{* 12} 1214\) \& \& \({ }_{*}^{* 12} 1814\) \& \({ }^{* 12} 2{ }^{2} 144\) \& \& \& Second preferred.-...-100 \&  \&  \& \({ }_{4}{ }^{\text {Oct }}\) \& \\
\hline \& \({ }^{5}\) \& \& \(\begin{array}{ll}318 \\ 37^{318} \& 37 \\ 37\end{array}\) \&  \& \({ }_{* 35}^{* 23_{4}} \begin{aligned} \& \text { 27878 } \\ \& 374\end{aligned}\) \& 2,400 \& Minn St Pa \& 27 Jan 6 \& \(40{ }^{4} \mathrm{Feb}\) \& \({ }_{257}{ }^{8} 8\) \& \({ }^{\text {Jan }}\) \\
\hline \& \& \& \&  \& *55 60 \& \& Preferred \& Jan 12 \& \({ }^{3} 3\) \& 50 De \& Feb \\
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\end{tabular} \&  \& \& \(\begin{array}{ll}61 \& 61 \\ 401 \\ 4018 \\ 41888\end{array}\) \& \(\begin{array}{cc}* 61 \& 617_{8} \\ \\ 403_{8} \& 4158\end{array}\) \& \begin{tabular}{rl}
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3978 \\
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\end{tabular} \& \& Leased 11 \& \({ }_{3}^{59} \begin{aligned} \& \text { 312 } \\ \& \\ \& \text { Janan }\end{aligned}\) \& \(\begin{array}{ll}63 \& \text { Jan } \\ 44 \& \text { Feb }\end{array}\) \& \({ }_{2912}^{60}\) \& 6678
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\hline 145 \& $\begin{array}{lll}14034 \\ 190 & 14 \\ 197\end{array}$ \& \& $\begin{array}{ll}14358 \\ 192 & 14478 \\ 198\end{array}$ \& | $1433^{3}$ | 14458 |
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| $1933_{4}$ | 194 | \& 14334 $1443^{4}$ \& 69,400 \& New York Central - ${ }^{\text {N }}$ \& | 186 |  |
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\hline ${ }^{103} 193103$ \& $1031_{2} 1031_{2}$ \& \& ${ }_{103} 103^{5} 81047_{8}$ \& ${ }_{104}^{1934} 104$ \&  \& 5,000 \& Preferred \& 103 Jan \& ${ }_{105}^{1978}$ \& \& ${ }_{106}{ }^{\text {20,2 }}$ July <br>
\hline \& 51 \& \& \& ${ }_{5}^{533_{3}}$ \& ${ }_{5312}^{5312} 517$ \& 17.90 \& N Y N H \& Hartiord.-... 100 \& ${ }^{4155_{8} \mathrm{Jan}}{ }^{4}$ \& ${ }^{5848}$ \% Feb 16 \& ${ }^{3058} \mathrm{Mar}$ \& 17 <br>
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$* 13$ \&  \& $\begin{array}{lll}2978 & 305_{8} \\ 14 & 1418\end{array}$ \& 24,200 \& N Y Ontario \& Western ${ }^{\text {a }}$ - 100 \& $$
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& 2314 \\
& 121_{2} \\
& \text { Jan } \\
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$$ \&  \& ${ }_{6}^{1934}{ }_{6} \mathrm{Man}$ \&  <br>

\hline \& $42{ }^{1}$ \& \& \& \& \& \& \& 3718 Jan \& $4^{474} 4{ }_{4} \mathrm{Feb} 7$ \& \& <br>
\hline \& $166{ }^{1680}$ \& \& $1681_{2} 1695^{8}$ \& $169 \quad 1713_{8}$ \& $16912{ }^{\circ} 170$ \& 16 \& Nortolk \& W \& 156 Jan \& $173{ }^{5} \mathrm{~s}$ Feb 18 \& ${ }_{\text {1314 }}{ }^{\text {Mar }}$ \& ${ }^{7078}$ Oct <br>
\hline \& ${ }^{* 84} 885$ \& \&  \& ${ }_{89}^{* 841_{4}}{ }_{8}^{8614}$ \& $\begin{array}{ll}* 84 & 86 \\ 881_{2}{ }^{89} & 898\end{array}$ \& 45,105 \& Northern ${ }_{\text {Prefer }}$ \& ${ }_{78}^{84}$ Feb \&  \&  \& <br>

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| 20 |  | \& ${ }_{* 20}^{89}{ }^{85}{ }^{9014}$ \& ${ }_{* 20}^{8812} 2{ }^{8988}$ \& 45,105 \& Pactifio \& 1514 \& ${ }_{274} 972{ }^{2} \mathrm{Feb} 15$ \& ${ }^{15}$ \& ${ }_{48}^{48}{ }^{48}$ <br>

\hline \&  \& \&  \& ${ }^{5998}$ \& ${ }^{5918}$ \& $\stackrel{52}{52.50}$ \& Pennsy \& ${ }^{5634}{ }^{3} \mathrm{JJan} 3$ \&  \& ${ }_{3}^{\text {Mar }}$ \& <br>
\hline ${ }^{30}$ \&  \& \& ${ }_{121}^{* 2812} 30$ \& ${ }^{28}$ \& \& 3,30 \& Pere Marquette \& ${ }_{11412}^{20}{ }^{\text {Jan }}$ 6 ${ }^{\text {an }}$ \& ${ }_{126}{ }^{314}{ }^{14} \mathrm{Feb}{ }^{\text {Feb }}$ \& 67 Mar \& ${ }_{122}{ }^{26{ }^{3 / 4}} \begin{aligned} & \text { dan } \\ & \text { Deo }\end{aligned}$ <br>
\hline \&  \& \& ${ }_{* 93}{ }_{*}^{21}$ \& ${ }_{93}{ }^{123}$ \& 124 94 \& \& Prlor preferred-----------100 \& ${ }_{93}{ }^{3}$ Jan 22 \&  \& 79 Mar \& ${ }_{9178}^{96}$ July <br>
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138

141 \&  \& \& ${ }_{\text {Pltaberr }}^{\text {Premer }}$ \& ${ }_{12212}^{894_{2} \mathrm{Jan}}$ \& | 92 | Feb |
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\hline 104 \& (1) 99 \& \& ${ }_{10714} 10912$ \& $\begin{array}{ll}107 & 1091_{2}\end{array}$ \& 10712108 \& 56,500 H \& Reading...- \& 94 \& 113 Feb \& 79 Mar \& 1014 Deo <br>
\hline \& $411_{2} 42$ \& \& \& 42.42 \& ${ }^{* 4012} 42$ \& 400 \& First preterred.---.--- 50 \&  \& ${ }^{4212}{ }^{42} \mathrm{Feb}^{\text {Feb }} 16$ \& ${ }_{40}^{3934}$ \& <br>
\hline 49 \&  \& \& \& ${ }_{* 55}^{491_{8}}{ }_{5}^{491_{2}}$ \& $* 48$
$* 55$ \& ${ }_{400}$ \& Second preferred.-.---- ${ }^{40}$ \& ${ }_{43}^{433_{4}}{ }^{\text {Jan }}$ \&  \& ${ }_{42}^{40} \mathrm{M}$ \&  <br>
\hline ${ }_{106}{ }^{3}$ \& $105108{ }^{1}$ \& \&  \& $10712{ }_{2} 10812$ \&  \& 42,800 \& St Louts-San Francisoo...-. 100 \& $100{ }^{4}{ }^{4} \mathrm{Jan} 6$ \& 10834 Feb 23 \& 85 Mar \& 10312 Dec <br>
\hline ${ }_{7} 7{ }^{3} 8$ \& \& \& \& ${ }_{* 96} 97$ \&  \& \& Preferred A --..-----100 \&  \&  \&  \& ${ }_{74}^{9712}$ Feo <br>
\hline (120 \&  \& \& $\begin{array}{ll}6833_{4} & 693_{4}^{4} \\ 821\end{array}$ \& $\begin{array}{ll}69 & 70{ }^{14} \\ 8212\end{array}$ \&  \& 9,200 ${ }^{300}$ \& St Louls Southwestern_.-. 100 \& ${ }_{767_{8} \mathrm{Jan}}$ \& ${ }_{8234}{ }^{728}$ Feb 17 \& ${ }_{72}{ }^{\text {2 }}$ Mar \& <br>
\hline $1{ }^{2}$ \& ${ }_{3712}{ }^{301}$ \& \&  \& ${ }^{8212} 8821^{2}$ \& $* 8212$
3812 \& 18,200 \&  \&  \& 414.4 \& ${ }_{27}{ }^{2} 1_{2} \mathrm{Mar}$ \& 51 Deo <br>
\hline $1101_{2} 111^{3}$ \& $40^{7} 7^{4} 4$ \& \& ${ }_{41}^{41} 421_{8}$ \& *4114 424 \& $41{ }^{41}{ }^{41} 1_{8}$ \& 3.000 \& Preferred---------100 \& ${ }_{\text {3914 }}{ }^{\text {Jan }}$ Jan 27 \&  \&  \& <br>
\hline $1101_{2} 1113_{4}$ \& 109 11078 \& \& $1095_{8} 110^{18}$ \& 10912 ${ }^{11078}$ \& 10844 10858 \& 30,000 \& Southe \& $105^{14}$ Jan \& 112 Feb 18 \& 9618 Mar \& <br>
\hline $125^{5} 81263_{8}$ \& ${ }_{05}^{12312} 126$ \& \& ${ }_{12412}^{124} 12$ \& ${ }_{* 94}^{12458} 125^{2} 1_{2}$ \& $12458125{ }^{3} 8$ \& 28.600 ${ }^{\text {/ }}$ \& Southern \& 19 Jan 28 \& ${ }_{95,27}^{127}{ }^{\text {Jan }}$ \& 103s\%
8712 \& ${ }^{1311}{ }^{1312}$ Sept <br>

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& 537_{8} \\
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$$ \& ${ }_{678}{ }^{95}$ \&  \& <br>

\hline \& \& \& $\begin{array}{lll}69 & \\ 39 & 3918\end{array}$ \& \&  \& 12,500 \& \& ${ }_{3712}^{53}$ Jan 21 \& 41 Feb \& 析 \& Apr <br>
\hline 169 \& $\begin{array}{lll}165 & 17014\end{array}$ \& \& $16712169{ }^{169}$ \& $1671_{2} 16883_{4}^{4}$ \& 167168 \& 18,300 \& Union \& $1592{ }^{1592}$ Jan 27 \& $\begin{array}{ll}172 & \text { Feb } 18 \\ 8212 \\ \text { Feb } \\ 11\end{array}$ \&  \&  <br>
\hline *81 \& $\begin{array}{lll}801_{2} & 81 \\ 711_{8}\end{array}$ \& \& $\begin{array}{ll}801_{2} & 801 \\ 681_{2} & 701 \\ 701\end{array}$ \& $\begin{array}{ll}81 & 81 \\ 6858 \\ 6811\end{array}$ \& 80788
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70 \& ${ }_{1}^{1,100}$ \& $\mathrm{Wab}_{\text {Pr }}$ \& 80
4012 \&  \& - \& ${ }_{52}{ }^{814}$ Aug <br>
\hline \& 87 \& \& 881290 \& \& ${ }_{9014} 91$ \& 39,200 \& Pr \& $76 . \mathrm{Jan}$ \& 9112 Feb 24 \& 68 Mar \& ${ }_{78}{ }^{88} 4$ Jan <br>

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| ${ }_{2478}$ | 298 |
| 18 |  | \& \& ${ }_{*}^{* 80} 8{ }^{26}{ }^{82}$ \& ${ }_{82}^{82} 84$ \& *82 89 \& 00 \& Preferred \&  \& ${ }_{443}^{85}$ Feb \& \& <br>


\hline ${ }_{35}^{2812}{ }_{35}{ }_{351}^{295}$ \& ${ }_{32}^{247_{8}}{ }_{35}^{2914}$ \& \&  \& ${ }_{34}^{27}{ }^{29}$ \& | 2918 |  |
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| 3512 | 3618 | \& 59.900

8.900 \& Western Mary \& ${ }_{23}^{134}$ Jan 7 \& $4{ }^{4} 3_{4}^{4} \mathrm{Feb}$ \& $16{ }^{8} 8 \mathrm{Mar}$ \& <br>
\hline 35 \& 3212 \& \& 3 \& \&  \& ${ }_{3,900}$ \& ${ }_{\text {est }}$ \& ${ }_{273}{ }^{23}{ }^{3}$ Jan 12 \& 39/2 Feb \& ${ }_{2712}$ Dec \& <br>
\hline 75 \& ${ }_{*}^{743_{4}} 7$ \& \& ${ }_{*}^{* 7412} 875$ \& 743888478 \& ${ }^{7412} 741_{2}$ \& 1,000 \& Preferred new-...-...-. 100 \& 73 Jan \& ${ }_{163} 73_{8} \mathrm{Feb}$ \& \& <br>

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$* 8312$
$* 85$ \& $* 633_{4}$
$* 830$
$* 831$ \&  \& 200 \& Wheelling \& Lake Erie Ry--100 \& ${ }_{4712}^{2712 ~ J a n ~}$ \& 130
93 \& ${ }_{37}^{18} \mathrm{Mar}$ \& <br>
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* 6512 & 6712
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63 & \text { Jan 18 }
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11
160
16 \& 1113
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18 \& 136 \& \& \& \& 124 \& | 139 |
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| ${ }_{13}^{172}$ |
| Feb 25 | \& \& 36 <br>

\hline 13 1313 \& 134 \& \& ${ }_{* 1314} 14$ \& $13 \quad 1314$ \& $\begin{array}{ll}123_{4} & 13\end{array}$ \& | 1,000 |
| :--- | \&  \& ${ }_{912}{ }^{\text {Jan }}$ \& ${ }^{15}{ }^{5} 4 \mathrm{Feb}$ \& \& 22 Sept <br>

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\end{tabular}

* Bid and asked priceg. $x$ Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights.


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| BONDS |
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| Y. STOCK EXCHANGE <br> Week Ended Feb. 25. |



 Fub Serv Corp of N J Bec 68-1944
Pub Serv Elec \& Gas $18 t 51 / 21959$
1st \& ref $51 / 5 \mathrm{~S}$. Pub Serv El Pow s is ist 6s. 194
Punta Alegre Sugar deb 78. 193
Rand Kardex $51 / 5 \mathrm{~s}$ (with warr) Rand Kardex $51 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ (with warr)
Wlthout stock pur warrants
Remington Arms Bs
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Quotations of Sundry Securities



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## Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.-Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Feb. 19 to Feb. 25, both inclusive:

| Bonds- | Frtday Last SalePrice | Week's Range of Prices. <br> Low. High. | Sales Week. | Range Since Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Lovo. |  | High. |  |
| At1 G\&W ISSL 5s-1 1959 |  |  | \$2,000 |  | Jan | 75 |  |
| Chic Jet Ry \& U S Y 4s 1940 |  | 893 893 | 1,000 | 893 | Feb |  |  |
| 5s. Mass Street RR-1940 |  | 101 1011/4 | 8,000 | $1001 / 2$ |  | 1011/4 | Jan |
| 41/2s series A......- 1948 |  |  | 2,00 |  |  |  |  |
| 6s series D.-.......- 1948 |  | 82821 | 2,100 |  |  |  |  |
| Hood Rubber 7s...--1937 |  | 103103 | 5,000 | 103 | Feb | 104 |  |
| K C M \& B inc 5s...- 1934 |  | 101101 | 1,000 | 98 | Jan | 101 |  |
| Mass Gas 41/2s...-.--1929 |  | $997 / 8{ }^{\text {9 }}$ 97/8 | 1,000 | $993 /$ | Jan | 1001 |  |
| 41/2s | 8 | 9898 | 2,000 | 975 | Feb | 981/4 | Jan |
| Miss River Power 5s_- 1951 <br> New Engl Tel \& Tel 5s 1932 |  | $101141011 / 4$ | 3,000 | 1007/8 |  | 1013 |  |
| New Eng1 Tel \& Tel 5 s 1932 |  | 1011/4 $1011 / 4$ | 2,000 2,000 | $1001 / 2$ 98 |  | 1017/8 | Jan |
| So Ice Utilities 6s.----1946 |  | $961 / 2961 / 2$ | 5,000 |  |  |  |  |
| Soc Gen Petrol Ind 7s-1937 |  | 9734 973 | 5,000 | $961 / 8$ |  |  |  |
| Swift \& Co 5s ---.-1944 | 100 | 100\% 1013/4 | 6,000 | $100 \%$ |  |  |  |
| Western Tel \& Tel 5s_-1932 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Baltimore Stock Exchange.-Record of transactions at |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Baltimore Stock Exchange Feb. 19 to Feb. 25, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



Warwick Iron \& stee

| West Jersey \& Sea Shore- 50 |
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| Westmoreland |

Westmoreland Coal new-50
York Railways pret.... 50
Bonds-

| Bonds- \& Elec 5s_-2007 |
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 Keystone Telep 1st 5s,
Lehi \& Nav gen $1 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$
Market St Elev 1st 4s.

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Phila Elec 
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Reading ext 4s....-193
United Rys gold tr ct 4 s ' 48


Chicago Stock Exchange. Chicago Stock Exchange Feb. 19 to Feb. 25, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

| Stocks- | $\begin{array}{\|} \text { Friday } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Srice } \\ \text { Price. } \end{array}$ | Week's Range of Prices. Low. High. | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \text { Sales } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { feek. } \\ \text { Shares. } \end{array} . \end{gathered}$ | anoe Stnce Jan. 1 |  |  |  |
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| er States | 33 | $31 / 4$ 315 <br> 315 3 <br> 18  | 650 |  | Ja |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  | Feb |  |  |
| oclat |  | 37318814 |  |  | Jan | 381/2 |  |
| aburn Auto | 621/ |  | ${ }_{97}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Beaver Board vt c " $\mathrm{A}^{\prime \prime}{ }^{\text {cos }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | an |
| dix Corp |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ry \& Beck com | $\begin{aligned} & 44 \\ & 59 \% \end{aligned}$ | 46 | 6,91 |  |  |  | ${ }_{\text {Feb }}^{\text {Feb }}$ |
| Brach \& Sons (E |  |  |  | 24 |  |  | an |
| Bunte Bros com |  |  |  | 17 |  |  | Jan |
| Buther Brother | 231/4 | 23\% |  | ${ }_{70}$ | Ja |  | an |
| Central III Pub S |  | 80 | 161 |  | Ja |  |  |
| Cent Ind Pow ctro |  | 881/881 |  |  |  |  |  |
| tral ${ }^{\text {a }}$ W |  |  |  |  |  |  | Jan |
| Preterred |  | 633 |  |  |  |  |  |
| hle City \& C | 5\% | 514 6 | 1,25 |  | Ja |  |  |
| \& |  | 34 |  | 331/8 |  |  |  |
| Chi Rap Tra |  | $\begin{array}{cc}100 & 100 \\ 103 & 104\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| icago | 590 | 590 |  | 102 | Jan |  |  |
| mmo |  | 140 |  |  | Ja |  |  |
|  |  | 71 | , 365 |  |  |  |  |
| ine |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crane Co co |  |  | 150 |  | Ja |  |  |
|  |  | 117 1173/ | 625 | 117 | Feb | 118 |  |
| ecker (Al) |  | 27\%12 27 |  | 106 |  |  |  |
| E1 Household |  |  | 601 | 11 | Ja |  |  |
| Elec Resear |  | 96 |  |  | Jan |  |  |
| Erine |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Class B |  |  |  |  | Ja |  |  |
|  |  | 105106 |  |  | Jan |  |  |
| pote Bros | 14 | 14 | 330 |  |  |  | Jan |
| eral |  |  |  |  | Ja |  |  |
| Preferred A-uin |  | ${ }_{5}^{43}$ |  | 431/4 | Feb |  | Jan |
| Gossard Co (H W) com. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | $341 / 2$ | $34 \quad 34$ |  | 33 | Jan | ${ }^{51 / 6}$ |  |
| ${ }^{\text {Cos }}$ | 141 | 141142 |  |  | Fet |  | Jan |
| Grelt Bros Coop |  | 111111 |  | 110 | Jan | 40 | Jan |
| Hupd Mot Car C |  |  | 00 |  |  |  |  |
| nols Brick C | 503 | 7 | 1,200 | 9 |  |  | Jan |
| 1 llin Wire \& Cable |  |  |  |  |  |  | Feb |
| ${ }_{\text {Kelloge Sm }}^{\text {Kentucky }}$ | 151 | 15 |  |  |  |  | eb |
| Kentucky Util Jt cum pr. 50 |  | 51 |  | 51 |  |  |  |
| Kratt Cheese | 613 |  | 3,13 | ${ }_{51}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  | 37 |  |  |  |  | Jan |
| Libby, MeNelin |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MeCord Radiator | 39 | $\begin{array}{ll}10 & 10 \\ 39\end{array}$ | 2.6 | 38 |  | 40 |  |
|  | 19 | 19 |  | ${ }^{17}$ | Ja | ${ }^{21}$ |  |
| fer \& M |  | $\begin{array}{lll}261 / 8 & 269 \\ 29\end{array}$ |  |  |  | ${ }_{31}^{28}$ |  |
| de | 1093 |  | 4,13 | 109 | Feb | 114 |  |
| Preterred--10-100 |  |  | 2,850 |  |  |  | Feb |
| land Steel P |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| land Util pr | 102 |  |  |  | Jan |  | $\xrightarrow{\text { Feb }}$ |
| Morgan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mosser Leather Corp | 16 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Bonds (Concluded)- | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Frrday } \\ \text { Sast } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price } \end{array}\right\|$ | Week's Rangeof Prices.Low. High. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sales } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { feek. } \end{gathered}$ | ange Stnce Jan. |  |  |  |
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| $\begin{array}{r} \text { Stre } \\ \text { East } 1 \end{array}$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,000 \\ 6,0.00 \\ 1,000 \\ 4,000 \\ 4,000 \end{array}$ |  |  | $901 / 2$8877777 | FebJanJanFeb |
| StL\&SubrygenM 5 sC - ${ }^{\text {d }}$ 23 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United Raliways 4s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| sce |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kinloch |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| M1ssourl |  |  | 1,000 |  |  |  |  |
| Ple |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| St Louls C |  | 993/4 993/4 | 1,000 |  |  |  |  |

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.-Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Feb. 19 to Feb. 25, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

| Stocks | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Fridal } \\ \text { Lasi } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price. } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Amer Vitrified Prod com 50 | 24 |
| Am Wind Gl Mach, pt 100 | / |
| Arkansas Bank of Plts, N A..... 50 |  |
| Blaw-Knox Co com....- 25 | 70 |
|  |  |
| negie Metals C |  |
| Columbla Gas \& Elec com * | 86 |
| Preferred-1....100 |  |
| Preferred-.......... 50 |  |
| vonian Oil |  |
| quesne Light | 1151/2 |
| First National B |  |
| Houston Gult Gas . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |
| Jones \& Laughin St pr. 100 |  |
| Nat Fireproofing pret. 100 |  |
| Okla Nat Gas etts of dep. | 211 |
| Peoples Sav \& Tr Co-. 100 |  |
| tsburgh Brew pre |  |
| sburgh on |  |
| dtss Plate Glass con |  |
| San Toy Mining ...... |  |
| nd P1 Glass |  |
| tg |  |
| Tidal Osage Oil........ 100 |  |
| on Steel | 36 |
| eris |  |
| Westing house Alr | 155 |
| West Pa Ry pret...... 100 |  |

 noe $\left.\begin{gathered}\text { Sales } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { Weke. } \\ \text { Shares. }\end{gathered} \right\rvert\,$

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## Bonds- Pittsburgh

* No par value.
Note.-Sold last
at $21 / 4$ @
New York Curb Market.-Official transactions in the
New York Curb

| Week Ended |
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| Stocks- |

Indus. \& Miscellaneo Preferred
Alpha Portland Cement.
Aluminum Co common.

American Arch Co...... 100
Founders shares.......
Amer Clgar common...
Amer Cyanamid A com.
Class B common.... Amer Electrice Corp vtc.
Class A. Amer Gas \& Elec-
Com (new ex-stk div)
 American Meter Co....... Amer Pow \& Lt pref .-100
Amer Pub Util part pt. 100 Amerlcan Rayon Products* Amer Rolling Mill com.
Amer Seating Vo v $t$ o
Amer Superpower Corp Class B ........ mer Writ Paper v t Preferred $v t \mathrm{tc} \mathrm{c}$ c.-.
Anglo-Chill Nitrate Corp. Arizona Power com.... 100
Arnold Prt Wks w'out warr Atlantic Frut \& Surar Auburn Automobile com Babcock \& Wilicox Co_100
Bamberger (L) $61 / 2 \%$ pf 100

Beaver Bd Cos cl A v t, c. *
Preferrod.
Blackstone Val G\&E corm50
Bliss (E W) \& Co, com.
Blyn Shoes Ine com.
Blyn Shoes ine com....
Bohn Aluminum \& Brass
Borden Co common...
Borden Co common ....
Brtdzeport Machine com
Brill Corp, class A......

Class A. ...............
Broaklyn City ka.....
uft Nlag \& East Pr com
Caterpillar Tractor.....
elotex Co common
Central Agulrre Sugar


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 Warrants_-...........
Gen'l Fireproofing com.-
General Ice Cream General Ice Cream Corp.-
General Pub Serv com...
GIllette Satety Razor Gilitican Chipley Co.......
C G Spring \& Bumper com Gleasonite Prod com......
Glen Alden Coal.......
Gobel (Adolph) Inc com. Goodyear T\& R com... 100
Grand (F\&W) $510-25 \mathrm{c}$ St Griffith (D W) class A...
Habishaw Cable \& WIre-Happlness Candy St cl A.*
Founders shares........
Hazeltne Corp........
Hellman (Richard) Co-Partic pref with warr'ts.*
Hercules Powder, pref_100
Hres (Chas) Co cl A com.
Hes Hobart Manufacturl
Hood Rubber com.. Horn \& Hardart com - .
Imperal Tob of G \&
Industral Insur Co of North Amer- 10
Int Conerete Ind fdrs shs 10 Internat Silver, com..
Internat Utilities, class Jaeger Machine... New preferred w 1 .
Kroger Grocery \& Bak.
Kruskal \& Kruskal Inc.
Landers, Frary \& Clark.
Landor Class A stamped
Lehlgh Coal \& Navig'....5
Lehigh Power Securithes Lehigh Power Securities...
Lehtgh Val Coal ctts new.
Lehlgh Valley Coal Sales. 5 Lehlgh Valley Coal Sales. 5
Lbby. McNelll \& Llbby. 10
Libby Owens Sheet Glass 2 Lit Brothers.............. 10
Long Island Ltg, pref
MacAnd \& Forbes, com.. Madllon So Gard Co v tc Mansfield Min \& Smelt war
Mare WIrel Tel of Lond. $£ 1$
Marmon Motor Car Marmon Motor Car com_*
Massey-Harris Co, Ltd_100
McCall Corporation_._-_* McCall Corporation-
MeCord Rad \& Mg v tc.
Mead Johnson \& Co com Mengel Company
Mercantlie Stores
Co. 100
Metrop Chain Stores.....*
Met 5 \& 50 c Stores pret.ion
Middle West Util com....*
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$\qquad$ $\frac{\text { Loro. }}{\substack{\text { 1914. } \\ 73 \% \\ \text { Jan }}}$
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## New preterred w Consol Laundries.


 Copeland Products Inc--
Class A with warrants_-*
Cosgrove-M eehan C'1 com* Cosgrove-M ehan C1 com*
Courtaulds Ltd ...........
Cuban Tobacco t c.....
Cuneo Press, com
Curtiss Aeropl \& M com.....


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| Mining Stocks. (Concluded) | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Friaay } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price. } \end{gathered}\right.$ | Week's Range of Prices. Low. High. |  | Range Since Jan. 1. |  |  |  | Bonds- (Concluded) |  | Week's Range of Prices. <br> Low. High. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sales } \\ & \text { for } \\ & \text { Week. } \end{aligned}$ | Ranje Since Jani 1. |  |  |  |
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|  | $\begin{gathered} 1863 / 2 \\ 683 / 2 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 100 |  |  |  | Feb |  | Feb |
| Newmont Min |  |  |  | $67$ |  | ${ }^{69}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan } \\ & \text { Feb } \end{aligned}$ |  | - $99 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  | Jan |
| Noranda Min |  | 20318 |  | 1976 |  |  | Jan |  |  |  |  | 102\% | Jan |  | Jan |
| North |  | 440 |  | 440 | eb |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | - |  | Jan |
| Plym |  | ${ }^{140}{ }^{140} 140$ | 1.00 | 9 c |  | 15 c | Feb | ${ }_{\mathrm{Na}}^{\mathrm{Na}}$ | 10014 | cr 990 |  |  |  |  | , |
|  |  | 318 ${ }_{318}^{12}$ |  | 112 | Feb | 12 | Feb | - |  | 100 |  |  |  |  | Jan |
|  |  |  |  | 1 c |  |  | Jan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| San Toy Mi | b0 |  |  | $5{ }^{50}$ | nn | 6 c | Jan | Nichols \& Ste |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |  | Vith stock | 983/2 | 33/2 | 20,000 |  | eb |  | Feb |
| Ame |  | 30\% ${ }^{31 / 2}$ |  | 314/4 |  | 3/8 | Jan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Spearhead G |  | 210 | 16.0 | 2 c |  | $4{ }^{4}$ | Jan | North Amer Ed |  |  | 136,000 | ${ }_{98}$ | Feb | 981/ | Jan |
| ${ }_{\text {Teck-H }}$ |  |  | 18, | 16c |  |  | ${ }_{\text {Feb }}$ | Nor Cont't | 10 | 1001/1001/8 | ${ }^{10,000}$ | 100 |  |  | fob |
| Tonopah Belmon |  |  | 0 | 13/8 |  |  |  | Os ser B |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tonopah Extens |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{4} 4 / 18$ series D --.-.-.-1956 |  | ${ }^{3} 9$ |  |  | Feb | ${ }^{90} 5$ | Jan |
| United Eastern | ${ }^{458}$ |  | 3, | 450 |  |  |  | Ohio Rive | ${ }_{102}^{99}$ | 101 |  | ${ }_{99}^{97}$ | Jan |  | b |
| United Verde | ${ }^{28} 5$ | 231/2 |  |  | Jan |  | Feb | Owero |  |  |  | 99 |  |  | Jan |
| U |  |  |  |  | Jan |  | Feb | Pennok Oil Corp 68-.-1927 |  | $\begin{array}{ll}100 \\ 119 & 100 \\ 1193 / 2\end{array}$ | 14.0 | ${ }_{1151 / 8}^{100}$ | Jan |  | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ |
| Wenden Coppe | 100 | 100 |  |  | Jan | 140 | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ | Penn Pow \& | 961/2 |  |  | 5\% | , |  | Jan |
| West End Extension. | 30 |  |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{5}$ | 100 |  |  |  | Jan | 100 | n |
| Western Utah Copper | 40 | $40 \quad 4 \mathrm{c}$ |  | 3 c |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |  | n |
| Bonds- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Phila |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| abama Po |  | ${ }^{9}$ |  |  | Feb | 995/8 | Jan | Prila | 102 | $1001 / 102$ |  |  | ${ }_{\text {Ja }}$ |  | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}^{\text {Jeb }}$ |
| Allied Pa |  | 67 681/2 |  | 64 | Feb | 104 | Feb | Pot |  |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{\text {Jan }}$ |
| Inn | 105 $1 / 8$ | 1051/61051/8 |  |  |  |  | Jan | Pub | 1011/2 |  |  | 10 | Jan | 1013/2 | eb |
| Sinking fund deb 5s.1952 |  |  |  |  | Feb | 10 | ${ }_{\text {Jeb }}$ |  | ${ }_{99}^{103 / 4}$ |  |  | ${ }_{99}^{103}$ |  |  | eb |
| G \& | 102 |  |  |  |  | 1031/8 | Jan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5an |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 1031/4 | an |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Jan |
| Amer Roll |  |  |  |  | an |  | eb | 6 s withou |  |  | 21. |  | Jan |  | Jan |
| Amer Sea |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Servel Corpor |  |  |  |  | Jan | 89 | Jan |
| ${ }_{\text {Am }}$ Ameriting | 83\%/8 |  |  |  | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ |  | ${ }^{\text {Jan }}$ |  | 100 |  | 20, |  |  |  |  |
| Anaconda ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |  |  | 17 | 101/3 | Jan |  | Feb | Sleman \& |  |  |  |  | Jan |  |  |
| Appalach |  |  |  |  | Feb |  | Jan | 51 | 105 | 105 1067/3 | 475,000 |  | Jan | T/ | eb |
| Assoct | 10 | 10 | 31. | 102\% | Jan | 105 | ${ }_{\text {Feb }}$ | Ss-Sbe |  | 102 |  | 10 | Jan | 102 | Jan |
| 'd |  |  |  |  | Feb |  | JJan | Solvay-A | 991/2 |  | 45,000 |  | Feb | 99\% |  |
| Batavian Pett |  |  |  | 96 | Jan |  | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}^{\text {Jan }}$ | Southeast P\& P Without war |  | 98 |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{\text {Beacon }}$ Beaverbo | $102$ |  |  |  |  | 103 | Jan | Sou Callt |  | 98 |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ |
| C | 10 | 1011/101\% |  |  | Feb |  | Jan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Jan |
| Berlin Clty |  |  |  |  |  |  | Jan | ${ }_{\text {Southern }}$ | 101 | ${ }_{102} 103$ |  | 102 | Jan | 1023/8 |  |
|  |  | $1001 / 100$ |  |  | Jan |  | Feb | Southw |  | 100 1014 | 12,0 | 99 | Jan |  |  |
| Berilia Electric |  |  |  |  | Jan |  |  | Stand Oll of |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Boston Consol G |  | 103103 | 15 | 103 |  | 103 | Jan | 4 4 /2s when |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ston \& Mati |  | $1021 / 102$ |  | 100 | Jan |  | Feb |  | 991/2 |  | 158 |  |  |  |  |
| Brunner Tur |  | 031/2 |  | ${ }^{83}$ | Jan |  | Jan |  |  |  |  |  | Jan |  |  |
| Canadian Nat Ry | 111 | 111 111/4 | 20,0 | 111 |  |  | Jan | Sun |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Carolina Pr \& Lt |  | 100\% 101 | 83,0 | 100 | Jan |  | Feb | Swift | 991/2 |  |  |  | Jan | 100 |  |
| Ciltes Copper 5 |  |  | S55, |  | Feb |  | Jan | Texas | 957/8 |  |  |  | Feb |  | Jan |
| Cities Service 7s |  | 254 /25 $2541 / 2$ | 2, | $2543 / 2$ | Feb |  | Feb | Tray | 993/8 | 9 | 40,0 | ${ }_{9}$ | Jan |  | Jan |
| Ciltes Service 78 | 13 |  | 24,00 | 12 | Jan |  | Feb | Ule | 10 |  | 14, |  | Jan |  | Jan |
| ve Term |  | $10$ |  | ${ }_{99}^{1033 / 8}$ | Jan | 100 | ${ }_{\text {Fan }}$ | United E1S |  | 953 |  |  | Jan |  |  |
| Columbla Gas \& El 58 - 1928 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Jan | United |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $109:$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Jan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 58, series |  |  |  |  |  |  | Jan | Serial | 1021/2 |  | 12,00 | 102 |  | 103 | Jeb |
| 5s. series F, ne |  |  |  |  |  |  | Jan | Serial |  |  | 3.000 | 102 | Jan | 103 | Feb |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Jan | Serla |  |  | 1,0 | 102 | Feb | 1023/ |  |
| Consol Textile 8 | $951 /$ | 951/496 | 21 |  |  |  | Jan | Ser |  |  |  | 10 | Jan | ${ }^{103}$ |  |
| talt |  |  |  |  |  |  | Jan |  |  |  | , |  | Feb | 31/2 |  |
| Coss-Mcehan |  |  |  |  | Jan | 977/8 | Feb | U 8 Smelt \& Ret | 1021/4 |  | 3,000 | 101\% |  | 1021/2 |  |
| Cuban Telephon |  | 111/211 |  | 110\% | Jan | 1113/6 | Feb | United Steer | 101 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gud | 97/8 |  |  |  | Jar |  | Jan | U S Steel W |  |  |  |  |  |  | Jan |
| Detroit City | 1073 |  |  | 10 | Jan | 9997/ |  | With | 105\% |  | 396, | 102 | an |  |  |
| ${ }^{58}$, serres B | 100 |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}^{\text {Jan }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Detroit Edis | 10 |  |  |  |  |  | Feb | Valvoline Oili 6 C ......-1937 | 1043/ | 104 | 1,0 | 104 | Jan |  |  |
| Etitingon-Sehild |  | 97 |  | 97 |  |  | ${ }^{\text {Jan }}$ | Wabash Rallwa | 1071 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Elee Refrigerat |  | 92 |  | 92 |  |  |  | Webst |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| deral Sugar |  |  |  |  | Jan |  |  | W |  |  | 20,000 | 97\% |  |  |  |
| 1 st 7 s with |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Wi | 98\% |  | 15,00 | 981/2 |  | $99^{\circ}$ |  |
| K |  |  |  | 973/ | Jan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Florlda |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gair (Rob |  | 9 |  | 10 | and | 106 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gattieau Pow |  |  | 70 |  | Jan |  | Jan |  |  | 973/ 973/4 | 1,00 | 97\% | Feb | \% | Feb |
| Gen |  |  |  |  | Jan | 100 | Jan |  | 9\%\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Genl Motor Ac | 100 | 10010 | 115 | 100 |  | 10 | Feb | Baden |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| era |  | 101 |  |  |  |  | Jan | Boilvi |  |  | ${ }_{7}^{54,0}$ |  |  |  |  |
| gia |  | 98 |  | 97 | Feb | 98 | Jan |  | 97 | 98 |  | 9518 |  |  |  |
| ody |  |  | 19 | $97 / 2$ | Jan |  | Feb |  | 94 | 941/2 96 | 32.0 |  |  |  |  |
| Grand | 10 | 108, 1083 | 23,000 | 1083/2 | Jan | ${ }_{109}^{97}$ | Jan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | an |
| Great |  | 9 | 101,000 | 931/2 | Jan | 97 | Feb | Costa | $95 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| dr | 100 | 10 | 178 | ${ }_{9}^{100}$ | Fee | 100\% | Jan | colom |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gult | 100 | 100 $951 / 210011 / 2$ |  | 94 | Jan | 1003 | Jan | Danish C | 98\% |  | 54,0 |  |  |  |  |
| Hamburg E |  | 10210 |  |  | Jan | 103 | Feb | Denm | 02 |  | 71 |  |  |  |  |
| Hood Rubl |  | 97 |  |  | Feb | 981/6 | Jan | ${ }^{\text {Germa }}$ |  | 100 | ${ }_{62} 11,00$ | 100 |  | 101 |  |
|  |  | 1031034 |  | 102 | Jan | 104 | Feb | Hambu |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| diana Litmes |  | 981/2 |  |  | Feb | 1 |  | Hungarian L |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inclanapolls | 104 | 104104 |  | 100 | Jan | 104 | Jan | Indus Mtge | 99\% |  | 19,000 |  | Jan | 100\% |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Internat }}^{58 \text { serrie }}$ |  | ${ }_{9938}^{98}$ |  |  | Jan |  | Jan | 1 lst mt | 10014 |  | 38,000 |  |  |  |  |
| tern |  | 973/498 | 97. | 97 | Feb | 98 | Jan | Medelli | 1054 |  |  | 103 |  |  |  |
| $t$ Rys Cent |  |  | 1,0 | 92 | Feb |  | Feb | Mendoza (Prov) Argentin |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interstate Without wat aran | ${ }_{101}^{1291}$ |  |  |  | Jab |  | Feb Feb | 73/5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interstate Pow |  |  |  | 973/2 | Feb | 97 | Feb | Monte | 97 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ddo-Highlan | $\begin{array}{r} 102 \\ 90 \end{array}$ | 10 |  | ${ }_{90}^{102}$ | Jan | ${ }_{91}^{103}$ | JJan | Netherr | 108 | , |  | 107 |  |  |  |
| Krupp (Frie |  | $102 \%$ \% 102 | 12,000 | 99\% | Jan |  | Jan | New So | 963 |  |  | 96 | Fe | $961 / 6$ |  |
| high Pow | 97 | 97/8 97 | 115,000 | 951/8 | Jan | 98\%/5 | Jan | ${ }^{\text {Peru }} 7$ | 100 |  |  |  |  | 100 |  |
| oonard Tletz Inc 7 | 110 |  |  |  |  |  |  | R1o Grande |  |  | 266,000 |  |  |  |  |
| Winchester 7 s |  | $1081081 / 2$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 109 \\ & 108 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{\text {Feb }}$ |  | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ | Br | 973/4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| bard Ele | 5\% |  | 481 |  | ${ }^{\text {Feb }}$ |  | Feb | Russian Govt $61 / 5$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| nitoba P |  | 10 |  | ${ }^{102} 18$ | Jan | 10 |  |  |  |  |  | 13 |  | 15 |  |
| Manstield Min \& $\mathrm{Sm}^{\text {m }}$ | 99 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 20 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Germany) 7 s with without warrant |  | 9 |  | 104 | an |  |  | Saxo |  | 101101 |  |  |  | ${ }_{100}^{102}$ |  |
| Mass Gas Cos |  |  |  | 1031/8 | ${ }_{\text {Fab }}$ |  | Jan | Switzer'd Govt $51 / 68$ | 1019 | 101\% 1013/4 | ${ }_{23,000}^{22,000}$ | $101 \%$ | Jan | 1011/8 |  |
| Cror | 105 |  |  |  | Jan |  | Jan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mach 78 | 105 | 108 |  |  | Jan | ${ }_{98}^{109}$ | ${ }_{\text {F }}^{\text {Feb }}$ | ad |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 14,0 |  | Jan | 100 | Jan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| nissour <br> 5s, se | 1001 | (100 100\% | 6,000 111,000 | 100 | ${ }_{\text {Feb }}$ | 1001 <br> 100 |  | When isssed. $m$ Tonopah Exte |  | Ex rights. 2 | Ex stock | divide |  |  |  |

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.-In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the third week of February. The table covers 3 roads and shows $8.70 \%$ increase over the same week last year.

| Third Week of February. | 1927. | 1926. | Increase. | Decrease |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ffalo Rochester \& Pittsburgh_ | 389,401 |  |  | \$ |
|  | 3,216.000 | $\begin{aligned} & 2,91,00 \\ & 465,554 \end{aligned}$ | 305,000 |  |
| Western Maryland.----------- | $\begin{array}{r} 5,10,000 \\ 463,399 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,911,050 \\ 465,554 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 30,00 | ,155 |
| Total (3 roads) | 4,068,800 | 3.741,062 | 329,893 | 2,155 |

In the table which follows we also complete our summary of the earnings for the second week of February:

| Second Week of February. | 1927. | 1926. | Increase. | Decrease. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Previously reported | 3.658,999 | 3.464.508 | 194.491 |  |
| Duluth South Shore \& Altantic- | $\begin{array}{r}830.154 \\ 89.105 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 4,494,412 101 101340 |  | 12, $2 \overline{2} \overline{3} \overline{5}$ |
| Georgia \& Florida ............- | 37,200 | 36.500 | 700 |  |
| Minneapolis \& St | 6.273 313,803 | 36.328 |  |  |
| Mobile \& Ohio | 336.077 | 395.452 |  | 375 |
| Nevada-California-O | 466,400 | 522,248 |  | $55,8 \overline{4} \overline{8}$ |
| Southern Ry Syst | 3,824,059 | 4,063,074 |  | 9,015 |
| Texas \& Pacific | 715.032 475.514 | 692,220 <br> 465.554 | $\begin{array}{r} 22,812 \\ 9,960 \end{array}$ |  |
| Total | 14,758,017 | 14,563,085 | 565, | 370,547 |

In the following we show the weekly earnings for a number of weeks past:

| Week. |  |  |  | Current Year. | Previous Year. | Increase or Decrease. | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Oct. 14 | roads) | $\stackrel{\$}{8}$ | $\stackrel{\$}{8}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ \\ -184.639 \end{gathered}$ | 0.82 |
|  |  | Oct. 114 | roads) | 21.459 .391 | 21.265 .115 | +194.271 | 0.91 |
|  | wee | Oct. ${ }^{\text {Oct. }} 14$ | roads | 22,217,535 | 21,114,400 | +1.103 .135 +1.597 .359 | 5.22 |
|  | week | Nov. 14 | roads) | 21,446,173 | 19,753,529 | +1.692.644 | 8.57 |
|  | week | Nov. 14 | roads) | 21,112.807 | 20,154.637 | +967.369 | 4.79 |
|  | week | Nov. 15 | roads) | 23.484.291 | 23,144,554 | +33.737 | 0.14 |
|  | week | Nov. 114 | roads) | 26.404.625 | 24,637,411 | +1,767.214 | 7.17 |
|  | week | Dec. ${ }^{\text {Dec. }} 14$ | roads) | 18.005 .738 | 19.492,721 | -1.486.983 |  |
|  | week | Dec. 113 | roads) | 16.002.555 | 17,628,110 | -1,625,555 | 9.22 |
|  | week | Dec. (11 | roads) | 13,420,049 | 14,314,930 | 894,881 | 6.25 |
|  | weep | Jan. (13 | roads) | 14,583,490 | 12, 886,210 | +294,828 | 1.14 |
|  | week | Jan. (13 | roads) | 14.070.737 | 14,195.271 | +124.534 | 0.87 |
|  | week | Jan. (13 | roads) | 19.730.700 | 19.198.456 | 2.244 | 2.77 |
|  | week | Feb. ${ }^{\text {Feb }}$ |  | $14,230.561$ $14,758.017$ | 14,180,984 | 9.577 |  |
|  | week | Feb. (3 | roads) | 4,068,800 | 14,741,062 | +194.932 $+327,738$ | 8.70 |

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 Earninos. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1926. | 1925. | Increase or Decrease. | 1926. | 1925. | Increase or Decrease. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 459,227.310 | 454,198,055 | ${ }_{+}^{+5.029 .2555}$ | ${ }^{99,480,650}$ | 99,518,658 |  |
|  | 528.905.183 | 485,236,559 | +43,668,624 | 133.642,754 | 109.081,102 |  |
| May | 516.467.480 | 487,952.182 | +28.515.298 | ${ }_{128.581,566}$ | 112,904,074 | +15,677.492 |
| June | 55 | 506.124.762 | +32,634.035 | 149.492.478 | 130.920.896 | +18.571.582 |
|  | 577 | 553,933,904 |  |  | 166,426,264 | +12,989,753 |
|  |  | 56,924 | +24 | 191,933,148 | 176,936,230 | +14.996.918 |
| Oct |  | 386.008,436 | +18.043,58 | 193,990,813 | 180,629,394 | +13.361.419 |
|  | 559,935 | 199 | +28.7 | 8,197, | 148, 132,2 | +10.065.218 |
| Dec.. | 525,411,572 | 522,467,600 | +2. | 119,237,349 | 134,504,698 | $-15,267$ |

Note. - Percentage of tncrease or decrease In net for above months has been
${ }^{1925-\text { Nov.. } 12.77 \% \text { Inc.; Dec.. } 3.69 \% \text { Ince. } 1926 \text {-Jan., } 0.93 \% \text { Inc.; Feb., } 0.04 \%}$.

 milles In 1924; In December, 236,959 milles, against 236,057 miles; in January 1926 . 236,529 milles: In March, 236.774 miles, against 236,500 miles: In April, 236,518 milles, ggainst 236,526 miless. In May, 236,833 milles, against 236.858 miles: In June, 236,510
 miles: In October. 236 , 654 mltes , akalnst 236,898 miles.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.-The table following shows the gross and net earnings for STEAM railroads reported this week:
 $\begin{array}{ccccccc}\begin{array}{c}\text { Buffalo \& } \\ \text { January Susquehanna-. } \\ 137,412\end{array} & 95.875 & -6,906 & -8,675 & -9,006 & 11,825\end{array}$

Chesapeake \& Ohlo-
January ...10,891,147
10,224.281

## Erle System-

January ... 9,218.991 8,054,777
Illinols Central System-
January $\ldots 15,058,068 \quad 15,394,173$
Kansas Clty Southern-
January
$1,670,968$
$1,796,757$
Kansas Oklahoma \& Gulf-
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { December }-: & 2,50,328 & 251,523 \\ \text { From Jan i:- } & 2,554,325 & 2,518,478\end{array}$
Minneapolis St Paul \& SS Marie-
$\underset{\text { Manuary }}{\substack{\text { Monong Connecting } \\ \text { Jand } \\ \text { 179,157 }}}$
8,162
New York Ontario \& Western-
January ... 772,336
Reading Company
January ...
7,9
$\begin{array}{llllllll} & 6,776,955 & 1,689,142 & 1,057,245 & 1,242,912 & 688,368\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { St Louls Southwestern- } & & & & & & \\ \text { January ..- } 2,070,201 & 2,220,549 & 500,253 & 514,064 & 403,006 & 410,635\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Southern Pacific- } \\ \text { January } & --22,072,135 & 22,002,359 & 4,121,337 & 3,618,825 & 2,473,188 & 2,030,824\end{array}$

| -Gross from Ratluay  <br> 1927. 1926. <br> $\$$ $\$$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text {-Net from } \\ & \text { 1927. } \\ & \$ \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rallway- } \\ & 1926 . \\ & \$ \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Net after } \\ & 1927 . \\ & \$ . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Taxes- } \\ & 1926 . \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Union Pacific- } \\ & \text { January } \ldots-13,742,564 \quad 14,330,565 \end{aligned}$ | $3,390,483$ | 3,394,694 | 2,107,769 | 2,162,490 |
| $\begin{array}{ll} \text { Western Maryland- } \\ \text { January } & 2,040,615 \end{array} 1,855,002$ | 618,529 | 545,772 | 518,529 | 470,772 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Wisconsin Central- } \\ & \text { January ... 1,414,832 } \\ & 1,389,577 \end{aligned}$ | 190,004 | 169,334 | 106,324 | 75,908 |
| * After rents. |  | Total Net Income. $\$$ | Fixed Charges. | Balance. |
| Minneapolis St Paul \& S S Marie | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan ' } 27 \\ & \prime 25 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & * 144,091 \\ & * 131,548 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 424,378 \\ & 425,934 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -280,287 \\ & -294,386 \end{aligned}$ |
| New York Ontario \& Western | Jan ' 27 | $\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{*}-177.151 \\ *-195.332 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 116,144 \\ & 116,893 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -293,295 \\ & -312,225 \end{aligned}$ |
| St Louis Southwestern | Jan ${ }^{2} 27$ | $\begin{aligned} & * 396,641 \\ & * 403 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 233.459 \\ & 236.402 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 163,182 \\ & 167,150 \end{aligned}$ |
| Western Maryland | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | *508.132 | $\begin{aligned} & 254,826 \\ & 250,597 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 253,306 \\ & 210,452 \end{aligned}$ |
| Wisconsin Central | Jan ${ }^{\prime 27}{ }^{26}$ | $\begin{aligned} & *-17,602 \\ & *-44,878 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 194,518 \\ & 159,863 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -212,120 \\ & -204,741 \end{aligned}$ |

## * Includes other income

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 chargeseland surplus reported this week:


 $\begin{array}{lrrrrrr} & \text { Jan } & 26 & 11,638,805 & 560.611 & 338,351 & 34,041 \\ \text { Washington } & 50,304,310 \\ \text { Water Power Co } & & 26 & 537,987 & 326,223 & 48,318 & 277,905\end{array}$

## * Includes other income. $c$ After depreciation. $l$ Includes guaranteed

 dividends on stock of subsidiary companies. $b$ After rentals. $j$ Before taxes. $k$ Includes taxes. $g$ Includes depreciation. $p$ Includes dividendson Nashvile Ry. \& Light Co. preferred stock not owned by Tennessee
Electric Co. on Nashville
Electric Co.

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Harmony Mills. Hart, Schaffner \& Marx.
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Hendler Creamery Co., Inc. Howes Bros. Co.
Howe Sound Co. (J. L.) Hudson Co-...
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Shubert Theatre Corp. (\& Subs,
South West Publle Service Co
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Southern New England Ice
Southern Pipe Line Co
Southern Pipe Line Co.
Southern Stores Corp
Southern Surety
South West Pennsylvania Pipe Lines
Standard Publishing Co
Standard Sanitary Me.
Standard Sanitary Mrg. Co-d
Stewart-Warner Speedometer Col
Sun Maid Raisin Growers Ass'n
Superior Oll Corp.
Superior Steel Corp
Telautograph Corp
Texas Gulf Sulphu
ThatcherlMtg. Co
ThatcherlMfg. Co

In addition to its output of Swans Down Cake Flour and other package
products, Igleheart Brothers, Inc., has a flour milling business of substantial products, 1gleheart Brothers, Inc, has a four mous to obtain raw materials
volume, It has proved mutualiy advantageos the making of Post's Bran Flakes at Battle Oreek from the Evans-
for the for the mak
ville mills.
On Sept. 1 the selling organizations of the separate companies were consolidated into a single group with headquartres at New York. Imme-
diately upon acquisition of Minute Tapioca Co., Inc., steps were takeh to unite its selling organization with the group
It will be noted that the company's profits for the year equal 87.71 per
亚 responding earnings in 1925 of $\$ 10,135,885$, equivalent to $\$ 690$ per share.
Combined earnings of all constituent companies for the full year 1926 were equivalent to $\$ 807$ per share on the shares outstanding Dec. 31 . The
divance in earnings reflected in these figures was due in part to increase in sales and in part to the inauguratione during the year of various economies
incident to the consolidation of the constituent companies. The results for 1926 convince the management that the acquisition of
Jell-o, Swans Down Cake Flour and Minute Tapioca has been eminently Jell-O, Sw
justified.

The income account and balance sheet for the year 1926 are given in the advertising pages of to-day's issue. The income statement for the fourth quarter of 1926 is given under "General Investment News" on a subsequent page.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

 Total surplus
Good-will of subsid. cos. $\overline{\$ 17,410,473} \xlongequal{\$ 8,494,209} \xlongequal{\$ 5,905,189} \xlongequal{\$ 4,284,804}$
 Prem. on pref. stock pur-
chased for retire $t$, \&c Divs. on pref. stock ( $8 \%$ )
Divs. on com. stock
 $\begin{array}{ll}711,355 & 183,970\end{array}$ do stock ( $100 \%$ ) Surplus at Dec. 31.-
Shares of common out-
sen
 xenses (less miscellaneous income), but before providing for income taxes. Not including results of the Jeil-O Co.io Inc. which was acquired on cos. acquired during the year.
Combined Statement of Profit and Loss for Year Ending Dec. 311926. (Including profits prior to date of acquisition of subsidiary companies acquired during the year.]
facturing, distributing, se for the year after deducting manu
 Combined net profit for the year


St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. (Incl. Subsidiary Lines). (Condensed Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)
The joint remarks of Chairman E. N. Brown and President J. M. Kurn, Feb. 19, in substance follow:
Securities Issued, Sold or Pledged.-During the year there were authenti-
cated $\$ 2,127,100$ prior lien mtge. $5 \%$ gold bonds series B in partial cated mbersenent of the company's treasury for capital expenditures made be imbursement of the company's treasury for capital expenditures made be-
tween Jan. 1 and Dec. 31 1925. All these bonds are held in the company's treasury.
Conder date of Feb. 151926 the company entered into an agreement the issue of $\$ 7,800,000$ equip. trust ctfs. bearing interest, at the rate of
 amount and interest, and the proceeds were placed in special deposits and
used toward payment
in cash) of thy
following for $75 \%$ of the cost
the milkado type locomotives, 14 panasenger coachest, 500 type ton gondola cars,
1,00050 -ton automobile cars and 2.500 50-ton box cars. Under a trust agreement dated Feb. 1 1126 the company. issued $\$ 5,000,000$
2 -year $5 \%$ secured gold notes, due Feb. 11928 , with interest payable semi2 -year $5 \%$ secured gold notes, due Feb. 1 1928, with interest payable semiceeds were appiled toward the purchase of 183,333 shares of common stock
of Chicago Rock Island \& Pacilic Ry., which stock was pledged with Guaranty Trust Co. of Now York as trustee under the sas pedrust agreement.
The company pledged no securities of its own issue during the year.
The company pledged no securities of its own issue during the year.
Securities Purchased and Paid.-During the year the company acquired the remaining $\$ 14,000$ 1st mtge. $5 \%$ bonds of Kanas City Clinton \& Spring-
field Ry. which matured Oct. 1925 , and now owns the entire issue $(\$ 3,274,-$ foo) of those bonds. Company also acquired \$4, too adiditional collateral trust mtge. of 1887 bonds of St. Louls \& San Francisco Ry., leaving only
$\$ 14,000$ outstanding, and $\$ 83,000$ additional Southwestern Division 1st mtge. gold bonds of St. Louis \& San Francisco RR., which were called for
redemption Oct. 1925 . At the close of the year all of the Southwestern


the mortgage. | Equipm ent trust obligations in the principal amount of $\$ 1,354,000$ |
| :---: | matured in the and pald.

the rate of 6 .-Dividends were paid during 1926 in quarterly instalments a were declared in advance for the year 1927 on the pref. stock. A quarterly dividend of $13 \% \%$ on the common
to holders of record Dec. 151926 .
Additions and Betterments.-The amount charged to capital account during the year for additions to and betterments or roadway and structures, for
existing equipment, was $\$ 15,462,750$, including the cost of equipment
financed under equipment trust, series BB , referred to above, and expenditures chargeable to capital account for rehabilitation of the tine from Pensacola, Fla., to Kimbrough, Ala.; and branches ( 147.81 miles), and docks New equipment was built in the company's shops during the year con-
isting of 950 freight cars, 1 passenger motor car and 2 baggage cars, and In addition 5,909 freight cars and 73 passenger cars were given heavy repairs. Equipment retired during the year comprised 1,856 freight cars,
32 locomotives, 15 passenger cars and 129 work cars, entailing a charge to operating expenses of $\$ 928,003$.
Construction of a line from Aberdeen, Miss., to Kimbrough, Ala., ap-
proximately 150 miles, to connect with the line of the Muscle Shoals Birmingham \& Pensacola, RR., is the most important project planned for the
year 1927 . Completion of this line will provide a Gulf outlet at Pensacola, Fla.
Maintenance.- The expenditures made by the company during the year
For maintenance brought about a further improvement in the physical condition of its properties.
At the close of the year there were 106 engines out of service for repairs. freight cars out of service for repairs was a new low record. The number of
, or $5.57 \%$ of the total owned. Traffic and Industrial Develpment.-A total of 426 new industries were 8 canning factories, 2 grain elevators, 72 material and coal yards,, 43 ware-
houses, 22 oil well supply houses, 18 oil refineries and loading racks, 101 oil distributing plants, 13 wholesale produce houses, 1 rock crusher, 4 industries. ines showed a continued healthy growth during the year. There was a products over the previous year, and there was a considerable increase in acreage planted in grapes, peaches and potatoes which should result in The decrease in in passenger traffic was due to more active competition by utomobile busses and similar conveyances plying between points of com-
paratively short distance, induced by the vastly improved highways.
Resulls of Operation and Economies Effected During the Year.-Freight earnings for the year increased $\$ 884,318$, but total operating revenues decreased secrease in gross revenues there was an increase of $\$ 916,471$ in net operating income, due principally to economies in operation resulting in reduced Revenue freight loaded on line and received from connections decreased ings p Gross tons per train mile for July 1926 were 1,466; net tons per train mile were Company had a net credit of $\$ 1.666106$. interchanged during the year, as compared with per diem on freight cars for the year 1925. After providing for payments for mileage of tank refrigerator and other private line cars, there remained a net charge to hire
of equipment for 1926 of $\$ 80,247$, compared with $\$ 1,121,423$ for 1925 and $\$ 439.322$ for 1924 . Payments for mileage of private line cars decreased $\$ 36,843$. compared with 1925, but decreased $\$ 323,278$ compared with 1924.
From this comparison the Muscle Shoals Birmingham \& Pensacola RR. figures have been excluded because of the abnormal per diem chat
 compared with 187 in 1925
Taxes. -Taxes paid by the company have increased from $\$ 896,958$ in increased during the same period about $10 \%$. Out of every dolar earned increased durn paid out in taxes in 1907 about $21 / 3$ cents. in 1926 about 5
the company
cent. The increase in taxes paid for the year 1926 over the year 1907 cents. The increase in taxes paid for the year 1926 over the year 1907 INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

 | Net oper. revenue $\ldots .$. | $\$ 28,484,144$ | $\$ 28,786,428$ | $\$ 26,417,127$ | $\$ 23,698,532$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | Other operating charges.

 Gross income-.......-- $\$ 23,642,550$
Deductions_------
603,690 Bal. for bond int., \&c- $\$ 23,038,860$ \$22,264,156 $\$ 21,012,374 \$ 18,339,467$



 general balance sheet dec. 31 (INCL. SUbSIDIARY LINES).

|  | $\$$ | ${ }_{5}^{1925 .}$ | abruties- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Common stock |  | 50,457.026 |
| Road | 14,754,785 | 314,188,927 | Pre |  |  |
| Eq |  |  |  |  |  |
| nk. 10 |  | 128,753 | Collt trus |  |  |
| of m |  |  | Inc. mtge. |  |  |
|  |  |  | Con |  | 80,159,473 |
| in |  | ${ }_{4} 78$ | Traftic \& car ser- |  |  |
| Other investm'ts | $1{ }^{4} 849.13$ | 172,500 | vice bal. pay- | 1,400, | 66,741 |
| C | 8,472,1 | ,637, | dit |  |  |
| e dratts |  |  | Misc. |  |  |
| deposits, | 80,6774 | , | Int. mat'd unpd. | 3,981,568 | 9 |
| Loans \& bills |  | 4,911 | Divs |  |  |
| frie |  | 1,446, 296 | Fured un |  |  |
|  | 938,9 | 1,446,2 | Unmat. Int | 3,474,485 | 3,273,028 |
| Net bal. rec.from |  |  | Unmatured rents |  |  |
| Misc, ac | 2,170,857 | ${ }^{2,1822,063}$ | ${ }^{\text {a }}$ accrued- ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |
| aterial 8 | 5,283,578 | 5,512,641 | Other curr.liabir. |  |  |
| \& | 4,919 |  | Tax liability | 3,242,570 | 2,799,240 |
| er |  |  | Insurance res | 605,5 |  |
| her |  | 356,313 | Acer |  |  |
| Deferred |  |  |  |  | 24 |
| in advance... |  |  | d | 36 |  |
| Oth. unadj.debit | 2,367,704 | 2,444,160 | Approp d surp-: Profit and loss-- | - ${ }^{4,5894,}$ | 18,131,911 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |



## The Studebaker Corp., South Bend, Ind.

(16th Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)
President A. R. Erskine, Feb. 14, wrote in substance: Results.-Total net sales amounted to $\$ 141,536,652$, a decrease of $12.3 \%$ income, after depreciation reserves but before taxes, amounted to 814 , 849.899 , a decrease of $22 \%$ from the previous yar. Reserves for United

amounting to $\$ 9,917,325$, were paid during the year. The balance of net
profits, $\$ 3.124 .794$, was transferred to surplus account. profits. $\$ 3.124 .794$, was transferred to surplus account.
Net profits were the the rate of $9.2 \%$ per dollar of sallos. as compared with
$10.3 \%$ last vear, and $\$ 667$ per share on the $1,875,000$ shares of common stock outstanding.
The extraordinary expenses incurred in moving the manufacturing and engineering departments resumting thererfom, and for the production of the
of plant rarrangement
Erskine Six and the expense of the European showing of said car, were charged against the profits of the last quarte
Engineering expenditures for ensines, chassis, bodies, development an
test work for the Erskine six, and other disbursements were charged to Reserve for future contingencies account.
The decline in our sales and protist of 1926 , as compared with 1925 . was in our sales of open models. We more than held our position in sales of the President and other Big Six models, while our Custom Sedans and Victorias have broken all of our sales records for these types of vehicles.
With these jobs and the Erskine six in four models, priced below $\$ 1,000$. we enter 1927 ourd Diamond Jubilee Year-in fine shape to make a record:
Reduction in Pref. Stock.-Preferred stock amounting to $\$ 485,000$ was Reduction in Pref. S
purchated and retired.
Noteoworthy Events.
Noteworthy Events.-There were a number of noteworthy events last year which deserve mention, as
(1) We built and equipped a modern engineering and research building
and laboratory at South Bend at a cost of $\$ 434,330$. This equipment is unsurpassed in the industry.
$(2) \mathrm{We}$ purchased 800 acres of land 12 miles west of South Bend and (2) We purchased 800 acres of land 12 miles west of South Bend and
constructed thereon a proving ground for the testing of Studebaker and competing cars and devices of all kinds, at a cost of $\$ 617,376$.
ing department and the Vice-President in charge of manufacturing, with ing dartment and the fice-President in charge or manufacturing, with
his staff, which for the first time. brought together in one city all or the
executive offices and officials. This move will greatly increase efficiency and promote economy (4) We completed the designing and testing of the Erskine Six and exhibited cars in European automobile shows at Paris, London, Edinburgh, and a big business seems assured for this model which, of course, is an additional to the Studebaker line. The car went into production in Jan.
1927, at Plant Ten, Detroit, which was previously occupied by the body engineering department.
(5) We constructed at South Bend a storage building $500 \times 1,008 \mathrm{ft}$.,
with a capacity for storing 4,500 cars. with a capacity for storng int ${ }^{\text {Property }}$. The investment. in plants and property now stands
at $\$ 61.827$, 734 arter deducting $\$ 11,500,013$ depreciation credits and $\$ 6,-$ ${ }_{4} 75,452$ sales and demolitionss in 16 years. Grosse expenditures for plant expansiond to $858,544,025$ or $81.4 \%$ of the total gross plant investment and $88.782,859$ was deducted for deprechation during this period.
Capital Stock \& Stockholders.-At the end of the year there was out-
standing $\$ 7,50,000$ of $7 \%$ cumulative preferred stock, after purchase and etirement of $\$ 485,000$ during the year, and $1,875,000$ shares of no par common stock. On Dec. 311926 , there were 950 preferred and 118,747
common shareholders, as compared with 1,011 and 14,121 respectively the previous year. The corporation was holding in its name 4,181 shares of common for the account of 1,258 or 6
Employees \& Co-Operative Plan. - The average number of employees was
21,191 as compared with 21,977 last year. Under the co-operative plans which reward employees for continuous, loyal service and prompt attendance 16,825 or $79.4 \%$ of said employees received dividends on wages
10,415 or $59.4 \%$ factory employees of two years' service or more, received vacations of one week with pay; dependents of 11 deceased employees of
five years' service or more received $\$ 500$ insurance payments; and 91 old employees honorably retired after 20 years or more of service drew pensions
at the rate of $25 \%$ of their average annual earnings for the last five years at te rate of $25 \%$ of their a average annual earnings for the last rve years
of service with a minimum or 830 per month. A group insurance plan
was adopted Jan. 301926 , and $76.5 \%$ of employees are carrying it at their own expense.
Subsidiary Companies.- The following is a list of the active subsidiary companies of the corporation whose accounts are merged in this report.
The Studebaker Corp. of America, South Bend, Ind. The Studebaker Corp. of Canada, Lt., W Wherville, Ont.
Outlook for 1927.-While it now seems doubtful whether the automobile industry will show an increase this year, we feel that Studebaker is quite
likely to do so because of its improved position. We believe 1927 will prove to be the most prosperous year in our history. On Feb. 16 Stude-
baker will celebrate its $75 t h$ anniversary. CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDED DEC. 31
 selling \& gen. expense. $125,528,712 \quad 141,030,380 \quad 118,624,654 \quad 144,704,83$


Net profits before de-
ducting income taxes- $\$ 14,849,900 \$ 19,029,243 \$ 15,758,426 \$ 20,914,741$ $\begin{array}{lllll}\begin{array}{lll}\text { Income taxes in U. S. \& } \\ \text { Canada }\end{array} & 1,807,781 & 2,409,720 & 1,984,557 & 2,572,518\end{array}$

 tran \$36,533,833 \$36,409,038 \$25,352,602 \$20,440,662 Transferred to specia surplus account-
Loss on bldg. demolished
Lon Transferred to reserve for
future contingencies.--

405,000
$\qquad$ 3,000,000
$\left.\begin{array}{llll}\text { a Surplus acct. Dec. } 31 \text { a } \\ \text { a Includes special surp of } \\ \$ 6,075,000\end{array}\right)$ Com. shs. outstanding
 x Shares of $\$ 100$ par value. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.
$\xrightarrow{\text { Assets }}$

 standinn.
Invs., incl. stock Inve, IMch. stock Notes\& \&acts. rec Deferrect charges
 Trade name, good will, \&c.......Total $\quad 19,807,277 \quad 19,807,277$ a?Plant and property at South Bend, Ind. Detroit, Mich., Walkerville,
Ont., and at branches, Jan. Ont., and at branches, Jan, 171926 , $\$ 67,477,592:$ plus additions during the
year, less realizations, $\$ 4,417,668$; ess total reser ve for depreciation, 10 .
 each, $\$ 15,000,000$, Whereor issued $\$ 13,500,000$ : less retired under provision
of chatrer $\$ 6.000,000$ c Represented by 1875,00 shares of no par value. d Includes special
$-\mathrm{V} .124, \mathrm{p} .122$.

General Motors Corporation.
Financial Statement-Year Ended Dec. 311926.$)$

Net sales
Exps. incident to oper. K inv ind
10

depr.of real est.,plants \& equip. $835,271,837$ 602,634,584
Profit from oper. \& inv'ts, after
alt exp. incilent thereto, but
at
betore depr.
and equipmen
of real est., plants
and equipment. $\qquad$
Prov. for deprec. of real estate,
plants and equipment 3,141,475 149,296,499 $71,802,425 \quad 91,698,666$ Net profits.-.
Less provision

 $222,881,501 \frac{17,236,507}{132,059,993}$ | $8,274,099$ | $3,969,227$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $, 274,099$ | 3,962 |
| 461 |  | Special payment to employees

under stock subscription.-| $.461,992$ | $\begin{array}{l}4,633,553 \\ 2,35524\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- | 785,616

$1,140,190$
 income taxes............... $25,834,939 \quad 13,912,000 \quad 5,727,000 \quad 8,135,000$


$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Amount earned on common stock. } 168,439,857 & 98,844,765 & 38,058,251 & 55,180,155\end{array}$ Amount earned per share or com.
$\begin{gathered}\text { stock outstanding } \\ \text { AAding General Motors Corp. }\end{gathered}$ equity in the undivided * Adding General Motors Corp. equity in the undivided proits of subsidiary
companies and including Fisher Body Corp., prior to June 30 1926 (atter which time the earnings are consolidated), the amount earned per share of common stock

 Surplus for year as above
Deduct surplus capltalized in con-
nection with the issuance of new nection witche issuance f new dddititon arisisn thiru ad. or hold-
ings in Fisher Body Corp., prior Ings in Fisher Body Corp, prio
to the acquisition of minority
interest, to the net asset value
thereot as at June 30 1926....
Adition arising from excess over $27,727,439$
over 810 per share of no par
value common stock issued for
value commen bonusc..........
ddition arising thru acquisition
of the bal. of the com. cap. stk
of Fisher Body Corp. not al
ready owned (minority int.)
for which there was paid 638 ,-
401 shs. of original issue an
and 26,319 shs. out of treasury
of Gen. Motors Corp. com. sth.
of. $23,084,542$
Cap. surp. arising trinu exchange
Cap. surp. arising thru exchange
of $6 \%$ deb. and $6 \%$ pref. stoek
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { of } \% \text { deb. and } 6 \% \text { pret. stock } \\ \text { for } 7 \% \text { preterred stock } & 107,100 & 272,075 & 6,931,920\end{array}$
This amt. transt. to res. for sdry
conting. by order of directors.-
Total surplus
on common stock
Surplus at end of period.

-V .124, p. 1075 . $-\quad 272,075 \quad$| $6,931,920$ |
| :--- |
| 07,0120 |

 | $145,000,000$ |
| :--- |

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Consolidated Gas Company of New York.
(Statement Presented at Annual Meeting Feb. 21 1927.)
At the annual meeting Feb. 21 President George B, Cortelyou stated in substance:
Combined Statement.-The following is a combined statement of the assets and liabilities of the Consolidated Gas Co. and its affirated gas and electric rompnues and expenses of those companies for the calendar year 1926, with all inter-company items eliminated. To these statements have been added a combor that year.**id
Finactioial Condition.-Attention is directed to the evidence presented by
the balance sheet confirming the strength and stability of the comp the balance sheet confirming the strength and stability of the company's
financial condition. This is attributable not only to the fact that much financial condition. This is attributable not only to the fact that much
of this company's capital stock was issued in eariter years at substantial of thiums, but also to the conservative policy which for many years has governed the matter of dividend distribution, as well as the atcumulation,
out of earnings which were within the limits of a reasonable return upon the value of the property, of substantial but pradent reserves as safeguards resources in gas and electric properties gives. assurance of the company's ability to maintain at least its present earning capacity
It will be observed from the combined balance sheet
and liabilities that the total amount of the capital stock showing the assets companies in the hands of the public amounts to less than $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ of the compan of their capital stocks outstanding.
Affiliated companies Are as follows: Astoria Light, Heat \& Power Co.Union Gas Co, Northern Union Gas Co., Standard Gas Lisht Co, of the City of New York, Nern York \& uueens. Gas Co., New York Edison Co. Yonkers Electric Light \& Power Co., Edison Light \& Power Installation
Co.. Consolidated Telegraph \& Electrical Subway Co, United Electric Light \& Power Co., Brush Electric Illuminating Co. of New York, New York \& Queens Electric Light \& Power Co., Bronx Gas \& Electric Co Inc., Tarrytown Terminal
Capital changes.-There was outstanding at the end of the year 1926 the full amount of authorized capital stock, consisting of $3,600,000$ shares of holders, and 300,000 shares of cumulative participating preferred stock of an aggregate par value of $\$ 15,000,000$, owned by approximately 33,000
stockholders, making a total of 60,000 stockholders. These stockholders reside in practically every State of the Union and in many foreign countries. They represent virtually ev
and economic station in life.
Quarterly dividends were maintained during the year on both classes of
stock, the rate on the common being stock, the r Capital Expenditures.-The aggregate gross capital expenditures of th company and its affiliated gas and electric companies, for land, plant and quipment, during the year 1926 , amounted to $\$ 88,559,223$. and equipmen from service and the sale of reated $\$ 11,532,006$, leaving net increase in the investment in land, plant and equipment, for the year of $\$ 77,027,217$.
entering inte electric service in the City of New York and in Westchester County, is th volume of the taxes assessed by Federal, State, county and municipa The taxes charged as a part of the operating costs of the Consolidated
Gas Co. and its affiliated gas and electric companies, and so collected by
these companies from their customers for the aid and benefit of the taxing
authorities, , otaled 1 I6, 168.453 during 1926 as and compared with $\$ 15,071,270$
during the year 1925 . The burden this imposed and reflected in the during the, year 1925. The burden thus imposed and reflected in the the gas and electric business. The tax-collecting function thus added
11.13 cents per 1,000 cu. ft., on the average, to the required rate for
and mas. and more than $1 / 2$ of a cent per kilowatt hour, on the average, to the required
rate for electric energy, throughout the territory served by the company and its affiliated gas and electric companies.
Transportation, All of the affiliated gas and electric companies, with
the exception of the National Coke \& Coal Co., are now completely motorTized
he spring of 1925, has rendered prompt and efficient service to all the affliated companies during the year. It has proved to be a very useful
facility; and the standardization of motor vehicles has been a large factor in decreasing costs of maintaining the vehicles in proper condition. The otal mileage of which, for the year 1926, was $7,7,73,744$. All of the motor
equipment is repaired, overhauled and painted at this shop.

AFFILIATED GAS COMPANIES.
Gas Rate Litioation.-The company and all its affiliated gas companies
within the city of New York commenced suits in the U. District Court immediately after the passage by the Legislature, on June 21923 , of the ined by the P. S. Commission after an extended investigation and hearing)
and prescribing a practically impossible heating standard of not less than
650 B. T. U. instad of 650 B. T. U...instead of the average or
by the Cominisions order of 1222 .
After extended hearings, final
Arter extended hearings, final decrees were obtained in the suits brought
by the New York \& Queens Gaa Co. The Bronx Gas \& Electric Co. and is to those companies. Appeals were statute unconstitutional and void by the Attorney, -aneral of the State of New York, ut the P. S. Commis-
sion did not appeal in any of the cases. Its refusal to appeal was expressly scon did not appeal in any of the cases. its refusal to appeal was expressly
commended by the supreme Court, in its opinion in the Consolidated Gas case.
The appeals in the cases of the New York \& Queens Gas Co. and The
Bronx Gas \& Electric Co. were dismissed by the Supreme Court upon the Attorney-General's failure to prosecute. The appeal in the Consolidated
Gas Co , case was argued before the U. S. Supreme Court on Oct. 18 and 191926 , and the decision of the Court, unanimously affirming the decree an unusually short tinterval elapsing between the oral argument and the By a stipulation entered into between the parties to the litigation, the on Jan. 311927 by the entries of final decrees identical in form and substance with the decree in the Consolidated Gas Co. case.
This is the third time that the New Sork Legissature has forced the
New Tork City New York City gas companies into the courts for relief from confiscatory
legislation, on the last occasion in utter disregard of the orders of its $P$. Commission then in force, with which the companies had duly complied.
The legal principles which have been estabished by the courts for the protection of pubilic utilities have now become so well derined and are so in the future. tance to the Consolidated Gas Co., has just been brought to a long deferred demn the former water-gas plant of the Consolidated Gas Co., between West 44th and 46th St. and the North River. A decision of the Appellate Division of the $N$. Y. Supreme Court, rendered on Dec. 311926 from
which no appeal has yet been taken, reversed an order of the Special Term company, to have affirmed the award of $\$ 2,266,656$, made by the Commissioners in Condemnation in favor of the company. This decision finally
fixed that amount as the award, which carries interest at $6 \%$ per annum from Aup. 1 1913, the date when title to the property condemned vested Building Construction--Early in the year title was acquired to the forme
Academy of Music property, located at the northeast corner of 14 th Streetr Acadery Ond Music property, Iocated at place. Plans have been developed and contract of 14th Streetr erection on this site of a substantial addition to the General Office Building. It will cover the full plot, comprising 122 feet 6 inchese on Irving Place and
204 feet on 14th Street. The completed building will be 18 stories high with a tower rising 8 stories above that, at the corner of 14 th St. and Irving Place. The extension will have a a gross area of 4 the, 336 square feet and will ace-
commodate the various departments of the affiliated companies. which now occupy rented space, and will provide a reser eve for anticipated growth.
On Amsterdam Avenue between 65 th and 66 th Streets a 6 -story and base ment shop and storage building is being erected. This building will take the place of the structures located on the property west of West End Avenue
which has been sold, and will provide space for several vears to come for the growth of the various departments at this locational years to come for
The present build
then quired plot of ground at the corner of Broadway and Seventh Ave., Long Island City, has been purchased by the river Gas Co., and a modern tion. It will be occupied jointly with the New York \& Queens Electric Light \& Power Co. of 200 by 240 feet with modern buildings, suitable for the use of the Customers' Service and Street Main departments, both of which are growing at a rate corresponding with the growth in the numbers began on Nov. 24 1926. with the charging of the ovens in the " $B$ " Battery, 15 months after breaking ground for the first foundation on Aug. . 24 1925. ovens (74 ovens in all), with the necessary by-pror tuct recovery and gas
purification apparatus. It has a daily carbonizing capacity of 1,750 net tons of coal and will produce 20 million cubic feet of gas per day; with a byproduct yield of 1,300 tons of coke, 35,000 pounds of sulphate of ammonia
and 17,500 gallons of coal tar. The land acquired is of sufficient area to provide for additional installations of coke-ovens and auxiliary water-gas
apparatus of a manufacturing capacity totaling 120 million cubic feet per day: and the present unit has been designed to readily per
of $50 \%$ in carbonzizing capacity at a moderate expenditure
The gas manufactured at this station has been made fully available for general distribution by equipping the gas transfer system with two pumping stations, one located at the Astoria Station and the other at the Hunt's
Point Station. Both of these stations are equipped with motor driven centrifugal gas-boosters.
Ty the gas storage capacity of the system companies has been increased
 $5,250,000$ cubic feet and $7.000,000$ cubic feet, respectively. made in the development of new appliances for yeas utilization. a point where we feel justified in in offering it ito developed customers. Orde the year to been placed with the manufacturer for early delivery and the interest which
has already been manifested in the sample units received augurs well for a demand for these unique appliances on the part of the public.
The past year witnessed the construction of the first cork-insulated house water-heater and gas outlets were provided for refrigeration and cooking.
It is stated that cork insulation reduces the cost or heating buildings by approximately $40 \%$. This is a further step in promoting the use of gas for house heating. The total number of house-heating installations now on

 rente to 561 water-heaters, or a total of 228.676 major domestic gas-appliances.
More than 31.000 small auxiliary appliances were sold during the year, an inerease of $32 \%$
During the year, 54 gas-appliance inspectors made nearly 80,000 inspec-
tions of equipment, installed in hotels and restaurants, in order to insure
satisfactory service to these customers, and keep them informed of the latest
and improver types of tass-appliance equipment. It is estimated that,
approximately, approximately, 15\% of the total sales oq of gas during 1926. was for gas sup-
plied to hotel and restaurant customers.
The Industrial
 purposes, a substantial acrease ov the year 1925.

## Affiliated Electric Companies.

Complaint Concerning Electric Rates.- The proceeding instituted by the
City or New York, in August 1923, against the New York Edison Co.
complaining of the rates charged by that comp enormous amount of labor and a very great expense in the sitated an and presentation of the facts to the Commission. The hearings are now
nearing a close. but thus far, no affirmation in support of the complaint made on behalf of the city. chanser stat, converting from 1926 a 414,000 kilovolit-ampere frequency
cycles or vice versa, began operation vots. 25 ccyles, to 26.400 volts 60 station of the New York Edison ©o. and on Nov. 23 the Rtation generating cially placed in service by the staring of on the firs.t 660000 thation was oft stean-
turbine unit by Her Majesty, Queen Marie of Roumania. The is connected to the watrside stations by four 11,000 volt, 25 cycle ties. Brooklyn Edison Co.'s system by three 26.40 . volt 60 cycle tides. Itt is
expected that the second 60,000 kilowatt steam-turbine unit will be pla will be placed Electric Light \& Power Construction at the generating stations of the Unite Locust Ave., adjoining H. Has Gate Srection of a building at 134th St. and
testing equipment of ho hase the terminals and tos Westchester County, which line it is expected will be placed in operation
to in the early spring.
There has been
more than twice unit having a capacity of 160 ,000 kilowatts. This unit is will have a capacity or 9.000 kilowatts more than the total of the sherman
Creek Generativg station. It is enter Creek Generating Station, It is expected to be in operation during July
1928, increasing the capacity of the Hell Gate Station to 445,000 kilowatts on line, which by the United Electric Light \& Power Co. in conjunction with the New ready Edison Cor is approaching completion, and it is expected will be
the it irelli compring. One-hali of this cable was purchased from
the Co. Pirelli Company, of Milan, Italy and one-half from whe purchased from
The line connects the Gell Gate Station of the United Compa
the the Dunwoodie Substation of the Yonkers Electric Light \& Power Coith distance of approximately 12 miles. The line will have a capacity of 91,000 The converting capacity of the 60 cycle alternating current system of the during the year banks, one in each of the 140th St. and Hunt's Point substations.
tion at 172d St. and Boston Post Road, the Bronx, which is unique in this company's distribution system in that it contains no step-down transion in this
Power is received from 2 generating stations over standard transmission feeders, and is distributed at the same valtage over smaller mills cables. This system reduces the substation conductor 150,000 circular formers and transformation losses, and reduces distribution costs and losses because of the higher distribution voltage. The new method of distribution
by the interlacing of distribution feeders will make it possible, in case of the loss of one substation to carry the entire load on the remaining substations. On April 1, the United Company placed in service a 13,200 volt circuit network. This isthe first recorded case where parallel circuits of different Commercial Departments-Durinas y to supply netrork distribution. New York Edison Co. to supply 362 large buildings recently constructed
in the Borough of Manhattan, with
watte watts, as compared with 303 new building installations of 85,836 kilowatts 343 kilowin 1925. The average capacity of the installations connected was watts in 1924. 37 isolated plants were shut down adding a connected 1 lio to the system of 8,902 kilowatts, nearly double the capacity of the plants
closed in 1925 . Brealdown private plants, with a total of 2,975 kilowatts. were secured, and arrange Eighty-nine contracts were secured for permanent general power business, inclucing the displacement of engines, with an aggregate capacity of 7,100
horsepower. as compared with contracts for 2,460 horsepower in 1925 horsepower For building resulted in securing 202 contracts totaling 1,575 secured with a total capacity of 115.664 horsepower. Borough of the Bronx, is now 256,167, showing a net gain of 36,322 , or $161 / \%$ during the year. Thirteen low tension and five high tension con kilowatts, respectively, and included 12 isolated pi, 766 kilits wawthts, and 8,438 697 kilowatts, which were displaced during the year. During the year, a contract for the supply of service at 13,200 volts to pany and the Public Service Electrice G Gas CO. of Now Jersey, with the
New York State and the New Jersey Interstate Bridge and Tumnel Commissions. It is expected that service will be suppied during the summer
New York \&\& Queens Electric Light \& Power Co.-The past year has wit-
nessed the continued growth of the population and the expansoin of industrial activities in the Borough of Queens. It is estimated that the popuIation is now nearly one million, while no less than 100 industries chose the
Borough of Queens as their industrial headquarters during the year. Over 40.000 new customers were added to the company's lines, an increase of ment dwellings erected emphasizes the change from a suburban to an urban character of that borough. This change has been so marked in communi-
ties like Jackson Heights and Flushing, that it has become necessum provide extensive underground systems of distribution, to place the service Activity in industrial lines resulted in the securing of contracts for $26,000 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$ while ar steady influx of population required an increasing
amount or power for water supply. Much attention was given during the year to a new rate structure, which would permit a reduction in the rate charged to the general public, Announcement of such reduction has recently been made, to take effect on
March 1927 s.
Afriliated Westchester Companies.- Early in 1926 , the Peekskill Lighting \& AR, arranged for the sale of its. street railway and motor-bus franchises and properties within the Village of Peeekskiil and surrounding territory.
Conditions were not favorable for continued operation of the street railway Oonditions were not favarable or continued operation of the street railway
lines, and there was frequent litigation to prevent motor-bus competition by private operators. The transportation service furnished by the Peek-
skill Lighting and Railroad Co. had been unprofitable and troublesome, for a number carrier of persons or property.
The three Westchester com
ever increasing needs of the people of Westchester County. Completed in
Der at its outset 875 customers. This number has grown to 1.502. Five miles of 8 -inch and 10 -inch high-pressure mains have been installed to connect this system with the Saw Mill River Holder Station and provide a duplicate
as well as additional suppiy. There have been laid 53 miles of additional mains in various parts of the county,
Electric lighting rates of the Westchester companies were voluntarily
 Bronx Gas \& Electric Co- The company has had a very active year
extonding its gas and electric lines in new sections of its territory, having
added over added over 18 miles of gas-mains and 8 miles of electric lines to its distribu
tion system. Ground was broken and construction started on a general service building and garage, to house transportation, stores, engineering.
construction and service departments for both gas and electric operations. construction and service departments for both gas
This building will be completed early this spring.

Sales of Gas \& Electricity- The sales of the Consolidated Gas Co. and its
affiliated gas companies for the year 1926 amounted to 44.987 .936 .400 cu ft., an increase over 1925 or $3,215,695,300$ cu. . .t... or $7.70 \%$. The affiliated lectric companies sold $2,064,288,993$ kilowatt hours of electric current,
an increase over 1925 of $235,496,392$ kilowatt hours. or $12.88 \%$. The
Bronx G Bronx Gas \& Eiectric Co. obtained the greatest percentage of increased gas
sales, being $24.39 \%$ over 1925 . The same company also obtained the sases, being $24.3 \%$ over 1925 . The same company also obtained the
greatest percentage of increased electric sales, beeng $30.44 \%$ over 1925 .
Meters. The total number of Meters:-The total number of gas-meters of the Consoudated Gas Co. and
its affiliated companies in use at the end of 1926 . Was $1,065,159$. The its affliated companies in use at the end of 1926, was $1,065,159$. The
total number of electric meters of the affiliated companies in use at the end
of 1926. was $1.213,503$. of 1926 , was $1,213,503$.
The mumicipal street lamps on the lines of the Consolidated Gas Co, and incandescent gas-lamps. 49 electric arc-lamps and 92,229 electric incandescent lamps, a total of 95.503 street lamps.
Aepair of these anas and electric properties have been maintainest point of operating efficiency at a coscellent of $\$ 13553$ -
 economical production and distribution.
COMBINED EARNINGS STATEMENT (INCLUDING SUBSIDIARY AND - AFFILIATED COMPANIESS)-CALENDAR YEARS. 1926 . Gas ases (cu. ft.).

Electr. sold (k.w.h.) | Eleetr. sold (k.w.h.) | $2,064,288,993$ | $1,828,792,601$ | $1,661,106,123$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| a Gross earnings..... | $\$ 153,799,528$ | $\$ 139,737,632$ | $\$ 126,459,961$ |
|  | $\$ 123,741,998$ |  |  | Groser earnungs.....

## Net earnings Int. on funded and unfunded debt....

| Surplus earnings.- | \$35,666,893 | \$30,898,906 | 327,974,917 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Common div. (\$5) | 18,000,000 | 18,000,000 | ${ }_{17,933,442}$ | $828,253,250$ <br> $14,883,785$ |
| Preterred div. (7\%\%) | 1,050,241 | 1,050,267 | 1,001,970 | 14, 508,153 |
| 's stock. | 44,315 | 50,653 | 40,681 | 47.813 |

Balance carried to
surplus account

$\begin{array}{llll}\$ 16,572,337 & \$ 11,797,986 & \$ 8,998,823 & \$ 12,813,499\end{array}$ | outstdge. (no par) | $3,-600,000$ | $3,600,000$ | $3,600,000$ | $3,562,804$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Earned per sharee.-. | $\$ 9.60$ | 88.26 | $\$ 7.48$ | $\$ 7.77$ | at Including miscellaneous operating and non-operating revenue. b Including

retirement expense and taxes. Note.- The Dollar Gas Law having been declded by the U. S. Supreme Court and including by stipulation its affillated gas companies in the Boroughs of Manyear 1925 have been amended from those prev, the nigures shown above for the nclude the net revenue from sales of gas by those compantes during that year, to at rates in excess of $\$ 1$ per thoussan cublic feet. which was temporarily carried in
"suspense account," amounting to $\$ 4,702733$

COMBINED
Credit balance Dec. 311925
to surpilus account
THE CALENDAR YEA alance of earnings carried to surplus account.
asseas suspense for the perlod June 21923 to Dec. 31 1925, transterred
to surplus account $\$ 121,366,741$
$16,572,337$

Total.
al oi lems (net credit) 26. Credit balance Dee. 311926 ........................................
Includes interest during construction capitailed at $\$ 1,444,60$ COMBINED SUMMARY OF FINANCILL TRANSACTIONS FOR THE
Les Resources-
CALENDAR YEAR 1926. ${ }^{{ }^{4 x}{ }_{\text {Resources- }}}$ Cash on hand Dec. 31 1925.
 $\qquad$ Unfunded debt Variations in cums (net credit)

## Total.

Apporpriation of Resources-
Invested in land, plant and equipment (net)
Invested in miscellaneouss securitles..
Invested In other companiles
nvested in other compantes
Dpropriations for contingen
Total.


COMBINED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER
[Consolidated Gas Co. of New York and Affiliated Gas and Electrie Cos.]

| sets- | 1926. | 1925. | c. or Dec. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Land, plant and equipment. | 678,416.014 | , |  |
| Investments |  | 601,388,7 | 7 |
| Cash. | $6,898,151$ $10,499,927$ | $6,608,318$ $10,504,935$ | +289,833 |
| Accounts recelvabl | 21,551,373 | 19,288,183 | -5,008 |
| Deferred charges. | 4,492,619 | 5,621,089 | ,263,189 |
| Materials and supplies | 18,369,051 | 17,632,290 | $\begin{array}{r}1,128,471 \\ +736,760 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| Total | 740,227,138 | $661,043,619$ | $\underline{+79,183,520}$ |
| Common stock | a217,999,236 | 217,999,236 |  |
| Preferred stock | b15,000,000 | 15,000,000 |  |
| Stock of affillated com | c969,421 | 1,013,521 | -44,100 |
| Funded debt | 200,394,790 | 200,497,790 |  |
| Unfunded debt | d70,346,345 | 10,296,374 | +60,049,972 |
| Accounts payable \& acc | 23,773,381 | 19,680,198 | +4,093,183 |
| Reserve for insurance. | 3,563,664 | 3,330,614 | $+4,093,183$ +233 |
| Reserve for retirement | 5,848,010 | 5,384,992 | +463,018 |
| Reserve for continge | e51,242,950 | 55,016,202 | $-3,773,252$ |
| Gas sales suspens |  | 11,457,952 | -11,457,952 |
| Surplus. | 151,089,340 | 121,366,741 | +29,722,600 |

Total $\overline{740,227,138} \widehat{661,043,619}+$
a $3,600,000$ shares no par value. b 300,000 shares, par 550 each. c $6,6281 /$ hares, par $\$ 100$ each, and 6,131 shares of no par value. d Incluces consum ers and bank loans and other loans of $\$ 59.500,000$. $\mathbf{e}$ Durlng the year $192683,575,000$ of contingency reserve were transterred to reserve for retirement and si98,250 to
surplus. f Transferred to surplus account in accordance with the decision of the surplus. f Transterred to surplus account in accordance
U.S. Supreme Court on Nov. 29 1926.-V. 124, p. 1065 .

## Engineers Public Service Co., Inc.

(2d Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)
$F$ Large increases in consolidated gross and net earnings are shown by company in its annual report for 1926, issued to stockholders Feb. 25. Gross earnings were $\$ 26,627,687$, an increase of $\$ 3,518,750$ over the figures in the previous 778,938 report and balance available for reserves and the 778,938 outstanding shares of Engineers common stock increased $25.9 \%$ to $\$ 3,183,879$. The report gives several detail analyses, including capitalization totaling $\$ 492$ per $\$ 1$ of gross, maintenance expenditures amounting to $9 \%$ of
gross, and reserves and surplus equaling $72 \%$ of annual
gross earnings. The company reports, in addition to the acquisition of Baton Rouge Electric Co., net increases in plant of its subsidiaries totaling $\$ 15,077,000$ and the reinvestment of $\$ 3,391,455$ of earnings in the properties. The subsidiaries serve a population of $1,176,100$ and have total generating
capacity of 259.800 kw . with output in 1926 of $637,474,000 \mathrm{kw}$. h D tring the year the Virginia subsidiary has extended its transmission lines inting arge section of northeastern North Carolina doubling the area served

and has co-rdinated its transportation service by obtaining new and | favorable franchises. The Eastern Texas Electric Co. has completed the |
| :--- |
| initial installation of |
| 5.000 kve in | lines into a large portion of southern a new power station and extended its

of the El Paso, Savannah and Key West properties also increased earnings or the El Paso, savannah and Key West properties also reflect the healthy
growth of industry in the territories served. last 10 months.

The income account for the calendar year 1926, together with a map of the properties is given in the advertising pages of to-day's issue. The balance sheet was given in V. 124 , p. 920 .

The Fleischmann Company.
(Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)
The income account and balance sheet for the year 1926, together with extracts from the remarks to stockholders of Pres. Joseph Wilshire, are given in the advertising pages of to-day's issue.
CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND PROFIT \& LOSS ACCOUNT-YEARS
 Gross profit_-a
Deduct selling, adm.and
\$42,201,183
$\$ 35,824,889$
$\$ 29,184,531$
$\$ 26,035,075$ $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { denueral expenses...... }{ }^{*} 21,832,466 & 20,587,306 & 18,575,475 & 16,863,156\end{array}$

 Net income-...-.-.
Dronit and loss credits Gross surplus
Deduct Profit E Loss Chos.-
$\$ 18,604,553$
$\$ 14,099,049$
$\$ 9,861,860$
$\$ 8,778,351$ $\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { Prem. on pref. stock pur. } & \$ 861 & 81,547 & 88,300 & \$ 110,956 \\ \text { Gen. ins. fund set alde- } & 126,424 & 131,224 & 300,858 & 211,983\end{array}$ Adj. of prop. valuesadd 1 amort
time facilites of war


 | Deduct-Preferred divs | $1,73,929$ | $7,74,274$ |  | 76,679 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Common dividends--- | $11,250,000$ | $7,500,000$ | $6,000,000$ | $4,875,743$ | Surplus for the year_-

$\times$ Add other credits
$\$ 6,472,199$
$\$ 6,253,955$
$\$ 3,320,761$
$\$ 3,382,467$ $\begin{array}{lllll}\mathrm{X} \text { Add. other creats. } \\ \text { Surp. beginning of year- } & 33,014,47 \overline{4} & 26,332,040 & 23,42 \overline{9}, 0 \overline{9} \overline{9} & 20,04 \overline{6}, 5 \overline{6} \overline{3}\end{array}$ Surplus at end of year
Shares of com.outstand ${ }^{-} \mathrm{g}$
S39,486,673
$\$ 33,014,474$
$\$ 26,749,791$

$\$ 23,429,029$ | (no par) - |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Earned per share on com. | $4,500.000$ | $4,500.000$ | $1,500,000$ | $1,500,000$ | x Excess or acook value over cost of capital stock of American Diamalt Co. and Canadian Diamalt Co., which became fully owned during 1925 .

* Depreciation has been charged off on plants and personal property under these headings, aggregating \$2 519660 .
CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.


Total........72,587,889 $\overline{62,642,628}$ Total_........72,587,889 $\overline{62,642,628}$ a Appropriated surplus set aside to meet contingencies. b Authorized
and issued, 30,000 shares of $\$ 100$ each; in treasury 17,705 shares ing, 12,295 shares. c Authorized and outstanding, $4,500,000$ shares at deciared value of $\$ 7,500,000$.
Note.-At Dec. 311926 company and its subsidiary companies had contingent liabilities of $\$ 944,162$ as guarantor of notes. of which $\$ 869,162$ repre-
sents a loan of the Guaranty Trust Coo. New Yo employees on common stock purchases, under which the stock is held as
collateral.-V. 124, p. 1074.

## Peoples Gas Light \& Coke Co. of Chicago.

(Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)
Pres. Samuel Insull, Chicago, Feb. 1 said in substance: Results.- In 1926 operating revenues increased $\$ 2,065,644$ over 1925 .
Dividends declared increased $\$ 239,828$ due to the issuance of additionai Dividends declared increased $\$ 239,828$ due to the issuance of additional
capital stock. After meeting the increased dividend requirements the capital stock. After meeting the increased dividend requirements the
amount carried to surplus was larger in 1926 than in 1925 although taxes increased $\$ 378.553$ over 1925 .
Gas Sales.-CCompany's total sales of gas in 1926 were $35,687,863.592$ cu.ft., an increase or $9.81 \%$ over 1925 occurred on Thanksgiving send-out of gas in the history of the company a. mx. The gas send-out for this hour was $13,306,000$ cubic feet. A new maximum one day send-out of 117, , 147,000 cut
14 ft. Was established on Dec.
1926 . The send responding month of any prevoch monar. of 1926 was higher 14,0 in 1926. The increase in sales $736,888,000 \mathrm{cu}$. ft., an increase of 19.7 over 1925 .

Automatic water heater installations byll company in 1926 were $130 \%$
greater than in 1925. House heating gas sales during the year show an greater than in 1925 . House heating gas sales during the year show an
ncrease of $70 \%$ over 195 Refrigeration by gas and the use of gas for
the incineration of household wastes have made satisfactory progress the incing the year
Cooking continues as the leading use for the company's product. The activities of the Home Service Department which conducts an educational
campaign in the proper use of gas in the home were enlarged during the campaign in the proper use of gas in the home were enlarged during tie
year by the establishment of additional home service stations in growing communities Contracts were entered into in 1926 for the sale of gas for large volume
cooking and baking in hotels under construction which will add materially to the output of gas. gas holder and distribution station at Kedzie and North Shore Avenues was place in in operation May 29 1926. the 110 th St . station and the 96 th
A 4 -inch gas main was laid between
A. Sthen district
district. 1927 the 96 th St. station will be connected by a 48 -inch main
with the 48 -inch main now extending from 71 st St. and Hamlin Ave. to
 will reauire the construction of a approximately. $111 / 2$ miles of 48 -inch main.
Upon its completion the company will have in operation a 48 -inch main Upon its completion the company will have in operation a 48 -inch main
surrounding the city of Chicago from the 96 th Street station on the southeast to the North Shore holder on the north, enabling the company to trans-
mit gas in large volume from the 96 th St. station or the Crawford Ave. stamit gas in large volume from the 96th St. station or the Crawford Ave. staDuring the year 1926 almost 76 miles of gas mains were laid and 14,064
The net gain for the year in meters was 34,008 , making a total of 858.405 meters in service on Dec. 311926 . 1926 Capital Stock.-The stockholders at the annual meeting on Feb. 231926
increased the authorized capital stock from $\$ 50,000$, 000 to $\$ 60,000,000$. to additional capital stock to an amount equal to $10 \%$ of the outstanding capital stock. Subscriptions were received for 41,593 shares: 38,193
shares, representing $90 \%$ of the total, were subscribed and paid for in cash and 3,400 shares were subscribed for on the four and ten payment
basis: the balance of 757 shares unsubscribed for by the stockholders were sold in the open market and netted the company $\$ 94,782$ or at the rate
of $\$ 12520$ per share; 39,238 shares of the additional stock had been fully paid for an were issued and outstanding as of Dec. 31 1926, making the The proceeds of the sale of the additional capital stock were used for construction and to provide additional working capital. registered stockholder, of whom 4,602 were residents of Chicaly had 9,239 were residents of lllinois outside of Chicago of the total number of stockholders $61 \%$ were residents of Illinois. The total number of stock-
holders increased $6 \%$ during 1926. County, on July 8 1926, rendered arrison, in the Circuit Court of Cook on the legal questions involved in the Agreed Case sumbitted to him in the so-called rerand suit, whe company immediately appealed to the Supreme Court of Hilinois which now has the case under advisement.

| RESULTS FOR CALENDAR | YEARS (COMPANY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |


Interest on funder debt
Int. on unfunded debt.
Total cost of gas deli
ered to consumers


| Net income |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Previous surplus........... | $\$ 5,109,245$ | $\$ 4,852,523$ | $\$ 4,275,348$ | $\$ 4,198,514$ | Total $\begin{array}{llll}\$ 25,011,551 \\ 480,303 & \$ 23,510,234 & \$ 21,507,028 & \$ 20,272,310 \\ 389,256 & 58,067 & 56,880\end{array}$

 Balance

Shs. cap. stk outst'g (par $\stackrel{\$ 21,072,748}{\$ 19,902,306} \stackrel{\$ 18,657,711}{\$ 17,231,680}$ | $\$ 100$ |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Earned per share_....... | 462,738 | $\$ 11.04$ | 420,271 | $\$ 11.54$ | CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDED DEC. 31 (INCL. SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES).

| Operating revenues |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cost of production, dist |  |  |
| erating exp |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  | \$1,782,024 | \$1,788.608 |
| rrnedIper sha | \$11.32 | 811.91 |


#### Abstract

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (COMPANY ONLY $1926 . \quad 1925$. Real estate, plant state plant, \&c Materials. Materials--iale Notes receivable Maturec funded d tt int. depos Deferred charges Invests in affil cos Misceli. invests. Int. \& divs. Int. \& divs. rec. Suber. to cap. stock....... Cash Reserve funds- Sundry deposits \& advances.


Total $\quad 1,236,937$ .236,937 711,040 CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. $\underset{\substack{\text { Assets- } \\ \text { Prop } \\ \text { paut and and } \\ \text { paument }}}{ }$ equiliment.and
Misc. nvestm'ts
Reserve funds. Reserve funds..
Cash
Not........ Ace ts receelvable
Int. \& divs
Ivale Mat. \& divs. rec-
Matured supplint. denosits Sundry advances Subs deposits.subseribers to
capital stock Prepayments. Unamort. debt
disc. and exp. Unamort. rents.
Misc. def. debits Total (ea. slde) $-160,195,239 ~ \overline{152,953,668}$ Deferred credits $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Surplus.-....-. } & 21,585,906 & 20,599 ; 787\end{array}$ a Includes securities of the parent and subsidiary corporations amount
ing to $\$ 4,471,900$. inter Peoples Gas interest the following bonds
(1) Chi due Jucago \& Illinois Western RR. $6 \%$ general gold bonds, $\$ 196,333$ bonds, due Dec. 11976 Coke Co. 1st \& ref. mtge. $5 \%$ gold $11,000,000$
The interest Teoples Gas Light \& Coke Co.-V. V . $124, \mathrm{p}$. 648.

## Baldwin Locomotive Works.

(16th Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)
President S. M. Vauclain says in brief:
Throughout the year the works were enabled to operate at approxi-
mately $40 \%$ capacity. The foreign business improved The transfer of equipment and operations to Eddystone has progressed satisfactorily.
ANNUAL RESULTS BALDWIN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS. CAL. YEAR.



 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Res. for depr. } \\ \text { Res for tax removils.-: } & 455,000 \\ \text { Deferred profits. . } & 153,515\end{array}$

 Total p. \& 1. surplus- $\overline{\$ 18,847,740} \overline{\$ 15,763,833} \overline{\$ 18,367,269} \overline{\$ 19,847,242}$
 x Includes $\$ 1,400,000$ special dividend reserve for year 1924 , in addition
to regular dividend. $\mathbf{y}$ Being dividend for the following year transferred from dividend reserve of Federal tax laws, regulations or rulings.
bALDWIN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

|  | $\stackrel{1926 .}{8}$ | $\underset{8}{1925 .}$ | Li | $\stackrel{1926 .}{8 .}$ | 1925. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| eal |  |  | Preter | 000,000 | 20,000,000 |
| chinery, ecc. | 7,041,501 | ${ }^{29,041,5015}$ | Coi |  | - |
| Chicaso plat | 449,785 | 418,578 | Accounts pay |  | 10,371,202 |
| other real estate.- | 5,880 | 5,880 | Bills payabl |  | 2,000,000 |
| Inventorie | 5,958,475 | 8,037,935 | Savings funds, \&e- | 1,602,338 | 1,659,848 |
| Acts. receivable. | 8,405,126 | 8,798,475 | Acer. int. on bonds | 83,334 | 83,334 |
| Bills r | 2,250,435 | 2,862, | Interest recel |  |  |
| For'n | , 1200043 | 15,030,868 | Res. for remo |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Miscell }}$ | - | 3,030,808 | and taxes | 1,983,9 | 1,529,536 |
| Deferred |  | 2,158,622 | Res |  |  |
|  |  |  | ferred prori | 1.446,603 |  |
|  | 3,276,100 | 2,925,575 | Surp |  | $\begin{array}{r} 2,800,000 \\ 15,763,833 \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $x$ Includes: Republic of Poland $5 \%$ bonds. $\$ 2,920,000$ : Rumanian Treas-

ury $7 \%$ notes. $\$ 574,265$ : Arrentine State Ry. notes, $\$ 607,850 ;$ Mexican Government Ry, notes, \$1,389,814; Chinese Government (Kinhan Ry.), $\$ 1,485,000$ Republic of Colombia (notes), $\$ 223.114$.
ings, $\$ 17,330,386$ : machinery and fixtures, $\$ 14,848,526$.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. ${ }^{31}$ (INCL. STANDARD
 Plant, equip., de-4,
Investments, real
estate, \&ce, estate, \&c...... 455, ${ }^{\text {cen }}$ Current assets.
Deferred charges.
Sinking fund Tol fund - $\frac{3,476,100}{2,963,575}$
Total $\overline{84,650,870} \overline{85,115,177}$ Total_...... $\overline{84,650,870} \overline{85,115,177}$


## GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

## STEAM RAILROADS.

Conductors and Trainmen in Western Territory Demand Wage Increases
Proportionate to Those Granted to Employees in East and Southeast.-New
 New York "Times" Feb. 22, D. 29.
Repar of Fright Cars. .Feight cars in need of repair on Feb. 1 totaled
136,847 or $5.9 \%$ of the number on line, according to reports filed by the carriers, with the Car Service Dirivion of the American Rallway Association.
This was an increase or 7,178 cars over the number reported This was an increase or 7,178 cars over the number reported on Jan. 15 ,
at which time there were 129669 , or $5.6 \%$. It was, howerer a decease
at which
of 21,313 cars, compared with the same date last year.
 Locomotive Repairs o- Class I rairroads on Feb, 1 had 9,256 locomotives In need of repars, or $14.9 \%$ of the number on line according tomereports
lied by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was a decrease of 115 compared with the number in
need of repair on Jan. 15, , at which time there were 9.371 , or $15.1 \%$ Of
ene were in need of classified repairs, a decrease of 224 cempared with or $7.7 \%$. $\%$.
while 4.483 , or $7.2 \%$ were in need of running repairs, an increase of 109 while 4.48, or 2, were in need of running repairs, an increase of 109
compared with the enumber in ned of such reparis on Jan, 15 Serviceable
locomotives in storage on Feb. 1 totaled 4,666 compared with 4.600 on Jan. 15
Car
Car Surplus.- Class I railroads on Feb. 15 had 259,556 surplus froight Division of the American Railway Association has announced. This was an increase of 1,789 cars compared with Feb. 8 at which time there wase 40,957 , a decrease of 2,695 for the same period. Reports cars totaled
also showed

 siil ahead of previous years because of heary coal shipments, p. p79. ${ }^{\text {(b) Rate }}$
(b) Re return earned by railroads during the calendar year i926,
p. 1004 .
Atlanta (Ga.) Terminal Co.- Final Valuation.-
The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of $\$ 2.926,315$ on
the owned and used property of the company, as of June 30 1918.-V. 123 ,
Baltimore \& Ohio RR.-Preliminary Earnings.-
Calendar
Gross.
Expenses.
Taxes, \&c.
$\begin{array}{ccc}1926 . & 1925 . & 1924 . \\ \$ 252.361 .830 \$ 237,54,940 \$ 224.318,7948 \\ 186,306,274 & 179,099,597 & 172,752,632 \\ 12,077,163 & 10,118,319 & 9,651,159\end{array}$


Total income.
Int., rent, \&cc

$\$ 43,741,614$
$27,421,924$


 $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Sharned per share...... } & 1,519,453 & 1,519,433 & 1,519,434 & 1,519,454 \\ \text { Earn } & \$ 1720 & \$ 1214 . & \$ 985 & \$ 1321\end{array}$ V. 124, p. 1061

Boston \& Maine RR.-Bonds.-
onds of this issue as were not deposited under March 1 1927: Such of reorganization dated Sept. 1 1925 and new $5 \%$ bonds taken in exchange are to be paid at maturity at the office of the Treasurer of the Esctonq \&
Maine RR., Lechmere Square, East Cambridge, Mass.-V. 124, p. 230,

Boyne City Gaylord \& Alpena RR.-Final Value.
The I.-s. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of $\$ 1.706,500$ on
Buffalo Creek \& Ganley RR.-Final Valuation.
The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of $\$ 910,697$ on the
vned and used property of the company, as of June 30 1918.-V. 122, p. 477 .
Bullfrog Goldfield RR.-Final Valuation.-
The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of $\$ 1,463,276$ on
he owned and used property of the company, as of June 30 1915.-V. 113 ,
Butte Anaconda \& Pacific RR.-Tenders.-
The Guaranty Trust Co. trustee. 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until March 11 recelve bids for the sale to it of 1 st mtge. $5 \% 30$-year s. f. gold
bonds dated Feb. 11914 to an amount sufficient to absorb $\$ 46.424$, at prices ot exceeding 105 and int.-V. 123, p. 978

## Cache Valley RR.-Abandonment of Line.-

The 1.-8. Commission on Feb. 12 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon, as to inter-State and foreign commerce, its line of
railroad extending from a connection with the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. at Sedgwick, in a northeasterly direction to Light, a distance of approxi-
mately 9.6 miles, in Lavence and Greene counties, Ark.
Central RR. of New Jersey.-Taxes Exceed Dividends.-
Railroads operating in the State of New Jersey paid State taxes during
926 of $\$ 16.717,105$, according to official report, of which $\$ 3.970 .682$ was paid by the above company. Dividends paid by the Central during the

Chesapeake \& Hocking Ry.-Lease Approved.-
Chesapeake \& Ohio Ry.-Lease of Ches. \& Hocking Ry.The 1-S. C. Commission on Feb. 5 conditionally authorized the accui-
tion by the Chesapeake \& Ohio Ry. of control, by lease, of the railroad of sition by the Chesapeake \& Ohio Ry. of co
the Chesapeake \& Hocking Railway Co
The report of the Commission says in
The report of the Commission says in substance:
In Construction by Ohesapeake \& Hocking Ry:
In Construction by Ohesapeake \& Hocking Ry., 117 I. O. C. 129, we
uthorized the Hocking company to build a line or railroad from Greg to Valley Crossing, O.. upon the condition, among others, that the G. \&regg to within 30 days from the date of the certificate issued in that proceeding. hould file its application for authority to acquire control, by lease, of the
railroad proposed to be onstructed by the Hocking company. In Securi-
ties of Chesapeake \& Hocking Ry., 117 I . C. O. 338, we authorized the
Hocking company to issue not exceeding \$70.000 of commonn capital stock, and not exceeding $\$ 12,500,000$ of promissory notes, and granted permission to the C. \& C . to acquire control of the Hocking company by pur-
chase of capital stock.
Pursuant to such authority the Hocking company has issued its capital stock, all of which, excepting 7 directors' shares, has The C. \& O. proposes to lease the railroad of the Hocking company for the term of one year, and thereafter, subject to the right of either party to terminate the lease at any time after one year by giving 60 days' notice
to the other party. The lesse eagrees to maintain and operate the railroad, to keep the properties insure, to the extent ike properties are usually
insured by railroad companies, to pay all expenses, claims, and obligations arising from the operation of the railroad, and at the expiration or termination of the ease torenants to pay as rental a sum sufficient to enable the lessor to maintain its corporate organization, all taxes and assessments
which, during the term, may be lawfully levied or assessed against the demised premises, or any part thereof, or against the lessor in respect
thereof: and such sum as will enable the lessor to pay the successive inthereor.
stallments of incherest accruing daring the term upon all bonds, notes, or
other obligations or evidences of indebtedness which may from time to ime be issued. incurred. or assumed by the lessor, with the consent of the essee, or secured by a mortgage or other lien, subject to which, any addi-
tions, extensions or betterments may be made to the demised premises At the bexinning of operation the fixed annual rental payment will
mount to $\$ 750,000$, being $6 \%$ on the $\$ 12,500,000$ of notes to be issued for amount constion purposes plus the taxes struction expenditures, be financed permanently at a a lower rate than $6 \%$.
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then the rental would be reduced accordingly. It is expected that the line then the rental would be reduced accordingly. Tis is expected that the line
will be ready for operation by Sept. 161927 . The rental provisions of the ease are to become effective on the day the of the Hocking company and its railroad by the C . \& O. Will enable the latter to effect an annual saving of
approximately $\$ 1,000,000$, in addition to the economies that will result approximately $\$ 1,000,000$, in addition to the economies that wil result
from eliminating the necessity for a separate executive and operating organization for the Hocking company. This estimate does not include
any saving which are expected to result from moving traffic over the new any saving which are expected to resuit from moving traffic over the new
line, which must now move by less economical routes
 application be granted, but urges that our order be so condies thereto except
prevent the ermination of the lease by either of the parties with our prior consent. The order
ditioned.
Comissioner Eastman dissents.
Lease of Island Creek RR.-
company of control of the railroad of the Island Creek RR. by lease. The report of the Commission says:
and branches located entirind Creek comprises about 15 miles of main line consists of bituminous coal from extensive mines along the rallioad. By urr order entered April 61926 we authorized the applicant to acquire con-
trol of the Island Creek by purchase of capital stock. On May 61926 of which it was then operating under a 20 -year lease dated April 51912 , and it now desired to continue control and operation thereof under a new lease to be effective from May 6 1926.
By the termm of the ease dated Apri 5
1912 , the applicant is required to maintain the leased rairoad, to pay the taxes and insurance thereon, and mised and $6 \%$ of the cost of any additional main line or sidings needed for
develonment of coal territory naturally tributary to the line leased. Under the provisions of the new lease, which is to supersede the former one, the applicant is to maintain the leased property in as good condition as at
present to pay all taxes and assessments levied against it. to perform present, to pay all taxes and assessments levied a alainst it, to perform,
towards the public all obligations due it respecting the demised property, and to pay and thereafter, subject to the right of either party thereto to one year and upon 30 days notice. The term of the lease is in conformity
terminate it with the practice of the applicant respecting leases of companies which it
controls entirely by stock ownership. Under its terms the applicant has che option of purchasing the leased property for si, 500.000 the price paid
the or or
by it for the stock of the Island Creek, plus the cost of certain additions, by it for the stock of the Island Creek, plus the cost of certain additions, The applicant estimates that as compared with independent operation the saving thus to be effected would amount to $\$ 164,000$ a year. This
figure, however, includes the annual rental paid under the lease of April 5 nigre, which is given as $\$ 62,830$ for the year 1925 .-
1912 .
Commissioner Eastman dissents in this case also.-V. 124, p. 1061.

Chicago \& Alton RR.-Abandonment of Operation of the Rutlan Toluca \& Northern RR.
The I.-S. C. Commission on Feb. 12 issued a certificate authorizing its receivers, to abandon Northern RR, Commission sors in part
"The $\mathcal{C}$. \& A. controls the R. T. \& $N$, s railroad under a 999 -year lease, and has operated it as a part of the Alton system. The receivers contend
that the R. T. \& N.'s line has been operated throughout at a serious loss that the R.s. . N. Sine in not financially able to carry this burden, and that the value of the line as a feeder is slight. Transportation of coal from mines in Southern Illinois to the Chicago Milwaukee \& St. Paul at Gran-
ville had been depended upon for traffic. and the R. T. \& N. N track was rebuilt for it, but since the Chicago Miilwaukee \& St. Paul acquired the
Chicaso Terre Hate \& Southeastern the R. T. \& N ; principal function as an intermediate carrier has ceased to exist.
.The capital stock of the R. T. \& N. is owned by the C. \& A. and is bonds which mature in 1932 . The C \& $A$ is gurant of $\$ 225000$ outstanding $4 \%$ bonds of the R. T. \& N ., but the receivers do not intend to ratify this guaranty. The investment in road and equipment is piven
as $\$ 330,660$. The applicants state that the bondholders have refused o cake over the railroad and that ther the lease, to continue its operation
und
mination of the legal questions which may arise bet for the proper deter-㲘 essential factors in reaching our finding the value and magnitude of the extent of the population and industries served, and the probable effect of It andorment upon both the general community and the Alton System. portation service at a considerable loss to the system of which it is a
part: that this system should be relieved of the part: that this system should be relieved of the burden of such loss . The
local population and its farming and livestock industries are, with the oxal population and its farming and livestock industries are, with the
exception of those lying between Porterfield and Price Valley, and generally centring on Magnolia, served or capable of being served by rail lines other
than that of the R. T. \& N. The Magnolia section is not without highways leading to several stations on other lines at no great distances, and there is prospect of additional and improved State roads. The probable
 local reasons, under a, the circumstances shown. Its value as a con-
necting or bridge line. in view of the numerous points of interchange in
this part of the stan necring or bridge lime, in view of the numerous points,

| Expenses, taxes, \&c. | 1926. $31,474.824$ | 1925. <br> $\$ 31,077,084$ $24,717,990$ | $\begin{gathered} 1924 . \\ \$ 30,854,030 \\ 25,141,376 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating inc | \$6,022,651 | \$6,359,094 | \$5,712,654 |
| quip | 2,036,248 | 1,811,223 | 1,317,861 |
| Net operating Other income. | \$3,986,403 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 4,547,871 \\ & 212.293 \end{aligned}$ | \$4,394,793 |
| Total income Interest, rents, | $\$ 4.174 .551$ $4.673,313$ | $\overline{\$ 4.760 .164} 4$ | $\$ 3,751,924$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Defic } \\ & -\mathrm{V} .12 \end{aligned}$ | \$498,762 | sur\$41,283 | \$1,035,2 |

Chicago Milwaukee \& St. Paul Ry.-Additional Assets Created for Stockholders under Reorganization. Additional assets amounting to \$7,000.000 will be created for stock-
holders of the company under the reorganization plan now awaiting approval by the company. C. Comer the reorganization plan now awaiting
Iished by Frazier Jelke \&. Co. "The receivership and reorganization," it is stated, "will cost the stock-
holders approximately $\$ 3.000 .000$ out of the $\$ 70,000.000$ cash assessment
 Indications of recovery or the road appear in the $\$ 8,000,000$ reduction
In the of fixed charges under reorganization and the increase in freight volume
from $34,000,000$ tons in 1921 to 50.000 .000 tons last year, through economic
improvement in the Pacific Northwest.

 $\$ 25,000,000$ of the Government loans matures March 1, Congress has yet
to act on the proposal for funding these loans. to act on the proposal for funding these loans. A
fronting the carriers in the the Northwement in the apparent devenue stite failition of con- the
I.-s. C . Commission to heed the plea of these roads for an adjustment I.-S. C. Commission to heod the plea of these roads for an adjustment
of frielgt rates in their favor. manufactured products have shown a corresponding increase. Since mane falling off in shipment of farm products is attributed to the recent
tharicultural depression, the net result is expected to be an upward swing agricultural depression, the net result is expected noxt few years.
"Definite signs are at hand that show the Northwest is emerging from depression which has sripped it while orther sections were enjoying prosperity
following the post-war deflation period."-V. $124, \mathrm{p}$. 916 .

Chicago \& North Western Ry. Chicago \& North Western Ry.-Preliminary Earnings.


Operating income
Equip. rents, \&c. Net oper. Income
Other income.......
Total income-
Net income Preferred dividends
Ommondividends
Surplus Shs. com. etk. outs
Earned per share-

Chicago St Paul Minneapolis \& Omaha Ry.-Preliminary Earnings.
Calendar Years-
 Oquipating income 8

Net oper. income...
$\underset{\text { Interest, rents, \&come }}{\text { Grent }}$ Not rents, \&c.....- $\begin{array}{r}\$ 3,379,822 \\ 2,570,080 \\ \hline\end{array}$ Net income -
Preferred
Oommond dividends.... Surplus.
Vurplus.-.. $\overline{7} \overline{8} 8$ -
$\qquad$
Cleveland Akron \& Columbus Ry.-To Pay Bonds.on General Mortgage $5 \%$ bonds maturing March 11927 will be paid on or after that date upon presentation of bonds at the office of the Asor at the office of the Treasurer of the Pennisylvania RR., Broad Street Station, Philadelphia. Pa., or at the office of the Treasurer of the Pennsylvania p. 522 .

Erie Railroad.-Listing.-
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of $\$ 39,254,200$
(total issue $\$ 253,000,000$ ) additional common stock (total issue $\$ 253,000,000$ ) additional common stock, par $\$ 100$ per share,
on official notice of issuance on conversion of $4 \% 50$-vear convertible bonds. on orficial notice of issuance on conversion of $4 \% 50$-year convertible ebonds
series D , due April 11553 , making a total amount of common stock applied series D, due Aprite
for to date $\$ 152.254,200$.
The $\$ 39,254,200$ of
The $\$ 39.254,200$ or common stock is required to provide for the conversion
of $\$ 19,627,1004 \%$-year convertible bonds, series D, due April 11953 , or sivertibio at the option of the holder into common stock at $\$ 50$ per share
con the at any time after April 11918 and before Oct. 11927.

Financial Statements for Stated Periods.


Delaware Lackawanna \& Western RR.-Stock In-creased.-The stockholders on Feb. 23 increased the authorized capital stock (par $\$ 50$ ) from $\$ 87,277,000$ to $\$ 87,407,500$. The additional stock is to be exchanged share for share for the capital stock of the Lackawanna \& Montrose RR., of which the D. L. \& W. already owns all but two shares.V. 124 , p. 788.

East Tennessee \& Western North Carolina RR.Final Valuation. The I.-s. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of $\$ 1.613,600$ on
the property of the company, as of June 30 1916.-V. 118, p. 2572 .
Florida East Coast Ry.-Preliminary Earnings.Grass natar Years-
Notaiter taxes.-.
Net oper. income.
Tota income- - -.....
Surplus after charges
Shs. com, stock outst'd'
Earned per sharest




Healdton \& Santa Fe Ry .- Bonds.
authorized the company to issue first mortgage $6 \%$ bond in the principal amount of \$1,100,00, to be
delivered to the Atchison Topeka \& Santa Fe Ry. in satisfaction of an equal amount of indebtedness.
Galveston Wharf Co.-Final Valuation.-
 -v. 123, p. 708
Great Northern Ry.-Directorship Approved.-
The 1.-S. C. Commission recently approved application of Vincent Astor a similar position on the Illinois Central RR.-V. $124, \mathrm{p} .917,788$.
Kansas City Southern Ry.-Valuation Czse.-
An appeal in the valuation case in which the Federal Court of Kansas City serier at $\$ 49.000,000$ will be taken to the U. S. Supreme Court for
the carrion revierrit it was announced at the Department of Justice Feb. 23. The Attorney-General, however, has taken no steps in the case and will not
do so until the appeal Is for warded to Washington by the U. S. District do so until the appeal is forwarded to Wast
Attorney at Kansas City.-V. 124, p. 108.
Lehigh Valley RR.-New Terminal Opened-Earnings. A new passenger, freight and express terminal at Easton, Pa., was opened
for service on Feb. 19 by this company. Confronted by the problem of providing a rapidly growing city with adequate facilities but with its tracks on a viaduct and with a high hill on one side and a river on the other, the
 design, sumplemented by a covered island plattorm 1,000 feet long and 26
feet wide, with a passenger track on either side.-V. 124, p. 502,231 .


 Net income --....- $\$ 10,021,113$ $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Preferred dividends...-: } & 6,10,630 & , 10,630 & 10,630 & 10,630 \\ \text { Common dividends_-.- } & 6,050,170 & 4,235,119 & 4,235,119 & 4,235,119\end{array}$
 $\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\begin{array}{l}\text { standing (par } \\ \text { sta } \\ \text { Earn. per sh. on common }\end{array} & 1,210,034 & 1,210.034 & 1,210,034 & 1,210,034 \\ \text { E.27 } & \$ 6.64 & \$ 6.07 & \$ 7.09\end{array}$ Earn. per sh. on co.
Long Island RR.-Estimated Expenditures. -
Estimated expenditures totaling more than $\$ 57,000,000$ for improvements on hearing held Feb. 3 on the company's application for increased commutation rates. George Le Boutillier, Vice-President, summarized his estimates for the 5 -year period (1927-1931 as rillows Mandatory expenditures imposed upon the railroad by Federal,
Mandatory expenditures imposed upon the railroad by Federal,
State or municipal authority-
Expenditures to improve service and provide for increased trapExpenditures to improve service and provide for increased traffic, road.
 this amount is chargeable to operating expenses, making the not capital expenditures of the expense of eliminating grade crossings, that item amounting to
$\$ 18.250$ $\$ 18,250,000$.
Mr. Le Butillier estimated that for the years $1927-1931$ freight business would increase $24 \%$, commutation business $50 \%$ and other passenger trafric
$24 \%$. Net railway operating income in 1931 would bo 8,76600 at prosent
Went rates. With the $20 \%$ increase in commutation rates it would be $\$ 9,180,000$.
Adding the $\$ 57,000,000$ of new capital to $\$ 117,000,000$, which latter figure is the company's investment as shown by the road and equipment account, gives a total of $\$ 174,000,000$. According to Mr. Le Boutilier,
the n net railway operating incomee in 1931 would be, at prosent rates, only
3. in 1925 and 1926, and that with the $20 \%$ increase in commutation rates it would be $5.27 \%$. orders
cars, to cost about $\$ 2,114,188$. In addition, the company will put in service
 both steam and making the Long Island RR. the inst
retire all wooden cars. -V. 123 , p. 1994.
Los Angeles \& Salt Lake RR.-Right of CommerceCommission to Value Railroad Property Upheld.-The right of the I.-S. C. Commission under the authority of Congress to value railroad property was sustained by the U. S. Supreme Court Feb. 21 in the case of the Los Angeles \& Salt Lake RR. The full text of the decision is given under "Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.-V. 123, p. 204.

## Marion \& Eastern RR.-Lease.- 1380

Minneapolis St. Paul \& Sault Ste. Marie Ry.-Budget. The 1927 budget as announced by A. E. Wallace, Vice-President and Gear. The major items include $\$ 1,500.000$ for expansion and improvement
 schiller Park, near Chicamo, and $\$ 500$,
Chicago district. $V$ V. 122, p. 3451 .
Missouri Pacific RR.-Lease of Marion \& Eastern RR.The 1.-s. O. Commission on Feb. 12 authorized the acquisition by the company of control, by lease, of the rallroad of the Marion \& Eastern RR,
The Missouri Pacific owns all of the Marion's capital stock except qualifying shares held by directors.
Under the lease now proposed the Missouri Pacific is to have full and ex-
clusive control of the Marion's properties, with the right at its own cost.
and without claim over or against the Marion, to make changes in the local
tion or olevation of the Marion's roabbed and such other changes in the way of betterment and improvement as it may deem expedient. It agrees to way
therefor (a) interest on all outstanding bonds of the Marion, which as of therefor (a) interest on all outstanding bonds of the Marion, which as of
Oct. 311926 amounted to $\$ 380,300$. $b$ ) anl taxes and assessments levied or imposed on the leased premises, , and (c) all expenses of operating and main-
taining the Marion's properties.- V . 124 , p. 788 .
oga \& St. Loui
Louis Ry.-Earnings.


Net oper. income...

Other income.......... | $\$ 4,018,155$ |
| :---: |
| $\$ 4,305,695$ |
| $\$ 3$ |

$\$ 3,937,805$
406,607

| $\$ 3,433,767$ |
| :---: |
| 290,207 |
| $\$ 3,061,971$ |
| 337,482 |



$\begin{gathered}\text { Surplus- } \\ \text { Earned per share on } 160- \\ 000 \text { shs. capital stock }\end{gathered}$
$\$ 1,391,258$
$\$ 1,409,042$
$\$ 835,509$
$\$ 1570$
$\$ 1581$
$\$ 1222$
$\$ 1018$
Rutland Toluca \& Northern RR.-Lease Canceled.-
St. Joseph \& Grand Island Ry, p. 1778.
St. Joseph \& Grand Island Ry.-Tentative Valuation.The I.-S. O. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of s7..646, - 764
on the property of the company as of June 30 1919.-V. 113, p. 1675 .
Seaboard Air Line Ry.-Bonds Offered.-Dillon, Read \& Co. and Ladenburg, Thalmann \& Co. are offering at $98^{3} /$ and int. (from March 1 1927) $\$ 5,000,000$ 1st \& consol. mtge. $6 \%$ gold bonds, series A. Dated Sept. 1 1915; due Sept. 11945.
Listing. -Company has agreed to make application in due course to
list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange. list these bonds on the New York So Ste Exchange.
Data from Letter of Pres. S. DDavies. Wharfield, Baltimore, Feb. 18 .
System. The Seaboard Air Line Ry. System consists of 4,260 miles of owned and leased railroad directly poperated by seasists of of Air Lime miles
In and
Indition approximately 290 miles belonging to subsidiary company.
are separately operated. The lines of the Sys.

 the South Atlantic seaboard, including the capitals of six Southern States,
and such important ports as Norfolk Va.; Wilingington, No. Caro.; Oharles-
ton, So. Caro.; Savannah, Ga.; Jacksonville and Tampa. Fla. The ter ritory traversed by the seaboord System is one of the the most producter-
sections of the Sonth, including the citrus fruit and vegetabie areas, cotton
and tobacco districts and saince the extension of the many mimportant manufacturing sections. Palm Beach (P.lm Beach) and Mlami, Fla. it is the only railway system operating through trains over its own raiis from Richmond to Myiami
and other points on the lower east coast of Florida.
The Seaboard Air Line Ry. Swstem ha them across the State of Florida to West Palm Beach, Miami, and other lower east coast points. Washington. D. O. is reached over the itiner oot the
Richmond Fredericksburg \& Potomac RR., in which Seaboard Air Line
Ry. has an interest Security. The st \& consol. mtge. bonds are a direct obligation of com
pany and are secured by a direct first mortgage lien on approximately miles from Hamlet, No Cing the through low-grade main line of 258
 (other than 1st \& consol. mtge. bonds) secured by any existing man bonds
 except additional ref. mtge. bonds, which by the provisions of the 1st \&
consol. mortgage are required to be pledged thereunder. Funded Debt-
Underlying bonds
Underlying bonds.
1st mtge. bonds
Ref. mtge. bonds.

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Adj. mtge. bonds. } \\ \text { In addition the company has outstanding } & 165,453,900 \\ \text { 250.000,000 }\end{array}$
$56.510,000$
$20,878,500$
mitments as to funded debt of subsidiary companies. guaranties and comResults of Operations Years Ended Dec. 31.

outstanding) of interest on the adj. mtge. (income) bonds ( $\$ 25,000,000$
 issued to date are designated as series A bonds. Addititonal maltge. bonds
mtge. bonds are issuable as series A bonds or bonds of other \& consol. more fully provided thereis, the first and consolidated mortgare res.es As Bonds for refunding practically the entire mortgage debt of reaboard
Ar Line Ry., except the adj. mtge. bonds. The remaining 1st \& accuisitions and extensions, the acquisition of stocks and bonds of certain, other companies, the refunding or payment of obligations secured by liens on after-acquired property and the acquisition or retirement of equipment Purpose. - The proceeds of these in the to reimburse the company's treasury for expenditures made for be used oents, acquisitions, betterments, additions and extensions to the proproveand for the acquisition or retirement
Issuance.-Subject to
Seaboard Takes
tions and Settlement of with the Management of the Negotiaeastern Group by the Group Committee Representing the Re Southand the Board of Mediation-Has Withdraven from Railroads and the Board of Mediation-Has Withdrawn from the Southeastern Group.-See under "Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page. - V. 124, p. 641.
Seaboard-All Florida Ry.-Bonds Offered.-Dillon, Read \& Co. and Ladenburg, Thalmann \& Co., New York, are offering at $973 / 4$ and int. (from Feb. 1 1927), to yield over $6.30 \%, \$ 2,000,000$ 1st mtge. $6 \%$ gold bonds, series B Unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by endorsement by Seaboard Air Line Ry.
Dated Aus. 11.1926 ; due Aug. ${ }^{1} 1935$. To be presently outstanding,
not to exceed $\$ 2.451,000$ of series B bonds, in addition to $\$ 25,000,000$ of series A bonds issued in 1925. Interest payable F . \& A. without de
duction for Federal normal income tax not expeed
Princinal
 date on 60 days' notice at 103 and int. Red. as a whole only, on any int.
after

companies are to refund Penna. and Conn. personal property taxes not
exceeding 4 mills per anumm each, the Md. securities tax not exceeding 4 mills per anunm each, the Md. securities tax not exceeding
41, mills per annum and the Mass. income tax not exceeding $6 \%$ per
annum if aplication be made within six annum, if perplication be mathe Mass. income tax not exceeding $6 \%$ per
Trust Co., corporate truste. Listing., Seaboard Ar Aitee. Line Ry. agrees that application will be made
in due course to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchan Lease, - Seaboard Air Line Ry., which owns the entire outstanding capital stocks (except directors' qualifying shares) of the three mortgagor
 mortgage. The lease ar interest on all the bonds outstanding under the Seaboard Air Line Ry. Will maintain the leased properties.
 and ratably with $\$ 25,000,000$ outstanding $6 \%$ series A bonds and additiona bonds which may be issued as indicated below, by direct first mortgag companies. of which approximately 60 miles are still un or the constrictagor
Such bonds will be further secured by the pledge of the lessors' interest
in the leases of such propertics
 gagor companies.
bonds now addtition to these series B bonds and the $\$ 25,000,000$ series A
which may be issued) (and to an additional $\$ 1,000,000$ series A bonds which may be issued) are issuable under the mortagage in one or monds
series in principal amount not to exceed the reasonable cost of additione jected to the mortgage as a first lien thereon; all as more fully provided
and defined in the mortgar Mortgaged Properties.-The are operated as a part of the main line of the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System System they form the only through line of railroad across the penin the Seaboard-All Florida Ry. has bullt an extension, now in operation, of
the main line of the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System from Ww to Miami and other east coast points and is building an exterm Beach Miami to Florida City. The extension to Miami forms an interaral part
of the main line of the seaboard Air Line Ry. System, thus making it the only rallroad system operating through trains over its own rails from On the west coast Seaboard-All Florida Ry, has built a line . also. in
operation, from Ft. OOden on the main line of the Seaboard Air Line Ry.
System throush Ft. Myers to tse System thiroust Coast Ry. extending from Arcadia to Mantension to La Belle. two or the west coast main lines.
Purpose. -Seaboard Air Line Ry. will accept the series from Florida Western \& Northern RR., one of the Western \& Northern RR. for expenditures made for construction and for
additions and betterments to the ine of the latce for from the sale by Seaboard Air Line Ry. of these $\$ 2,000,000$ series Broceeds
bonds Isssance.-Subject to approval by the I.-s. C. Commission.-V. 122 ,
p. 880 .
Southern Ry.-Bonds.-
The I.-S. O. Commission on Feb. 7 authorized the company to issue
issue of $\$ 3,38,000$ of 1st consol. mitge. $5 \%$ gold bonds: to be sold at not less issua or
thar and int. No arrangements have been made for the sale of the
bonds.-V. $124, \mathrm{p} .782$.
Stockton Terminal \& Eastern RR.- Final Valuation.The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of $\$ 222.297$ on the
owned and used property of the company as of June $301916 .-\mathrm{V}$. 123 ,
Waycross \& Southern RR.-Final Valuation.-
The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of 188,900 on the
owned and used property of the company, as of June 30 1918.-V.123,p. 578 .
York Harbor \& Beach RR.-Abandonment of Line.The I.-s. . Commission on Feb. 12 issued a certificate authorizing the
company to aban, as to inter-state and foreign commerce, its line of railroad which extends from Kittery Junction, in the town of Kittery. northeasterly about 11 miles to York Beach, station in the town of York,
and lies wholly within York County, Me.-V. 115, p. 1733 .

## PUBLIC UTILITIES.

All America Cables, Inc.-To Merge With the International Telephone \& Telegraph Corp.-A plan to merge the All America Cables, Inc., with the International Telephone \& Telegraph Co. was formally announced on Feb. 24 in a joint statement by W. Emlen Roosevelt, Chairman of the former company, and Sosthenes Behn, President of the latter.
The joint statement said in part:
The International Telephone \& Telegraph Corp. has authorized an offer
to isue its stock in exchange for All America stock at the rate of 4 shares to issue its stock in exchange for All America stock at the rate of 4 s sharees
of
international stock for 3 shares of All America stock, and the board of directors of All America Cables, Inc., have recommended the acceptance
of such offer. of such offer.
The offer contemplates that All America stock shal be deposited with a
a demittee nominated by the directors of Al Ammerican Cables. Inc., under Committee nominated by the directors of All American Cables, Inc, under
a deposit agreement authorizing the transfer of the deposited stock to the
International when in order. Depositors are to receive certificates of deposit International when in order. Depositors are to receive certificates of deposit
J. P. Morgan \& Co. are to be the depositaries of the Committee, and the
certificates will certificates will be registered by the Central Union Trust Oo, as registrar. issued by each of the corporations to its stockholders.
The consummation of the transed
agreement of an amount of stock deemed sufficient by the International for field of elecesfrical operations heretofore of each of these corporations in the fierd of electrical communications will be materially frurthered by thee
afriliation proposed. The present members of the Board of All American
Cithen
 will be elected to the board of Internationai, John Lertain of Murch dirrectors,
and the other ofricers and staff of All America Cables are to continesident. management. Representatives of International will be continue in its
board of All America Cables in due course.-V. 124, p. 789 .

Alum Rock Gas Co.-New Control.-
Control of the stock of this company, which was closely held, has been
acquired by the Pennsylvania Gas Electric Corv. The consideration was acquired by the Pennsylvania Gas \& Electric Corp. The consideration was
unooffically reported to be $\$ 976,000$, or approximately $\$ 244$ a share.-
V. 123, p. 3317 .

American Cities Co.-Stricken Off List.-
$6 \%$ Tumul. pref. stock.-V. Ex. 115, p. p. 758 . 23 struck from its trading list the
Androscoggin \& Kennebec Ry.-Annual Report.Gross earnings.....
Operating expenses.-
Interest
1st preferred dividends.
2d preferred dividends.
Balance, surplus $\ldots-\frac{\$ 14,443}{\$ 19,953} \overline{\operatorname{def} \$ 65,517} \overline{\text { def } \$ 49,655}$
Associated Gas \& Electric Co.-Preferred Dividends Payable in Cash or in Stock (at Option of Holder).-

The directors have declared the following quarterly dividends: dividend
Original Series Preferred Stock. $871 / \mathrm{c}$. per share plus the extra of $121 / 2$. heretofore declared, or $\$ 1$ in all payable on April 1 to hoiders of record Feb. 28.
\$7 Dividend Series Preferred Stock.- $\$ 17$
to holders of record Feb. 28 . Provision was also made for stock dividends, in lieu of the cash dividends,
 for the class " $A$." stock this is at the annual rate of $\$ 437$ per share for the oriminal series and $\$ 764$ per share for the $\$ 7$ dividend series preferred stock.
Stockholders may also purchase
sell sufficient scrip to torake full shares at the rate of $\$ 1$ above or stock.
iDist.
I 1064.

## Bell Telephone Co. (of Penna.).-Annual Report.-

 Calendar Years-Operating revenue....
Oper.
Taxpenses.
Taxes \& uncollectibles. Operating income

## Gross income Interest charges Interest charges, ec Preferred dividends Common divs. paid Creferred dividends Common divs. paid. Other deductions.



| 8 |
| :--- |
| $\$ 11,617,871$ |
| $1,987,505$ |
| $\substack{1,6 \\ \hline}$ |


$\$ 604,619$
800,000
88.75
$\$ 285,167$
800.000
86.86
1926.

3 $\begin{array}{ll}80,000,000 \\ 20,000,000 & 80,000,000 \\ 20,000,000\end{array}$ | 95,237 | 95,237 |
| ---: | ---: |
| $95,739,500$ | $95,704,500$ | $3,496,650 \quad 3,982,781$

5,259,283 -4,654,239 $\begin{array}{cc}2,500,000 & 2,150,000 \\ 89,037\end{array}$ $34,720,217 \quad 33,164,920$ | 325,648 | 365,451 |
| ---: | ---: |
| $, 188,853$ | $10,816,617$ | $\overline{254,537,898} \overline{251,022,782}$ 254,537,898 $251,022,782$, high Telephone Co. 1 1949. Face value y $119 .{ }^{1}$

Total Total …...-254,537,898 $\overline{251,022,782}$

Properties Acruired.-During 1926 the company purchased the physical
properties of the West Salem Ice \& Light Co., the Noble Electric Lifht \& properties of the West salem ree \& Litht \&o., the Co.. the Strawn Electric Livht Co,., the Alvin Grain \& Eliectric Co, the Rossville Electric Co.., the
New Holiand Light \& Power Co., the Cobden Light \& Power Co. the Liberty Electric Co., Paloma Electric Light Co Mendon Electric Light Co, Anchor Electric Light Co. Inc.. the electric utilities in Vergennes,
Fishier. Belleflower and Littleton; the municipal electric properties Fisher. Belleflower and Littleton; the municipal electric properties of
Grayville, Clay City, Brookport, Cypress. Creal Springst Divenon,
Clity system, and the electric distribution the Mattoon municipal streetric service was also furnished during the year to 31 other communities heretofore not enjoying such service. property and ice business of the Glenridge yce \& Coal Co.. the Marion
 Benton Ice Cream \& Bottling Co., the Christopher Ice \& Botling Co.,
Zeiger Ice \&ottling Co., the Lawrencevilie Ice \&o Cold storage Co., the Chrisman Ice \& Fuel Co. and the ice business at Virden.
The company was recently authorized to acquire the public utility prop
and Chicago Rapid Transit Co.-Initial Dividend on Series " $B$ " Prior Preferred Stock.-
The directors have declared an initial monthly dividend of 60 cents per
share on the prior prefered stock, series '"B," thereby placing that stock on a $\$ 720$ annual dividend basis, series "B," the directors also declared two additional monthly dividends of 60 cents per share on the series "B" pref. stock
and 3 regular monthly dividends of 65 cents each on the prior preferred stock,


Cities Service Co.-Bonds Sold.-A. B. Leach \& Co., Inc.; Federal Securities Corp; Pearsons-Tar L. Doherty \& Co. have sold at $913 / 8$ and int. $\$ 15,000,000$ ref. $5 \%$ gold debenture bonds. Heldring \& Pierson, The
Hague, have reserved for distribution in Europe $\$ 1,000,000$ of this issue.
Dated March 1 1927; due Jan. 1 1966. Principal and interest (M. \& S.)
payable in New York and Chicago: interest payable also in San Francisco. payable in New York and Chicago; interest payale also in San Francisco.
Denom. $\$ 1,000, \$ 500$ and $\$ 100 \mathrm{c}^{*}$. Callable all or part, on any int. date.


 60 days. Interest
tax not exceeding
New York, trustee
Data from Letter of Henry L. Doherty, President of the Company. Company.-Owns directly or indirectly a majority of the common stock of each of more than 60 public utilities comprising an rarge and successrul water, ice and street railway companies, and of more than 40 companies finingenting an marketing
fing
The public utility properties comprise a diversified group operating in 17 States and the Dom 600 communities, including such important cities
 Mo.: Kansas city and others. These companies, ha7.000.00 kilowatt hours of electric energy for
sold in 1926 more than 1,30 ,
light and power, and distributed in excess of 72 billion cubic feet of manulight and power, and iss. ractured and nal oil subsidiaries had during 1926 an average daily produc-
The principal tion or 33,000 excess of 46,000 barrels. They own and operate 7 refineries productiont 1,000 miles or oil pipe lines. The oil properties are located in what is commonly called the Mid-Continent field in Kansas, Texas, and the Missouri.
Oklill enter into an agreement that at least $\$ 15,000,000$
Purpose. Company will total principal amount of convertible debentures and or debentublic as of the company issued and outstanding in The hand tinancing will effect a material reduction in interest charges without increasing the company's funded debt.
Earnings.-Consolidated net earnings for the 12 months ended Jan. 31
 interest charges of $\$ 1,983,886$ on the company's funded indebtedness.
including these debenture bonds, after fiving effect to present financing. Such net earnings for the 8 calendar years 1919 to 1926 , incl. averaged
more than 9 times the above interest charges, and in no year during this more than they less than $61 / 2$ times the above interest charges. The
period were thandy
earnings applicable to the company from subsidiaries were about equaly earnings applicable to the company from subsidiaries were adar year 1926 . divided
Sinking Fund. The acrreement under which these debenture bonds are
to issued will provide for a sinking fund equivalent to 875,000 per
 ratable increase thereof as additional refundimg retirement of refunding $5 \%$
are issued. such fund is to be used for the are issued. Such rund is
gold debenture bonds, by purchase. if obtainable at not exceeding par
and and accrued interest. All such bonds, so purchased, must
Any quarterly sinking fund amounts which are not so applied at the end of any quarter revert to the treasury of the company. of any quarter revert to the treasury of thy is followed by preferred and common stocks of a par value, as of Jan. 31 Thez. of $8193.400,000$ on
which cash dividends of $6 \%$ are being paid. These stocks on Feb. 151927 which cash dividends of $6 \%$ are being pas or $\$ 300,000,000$
Capitalization Outstanding as of Jan. 311927 (after Completion of Present Capitalization Outstanding as of Jinancing).

| Refunding $5 \%$ gold debenture bonds (this issue) - |
| :--- |
| Ref. $6 \%$ old debenture bonds and convertible gold debentures $\$ 15.000,000$ |
| $18,902,246$ |


 The subsidiary companies had outstanding with the public $\$ 236,959,264$ of Jan. 31 1927,
Management. The management of the subsidiaries of Cities Service Management.-The managerection and control of the respective boards

Cleveland (Electric) Railway.-Annual Report.-

 Int, and taxes.
Obsolete propert. 136,868

Balance, deficit $\$ 520,938 \$ 799,998 \quad \$ 103,478 \quad \$ 1,147,159$
-V. 123, p. 2137
Coal Belt Electric Ry.-Tentative Valuation.- $\$ 420.000$ on The I.-S. O. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of the owne.
p. 2896 .

Coast Valleys Gas \& Electric Co.-Prelim. Earnings.12 Mos. Ended Dec. $31-$
Gross earnings--.
Net earnings bepore
-V. 123, p. 2137

Commonwealth Power Corp. ${ }^{\pi}$ ( $\&^{\top}$ Subs.)-Earnings.-
 respectively. months ended Jan. 31 1927, earnings applicable to dividends and retirement reserve amounted to $\$ 10,752,313$, an amount equal to $\$ 29.23$
per share on the outstanding 367,799 shares of preferred stock and $\$ 6.92$ per share on the outstanding 367,79 shares or prererred stock and $\$ 692$
per share on the 1.235 .090 shares or comon stock outstanding Jan. 31
1927. After provision for retirement reserve, earnings were equivalent to $\$ 2001$ per share on the preferred and $\$ 418$ per share on the common as
compared with $\$ 1445$ and $\$ 253$, respectively for the same period last compared
year, based on the same number of shates now ourtstanding. period last
January sales of electricity were $128,607,350$ k.h. and of gas $527,667,900$ cu . ft. Increases of $3,939,679 \mathrm{k}, \mathrm{wh}$. and $43,975,800 \mathrm{cu}$. ft., respectively
over Jan. 1926 For the year ender Jan. 311927 sales. of electricity
amouted and
of 9.72\% and $11.57 \sigma$, respectively over sales for 12 months ended Jan. 31
1926 - 124, p. 500 .

Consolidated Gas Co. of N. Y.-Refinancing Plan Ap-proved.-The stockholders on Feb. 21 approved the plan to increase the authorized common stock from $3,600,000$ shares to $4,320,000$ shares and to create an issue of $3,000,000$ shares "Chew no, par value preferred stock, as outlined in the "Chronicle" of Jan. 29, page 643.
The Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange has ruled that the common stock shall not be quoted ex-rights to subscribe to addi-
tional common and now preferred stock on $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } 25 \text { and not until further } \\ & \text { notice.- }\end{aligned}$ V. 124, p. 1065 .

Denver \& Interurban RR.-Sold.This road, which operates an electric service from Denver to nearby
northwestern points, was sold Feb. 17 at auction for $\$ 88.850$. The sale Wat at the instifation on the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, trustee under
the first mortgage bonds.-V. 124, p. 371. Diamond State Telephone Co.-Earnings.-
 $\begin{array}{lrrr}\text { Uncoll. oper. revs. } & 8,700 & 4,200 & \text { Other } \\ \text { Uppropria- }\end{array}$
Taxes assignable
operations...




Fall River Electric Light Co.-Trust Agreement.The directors in a circular to shareholders state that they have approved a trust agreement under which stockholders may deposit their stock. The
agreement is to run until Dec. 31 1931. subject to extension to Dec. 31
1936 In the agreement the three trustees are authorized either to sell all, but not less than all, the depoesited common stock at not less than ser by three fourths of the deposited stockck the somprice as may be approved
$\$ 25$ par value common stock outstanding. The circular further statess "The directors feel that the trend in public possibility that control of the company might pass without each agharehst the
 prices, a available to all, cannot be assured at present. inasmuach as price. surchacers are free to obtain majority control by acquiring scattered holdings, and dis-
regarding the minority stock not sold. sented to act as trustees wichout compensation. Durfee Trust Co. in Fall River or maston Safe Deposit \& Trust Co. in Boston, Mass.-V. in Fall
2653.

Florida Public Service Co.-New Power Plant.acquired compony, a subsidiary of the General Gas \& Electric Corp., has about 25 miles south of Lake Wales, as the site for a new steam generating
power station, the initial capacity of which will be $12.500 \mathrm{k} . \mathrm{w}$. The station power station, the initial capaccty onlyy completed power plant of the station
Fort Smith Light \& Traction Co.-Preliminary Earns.


General Gas \& Electric Corp.-Regular Dividends.-
Regular quarterly dividends on the following stocks of this corporation have been declared, payable April 1 to holders of record Mar. 15, said divi-
dends being for the quarter ending Mar. 31 1927: $\$ 2$ per share on the 88 cumul. pref. stock, class A; $\$ 175$ per share on the $\$ 7$ cumul. pref. stock Secretary O Clement Swenson says: Holders of common stock Class "A" are given the right to subscribe to additional shares of commock stocks, on April deliver to each of the holders of common stock York, transfer agents, he dividend payable April 1 1927, common stock, Class "A," entitled to so certificates therefor, equivalent in amount, taken at $\$ 25$ per share, to the umless advised by the stockholder on or before Mar. 211927 that he entitled, exercise the right of subscription, to which he is entitled and requests the Court Decisiondend in cash.

Court Decision on Dividends on Class " $A$ " Common Stock.
The Delaware State Supreme Court on Feb. 23 affirmed the decree of the
Chancery Court which refused a preliminary injunction to enjoin the company from allowing the holders of Class A common stock to receive additional shares of Class A common at the rate of $\$ 25$ a share to the extent of their
The decree also denied an injunction to enjoin the company from issuing
to Class A stockholders additional shares of such stock at less than the sales value unless there shall have been paid or set apart to the holders Class B conmoa, during any calendar year, dividends at the rate of $\$ 150$ a share per year, and unless such additional shares are issued to holders of
the Class B commoon upon the same terms as they are issued to holders of The injunction was sought by Bodell \& Co. of New York. The latter
hold both Class A and Class B stoc in the corporation. hold both Class $A$ and Class $B$ stocis in the corporation.
The Court's opinion reads in part as followsi
.There is nothing in the evidence which ins: of the corporation and all its stockholders. The evidence. Which is necest there is nothi er to the for the most part, strongly supports such belief"And the evidence also shows that the effect of the policy favored by
the direetors and opposed by the complainant so far as carried out, was prontable to the corporation. It enabled the company to raise a large arge bloczs of Class $A$ stock rat fair to do develop the business, by sering
land at small expense without
imposing aly fixed char imposing any fixed charges on the corporation. pany that e tabled the directors to sell enough stock at a fair price to meet the financial requirements of the corporation.
clusion as the Chancellor in regard to the beneficial effect of defendantis
policy on the corporation.
"Taking a broad view of the situation, we think the just and equal rights
of Class B stockholders under the certificate of incorporation have not been infringed, and that the acts of the directors objecced to were performed
in good faith, in the exercise of their best judgment, and for what they be in good faith, in the exercise of their best judgment, and for what thermed be-
lieved to be the advantage of the corporation and all its stockholders. ""There is one point made by the complainants in the tower Court that has not been considered, and need not be, because it was practically abandoned in this Court. Reference is here made to the contention that alow-
ing Class A commor stockholders to use dividends in buying other Class A ing Class A commor stockholders to use dividends in buying other Class A
stock at $\$ 25$ a share amounted to a declaration of a dividend to them and above the preference which the certificate of incorporation them over against the Class B common. The argument is that to the extent of the amount the above the $\$ 25$ stockhore they gave, they received a a dividend in addition stockholders were paid a dividend of $\$ 150$ a year while to be sure a profit can thus be made and the Class A stockholder obtains more than his dividend of $\$ 150$ a y year, the additional sum in not
taken out of the earnings of the company. It is derived from the man to Whom the stock is sold on the market be affirmea."-V. 124.p. 643.
Havana Electric Ry.-March 1 Bond Interest.
Speyer 2 . . - has
Electric Ry. 25 -vear $51 / 2 \%$ gold debentures that the interest due Havana 1927 on these debentures will be paid on and after that date at their office,
$24 \& 26$ Pine St., N . Y . City, upon presentation of the interim receipts for Interborough Rapid Transit Co.-Earnings. Gross rev., all sources-
Exp. for oper. $\&$ mainMonth of January-
1927.
1926 M Mos.
1927. taining property--
Taxes payabe to to
State \& U S $\begin{array}{lllll}3,091,645 & 2,927,265 & 21,484,101 & 20,325,357\end{array}$ Rentals payable city for $\$ 2,242,120 \quad \$ 2,097,239 \$ 12,305,377 \$ 13,277,645$
 Int. pay. for use of bor-
rowed money \& sink. $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { fund requirements: } \\ \text { Int. on T. R. T. 1st } \\ \text { m. }\end{array} \quad 675,428 \quad 672,839 \quad 4,720,699 \quad 4,709,403$ $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Int. on I. R. .T. } \\ \text { In } \\ \text { secured notes. } & 196,481 & 198,494 & 1,380,425 & 1,388,120\end{array}$

Int. on equip. tr. ctfs.
$\begin{array}{llll}45,689 & 45,094 & 318,818 & 301,213 \\ 16,225 & 22,913 & 139,600 & 181,659\end{array}$
Other itgems bonds....-
$\begin{array}{rrrr}201,543 \\ 9,348 & 224,202 & 1,368,439 & 1,332,742 \\ 9,540 & 63,769 & 68,165\end{array}$
$7 \%$ on Manhattan Ry.
stock not assenting
 Balance, surplus....-
$\$ 445,108$
$\$ 272,362$
$\frac{1024}{\text { def } \$ 254,916}$$\frac{1,603,041}{\$ 729,471}$
International Power Co., Ltd.-Results for 1926 -
Acquisition.-
President I. W. Killam says in substance: "This company was in-
corporated and organized in Canada for the purpose of acquiring as a corporated and organized in canada for the purpose of accuiring as a
holding or operatigcompany the ownership or contro of operating electric
light. power and public utility undertakings in Central and South America iight. power and public utility undertakings in Central and South America,
the West Indies and elsewhere. The present paid-up capital, distributed among about 2,000 shareholders, is $\$ 4,000,000$ cum $7 \%$ 1st pref. shares
of \$ $\$ 100$ each. $82.000,0006 \%$ d prer. shares of $\$ 100$ each (convertible into four common shares), and 100,000 common shares of no par value.
The company now controis through stock ownership the following companies: (1) Venezuela Power Co., Ltd., which owns the electric light combined population of $150,0000^{(2)}$ San Salvador Electric Light Coi-
which owns the electric light and power business in the City of San Sairador and suburrs,
130,000 ( 3 ) Bolivian Power Co
Co Ltd power, telephone and tramway business in La Paz, Bolivia, with a popula-
tion of 110,000; (4) Demerara Electric Co., Ltd., which owns the electric light, power and street railway business in Georgetown, British Guiana,
with a population of 65,000 : (5) Newfoundland Light \& Power Co which owns the electrc light and street railway business in St. John',
Newfoundland, with a population of approximately 40,000 . These companies serve a combined population of about 500,000 and carry on their usimess und ur ravorad
or municipal authorities.
Since these companies. have been brought under the control of the International Power Co., its directors have initiated an active and energetic
campaign of development with a view of increasing the business earnings of the various plants. Considerable sums have been expended in capital improvements and extensions during the past year, including
the installation of a large new steam power plant in Maracaibo, Venezuela, the installation of a large new steam power plant in Maracaibo, Venezuela,
a hydro-electric plant in Barquisimeto, Venezuela, and increasing the capacity of the hydro-electric power plants in St. John's. Newfoundland, and La Paz, Bolivia.
The pross earnings of the companies above mentioned for the calendar operating expenses $\$ 1,009,431$. Which, after providing for fixed charges leaves a surplus of $\$ 492,000$ aupplicable to replacement and other reserves of subsidiary companies and dividends on the outstanding first preferred
stock of the International Power Co., Ltd. By continuin the stock of ting the plants in good operating efficiency and providing extensions and additions when necessary to meet the needs of the growing populations which these companies serve, there can be little doubt that the poprits will
increase considerably year by year. The officials of the varions con have made a very careful computation of the profits which the companies will earn during the current year, and they estimate the increase for this year at $\$ 300,000$
to the atatention of that it is situatectors was directin the field of op Porto Rico Rys. Co., owing pover Co., Ltd., and after giving the matter very careful consideration, the directors have come to the conclusion that it is desirable and in the mutual interests of the shareholders of the International Power Co., Ltd.,


International Railway, Buffalo.-Annual Report.-
 $\left.\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Operating income } & \$ 1,457,095 & \$ 1,287,592 & & \$ 766,985 & \$ 501,280 \\ \text { Non-operating income_- } & 49,799 & & 48,094 & & 46,226\end{array}\right)$


[^5] a $\$ 87,106$ credited to fixed charges, being the amount contributed by by voting trnstees. b This loss from oreration for the year 1923 represents strike costs.-V. 124. p. 236.
International Telephone \& Telegraph Corp.-Proposed Consolidation.-See all America Cables, Inc., above.-

## Lawrence Gas \& Electric Co.-New President.-

 Long Island Water Corp.-Acquisition.-

Louisville Gas \& Electric Co.-Preliminary Earnings.12 Tos. Ended Dec. 31 -
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$\qquad$


Milwaukee Gas Light Co.-Bonds Sold.-Otis \& Co. Marshall Field, Glore, Ward \& Co., Lehman Borthers and Redmond \& Co., have sold at $933 / 4$ and int., to yield about $4.85 \% \$ 11,500,000$ 1st mtge. gold bonds $41 / 2 \%$ series, due 1967.






Data From Letter of Pres. R. B. Brown, Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 21. Company. - Orranized in Wisconsin in 1852. Does anll the gas business in


 customers of other gas companies owned by the American Light \& Traction
Co. Company also has a favorable contract for delivery to it of large Co. Company also has a
quantities of coke oven gas.
Capitalization Outstanding (Upon Completion of This Financing).
 Common stock (par $\$ 50$ ).-. May 1927 ,- this issue of bonds will constitut Security.-From and after May 1 1927, this issue of bonds will constitute
the company's only funded debt and wil be secured by a first mortgage on all physical properties, rights, and franchises of the company, now or and the tar plant in North Milwaukee upon the satisfaction and release on and
$\$ 9,097,000$ of 1 st mtge. 25 -year $4 \%$ gold bonds maturing on that date
unds for the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds maturing on May 1 1927, will be deposited with Central Union Trust Co. of New York prior to the issuance of the bonds due March 11967.

Income Account 12 Months Period Ended Dec. 31.

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Net available for int. \& depreciation..-------- } \\ \text { Annual interest requirements of this issue } \\ \text { \$2,061,796 } & \$ 2,289,540 \\ \$ 517,500\end{array}$ Net earnings for the 12 months ended Dee. $31192 \overline{6}$, were equivalent to
4.42 times annual interest requirements of these bonds. 4. 42 times annual interest requirements of these bonds.
Purpose.- Proceeds will be used to refund $\$ 9,07,0001$ st me. $4 \%$ gold ments already made and for the company's estimated 1927 requirements for capital purposes.
Management.-American Light \& Traction Co., owns more than $97 \%$ of
Montana Power Co.-Listing.
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of $\$ 1,500.000$ zold bonds, series A, due July 1943 , making the total amount applied
or $\$ 27,985,000$. V . 124 , p. 236 .

Mountain States Power Co.-Preliminary Earnings.Gross earnings.-.................. The above earnin
Mountain States Telephone \& Telegraph Co.The I.-S. C. Commission on Feb. 14 issued a certificate approving the individually, and as guardian of the estate of L. H. Green, a mental incompetent, doing business as the Green River Valley Telephone Co. On Nov. 81926 the Mountain company contracted to purc
properties of the vendors for $\$ 5,000$.-V. 123, p. 3320

## National Power \& Light Co.-Earnings.-

Company's preliminary annual report for 1926 shows earnings applicable to common stock of $\$ 4,450,861$, equal to $\$ 175$ per share, as compared with
$\$ 142$ per share earned for the calendar year 1925 . These are the earnings $\$ 142$ per share earned for the calendar year 1925. These are the earnings
after the deduction of depreciation aggregating $\$ 2,837,921$ for the year
1926 and $\$ 2,529.494$ for the year 1925 . 1926 and $\$ 2,529,494$ for the year 1925 .
of $13 \%$ for the year, and net earnings aggregated $\$ 13,463,453$, an increase Company's balance sheet at Dec. 311926 shows current assets of $\$ 10,-$
983,316 and current liabilities of $\$ 562.932$. Surplus at Dec. 311926 was

## New York State Rys.-Fare Increase.-

The New York P. S. Commission recently authorized the company to establish a higher rate of fare on its lines in Syracuse, N. Y., effective
Feb. 10 . The new rate is 10 tickets for 75 cents and single cash fare of 10
cents. The previous fare was 7 cents.
New York Telephone Co.-Tenders.-
The Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, as trustee, will
receive bids for the sale to it of 30 -year s. f . 6 . gold debenture bonds, due Febive 11949 , to an amount sufficient to exhaust $\$ 288,346$, at prices not ex-
Feb 112

Niagara Lockport \& Ontario Power Co.-Listinq. The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of $\$ 3,750,000$ additional 1 st mtge. \& ref. $5 \%$ gold bonds, series A, dated April 11925.
due April 1.1955 , making the total amount applied for $\$ 18.750 .000$. due April 123, p. 3320.
Northern Ohio Telephone Co., Bellevue, O.-Bonds Sold.-R. F. De Voe \& Co., Inc., and the Chicago Trust Co. have sold at par and int. $\$ 1,200,000$ 1st mtge. 30-year sinking fund $51 / 2 \%$ gold bonds, series " $A$ "
Date Feb. 11927 ; due Feb. 1 1957. Principal and int. (F. \& A.) payable
at Guardian Trust Co. Cleveland, O., trustee. or at Bankers Trust Co., New York. Denom, $\$ 1, n 00$ and $\$ 500 \mathrm{c} *$. Red. all or part on any int,
date on not less than 30 days notice, at 105 on or before Feb. 11937 , at 104
thereafter and on or before Feb. 11942 , at 103 thereafter and Feb. 1 1947, at 102 thereafter and on or before Feb. 11952 or before payable without deduction for Federal income tax not in excess of $2 \%$. Company agrees to reimburse the holders of these bonds if requested within 60 days after payment for the following legally assessed personal property
taxes: By Penna. not exceeding 4 mills, by Conn. not exceeding 4 mills, taxes: By Penna. not exceeding 4 mills, by Conn. not exceeding 4 mills,
by Maryland not exceeding $41 / 2$ mills, by Mich. not exceeding 5 mills, or
for the Mass. income tax not exceeding $6 \%$ per annum on the interest Issuance.- Authorized by the Ohio P. U. Commission
Data from Letter of Frank A. Knapp, President of the Company.
Company.-A consolidation of the following companies under Knapp Company.-A consondation anale Telephone Co., Local Telephone Co., Wood County Telephone Co., Galion Telephone Co, Oberlin Telephone Co.,
Nevv Ottawa County Telephone Co., Crestline Local Telephone Co., The system comprises 23,691 telephones, furnishing without competition, nd under franchises, Which are satisfactory, local and long distance teleddition to local exchange service, the company maintains a privately Nervice outside its own territory through a joint operating agreement with
selt
he Bell Telephone Co. of Ohio and the American Telephone \& Tele o. The system includes 17,996 miles of exchange aerial wire, 55,870 feet V underground conduit and 342,027 feet of exchange aerial cable combined properties of the company as fixed by the P. U. Commission of Ohio on Feb. 161927 was $\$ 3,206,100$. The present sound value of the was $\$ 3,434,718$.


Larnings of Companies Now Forming the Northern Ohio Telephone CO. Gross earnings (including other income)
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { 1924. } & 1925 . & 1926 . \\ \$ 620.400 & \$ 655,868 & \$ 700,547\end{array}$

| Net avail. for int., deprec. \& Fed. taxes_-.- $\$ 237,847$ | $\$ 242,832$ | $\$ 279,617$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | The net earnings as indicated above have averaged $\$ 253,433$ per annum,

equivalent to 3.8 times interest requirements on the bonds to be presently utstanding. Purpose.- Proceeds will provide cash necessary to effect the consolida-
ion and for additional working capital. Capitaization-

 a The issuance of additional bonds is limited by the provisions of the mtge.
Sinking Fund. While any of the bonds of series "A" are outstanding, the company will pay to the trustee on or before Feb. 1 in each year from
Feb. 11928 to and incl. Feb. 1 . 1942 , an amount equal to $1 \%$ of the agre1943 to and incl. Feb. 11956 an amount equal to $2 \%$ of the aggregate principal amount of series " $A$ " bonds theretofore issued, to be applied to the
purchase or call of bonds at not exceeding the then current redemption [Company has been authorized by the Ohio P . U. Commission to panies to be acquired and the authorized sales price follow: Bellevue Home Telephone Co., $\$ 283,500$; Oberlin Telephone Co., $\$ 206,600$ : Ottawa Telephone Co., $\$ 753,900$; Crestline Local Telephone Co, $\$ 116,200$; Medina

Northern States Power Co.-Preliminary Earnings.12 Months Ended Dec. 31-
 Net earnings, before depreciation and aroperties now in system for full periods.
The above earnings include all pron -V .124 , p. 236.
Oklahoma Gas \& Electric Co.-Preliminary Earnings.12 Months Ended Dec. 31- $\quad 1926 . \quad 1925.087$
 V. 124, p. 922 .

Pennsylvania Gas \& Electric Corp.-Acquisition.-
See Alum Rock Gas Co. above.-V. 124, p. 792.
Peoples Gas Light \& Coke Co. - Stock to Employees.The stockholders on Feb. 23 approved the reservation for and sale to than $\$ 100$ a share. See V. 124, p. 648, 1067

Peoples Light \& Power Corp.-Subsid. Co. Acquisition. The Bisbee-Naco Water Co., serving a population of 18,000 with water in the famous mining district in southern Arizona, has been sold by W. C.
Reed, controlling the property, to W. B. Foshay Co. of Minneapolis, Minn., Reed, controlling the property,
it was announced on Feb. 19 .
During 1926 underground ore discoveries placed this district in the lead of copper-producing properties of the United States, Gas and electric properties in Globe, Miami, and other towns in Arizona here there are Arizona Gas \& Electric Corp., a Foshay property. The Bisbee-Naco purchase has been consolidated with the Arizona corporation.
12 Mos. Ended Dec. 31- $\qquad$ Gross earnings.-.-. $\qquad$ 1926. Inc. available for int. deprec amoritzation and dividends
For comparative purposes the company has adjusted figures prior to its acquisition to present actual conditions.-V. 124, p. 1067.
Philadelphia Company.-Preliminary Earnings.12 Months Ended Dec. 31- $\qquad$
$\qquad$ Net earnings beerore
-V. 123, p. 2655.

Pittsfield Coal Gas Co.-To Pay Notes.-
The $\$ 300,0005 \%$ gold notes due Mar. 1 will be paid off at office of Mer chants' National Bank, Boston, Mass. In connection wis. 979 .
the company may issue its one-year paper.-V. 121, p. 979
Pittsfield (Mass.) Electric Co.-Offer to Stockholders.The Western Massachusetts Companies, recently formed to acquire the stock of the Turners ealk for each share of Pittsfield Electric Co. stock. It is stated that
own stock
over $51 \%$ of Pittsfield stock has been deposited for exchange under this over $51 \%$ of Pittsfield stock hat
plan. See also V. 124, p. 648 .

Porto Rico Rys. Co., Ltd.-Control Sought.-
Public Service Production Co.-Plans Extension to Its Newark Terminal Building.-
Plans are now being drawn by this company contemplating an extension at the corner of East Park and Pine Streets.
The extension contemplated will embrace altogether 121,530 square feet of space and will afford increased orstruction, it is expected, will be started Serv spring and wil be finished the latter part of 1928.
Two extensions were made to the building in
stories wer on the corner of North Canal and Pine Streets was replaced by a 9-story building.-V. 121, p. 2877.

Public Service Transportation Corp.-Orders 212 New Buses.-
This company, which is controlled by the Public Service Corp. of New Jersey, has places to meet in part its 1927 requirements. Of this number, 125 will be used to replace buses to be retired from service because of wear or obsoles scence, 47 will be for use on new routes or lines and 40 will be put into the chartered bus service, in which the company is now specializing.
buses ordered for charter bus service will be of the gas mechanical type, while the rest will be of the gas electric type.

Added to those already in service, this order for new equipment will
bring the total of new buses purchased or ordered by the company since it began active operation late in 1923 , up to 953 , made up of 567 gase elece tric
and 386 gas mechanical buses. During the same period some 675 other buses and 386 gas mechancaled and rehabilitated. Of the buses just ordered 147 will be Macks, built by the Mack Inter-
national Motor Trusk Corp. and 65 will be A. C.F.'s, built by the American Car \& Foundry Co.-V. 122, p. 3084.
Salem (Mass.) Gas Light Co.-To Issue Stock.The company early this month petitloned the Massachusetts Department
of Public Utilities for authority to issue, at $\$ 3125$ per share, 12.953 addi-
tional shares of capital stock par $\$ 25$. tional shares of capital stock, par $\$ 25$. The proceeds are to be used to
pay for additions and extensions to the company's plant and property $\stackrel{\text { pay }}{-V}$ for 123, p. 2521.
San Diego Cons. Gas \& Electric Co.-Preliminary Earns Gross earnings Gross earnings
Net earnings. beoror
-V. 122, p. 3211 .
$\begin{array}{cc}1926 . & 1925 . \\ \$ 5,753.392 \\ 2,602,461 & \$ 5.38,71 \\ 2,260,767\end{array}$
Sedalia (Mo.) Water Co.-Bonds Offered.-Putnam \& Storer, Inc., Boston, are offering at par and int. $\$ 950,000$ 1st mtge. $51 / 2 \%$ gold bonds due Feb. 11947.
Principal and int. payable at Harris Trust \& Savings Bank, Chicaso,
and at Harris. Forbes \& Co. Inc., Boston. Denom. $\$ 500$ and $\$ 1,00$. premiums. Authorized, $\$ 2,000,000$, the unissued portion of which may
 \&c., and then only if net earnings, as defined, are at the erate of at least twice
interest charges
on all
It ing. Normal Federal income tax not exceeding $2 \%$ paid by the corporation, as well as certain State income taxes of not exceeding certain amounts.
Harris Trust \& Savings Bank, trustee, St. Louis Union Trust Cou, coIssuance. - Approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission.
Serves Sedalia. With a population exceoding 25.000 , under
satisfactory. franchises. since 1887 the water properties have been privately owned. The property has been valued by the Missouri P. \&. Com-
mission for rate-making purposes at $\$ 1,269,000$ on June 301926 , since which mate substantial capital additions have been made
Earnings for 1927, as most conservatively estimated, are $\$ 101,643$ Earnings for 1927 as most conservatively estimated, are $\$ 101,643 ;$
available for bond interest requirements of $\$ 52,250$, or practically twice the requirements, whereas the company states such earnings, based upon the
volume of business done last year, to be at a substantially greater rate per annum at the present time, exclusive of any considerations of any new busiCapitalization consists of $\$ 250,000$ outstanding preferred $7 \%$ stock and
of 11,850 shares of no par value common stock. Bonded debt outstanding
consists of $\$ 950.000$ list

## Southeastern Power \& Light Co.-Electric Output.-

 Output (kw.h.) Output (kw.h.) $185,952,685$$159,369,716$
Southern Bell Telephone \& Telegraph Co.-Acquisi'n. acquisition by the compsiony of Feb. 12 issued a certificate approving the On Oct. 141926 the Bell company contracted to purchase all of the physicai
and tangible telephone properties of the Lenor company for $\$ 60.000$ in
cash. An appraisal made by engineers of tho cash. An appraisal made by engineers of the Bell company for $\$ 600000$ in
pind the re-
production cost new of the properties, less depreciation, to be $\$ 49,294$.
Southern California Gas Co.-Stock Change Authorized to exchange its outstanding commod by the California RR. Commission o exchange its outstanding common and preferred stock of a par value
of $\$ 100$ per share for new stock of a par value of $\$ 25$ per share in the
ratio of four shares of The company now has $\$ 6,000,000$ of common stock and $\$ 4,000,000$ of The Commission also authorized the com less than $\$ 24$ per share 40.000 shares of its series A preferred stock (par $\$ 25$ ) and to use not exceeding $\$ 1$ per share for expenses of selling same, and
to ute the proceeds from the sale of such stock to finance additions and betterments and reimburse its treasury on account of earnings expended for construction purposes.-V. 123, p. 2392 .

## Southern Colorado Power Co.-Preliminary Earnings.Gross earnings Mod Dec. 31 -

Noss earninggs, bēpore depreciation
The above earnings include all $\qquad$


## Southern Counties Gas Co. of Calif.-Report.

 Calendar Years-Mis earnings. Gas earnings-
Total incomeOperating expenses-..--
Taxes, incl. Fed. taxes. Depreciation-il. int.: B -

Amort. of bond discount
arend oxpense.
Preferred divs. $8 \%$ )
Common divs. $(14 \%)--$
Balance, surplus
profit and loss surplü Shs. of com. outstanding Earn. per sh.
Cor

$$
\begin{array}{cc}
\text { Condensed Bala } \\
& 1926 \\
\text { Assers- } & \text { s. }
\end{array}
$$


Acots. \& notes rec.

Tot. (each side) 1926.
5,985 .


Southern Public Utilities Co., Charlotte, No. Car.-
By a majority of 638 votes in a special election the Board of CommissionBy a majority of 638 votes in a special election the Board of Commission-
ers of North Wilkesboro, No. Car., has been empowered to sell the mul nicipally owned electric distribution system and franchise sell the mu- Within the
past fow months the towns of Mount Alis, Ellin, Kernersvile, Stone Wingate, Marshyille, Madison and North Wilkesboro, No. Car., have voted
Southwestern Gas \& Electric Co.-Bonds Called. All of the outstanding gen. mtge. gold bonds, Nov. 1922 series, have
been callec for redemption May 1 next at 105 and int. at the Central Trust
Co. Chicago tll Ar ©hicango. Ill . have been made whereby the holders may present the same for payment at any the time prier to May 1 I 1927 an the
office
tion.- the the trust company and receive 105 and int. to the date of presenta-
Southwestern Light \& Power Co.-Bonds Offered.-Hill, Joiner \& Co., Inc., Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Inc., Kelley, Drayton \& Converse and Emery, Peck \& Rockwood are offering at 97 and int., yielding about $5.20 \%, \$ 6,500,000$ 1st mtge. $5 \%$ gold bonds, Series A.
Dated Feb. 11927 due Feb. 1 1957. Interest payable F. \& A in New
York or Chicago, without deduction for Federal income taxes not in excess
of $2 \%$. Denom. c* $\$ 1,000, \$ 500$ and $\$ 100$, and $\mathrm{r}^{*} \$ \$ 1,000$ or other autnor-
ized amounts. Red. all or part at any time upo 30 days' notice at the fol lowing prices and int.: on or before Jan. 31 1932, at 105; after Jan. 31 1933

 Central Trust Co. of llinois and Aksel
Listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange.
Data from Letter of Earl R. Ernsberger, President of Company. Company.-Incorp. in Delaware. Owns and operates public utility
properties supplying electric light and power, gas and ice service, at retail to a centralized group of 56 communities in southwestern Olkahoma, and
including the citles and town of Altus, Chickasha, Duncan, Elk City and
ind Lawton. Electric light and power are furnished to 53 communities, gas to 13 other communities in adjacent territory. The population served, di-
rectly and indirectly, is estimated to exceed 150,000 , and more than $86 \%$ and ges. The central electric power stations of the company have a total installed
capacity of 15,260 kilowatts and are interconnected with the various com munities served by 662 miles of high-voltage transmission lines. The modern station, the last unit of 5,000 kilowatts being placed in operation in
mat 1926. Natural gas purchased under ravorable contracts from producing tompompany have a total daily capacity of 240 tons. At present company is
serving more than 17,794 electric and 10.913 as

Earnings of Company as Now Constituted for Calendar Year 1926.

Net earnings
 Net earnings for the year 1926 were about $21 / 4$ times the above annual Capitalization Outstanding With Public (After This Financing)
Preferred stock, cumulative \$6 (no par).................... Common stock,' Class A (par \$100).
 First mtge. $5 \%$, gold bonds, series A, due Feb. 11957 (this issue) $63,500,000$
 pany's property, for the acquisition of property, for partially reimbursing
the treasury for expenditures made on account of additions and improve ments to the properties, and for other corporate purposes.
Management. Company is controlled through the Central \& South West Utilities Co. by the Middle West Utilities Oo Securities to Be Retired.-Simultaneously with this financing the following
securities will be retired: Issue-
Southwest
Issue-
Southwest will be retired: Southwestern Light \& Power Co. 1 st M. Outstanding. Retirement Retice. Retirement
Date. due Aug. 15 1930 1927 to 1020 Co. 1st M. 6s, due June i- 1,50 Mar. 11927 Chickasha Gas \& Elec. Co. 1st M. $6 \mathrm{~s}, \quad 7.500 \quad 100$ xJune 11927 $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Due Mar. } 11927 \text { and } 1928 \text { - } \\ \text { Chickasha Gas \& El. Co. 1st \& ref. mitge. } & 39,000 & 100 & \text { Mar. } 11927\end{array}$
 Note.- The balance of proceeds to be derived from sale of the 1st mitge. $5 \%$
mold bonds, Series A, other than that required for retirement be used to reimburse the company in part for expenditures made fors, wil tions and betterments to the properties, for the purchase of additional properties and for other corporate purposes
ing allowance for going concern value, as determined by Sanderson \& PortydEngineers, is stated to be $\$ 11,071,245$ as of Feb . 1 1927, or the equivalent of approximately $\$ 510$ or value per $\$ 1$ of gross earnings. The total funded
debt of $86.500,000$ to bo outstanding wil also be less than $59 \%$ of the value

Standard Gas \& Electric Co. (\& Subs.).-Earnings.Gross Mos. Ended Dec. 31Net earnings. bepore depreciation $\qquad$
Tide Water Power Co.-Bonds Called.
All of the outstanding 15 -year $7 \%$ sinking fund gold debenture bonds, due Oct. 1 1937. have been called for payment April 1 next at 110 and
nterest at the Cleveland Trust Co., trust, Cleveland, O .- V . 124 , p. 650 .
Turners Falls Power \& Electric Co.-Earnings.-




E


|  | 1926. |  | Liabuites | 1926. | 1925. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Plant and equi |  |  | Labuates |  |  |
|  | ${ }^{185.402}$ |  | Prem. on com. stik |  | ${ }^{3,760}$ |
| Acets. re | 26 | 261,620 | Mortgage bonds | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 |
| Notes rec | 294, |  | Notes payabl | 990,000 | 895,000 |
| Other |  | 133,003 | Accounts payable- | 49,638 | 30,001 |
| her assets |  |  | Federal Inc. taxes_ |  | 85,016 |
| vanced expense | 88 | 50,248 |  |  | 31,282 |
|  |  |  |  | x975 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 19,979 776,12 |

 serve for property retirements $\$ 272,785$ for retirements of plant and eequip-
ment. leaving a balance of $\$ 975,000$ in the reserve on Dec. 31 1926.-

Union Electric Light \& Power Co., Unionville, Conn. -Earnings-stock Increased, \&ec.Calendar Years-
Revenue from sales, electric curren
Less: Expenses (including provisiont for deprec.).
Taxes...................
Net operating income, electric division---it---̄
Other income water power division plus interest and profit on merchandise sales)
Less: Interpest paid come


Balance available for dividends, reserves and

The stockholders in Jan. 1927 authorized an increase in the canital stock
rom $\$ 600,000$ to $\$ 1,000,000$, par $\$ 100$. Of the additional stock, 3,000 shares were offered at par to stockholders of record Jan. 18 on a basis of
one new share for each 4 shares then owned. Rights expired Feb. 15. The purpose of the issue was to reimburse the treasury for capital expenditures made and also to provide for contemplated extensions of lines.
During 1926 the company acquired the New Hartford Electric Co. The During
totalo output of eleectrical current for 1926 was $4,408.183 \mathrm{k} . \mathrm{w} . \mathrm{h}$., as compared
with $4,022,405 \mathrm{k}$. w .h. the previous year and $3,620,066 \mathrm{k}$. w . in 1924 . k.w.h. h. The company's capital was increased $\$ 100,000$ during the past year an
$\$ 50,000$ first mortgage $6 \%$ gold bonds were paid off.-V. 123, p. 208 .

Underground Electric Rys. Co. of London, Ltd.-Div. According to advices received from London the company hal a d. 113 .

Union Electric Light \& Power Co., St. Louis, Mo.Catendar Years-
Gross earnings.-.-.
Operating expenses
Taxes-a-i.-
Preferred dividends
Balance.--

## Assets- Prop' \& plant

Capital expends.
other \& bonds
Sundry invest'ts
Cash
Notes receivable-
Mat'ls \& supplies
Due from affil. cos.
Oper. accounts.-.
Prepaid accounts
Bond \& note diset


## Total

 $\overline{78,833,453} \overline{68,182,925}$Total

| 1926. | 1925. |
| :---: | ---: |
| $\$$. | $\$$ |
| $1,996,300$ | $9,000,000$ |
| $9,500,000$ | $13,000,000$ |
| $25,369,000$ | $25,369,000$ |
| 320,488 | 369,670 |
| 461,645 | 384,573 |
| 7,72, | $3,451,009$ |
| $1,992,208$ | $1,235,149$ |
| $8,923,552$ | 55,401 |
| $1,695,877$ | $9,232,360$ |
| $6,822,168$ | $6,085,764$ |

United Rys. Co. of St. Louis.-Rate Held Up. The Missouri. P. C. Commission recentily suspended for 120 days from
Feb. 7 the new schedule of rates filed by the company for the city an county to st. Louis, Moo The new schedule proposed to increase the cas
fare rate for adults from 7 to 8 cents with two tickets for 15 cents. -V .124 p. 114 .

United Railways \& Electric Co. of Baltimore.-Notes Offered.-Alex. Brown \& Sons, Baltimore, are offering \$2,500,0003 -year $6 \%$ gold notes at $991 / 4$ and int., to yield about $6.28 \%$.
Dated March 1 1927; due March 1 1930. Interest payable M. \& S. with out decuction tor any Federal normal income tax up to $2 \%$ per annum. Denom. $\$ 1.000$ and 8500 ct. Redi at any time on 30 days' notice at 100 and int. Sare Deposit © Trust Co. of Baltimore. triustee. Company Company. Does the entire streets. railwasy business and controls, prac-
ticaly an the local bus business in and around Batimore City, operating ai trackaage of aboot 415 miles and a total or approximately 1,250 cars and
serving a population of about 850.000 . Company's street tranchises are. with minor exceptions, unlimited as to time.

$\mathbf{x}$ Earnings after all operating expenses, taxes and rentals but before per annum. y Estimated figures, subject to year-end adjustments. z Divthe past 13 years with the excention of about 31 years following the war Purpose.-Proceeds of the sale of these notes, together with cash supplied Aug. 1 1927. Listing.-Aplication will be made to list these notes at the Baltimore Stock Exchange.—V. 124, p. 794.
United Telephone Co., Chicago.-Bonds Offered.Wm. L. Ross \& Co., Chicago; Merrill, Oldham \& Co., Inc., Boston, Whitaker 1st mtge. collateral series A $6 \%$ gold bonds.
Dated Feb. 1 1927; due Feb. 11947 . Denom. $\$ 1,000$, $\$ 500$ and $\$ 100 \mathrm{c}^{*}$.
 ing $2 \%$ per annum. Company agrees to reimburse the holders of Series A
bonds, if requested, within 60 days after payment for the Penn. and Conn 4 mills and Maryland $41 / 2$ mills taxes and for the Mass. income tax on the int. not, exceeding $6 \%$ of such interest per annum. Red. at any time on but at not less than 101 and int. Ness

Data from Letter of D. A. Belden, President of the Company, 1st mtge. coll. ser. A $6 \%$ gold bonds due Feb. 11947 (this issue)- $\$ 1,400,000$
 1st pref. stock, no par value (auth, 30,000 shs.), $\$ 7$ div, series. 2,500 shs. Common stock, no par value (auth. 35,000 shares) Company.-A Delaware corporation. Through its operating companies furnishes, without competition, telephone service principally to important lines of these companies interconnect with those of the Bell and independent companies serving adjacent territories, and subscribers of the United Telephone Co. system are thereby furnished with nation-wide services. In all,
the system includes approximately 21.500 telephone stations. the system includes approximately Issue.-The indenture limits the initial issue to an amount not exceeding the principal amount of first mortgage bonds of subsidiary companies deposited as security for this issue and constituting the entire initial issues of such bonds. Control of subsidiary companies is assured by deposit of a to $\$ 2,000,000$, of which the present offering iof $\$ 1,400,000$ is part. The remaining $\$ 600,000$ are issuable against subsidiary companies' first mortgage bonds secured by pes the annual bond interest charges before depreciation and $13 / 4$ times after depreciation. Additional bonds of this or subsequent series may be issued subject to the restrictions summarized in the accom panying letter.
Property. -The present depreciated value of the property of the company system has been appraised recentret earnings of the company system for the 12 months ending Dec. 311926 were over 2.6 times the annual interest ciation.
Purpose. -The proceeds of these bonds, together with the proceeds of the Purpose.-The proceeds of these 2,500 shares 1 st pref. stock, $\$ 7$ dividend series, and 2,750 shares participating preferred stock, $\$ 7$ dividend series,
tion of property, for additions to its property and for other corporate purposes. Management and Supervision.- Company has arranged under a favorable contract for the management of its subsidiary and controlled companies by
the firm of J. G. Wray \& Co. of Chicago, telephone engineers.-V. 123, p. 1998.

Utilities Power \& Light Corp.-Dividends. share on the Class A stock, payable April 1 to holders of record Mar. 7 Share on the Class A stock, payable April 1 to holders of record Mar.
Holders have the right and option to accent in lieu of their cash dividend
additional Class A stock at the rate of $1-40$ th of a share for each share of additional Class A stock at the rate of 1-40t on the directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 25 c . per share Jan. 3 last an extra dividend of 41c. per share was paid on this issue in addition to the usual quarterly of 25 c . per share. Holders or right stock, o to accept in lieu of their cash dividend voting trust certificates for additional Class B stock at the rate of 1-40th of a share for each share of Class B stock Undes of record Mar.
tion that he desires his dividend in cash, the corporation will send to him on April 1 the additional stock (or scrip for fractional shares) to which he is nited. 124
Virginia Electric \& Power Co.-Listing.-
hares 70 curn shares $7 \%$ cumulative preferred stock (par $\$ 100$ ), and ter
for 27,796 shares of $6 \%$ cumul. pref. stock (par $\$ 100$ )

Consolidated Income Statement 12 Months Ending Dec. 31
Operating revenue
Operating expenses \& taxes, incl. Federal taxes Maintenance \& depreciation ,


Operating incom
Other income
Total income-
Interest on funded debt
Other interest Amortization of discount \& expens
Net income
Surplus Jan. 1
Miscellaneous credits
Dividends-Preferred stock
Common stock - ---
Uncollectible bills, inventory adjustments, \&c.
Adj. on account of liquidation of subsidiary cos
Adj. on account of liquidation of subsidiary cos
Surplus Dec. 31
Earnings per share preferred stock-
$\times$ Earnings per share on all pref x Earnings per share on all preferred stock outstanding
incl. 20,976 shares $\$ 6$ pref. stock issued in Dec. $\$ 18.16$ -V. 124, p. 924.
Western Massachusetts Cos.-Acquires Control of Pittsfield Electric Co.
See Pittsfield Electric Co. above.-V. 124, p. 924
Western States Gas \& Electric Co.-Preliminary Earns. 12 Mos. Ended Dec. 31-
 Net earnings, before depreciation. $\begin{array}{cc}1926 . & 1925 . \\ \$ 3,407,593 & \$ 3,240,057 \\ 1,804,570 & 1,650,986\end{array}$

Western United Gas \& Electric Co. (\& Subs.).Asset

| Property, plant \& equipment, \&c$\$ 39,730,257$ |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Unamort. debt. disct expense |  |
| Investme |  |
| Special |  |
| Cash |  |
| Accts. \& |  |
| aterials |  |
| Prepayment account |  |
|  |  | $61 / 2 \%$ cum. pref. stock-- $\$ 6,988,700$

Common stock. $\begin{array}{ll}\text { 1st M. gold bonds, } 1955-24,300,000 \\ \text { Notes payable_...... } & 1,050,000\end{array}$ Investments.

Accts. \& notes rec----
Materials and supplies
Other deferred itemt


Total $\qquad$
Wisconsin Power \& Light Co.-Acquisition. Light Co President Neff has announced the purchase of the Trenton Power \& The Trenton company of rural customrrs.-V. 124, p. 650 .


Total deficit
$\$ 23,807$

## INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

Refined Sugar Prices.-On Feb. 23 the following companies advanced Refined Sugar Prices.- On Feb. American, Federal and McCahan, On Feb. 24 Federal quoted 6.05 c ., while Arbuckle advanced price 5 pts . from
5.95 c , to 6 c . per lb. Yellow Taxi Cab Co. Cuts Rate 5 Cents Per Vile, Effective Feb. 19.-Old rate was 15 c . for first $1-5$ mile and $1 /$ mile and 5 cents for each $1 / 4$ mile thereafte
 Social Mill of Manville-Jenckes Co. at Woonsocket, R., I' Closes Down
Because Operatives Refuse Change in Working Hours. 'Sun, Feb. 21, p. 3.
American Woolen Co. Opens Men's Wear Fancy Worsteds for Fall 1927 at American Woolen Co. Opens Men Unchanged Prices.-A few increases in price, varying from $21 / 2$ to 5 cents over spring lines, are quoted. An average reduction of around
$72-3 \%$ is shown in certain fancy and semi-staple weaves. New York $723 \%$ is shown in certain fancy and semi-staple weaves. New York
"Times" Feb. 22, p. 33 . 1 .
American Window. Announces Reductions Averaging $6 \%$ on
Flat Window Glass in Carload Lots Effective until Mar. 17. "Wall St. Journal" Feb. 25. in "Chronicle" Feb. 19.-(a) Torrington Co. to close Manchester, N. H., plant Torrington (Conn.) facilities to be enlarged, p. 982 . (b) Bethlehem Steel Corp. forces scrap reduction, p. 983 . (c)
Hare \& Chase, Inc., affairs watched by bankers $\$ 4.000,000$ frozen assets in auto finance paper cause of firm's difficulties, p. 991. (d) Bid of \$11.-
000,000 for realty holdings of New York Produce Exchange rejected, p. 992.

Allerton Corporation.-Bonds Offered.-A banking group consisting of Parsly Bros. \& Co., Philadelphia, Brokaw \& Co., Chicago, J. A. Ritchie \& Co., Inc., New York and Banks, Huntly \& Co., Los Angeles, are offering at $971 / 2$ and int., to yield over $6.25 \% \$ 2,000,0006 \%$ sinking fund convertible gold debentures. This offering of debentures will constitute the only funded debt of the corporation, which has net tangible assets of over $\$ 3,300$ for each $\$ 1,000$ debenture. The debentures will be convertible into class A common stock of the corporation, having a present book value of over $\$ 64$ a share. Further data in connection with this issue was given in V. 124, p. 1069.
Outstanding Notes Called for Payment.
All of the outstanding 5\% conv. Gold notes, dated Feb. 11925 have been calied for redemption June 15 at 10
trustee. 100 Broadw.
Holders of the above notes who may desire to redeem the same prior to date of surrender upon presentation of their notes, with and int. to the

## Aluminum Co. of America.-Bonds Called.-

All of the outstanding 12 -year $7 \%$ s. f. debenture gold bonds, dated Oct.
1 1921 have been called for payment April 1 next at 105 and int. at the
Amalgamated Laundries, Inc.-Definitive Bonds Ready. Throckmorton \& Co. announce that definitive 10-year s. f. $61 / 2 \%$ gold
bonds are now reay for delivery at the Seaboard National Bank of the
City of New York. (For offering see V. 123 , p. 1508.)-V. American Can Co.-Annual Report.-
 Deduct



 tock div. on com ( $50 \%$ ) 20,616,650
 Shs. com . stk. outst'd'g
$($ par $\$ 25)$

$\begin{array}{r}\times 412,333 \\ \mathbf{8 1 9} 64 \\ \hline\end{array}$
 was changed from $\$ 100$ par to $\$ 25$ par, stock holders receiving 6 shares of Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31

 185 inventory reserve, $\$ 4,059,731$; miscellaneous reserve, $\$ 970.930$.--
V .124 , p. 114.

American Car \& Foundry Co.-Equipment Orders.-
Soe Prublic Service Transportation Co. under "Public Utilities" above.
-V. 124, p. 925.
American Express Co.-Balance Sheet Dec. 31.-



 | Due rrom banks | $4,082,573$ | $5,80,939$ | Due to banks, \&o. | $8,561,810$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Working funds | $6,843,202$ |  |  |  |
| $1,569,385$ |  |  |  |  |

 Advances -
Acpts. \& letrs of cr. Bank guarantees Acer.Int.\& acts.re Other assets
Total --

xRepresented by 180,000 shares of no par value
xRepresented by 180,000 shares of no par value.
The usual comparative income account was given in V. 124, p. 794.
American Laundry Machinery Co.-Earnings.Calentiar Years
Net ater all charges
Profit \& loss harp
Shares of common surplus.-...-
Shares of common outstanding (par $\$ 25$ )
Earns. per share on common

$1925:$
$\$ 5.100,713$
13.801832
360.800
31379
$\$ 137$ General Balance Sheet, Dec. 31, 1926.


The directors have declared a $21 \% \%$ stock dividend in addition to the
usual quarterly cash dividend of $25 \%$ ( $\$ 250$ per share) on the common were paid on Jan. 2 last. hrovers of recously cash March 15. Like amounts per annum were paid on the common stock.- V . 123, p. 2781 .
American Republics Corp.-Court Denies Injunction.the appifcation for an injunction restraining the corporation from carrying out the action of its directors to perrait stockholderporation the Gamena sarying
Oil Co. to exchange two shares of its preferred stoc for tnree shares of como. to exchange two shares of its preferred stoce for three shares of by minority stockholders on the ground that the exchange of stock had he and his familily are large holdcers of Fres. Jasena Signal Sill stock and that
of officers and directors friendly to Mr. Cullinan at the annual meeting.
At the annual meeting James H. Durbin and H . C . McCarty were elected directors, succeeding T. P. Lee and L. F. Jordan. Other directors
were reelected. At meeting of directors John Walsh was elected V.-Pres.. succeedingL. This action leaves the J. S. Cullininan interests in full control. Counsel for the Lea faction indicated that the election of directors may be contested in Wilmington Chancery Court because the common stock of American Republics Corp., which had been exchanged throe shares of
two shares of Galena Signal Oil preferred, was voted at the meeting.-

Anglo-American Corp. of So. Africa, Ltd.-Output.-

Associated Simmons Hardware Co.-To Show Profit.figures for the the company will show a protit after ali priterest and depreciation. It is also announced that there will be a very substantial reduction in bank
loans an compared to Dec. 311925 , and the ratio of quick assets to current
iabilities will be over 6 to iabilities will be over 6 to 1 .-V. 122, p. 2656 .
Auburn (Ind.) Automobile Co.-Output.-
Production January-
${ }^{1927 .}$
${ }^{1926 .} 8$ V. 124, p. 926. 651 .

Auto-Knitter Hosiery Co.-Stricken Off List.
the New York stock Exchange struck from its trading list on Feb. 23 the no par capital stock of the above company. This action was taiken
because of the failure of the companies to maintain transfer agents in New

Baltimore Tube Co.-Annual Report.

 | 1923. |
| :--- |
| $\$ 327.734$ |
| 168.998 |
| 9,360 |

Balance, deficit
V. 122, p. 2502 .
$\$ 27.536$
<38,
ur $\$ 149,376$
Belding Heminway Co.-Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1926.-


 Investments.....

| 834,260 |
| :---: |
| 319,949 | Earned. Federal tax payable) 236,165

$2,788,436$

Total
Total - ...............-s14,951,100 Total . . $x$ After deducting $\$ 2,282,014$ reserve for depreciation. y Represented by The income account was published in V. 124, p. 1070.
(Sidney) Blumenthal \& Co., Inc. (\& Subs.).-Report.Calendar Years-
Net income--1.-....-
Depreciation reserve-ts
Prov. for doubtul a accts
Interest charges,
Interest charges, sc-
Federal tax reserve.
Inventory written off


Net loss............-- $\$ 75,687 \quad \$ 860,515$
$\$ 883,029$ sr $\$ 1,061,730$

Machinery \& equip Furn. \& ifixtures.
Pats.,good-will, Cash .-............. 1926.
1.94 .017

$2,770,311$ Note and trade Life ins. pollices Acets. recelvable | Inventories |
| :--- |
| Investments. | able-: Prd, str. for ermi-

Deferred charges
 dividends and sinking tund and to or no par value. y Available for pref. par $\$ 100$, stated at preference value of $\$ 110$ per share.- $\dot{\mathrm{V}}$. 123, p. 2659 .
Bolivian Petroleum Co. (Nev.).-Stock Offered.-Curtis \& Sanger, New York are offering at $\$ 350$ per share 200,000 shares capital stock of no par value. The stock is offered as a speculation.
Transfer agent Bankers
Exchange Irving Trust Co. Now
Tro Capitatization.-Authorized $1,000,000$ shares; proposed to be presently
issued and outstanding, 905,000 shares (no par value). Data From Letter of Reginald H. Johnson, President of Bolivian Properties.-Bolivian Petroleum Lake T Tions on approximately 3,125,000 acres of prospect Delaware owns bake fricaca District in the Republic of Bolivia. Pursuant to an agreemen Petroleum Co lis betroleum Corp, and the Atlantic Refining Co. Bolivian half of the capital stock of Bolivian Petroleum Corp., the other half of Atlantic Refining Company Contract.-The Atlantic Refining Co ha contracted with Bolivian Petroleum Corp. (the directors of which will be lected half by the Atlantic Refining Co. and half by Bolivian Petroleum
Co.) to explore the concessions of Bolivian Petroleum Cor Boiivian Petroleum Co. With all exploration reports. At the completion of
the Atlantic Refining Co the Attantic Rerining Co.'s explorations it may then exercise its rights to
carry these concessions into exploitation in which joint venture with Bolivian Petroleum Co. as an equal participent with the Atlantic Reffining Co., but entirely under the latter's mana mement. It is anderstood that the Athantic Refining Co. will start its preliminary geological survey during the month of Feb. 1927.
Purpose of Issue. -The net proceeds from
furnish the company with funds which may the sale of these shares will Refining Co. in the development of acreage selected for exploitation and Directors. W. W. E., Alasen, Wichita Falls, Texas, Seth G; Brady, Sec.; (Storey, Thorndike Palmer and Dodge); H. D. Montgomery, (Curtis \& Sanger), J. B. Shearer (J. B. Shearer \& © Co.), Maxwell stevenson, Vico-
Pres. \& Treas., James E. Whitney, Vice-Pres., R. S. Wile, New York.

Borden Co.-Additional Stock to be Offered Shareholders.The stockholders of record March 9 will be given the right to subscribe $\$ 60$ per share, to the extent of $10 \%$ of their holdings. Payment should be made in New York funds to the Seaboard Nationt Bank, 115 Broadwa, April 6 1927, at which time they will be credited with interest at the rate

each per share before the close of business on Aprill 6, June 6. Oct. 6 and Dec. 6. Interest at the rate of $6 \%$ per annum, amounting to 8122 per share
willowed on the first three installment payments from their respective due dates to Dec. 61927 , when it will be paid by crediting the amount on the final installment payment.
Certificates for new stock will be issued on or after Dec. 61927 , and said
tock will participate in dividends declared or payable after said date.
President Arthur W. Milburn, Feb. 9, said in part:
The authorized capital stock is $\$ 50.000,000$, consisting of $1,000,000$
Of this authorized capital stock there have been issued and are now outstanding 630,896 shares of the aggregate par value of $531,-$ and
544.800. leaving 369.104 shares of the aggregate par value of \$18.455.200
available for issuance from time to time in the discretion of the directors. The directors are or the opinion that the best interesto of the company and
he stockholders will be served by issuing additional shares of the capital stock during 1927. course which, was so successfully adopted in 1924,1925 and 1926, and that furnishing the required funds on advantageous terms. The board has there-
fore deelded to offer not exceeding $\$ 3,154.500$ of the capital stock (i. e.
fol ore decided to offer not exceeding $\$ 3,154.500$ of the capital stock (i. e.,
3,090 shares) to the stockholders pro rata in proportion to their respective tockholdings.-V. 124, p. 926 .
British-American Oil Co.-Dividends on New Stock to be Inaugurated at the Rate of 80 c . per Annum.
It it announced that dividends at an annual rate of 80 c . per share will
inaugurated on the no par value capital stock. This is at the rate of 3320 per share on the old stock of $\$ 25$ par value, which was recently split upon a basis of four new shares for one of old. Dividends on the $\$ 25$ par
stock were paid at the rate of $\$ 250$ per annum, and in addition, the stock were paid at the rate of $\$ 250$ per annum, a
company on Jan. 2 last paid an extra or 50 . per share.
made before July 1 next. A. L. Ellsworth has been elected President, succeeding S. R. Parsons

British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd.-Interim Div.
The directors on Feb. 22 decided to pay an interim dividend of 10 d . per share paid on these shares on Jan. 17 last.-V. 124, p. 104 .
Buffalo General Laundries Corp. - Initial Dividend.The directors have declared an initial dividend of 75 cents per share on
outstanding $\$ 225$ cumul. partic. pref. stock, no par value, payable to tockholders of record March 20 This distribution covers the four months
(A. M.) Byers Co.-Earnings.-

Quarters Ended Dec. 31 - Federal taxes, \&c.
Net earnings af
Other income..
Total income
 1926
$\$ 313.0$
23,9
$\$ 336$,
37,5
$\$ 299$,
151
$\$ 1$ 1325.
$\left.\begin{array}{l}122,857 \\ 30,274 \\ \hline\end{array}\right]$

Celotex Co.-New Vice-President.-
William Johnston, formerly of the New York "World," has been elected
Vice-President in charge of public relations, effective March 1.-V. 123 . p. 3041 .

Central Leather Co.-Plan Operative.-
Kuhn, Loeb \& Co. and the Bankers Trust Co., managers of the reorganization of the company, announce that the plan for readjustment of the
share capital of the company has been declared operative. The announce ment further says:
More than $85 \%$ common stock of the company has been deposited under the plan and agreement. It is contemplated that a meeting of stockholders will be called in the near future for the purpose of authorizing the necessary cor-
porate action to give effect to the plan. Stockholders who have not yet porate action to give effect to the plan. Stockholders who have 1 .
deposited their stock are urged to do so promptly.:-V. 124, p. 512 .

## Chesebrough Building (Co.).-Tenders.-

The Central Union Trust Co, 80 Broadway, N. Y. Oity, will until
March 22 receive bids for the sale to it of 1 st mitge. 25 -year $6 \%$ s. f. oan ctfs., dated Oct. 1 1923, to an amount sufficient to exhaust $\$ 25.000$ not exceeding 105 and int.-V. 123, p. 1118.
Ch vy Chase Dairy (Wise Brothers), Washington, D. C.-Pref. Stock Sold.-Y. E. Booker \& Co., Washington, D. C., have sold at 100 and div. $\$ 300,0007 \%$ cumul. pref. stock.,
Exempt from present normal Federal income and District of Columbia Exempt Prom present normal Federal income ani District orable June 1
personal property taxes. Divs. payable Q.-M. (first div. payable
1927). Red. all or part on any div. date upon 30 days notice at 107 and 1927). Red. all or part on any div. date upon 30 days' notice at 107 and
div. Non-vottng unless 4 quarterly divs. are in arrears. Transfer agent.
diver Capitalization to Be Authorized and Outstanding.

Capitatization to Be Authorized and outstanding.
$7 \%$ cumulative preferred (this issue
$\$ 300,000$
 years. during which time the business has developed from selling to a feow yaars. during which time the business has seveloped rom seiling to-day it supplies over 13,000
families the milk produced on two farms until customers daily with the product of 200 farms.
Earnings. - The net earnings shown below are after giving effect to econoexpenses. Deductions have been made for adqeuate depreciation and local taxes, but not for Federal income taxes.

It is estimated that as a result of economies effected through this financthan $31 / 2$ times interest requirements on this issue.
Purpose. -Proceeds from the sale of this preferred stock will be used to etire $\$ 150,000$ of common stock, to cancel all existing mortgages on the property and to provide additional working capital.
Listing. - Application will be made to list this stol
Listing.-Application will be made to list this stock on the Washington
Child's Di
Meeds \& Mucker, Anthony \& Co. are offering at 99 and int. to yield about $5.28 \%, \$ 1,400,0004$-year $5 \%$ notes.
Dated March 1 1927; due March 1 1931. Denom. $\$ 1.000 \mathrm{c}^{*}$ I Interest
payable M. \& S . at Empire Trust Co., New York, trustee, without deduction for Federal income tax not exceeding $2 \%$. Penna, 4 -mills tax Refunded. Red. all or part, at any time on 30 days' notice at 101 and
int. on or before March 1929 at $1001 / 2$ and int. on or before Sept. 1 1930; int. on or beafter to matwrity at 100 ano int.

Data from Letter of William Childs, President of Childs Co.
 restaurants located in ostan, company is acquiring the entire outstanding capital stock of Boos Bros Cafeteria Co... formed in 1906, which operates on Catalina Island. will be the direct obligation of Childs' Dining Hall Co. and will be secured by pledge with the trustee of the entire outstanding capital stock of Boos Bros. Cuaratetes that while any of these notes are
Guaranty.- Ohilds Co. Guaranvidends on the Boos Bros. Cafeteria Co. outstanding, the semi-annual collected by the trustee, shali at least equai
the interest requirements on these notes. Childs Co. also agrees to purchase
on demand at the maturity of this issue the pledged capital stock of Boos on demand at the maturity of this issue the pledged capital stock of Boos
Bros Cafeteria Co . for $\$ 1,400,000$; such asreement to be enforceable by the truste, under the provisions of the trust indenture, for the benefit Capitalization Ou hessino
Real estate mortages Real estate mortgages
Four-year $5 \%$ notes (this issue)
Preferred stock

## Preferred stock *-

$\$ 1,199.250$
1.400 .000
200000
*Over $99 \%$ of which is owned by Childs Co
Consolidated Statement of Earnings-Years Ended Dec. 31.
The Dining Hall Co. and Boos Bros. Cafeteria Co.
Gross sales
Vet oper, profits beforedeprec, avail.
for interest and Federal taxes $\begin{array}{lll}\$ 7,509,961 & \$ 7,199,495 & \$ 7,200,316\end{array}$

Childs Co. (N. Y.).-Revised Gross Sales.-
The company announces that amended gross sales of meals during month of 1926, an increase of $19 \%$. The company had previously announced sales of $\$ 2,214,487$ for the month, but since that time figures of $\$ 322,937$
for January of the Boos Bros. Cafeteria Co. of Los Angeles, which was for January of the Boos Bros. Cafeteria Co. of Los Angeles, which was
accuired by Childs Co. as of Jan. 1 last, have been received, making the acquired by Childs Co, as of J
total for the month $\$ 2,537,424$.
[Including Childs' Dining Hall Co. and Childs Co. of Providence.]

 Capital stock:-
Mttes. Mtges, notes \&
accounts. Leaseholds, goodWill, \&c.. Govt, \& State bds Mther securities.Notes \& acc'ts rec Mdse Inventories Deferred charges. $\begin{array}{rr}\text { 941,769 } & 1,677,092\end{array}$

Total.
otal_---.-.-.-31,962,356 30.315,997 a After deducting $\$ 5,888,915$ for
$\$ 349,973$ for depreciation on building a After deducting $\$ 5,888,915$ for depreciation.
$\$ 349,973$ for depreciation on buildings.
ar par value. d Invested in real estate. first mepresents 346,825 shares of no ment and other bonds and cash on deposit.
Note.-Contingent liability on guaranty of mortgage bonds of subsidiary real estate companies, $\$ 450,000$.
The income account was published in V. 124, p. 1072.

Commercial Solvents Corp.-Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.-



 $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Deferred charges.-. } & 193,916 & 241,884 & \text { Earned surplus... } & 2,517,542 & 1,415,114\end{array}$ 1926 x Represented
nd 47,064 shares class $B$ stock and 39,960 shares class A stock in in 1925 .
Congress Cigar Co., Inc.-Earnings.Calendar Years Gross sales
1926.
$\$ 19,090,070$
$\$ 17,566 ., 204$ Net profit.
Other income. $\qquad$
$\square$
$\qquad$

Total income..
Interest_- for Federal taxes
Provision
Common cash dividends...
$\$ 2,541,596$
$\$ 2,151,857$
40,297
\$2,541,596
64,439

| $\$ 2,192,154$ |
| :---: |
| $\substack{50 \\ 160,103}$ |

 Shares or capitais
Earning per share 124 , p. 796 .

## Consolidated Distributors, Inc.-Annual Report.-

[Including operations of Times Square Auto Supply Co., Inc.]


Total income
$\begin{array}{rr}\$ 112,740 & \$ 355,544 \\ 26,510 & 11,987 \\ 15,000 & 50,000\end{array}$

Net profit $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{rr}\$ 71,229 & \$ 293,557 \\ 395,251 & 267.629 \\ \$ 019 & \$ 109\end{array}$ Karn. per share on capital stock......................

| Assets- | 1926. | 1925. | Labluties- 192 | 192 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Investments | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | Cap. stk, \& sur.. $\mathbf{x} \$ 3,164,500$ | \$2,736,080 |
| Furn., fixt. \& autos | 194,826 | 195,924 | Notes\&trade accep 177,048 | 99,815 |
| Leaseholds | 523,000 | 523,000 | Accounts payable- 116,638 | 142,785 |
| Good will | 1,477,000 | 1,477,000 | Accrued accounts. $\quad 417$ | 2,917 |
| Cash. | 27,212 | 51.505 | Res. for taxes, \&c- 15,000 | 50.000 |
| Notes recelvable.- | 1,853 | 2,493 |  |  |
| Acc'ts recetvable. - | 36,891 | 51.046 |  |  |
| Merchandise | 1,013,615 | 632,217 |  |  |
| Dep. on lea | 5 585 | 92,405 | Total (each side) \$3,473,603 | 3,031,5 |
| Prep. \& def. exps | 192,353 |  |  |  | x Represented by 395,251 shares of no par value.

V. 123, p. 2524 .

Consumers Co., Chicago.-Initial Div. on Prior Pref. Stk. The directers shave dechared an inithal yuarterly dividend of $1, \%$. ${ }^{\text {on }}$
prior preferred stock, payable April 1 to hoiders of record March 31 . prior preferred sid
V. 122 , p. 1317 .

## Continental Can Co., Inc.-Listing.-

 Feb. 24 of 7.596 additional shares (authorized 750,000 shares) common
stock no par value on official notice of issuance and payment in full making the total amount applied for 507.596 shares.
The issuance of the 7,596 shares was authorized by the directors Jan. 12 The issuance of the 7issiance of 3,411 of such shares in part payment for all the outstanding capital stayment for all the outstanding capital stock of
of 4,185 of such shares in pays. of 4.185 of such shares in payment for a
the G. N: Easton Can Co.-V. 124, p. 914 .

Craddock-Terry Co., Lynchburg, Va.-Prefe red Stock. In order to provide additional capital to meet the growing demands of the compan's business (its sales in 11226 having reached a volume of about
$\$ \$ 0.00 .000$, an increase of about $\$ 2.500 .000$ over the sales ofthe previous
vear) the company offered $\$ 500.000$ Class C preferred year) the company offered $\$ 500,000$ Class C preferred stock to stockholders
at tar ( $\$ 100$ per share) and int. at $6 \%$ from Jan. 11927 , as the stock will be issued as of and participate in the earnings of the company from that
date. This is a portion of an anthorized issue of $\$ 2.500$ preferred stock, of which \$948,100 has been proverously sold and was out-
standing as of Dec. 31 1926. Rights expired Feb. 21 . The average net earnings of the company for the five years 1922 to 1926 about 31, times the amount which will berequired to pay dividends on al all
outstanding preferred stock after this offering of $\$ 500.000$. Taking the company's last balance sheet statement as of Dec, 311926 as a basis and ceeds the outstanding preferreedstock of all issuese by something over sta, $500,-$
000 . When the present offering of preferred stock is included, the net in000 . When the present offering of preferred stock is included, the net in-
vested capital will equal $\$ 250$ per share of the outstanding preferred stock and the net quick assets will equal more than $\$ 150$ per share.
The companys operations include its Lyychburg plants; its Baltimore branch; its Western department, operated as Mreclrov-sioan Shoe Co.
St. Louis, Mo.: its Northwestern department, operated as the Harsh Chapline, Shoo. Oo, Milwaukee, Wis.i. and cons, operated of 5 wholesale distribut
ing houses, 10 shoe factories and a tannery.-V. 124. p. 928 .

Crown Cork \& Seal Co.-President Against Plan. Liddell says: "In the first paragraph, where my name is incorrecty. spelled Lyden, please note that 1 am not in favor of recapitatilizetion
neither are Messrs. Watter W. Avell, Graprin Cook nor Gate D. Fahne
stock. We Wour are distinctly opposed to this move,

## Cushman's Sons, Inc.-Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the Iisting on or after
March 1 of 1,503 shares additional of $\$ 8$ cumulative diside stock, without par value (auth. 40,000 shares) on official notice of issuance in payment of the dividend upon its common stock, making the total
amount applied for to date, 34,063 shares of $\$ 8$ cumulative dividend pref.
On Jan. 17 1927, the directors declared a dividend of $\$ 3$ per share on the
common stock of the company (in addition to the $\$ 1$ cas divid common stock of the company (in addition to the $\$ 1$ cash dividend per
share on such common stock) of which amount $\$ 150$ shall be payable $\$ 150$ per share shall be payable on Sept. common stock, Aug. . 5 . 1927 , such dividend of $\$ 3$ per share to be payable
in the $\$ 8$ cumulative in the $\$ 8$ cumulative dividend preferred stock of the company at a valuation of one share of such $\$ 8$ cumulative stock, to be issued at the rate of 3 -200ths of the amount of such dividend so payable. The amount of common stock
outstanding at the close of business on Feb. 15 1927, was 100,240 shares outstanding at the close of business on Feb. 15 1927, was 100,240 shares. Results for Calendar Years.
Bread \& cake sales (net)
Baling \& admin. exps
Interest

Interest_..................
Operating profit
Other income
Total income
Depreciation.
Federal taxes-----
Preferred dividends
Common dividends.
Surplus-_-...-.-.
Profit $\&$ loss surplus.
Shares
standing (no park)
Earned per share
-V .124, p. 513


| $\$ 462,146$ |
| :---: |
| $\$ 2,868,25$ |
| $\$ 220$ |

$\begin{array}{cc}\$ 462,146 & \$ 228,400 \\ 10868,252 & \$ 2,406,106 \\ 100.240 & 100,240 \\ \$ 7.61 & \$ 5.15\end{array}$
100,240
$\$ 5.15$
95.240
(R. J.) Darnell, Inc., Darnell, La.-Bonds Offered.100 and int. $\$ 300$ Securities Co., Memphis, Tenn., is offering at 100 and int. $\$ 300,000$ 1st mtge. gold bonds.
Dated Feb. 1 1927; due serially $\$ 50.000$ each Feb. 1 1929-1931. Prin-
cipal and int. (F. \&A.) payable at Bank of Commerce \& Trust Co, Memchis, trustee. Callable on any int. date at 102 and int. Drust Co., Mem-
Denom. $\$ 500$
phd 1000 . $30,850,000$ feet hardwootion of stumpage ©
30, 850,000 feet hardwood stumpage @ $\$ 15$ per M................. $\$ 462,750$
Mill. mill site, camp houses and equipment


Total
Security- Bonds are secured by a closed first mortgage on propersy nation of $\$ 876,750$. The timber was cruised to have a conservative valpendent appraiser at slightly in excess or or 30.850 .000 feet, and the land it is shown at less than actual cost per acre. The other property mortgaged Company.-Owns and operates
buil tin the latter part of 1922 A A logging rallroad runs from the plant into
this timber and the stumpage can be cuit, this timber and into lumber at a minimum cost. Company is one mill and manuaactured into lumber at a minmum cost. Company is one of the oldest
and most successful of the lumber companies in Memphis, its net worth
neing reported to be approximately sinapo.
(W. S.) Dickey Clay Mfg. Co. (Del.).-Bonds Offered. Harris Trust \& Savings Bank, Foreman Trust \& Savings Bank, Chicago, and Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City Mo., recently offered at prices ranging from 100 and interest to 101.50 and interest, to yield from $5 \%$ to $6 \%$ according to naturity, $\$ 800,000$ additional 1 st mtge. $6 \%$ gold bonds, ieries "A," due serially 1928 to 1940. (See original offering in V. 121, p. 205).
Company.- With headquarters at Kansas City, Mo., has the greatest
roductive capacity of vitrified salt-glazed sanitary sewer pipe and kindred ommodicies in this or any other country. The properties now owned Jcated as regards raw materials and markets, in Missouri, Kansantageously
owa, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, California and Texas. owa, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, California and Texas.
Earnings Slatement of the Consolidated Properties. $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Calekdar Years- } & 1923 . & 1925 . & 1926 . \\ \text { et earns after Fed. taxes } \$ 1,157,228 & \$ 870,513 & \$ 791,363 & \$ 821,465\end{array}$ nnual bond interest
nharges (incl. this issue)
Balance available for dividends and surplus
Purpose of Issue. Proceeds of this issue will be used
$\$ 503,465$ Purpose in part, for the eacquisition of new plants in in California and Iowa
(W. L.) Douglas Shoe Co - Balance Shensitions the the propert.-V. 121, 205.

| Assets |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| lant \& fixtures.. | \$389.438 | \$359.192 |  |  |  |
| ish. | 939,150 | 899,611 |  |  |  |
|  | 317,546 |  | Reserve for taxes, contingencles, |  |  |
| erials \& supp- | 300,890 | 553,970 | ds |  |  |
| in.goods-res've do do stores- | 2,120,175 | 350,687 $1,969,997$ | Surplu | 620,424 | 620,424 |
| 12.oth. cos. own. |  |  |  |  |  |
| eepard expense-- | 54,589 113,398 |  |  |  |  |
| mdry assets. | 692,550 | 873.779 | Total (each sid | ,112,225 | ,947 |

Dravo Contracting Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa.-Equipment Trusts Offered.-The Bank of Pittsburgh N. A. is offering at 100 and div. $\$ 77,000$ serial $51 / 2 \%$ equip. trust certificates series D, issued under the Philadelphia plan.
Dated Feb. 11927 , due annually Aug. 11928 -1932. Dividend warrants
payable F. \& A. Denom. $\$ 1.000$. Red. on any int. date notice as a whole at 102 and div. Principal and div. warrants payableks Bank of Pittsburgh N. A., Pititsburgh, Pa, truste, warrants payable deduction
for the normal Federal income tax up to $2 \%$ Penn 4 mill tax refunded. Guaranteed unconditionally, jointly and severally, as to payment of
prind inal and dividends, by endorsement of the Dravo Contracting Co
and the ohio River Gravel co. and the Ohio River Gravel Co
title to the equipment remains vested in the trustee until plan, whereby have been paid. will be secured by one new steel hull sand and grave ladder type, equipped with buckets of two cubic foot canacity being built
by the Dravo Contracting Co. of Pittsurgh, Pa, for the Ohio River
Gravel Co of Parkersburg , W. Va Gravel 8 . These equirg, w. Va. The contract price of this equipment
is 8104,7 . 8 .
$73 \%$ of the cost price.- V 123, . 231

## Dominion Foundries \& Steel Ltd.- Ea nings, Profit from operations, Interest paid, accrued, Interest paid Depreciation <br> Discoun $\begin{array}{r}\text { Ea nings. } \\ 1926 \\ -\$ 151.512 \\ 40.728 \\ 107.647 \\ \hline 2,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$

Duncan Hotels Corp. - Notes Offered.-First Illinois Co. Chicago, and Link, Peiter \& Co., Grand Rapids, are offering at $991 / 2$ and int., to yield over $5.60 \%, \$ 600,000$ one-year mortgage lien $5 \%$ gold notes.
Dated Dec. 11926 , due Dec. 1 1927. Prin. and int. payable at Standard
Trust \& Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500 \mathrm{c} *$. Callable all or part at any time prior to maturity on 30 days' notice at 101
and int. Company agrees to pay interest without deduction of the normal
Federal income tax up to Data from L
Corporation.-Will own or control throurh sub of hotels located in New York, Michigan, Ilinois, Maryland and Alabama The corporation will own in fee or control through stock ownership the (b) Wolverian Hotel, Detroit; (c) Bankhead Hotel, Birmingham. Ala. Al.
(d) Deer Park Hotel. Deer Park, Md. (owned in fee by Duncan Hotels
Corp. and leased to independent operater Corp and leased to independent operator), and (e) Illinois Hotel, Aurora.
III. (the stock of the corporation which upon completion will lease and operate the Illinois Hotel will also be owned by the Duncan Hotels Corp. pendenter Park Hotel property is owned in fee and is leased to an inde now being operated by the subsidiary companies are under satisfactory Earninns.- As of Oct. 311926 the average annual net earnings before
depreciation from the Wolverine Hotel alone have been in excess of sill
 Continental Hotel for a period of 9 years and 10 months ended Oct. 311926 combined annual net earnings, before depreciation, of \$109,714, or more
than 3.65 times the annual interest charges on these notes. stnck except directors' qualifying shares the trustee of all of the outstanding excent that in the case of one company, whereof approximatery in operation
outstanding stock will be pledged. The notes will be further secured by a outstanding stock the Deer Park Hotel properties Purpose.- Proceeds will be used to retire a mortgage on the Deer Park
property and for other corporate purpos.

## Eastern Rolling Mill Co.-Extra Dividend.-

The cirectors have declaren a quarterly aiviaena of $371 / 1 /$ a share and April 1 to holders of recora Marca 15. Like amounts were paid in the pre Vious four quarters, while on Jan. 21926 an extra dividend of 50 c. a share
was paid.-V. 123, p. 3190 .
Economic Investment Trust, Ltd.-Stock Offered.Cochran, Hay \& Co., Ltd., Toronto, are offering at \$52 50 per share $\$ 1,250,000$ convertible common stock (par $\$ 50$ ). The common stock is to be fully paid and non-assessable. Dividends as
declared and payable will be paid by check payable at par at any branch o the Trust's bankers in Canada, Yukon territory excepted. The present ssue of 25,00 shares is convertible into preferred stock at the option of
the holder on the basis of $11-20$ shares of $\$ 100$ par value $51 / 2$ redeemable preferred stock for 2 shares of common stock in ammunts of
not less than 40 shares of the common stock and even multiples ther The conversion privilege will expire on Dec. 311929 and if exercised must be effected on June 30 or Dec. 31 in any year up to and including Dec. Capita?
 of The preferred stock has been created to make provision for conversions of common stock, when, as and if the conversion privilege is exercised
by common stock shareholders. Company.-Has been incorp. under the Companies Act, Canada, to carry on in Great Britain. The business of the Trust is not to be confuse in any way with the usual functions of the loan and trust companies in combined with maximum earning power through the trafety of investment of its resources in all classes of investments, such as bonds of governments municipalities and corporations, and the preferred and commonernments financial, public utility and industrial corporations and loans secured by Proper investigation will be
for the Trust's account. Not more than 5\% of the combined share and one company. Government or bublic author in the stock and bonds of any tions of the Dominion of Canada and the Government of Great Aritingaentirsely \& Earninas. - It is intended that the assets of the Trust will consist entirely of cash and investments. Its earnings will be derived from the
interest and dividends received from these holdings and interest and dividends received from these holdings and will be available
for dividends on the Trust's common stock.
Edwards Manufacturing Co.-Balance Sheet Dec. 31.-




 Company reports a net loss of $\$ 175,962$ for the 6 months ending Dec. 31
1926, atter depreciation and marking down inventories to market values. of $\$ 43,095$ in the first 6 months of $\$ 14,907$ the same period of 1925 and a loss
(V) 123, p. 716 .
Electric Auto-Lite Co.-Earnings, \&c.-
facilities, February property expansion and largely increased manufacturing "Fobruary will show greater business than to poth December and No. O. Miniger. Whaysember last year and from present orders and prospective business, our schedules.
 shares of stock. In view of thring the first half of 1927 . Since company
all outstanding bank debt dus no bonds or preferred stock, all earnings after payment of the bank
has debt will be applicable to the common stock.
In 1926 the starting and lighting division of the American Bosch Magneto
年 was moved from Springfield to a new addition erected at the Auto-Lite
company's plant at Toledo. This acquisition has given the Auto-Lite
company largely increased manufacturing facilities and substantial new

Exchange Buffet Corp.-Earnings.

## Periol- Gross $p$ profit Deprecation




| Quar. End. Jan. |  |
| ---: | ---: |
| 1927 |  |
| $\$ 178.055$ | 1926 |
| 24,487 | $\$ 148,920$ |
| 28,752 | 15,760 |
| 93,750 | 93,750 |
| $\$ 31,066$ | $\$ 16,639$ |
| 250,000 | 250,000 |
| $\$ 050$ | $\$ 044$ |



250,000
$\$ 114$

Financial \& Industrial Securities Corp.-Rights to Stockholders.
The corporation, which on Jan, 311927 , showed total assets of $\$ 45,016$,
205 , including proceeds of financing, has a nnounced through Ralph Jonas 205, including proceeds of financing, has announced through Ralph Jonas,
Ohairman of the directors, financing plans totalling approximately $\$ 12$,
500,000 and involving subscription rights to both holders of preferred stock 500,000 and involving stock of the corporation
the common stockholders, are receiving the right to subscribe pro rata the common stockholders, are receiving the right to subscribe pro rata
according to their holdings, for units nonsisting of 1 share of $7 \%$ cumul. pref. stock (par $\$ 100$ ), 1 exchange warrant and $1 / 2$ share of common stock
of no par value, at $\$ 12350$ per unit. plus div. on the pref. Each share o pref. patock at present outstanding, entitles the holder to purchase $2-3$ of a
unit, inasmuch as the units will not be issued in fractions, subscription warrants resulting in fractional units will be increased to the next higher payment made at the Investment Department of the Manufacturers Trust Warrants will be void. Manufacturers Trust Co. and Redmond \& Co. are the syndicate managers. advance of an offering to the general public, of their right to subscribe to the preferred shares, exchange warrants and common shares not purchased by the preferred stocknoiders or their assignees on the same basis as th $\$ 12350$ per unit. This subscription privilege of the common stockholders may $\$ 2.500,000$ preferred) and is subject to the prior rights of the preferred are to be paid for in full before 2 p. m. March 11. growth since its incorporamention in Jan. 1926. It Incautired shares of stock in a number of important financial institutions and from certain predicessor
syndicate interests which had been active for many years in the buying and selling of investment securities. Although the corporation, according to its charter, is permitted to invest in securities or diversified character, the principal investments are in the shares of banking and insurance companies. the corporation's progress since organization. This balance sheet shows no liabilities, and after qiving effect to this financing, the assets side shows
$\$ 12,112,115$ in cash, $\$ 5,930,000$ in secured demand notes, $\$ 15.538 .246$ in
lin
 000.000 is represented by a like amount of preferred stock now outstanding.
and $\$ 20,016,205$ is represented by $1,209.063$ shares of common stock of no par value. This figure does not include ap
dollars in the market prices of securities owned
Total a ssets applicable to the preferred stock outstanding and to be issued
under this plan amount to $\$ 180$ per share of the preferred. Earnings in 1926 without including the appreciation in market price of securities held, were equrements on the total authorized Issue of preferred stock $\$ 25,000,000$ ). These earnings do not give effect to through the sale of this issue of $\$ 10.000,000$ of preferred stock. During the
year ending Jan. 311927 , the corporation reported earnings over $14 \%$ on year ending capital employed.
units reference to exchange warrants included in the subscription standing preferred shares, whether presently or previously isswed, but in standing prererred shares, no event more than 100,000 shares, when accompanied by an ec ua number of exchange warrants may be exchanged at the option of the holl er for comof common stock ( $22^{2-9}$ shares of common stock in exchange for 1 preferred share). if exchange is made on or oreforen Feb. .28 1928 . If the exchange is
made after that date and before Feb. 28 1929, it will be on the basis of $\$ 50$ per share of common stock (2 shares) initial quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share was paid on the commo initial quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share was paid on the common
stock. together with an extra dividend of 25 cents per share.-V. 123 , p. 3326 .

First Bohemian Glass Works, Ltd.-Director.-director-- $\dot{\mathrm{V}}$. 124, p. 1073 .

First Foreign Equipment Trust Association.-Organ'd. A permanent organization to engage in foreign railroad equipment trust
financing along the lines adopted in this country comes into being with financing along the announcement by Freeman \& Co. of the formation of the above company. Ernest L. Nye. of Freeman \& Co, will head the new organization, the new Association, it is said, will be to examine carefully into the status of equipment trust securities abroad in relation to the laws or foreign
governments under whose jurisdiction such financing may be arranged.

First National Stores, Inc.-1926 Earnings.The corporation reports for the year ended Dec. 31
$\$ 1,835,860$ atter taxes and ail charges.-V. 124, p. 655 .
o directors have declared four quarterl.-Dividend Increased.the common stock, and four regular quarterly dividends of $\$ 175$ a share on the preferred stock. wis action share in 1926 . The dividends a $\$ 120$ a yeatril 1, July 1 , Oct. 1 and Jan. 11928 to holders of record on March 19 . June 20 direptorate has been reduced from rive siv to five by the resignation of
The dirent J. 1334 . Fox Office Building, N. Y. City.-Bonds Offered.$\$ 1,700,000$ 1st mtge. $6 \%$ sinking fund gold bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1927; due Jan. 1 1942. Int. payable J. \& J. at office of
Halsey, stuart \& Co. Inc., in New York and Chicago, without deduction for the Federal normal income tax, not in excess of $2 \%$ per annum, Denom.

 Penn. personal property taxes not in excess of 4 mills, Maryland securities taxes not in excess of $4 / 5$ mills per dollor per annum, and Mass. inco
tax on int. not exceeding $6 \%$ of such interest per annum, refunded. Data from Letter of Saul E. Rogers, Pres. of Fox Film Realty Corp. Building.- The Fox Office Building is located and has an entire block
crontage on 10th Ave. between 55 th and 56 th Sts., N. Y. City. The
property is owned in fee by the Fex Film Reealty Corp,, a whelly owned
subsidiary of the Fox Film Corp. This latter corp., the lessee, together subsidiary of the Fox Film Corp. This latter corpit the
with its subsidiaries. ocoupies the building in its entirety. real estate and fixed equipment owned in fee. (The office building and
five fixed equipment, subject to the mortgage, have recently been appraised at
$\$ 1.85,474$ by independent engineers and the land has been valued at
$\$ 1,15000$ and $\$ 1,092.000$ by two independent appraisers. on the basis
of the iower and of the lower appraisals, these bonds represent less than a 58 . 1 on the ban. basis
Lease. Fox Film Corp. has arreed to lease the property to be covered Lease. Fox Film Corp, has agreed to lease the property to be covered
by the mortgage for a period at least 3 years beyond the maturity of the
bonds ant an annual net rental to the lessor of $\$ 300$, the lessee to pay in ads, at an annual net rental to the lessor of $\$ 300,000$, the lessee to pay
in addition as rental, all the taxes, assessments. insurance, maintenance
and

 $\$ 51,000$ principal Fox film Corp. and its subsidiaries, including the Fox Film Realty Corp.,
lessor, are controlled and manared by William Fox and his associates, men of long experience in the motion picture business, and their activities
General American Tank Car Corp.-Equip. Trusts Offered.-Chatham Phenix National Bank \& Trust Co., series D at prices to yield from $4 \%$ to $4.73 \%$, according to maturity. Issued under the Philadelphia plan.
Dated Feb. 151927 . Due serially in semi-annual installments from
Aug. 15 1927 to and including Feb. 15 1930. Divs. payable F . \& A. Fithout deduction for the normal Federal income tax not exceeding $2 \%$. Denom. $\$ 5,000 \mathrm{c}^{*}$ Principal and dividends payable at Chatham
Phenix National Bank \& Trust Co., New York. trustee. Red. at 100 and
div. on any div, date on 30 days. notice Corticater div. on any div. date on 30 days notice certificates so to be redeemed
and prepaid shall be such proportion to each maturity outstanding at the date of redemption as the number of certificates of each maturity then outstanding bears to the whole number of certificates of maturities then outstanding, and shall be the lowest serial numbers of each maturity
Seccurity.-As security for these certificates there is vested in the trustee title, without encumbrance, to 700 new steel underframe tank cars of pproximately 10,000 gallons capacity each, conservatively valued at
$\$ 1.55 .000$ Total par valuo of these certificates therofor, represents less
than $80 \%$ of such value. This equipment is leased to the General American Tank Car Corp. of W. Va. at a rental sufficient to pay the par value of these certificates and the dividend warrants and other charges as they ance with their terms, is guaranteed by the General American Tank Car Corporation. General American Tank Car Corp. of W. Va. is the only
subsidiary of the General American Tank Car Corp. of New York, all of its capital stock being owned by the latter company. The West Virginia sequertly controls all of their physical assets and operations. Virginia, atter depreciation, available for dividend charges on equipment trust certificates were as follows:
Calendar Years
 $\begin{array}{llllll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Div. charges on equip. } \\ \text { trust certificates.-... }\end{array} & 519,783 & 656,605 & 727,256 & 551,617\end{array}$ Capitalization. -The corporation has no mortgage indebtedness. on completion of this financing there will be outstanding $\$ 13.229,000$ equip-
ment trust certificates. These certificates are followed by ment trust certiricates. stose certincates ares of common stock having a market value based on current quotations, of approximately $\$ 23$, and $^{22}, 000$. above corporation for tho construction of 50 gasoline tank cars each having capacity of a bout 1,000 gallons. These cars whil
Levick Co. at Philadelphia to take care of dditional requirements for the
local distribution of gasoline.-V. 124, p. 1075 .

General Motors Corp.-List
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of $\$ 25,000,000$ additional $7 \%$ cumulative preferred stock. making the total amount
applied for $\$ 134,916.000$ (authorized $\$ 500,000,000$ ). -V. 124, p. 1075.

General Railway Signal Co.-Orders
The company announces that it has received important oraers from the railroaos for their automatic electric hlock signal requirements for $1: 27$. Alabama Great Southern RR. for train control installations on the tine from Chattanooga, Tenn. to Meridian, Miss., and another similar order
from the New Orleans \& Northeastern RR. on the line from Meridian to
New Orleans.-V. 124, p
Globe \& Rutgers Fire Insurance Co.-Annual Report.



 had a surplus of $\$ 25.610 .576$ on Dec. 311926 , $\$ 1.005 .000$ and reserve for depreciation $\$ 5.000 .000$, which fixures are not included in surplus to policy-
holders. If these figures were so included the total surplus available for

Graton \& Knight Corp.-May Issue Bonds.-
The stocknotdrs will vote March 2 on authorizing an issue of $\$ 1,750,000$
51/2 5 $1 / 2 \%$ 20-year mtg.
(F. \& W.) Grand 5-10-25-Cent Stores, Inc.-Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
 Net invest.In F . E -

| lng Grarp....... |
| :---: | :---: |
| Leaseholds...... |
| x102, |
| 193,187 |

Cas. Govt. bonds.
Life
Cin
Lite insurance..-
Prepays., dep.
de Due from empi., \&c Inventories-....-.
Deferred charges.-

Total_........ $\overline{83,881,252} \overline{83,470,034}$ Total_......... $\overline{\$ 3,881,252} \overline{\$ 3,470,034}$ x Contingent iiability on mortgages. The subsidiaries own real estate
valued at $\$ 666.157$ which is subject to mortgages algregating $\$ 563,763$, upon which the F \& W . Grand $5-10-25$ Cent Stores. Inc., is contingently liable. y No par, 100.000
(W. T.) Grant Co. (Mass.).-To Be Recapitalized.This company has announced a reorganization plan that calls for the redemption on April 1 of the $8 \%$ preferred stock at 110 . A company of
the same name organized in Dee. Feb. 10 and capitalized at 50.000 no par the same name organized in Del. eeb. 10 and capitalized at 50,000 no
shares will issue 450.000 of these shares to accuire the common stock of the present company. all of which is held by those active in its manatement.
Holders of preferred stock of the original company of record of Feb. 15
Hot
 and $\$ 325,506$ in 1925.

| Asset | $\stackrel{1926 .}{8}$ | $\stackrel{1925 .}{8} .$ | Liabrilities- | 1926. | 1925 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Plant, tools, equip- |  |  | Capital stock- |  | 6,901,500 |
| ment, sc.-.-... | 4,884,177 | 3.873.638 | Acets. payable de | 15 |  |
| U S. S. securites | 3,014,660 | 3,416,014 | Reserve $\begin{aligned} & \text { dor., taxes...-- }\end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| Cash........... | 910,701 | 1,089,965 | Surplus | 3,437,553 | 2,965,286 |

Indian Refining Co., Inc.-May Pay Dividend Arrears.The following information has been received by the "Chronicle" from Tentative plans are being considered looking to the elimination of back
dividends due on the 22,964 shares of $7 \%$ pref. stock. As of Mar. 15 dividend accumulations will equal $\$ 3677$ a share. The method of retiring form of a security to pay off accumulations. Consideration take the plan is being given at this time because operating affairs have been so rearranged in the past few years under the new management that the company Earnings for 1926 are expected to shasis
hare on the 785.068 shares of common stock after allowing 7 or than $\$ 1$ a ferred stock, which would contrast with 24 cents a common share in 1925 . Last year's profits were more than sufficient to pay off all the preferred
dividends. but with business expanding on a profitable basis it is regarded as better judgment to retain surplus earnings for needs of the business.
The company was revamped from an operating stand point by the disposnng of isolated service stations and centring market activities to the region competitive conditions.
After centralizing on markets the company's management revamped the refinery by spending more than $\$ 3,280,000$ for modernizing the plant.
With the new facilities in operation the plant handles 11,000 barrels daily and gasoline yield has jumped from $33 \%$ to t7 $\%$ a a barrel of crude it the
more economical operation and central markets resulted in a substantial gain in profits. permitting reduction in short-term borrowings made to pay
for new plant facilities Since Since Otober 1926 the company has been obtain-

Indiana Limestone Co.-Receives Large Contract.ing the stone for the New York Life Insurance Co building of New York. tstimated cost of the building is $\$ 20,000.000$. "It is the largest single for the 34 -story building is sis 450.000 cu. ft. or 1.000 car loads, which would square block formerly occupied by Madison Square Garden. It will rise 610 ft. from the sidewalk to peak of the pyramidal roof. Pres. Dickinson further states: "As an indication of the future trend
of building, whe have recently closed contracts for 1.500 .000 cu ft. of building slone. The projects include, besides the New York Life Building, the Cleveland Union Terminals Thower Building, the State Office Building,
Charleston, $V$ Vi, V., the Indiana War Memorial. Provident Mutual Life
Insurance Building. Philadelphia: the Cook Couty Crimial Court and Insurance Building, Philadelphia: the cook County Criminal Courts and Gail Building, the Rockerener church, New York, and the Consolidated
Gas Co. Building, New York. For the interior of St. John the Divine.
also of New York, we will provide 325,000 cu. ft. of stone." V. 124 ,
Industrial Acceptance Corp.-Volume of Financing.According to President Arthur J. Morris, the volume of financing handled
for Studebaker by the corporation during 1926 amounted to approximately $\$ 88.000 .000$, whereas as recently as 1919 the volume was only $\$ 10.000,000$. n that the In discussing. the experience of his corporation in the foreizn field, Mr. Mreat Bridain, Brazil. the Argentine and Australia, with offices, respec, Great Britain, Brazil. the Argentine and Austraik, whe orfices. Respec-
tively, in Brussels. London, Buenos Aires, Sao Paul and Syney. In
addition, we serve Studebaker at many points in Africa. the west coast of South America, the West Indies and Central America. The conservatism
 experien
insured.
Our experience to date, covering the financing of Studebaker sales in various foreign countries over the last two years, has proved distinctly encouracing. Our loss in foreign operations has actually been less than the
extremely negligible loss wee have experienced in our operations in the

Industrial Equipment Corp. of America.-Status.This company, acting principally as vendor in refrigerator car trusts,
reported trusts outstanding on approximately 2.000 refrigerator cars having total valuation of about $34,000,000$--V. Y9, p. 295.
(W. F.) Ingham, Kansas City, Mo.-Bonds Offered.Baker, Fentress \& Co., Chicago, are offering at prices ranging from 100 and int. to $1001 / 4$ and int., according to maturity, $\$ 600,000$ 1st mtge. $6 \%$ sinking fund gold bonds. The direct personal obligation of W. F. Ingham of Kansas City, Mo.
Dated Jauuary 1 1927: due serially each. January, and July from
Jan. 1 1929 to Jan. 1936. Principal and int. (J. \& J.) payable at New Jan. 1929 to Jan. 1936 . Principal and int. (J. \& J.) payable at New
England National Bank \& Trust Co, in Kansas City or at ofrice of Baker Fentress \& Co. Chicago. Callable, all or part, on 30 days notice on any
int. date at 100 and int. plus a premium of $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ for each year or part thereof intervening between date of redemption and date of matur or part
in no event over $2 \%$. Denom. $\$ 5,000 . \$ 1.000 . \$ 500$ and $\$ 100$ c* . New England National Bank \& Trust Co. in Kansas City, Kansas City, New
and Calvin Fentress. Chicago, trustees. The maker of these bonds has and Callin Fentress, Chicago, trustes. The maker of these bonds has
agreed to pay to such holders of coupons as may sor request in writing at
the time of presentation thereof an amcunt equal to $2 \%$ of such coupons, 1. e. the equivalent of $2 \%$ normal tax.

 Columbia. for $\$ 1,250,000$, or over twice the total amount of this' issue or
bonds. Since the payments to be made for this timber exceed in amount and anticipate in maturity the due dates of the bonds. the latter should Company.-Organized in 1921 . Is an experienced logging and lumber
manufacturing company whose present capital stock, surplus and undivided manuacturng company whose present catital stock, surplus and undivided tracts for other portions of this same timber body. Harold W. HunterPres., and Frank G. Fox, V.-Pres., who direct and control the company
and who have property aside from their interest in Campbell River Mills,
Ltd., personally guarantee and secure the performance of this contract by Campbell River Mills, Ltd, and both the contract and the guaranty have been assigned to the trustees under the mortgage securing these bonds.
The mortgaged timber is exceptional in quality and location and is considered by experienced timbermen the equal of any in British Columbia, sideraging from 7 to 12 sixteen-foot logs to the tree and running approxi-
averately $45 \%$ select red cedar and $49 \%$ mature will average approximately $50 \%$ clears.
The mortgage will also cover approximately 15 miles of mainline logging
airoad extending from booming grounc.s on the Fraser River into raimber. Approximately $\$ 200,000$ of the proceed Fraser River into this gated for the construction of this road the cost of which is to be added to
the purchase price of the timber acquired by Campbell River Mills, Ltd.

Inspiration Consolidated Copper Co.-Smaller Divi-dend.-The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the outstanding capital stock, par $\$ 20$, payable April 4 to holders of record Mar. 17. This compares with quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share paid from July 1925 to Jan. 1927, inclusive.-V. 122, p. 2200.

International Business Machines Corp.-Larger Quarterly Dividend. - The dircetors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the capital stock, no par value, payable April 11 to holders of record Mar. 23 . Since April 10 1923 quarterly distributions of 75 cents per share had been made, and in addition the company on Jan. 10 last paid an extra dividend of 25 cents per share.-V. 123, p. 2910.

International Salt Co.-Annual Report.

International Securities Trust of America.-Balanc Sheet Nov. 30 1926.-

 Accrued int.
Substritionst car ca
(since collected)
$\begin{array}{r}20,862,384 \\ 1,782,37 \\ 472,262 \\ \hline\end{array}$

$$
\begin{array}{|}
2,261,251,775 \mid \\
97
\end{array}
$$

. stock (paba Labiluties.

Bond discount (unamortized)
 March 201927 , and will be applied to purchase or call and retirement of
these debentrures Should such tomage papment in any year be insufficient
to retire the $20 \%$ as stated above, the efeficiency shal be provided out of available net earnings of the company, before any dividends may be paid
on its capital stock. In addition to the tonnage sinking fund. it wiil be
provided that an amount based on the net earnings of the company, as provided that an amount based on the net earnings of the company, as
defined in the indenture, shall be applied as an additional sinking fund
for the retirement of these debentures. Purpose. Proceds will be used to reimburse the company's treasury,
in part, for the cost of properties accuired. .for additional mills and equip-
ment, to provide additional working capital, and for other corp, purposes

Island Creek Coal Co.-Dividend Ruling-Production The Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange on
Feb. 19 ruled that the common stock of the Island Creek Coal Co. be not Feb. 19 ruled that the common stock of the 14 and not until further notice.
quoted ex the $400 \%$ stock dividend on Feb. 24 and


## Kaufmann Department Stores, Inc.-Pref. Stk. Reduced

 The stockholders on Feb. 21 voted to decrease the authorized pref. stockfrom $\$ 1,425,060$ to $\$ 1,350,000$, par $\$ 100$. See V. 124, p. 1077.
Kelsey Wheel Co.-New Officers.-
George W. Kennedy has been elected President \& Gen. Mgr.
Bert Morley has been elected Vice-President in charge of sales.-V. 123 ,
1256 .
(George F.) Koppin Co., Detroit.-Bonds Offered. Joel stockard \& Co.. Detroit, are offering at 100 and int $\$ 200,000$ 1st mtge. $61 / 2 \%$ sinking fund gold bonds.
Dated Dec. 15 1926: due Dec. 15 1936. Principal and int. ( J . \& D.)
payable at Fidelity Trust Co. Detroit, trustee. Denom. $\$ 1,00$ and $\$ 500$. Income exempt from normal Federal income tax not exceedirg $2 \%$. Callable as a whole or by lot at 102 and int. on any int. date. Auth., $\$ 500,000$.
Company.- A Michigan corporation, with offces at 1308 Broadway
 shares, is owned by Georgo F . Koppin personally Mr. Koppin has bee
engaged in the reay estate business in Detroit for many years.
Security. Securd by a Security - Securcd by a 1st mtge. on 679 lots in Halfway Homes Sub
divisions i and II, nd 60 acres op land now being subivided and know
as Halfway Homes subdivision No. IV, ail located in Macomb County as Halfway Homes Subdivision No. IV, all located in Maacomb County
Mich, on the Nine Mile Raod hetwen Gratiot ard Mack Avenues. In
addition to these properties there are includt addition to these properties, there are included under this mortgage 11
houses and lots. Dart or which are located in these subdivisions, and part
io the city of Detroit. of this property, the hes houses, 242 unimproved
in io the city of Detroit. Of this property, the 11 houses, 242 unimproved
lots and a 10 acre plot, which is part of Subdivision No. have been sold
on land contracts. The land contracts on property which has been sold and which may bo soid in the future have been, or wiil be, assigned to and
deposited with the trustee, and title to this property is held by the trustee. Subdivisions No. I and 11 are being supplied with water, sewer, sidewalks
electric lights and improved streets, and Subdivisor No IV, ws be proved winthin the near future. These bonds are personally guaranteed
by George F. Koppin. the Fidelity Trist by this mortgage has been appraised by L. E. Fitts of Collections.- Gross yearly collections on present outstanding land con-
tracts tracts average approximately $\$ 43,000$. All collections are made by the
George F. Koppl Co. subject to the terms of the trust mortga, being
Kind properly complied with. At any time such collections are not made in the
manncr specificd by the trust mortgage the trustee has the right to make such collections.
Koehring Co., Milwaukee, Wis.-Notes Sold.-Second Ward Securities Co., Milwaukee, has sold $\$ 1,000,000$ serial $6 \%$ gold notes at prices ranging from 100 and int. to $1001 / 2$ and int., according to maturity
Dated Jan. 1 1927; maturing Jan. 11928 to Jan. 11 1937. Int. payable
J. \& J. at Second Ward Savings Bank, Milwaukee, and principal at National Bank of Commerce, Milwaukee, trustee. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500$, and Bank or Red., all or part, on any int. date on 30 days notice at par
$\$ 100 \mathrm{~m}^{*}$. Red
pus a premium of 4 of $1 \%$ for each year or fraction thereof between the pus a premium of 34 of $1 \%$ for each year or fraction thereof between the
rademption date and the date of maturity of the notes redeemed. Author-

ized company.- The business of company began in 1906 as a partnership.
composed of William J. Koehring, Yhilip A. Koehring, and Richard Kiel. composed of William J. Koehring, Philip A. Koehring, and Richard Kiel.
It was incorporated in 1907 in Wisconsin, the tree partners becoming It was incorporated in. 1907 in Wisconsin, the three partuers becoming
the principal ooficers. They will continue in this capacity after this the princtpa ompany manufactures a broad line of concrete mixers.

financing. Comer | paving mixers, fasoline power shovels, drag lines, and cranes. These |
| :--- |
| products are widely distributed; in 1926 machines were shipped to 48 | States and 12 foreign countries. They are used in widely varied types The business has srown rapidly and consistently, net sales having increased from $\$ 686,642$ in 1917 to over $\$ 5,000,000$ in 1926 .

Earnings.- The business has earned a profit in each year since its organiza-
tion. Net sales, available for interest, Federal and State income taxes tion. Net sales, avalable for
and depreciation, are as follow
Soles
 The average of such earnings for this period is $\$ 528,470$, or over 8.8
times the maximum interest of $\$ 6000$ on these notes. Earnings for times the maximum interest or interest. 1926 were over 10.7 times such Purpose. Proceeds will be used for working capital needed to finance a larger volume of business.
Lakewood-Pratt Apartments, Chicago.-Bonds Offered. is An issue or $6.08 \%$ to $6.50 \%$ is being offered at prices to yreenebaum Sons Investment according to
Dated Feb. 1 1927; maturing semi-annually, $21 / 2$ to 12 years. Denom. $\$ \$ 100,500$ and $\$ 1,000$. Int. payable F. \& A. A. $2 \%$ Federal normal income tax and any Stata taxes up to five mif of Co., Chicago.
Lakewod-Pratt Apartments, upon completion, will comprise a very
attractive addition to the many hisn--rade buldigigs of this type in Rogers attractive addivion to the many nist-orace high. The structure will contain
Park. The building will be nine stories a total of 102 apartments.
Earnings. Conservative
property as follows: Gross income, $\$ 146,040$; operating expenses (inproperty
cluding $10 \%$
as vancles).
$\$ 51,100$; net incume, $\$ 94,940$. This estimated cet annual income is 2.088 times maximum yearly interest charges on the entire issue, reduced semi-annually by serial payments of principal. The
entire earnings of the property comprise part of the security for the first entire earnings of the
mortgage bondholders.
mortgage bondholders.
Ownership and Personal Guarantee-- The bands are a direct obligation of
owning the Twelve

Lehigh Coal \& Navigation Co.-Votes Down Segregation of its Properties.- At the annual meeting held Feb. 23, 344,394 shares were voted against a resolution offered by a stockholder caling for a special meeting of stockholders to consider segregation For the resolution 3,288 shares were voted.
report of the Committee report on t. D: Warriner and the entire board of managers were re elected. The resolution was offered by tatson the Diamond D. Co., Inc., a securities Washburn, N. Y., who represented Virginia.
investment company with office in Vir
investment compre of the annual meeting was a letter read from Samuel S . Walker, originally one of the members of the Committee to review the
capital assets of the company. He recommended segregation of the rail-
roads of the company, redemption of the bonded debt at 105 an
tion of the balance in cash to the stockholders.- V. 124. p. 657 .
Lehn \& Fink Products Co. (\& Subs.).-Report for
Calendar Year 1926.

| Net profit after |
| :--- |
| Fea real taxes. |


Common stock dividend.
Balance, surplus_
Earned per share on 265,000 common shares outstanding.
Assets
Capital a Consotidated Balance Shect Dec. 831
1926.
1925.
Lhapobilutes
1926.

matrietabilesess'


Lysol, Ince
Cap, strk. oi Prod.
Reallzation Corp









 S4. 84 a s. share actually earned for the common stock last y yar. II 1922
net profits of $\$ 321,293$ were equal to $\$ 363$ a share earned on the common net pro
stock.
Total sales for 1926 aggregated $\$ 5,400,000$ against $\$ 4,527,726$ in 1925 ,
the gain of $\$ 872,624$ beins equal to to $19 \%$ The company at the close of the year was operating ten stores. two having been added to the chain
during the closing months of the year. Current plans call for the addition of several stores during 1927



## Lion Collars \& Shirts, Inc.-Sale.-

The bondholders protective committee advises the holders of the bonds that at the forectosuro sale eneld on Feb. 51927 the committee ows the only Brader and purchased the mortgage and unmortgage property for a total
purchase price of S130, ooo. Atter payment of expenses of the foreclosure parchase price or sis, oio. Ather payment or expenses ofle fhe forerolosure from former sales of mortyazed properties result in the final distribution to non-depositing bondholders of about $20 \%$ or the principal of their bonds. on a basis which they hope will be to the ady yantage of the non-depositing
bondholders. In the meantime the business is being kept up and the properties maintained, so if in o sale is had tho properties can be bifutidated to

## Low Moor Iron Co.-Liquidation.-

The following published statement has been pronounced "substantially The company is to be liquidated and the three blast furnaces, two at
Low Moor and one at Covington, Va., together with ore properties in that locality, are being offered for sale., The company was organized in 1873 and was active during the war period when a battery of 100 beehive
coke ovens was installed at Low Moor. One of the stacks there remained active until January 1925 . Company has an office at
York. Frank Lyman is President.-V. 120, p. 2822 .

## McCrory Stores Corp.-Sales, \&c.-

$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Month of January- } & 1927 . & 1926 . & 1925 . & 1924 . \\ \text { Sales_-- } & \$ 2,275,364 & \$ 2,157,446 & \$ 1,702,841 & \$ 1,352,208\end{array}$ The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer
agent for the new issue of 50,000 shares of conv. $6 \%$ cum. pref. stock. agent for the new is
(See V. 124, p. 243.)

Cost of sales, selling \& ge
aries, rents, \&c., less m
Prof it from operations.Profit from oper
Interest charges Provision for Federal taxes Dividends on preferred stock
Dividends on common stock (in cash)
Balance, surplus

Profit on sale of leasehold re
Profit and loss surplus Earned per share x Including
class B stock.

| Comparative Balance Shect December 31. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1926. | 1925. | Liabilities- | 1926. |  |
| Assets- | $\$$ | $\$ 825$. |  |  |  |



 | furn. fixt., \&c.a $19,444,465$ | $14,886,175$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Com. stock (old) }\end{array} \quad 300$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Inventories. |  |  | Empl. stk. subscr-

Sundry dt., less res Sundry dt., Iesser res
Liberty bonds. Life insur. policies
 4, 4,000,000 $\quad 4,000,000$ $34,094,068$-25,411,014
Total_-.......34,094,068 25,411,014 Total $\overline{34,094,068} \frac{15,411,014}{25}$ a After depreciation of $\$ 2,279,332$. b Represented by 376,709 shares
of common and 79,063 shares of class B stock, both of no par value. Note. As of Dec. 311926 there were outstanding stock purchase warrants entitling the holders to purchase $2.8131 /$ shares of class B Common
stock on or before Dec. 311930 at $\$ 40$ per share.-V. 124, p. 657 .
(J. F.) McElwain (Shoe) Co.-Acquires Factory.-

The company has bought the Brackett Shoe Co. factory at Nashua
Junction, N.H. The plant contains $80,000 \mathrm{sq}$. ft. and has been idle for Junction, N. H. The plant contains $80,000 \mathrm{sq}$. ft. and has been idle for
over a year. It will be used to manufacture sole leather and other supplies over a year. It wain factories in Manchester and in Nashua. Work on in-
for the McEl
stalling new equipment will be started within a month. The McElwain stalling new equipment will be started within a month. The McElwain
company makes medium-priced men's and boys' shoes, which are sold in

Mack Trucks, Inc.-Orders Running Ahead of Previous Quarter-Outlook Favorable. Officials of the company report a marked increase in truck and bus busi--
Oss during the past several weeks. Incominz orders for the month of February are said to be rumning approximately $30 \%$ higher than the pre-
cedinn three months.
 equipment for use under operating conditions where the four-cylinder tyee
 Ahe same type.
The company looks forward to a steadily increasing amount of business
from city and State governments for all types of equipment and has just from city and state governments
completed delivery of 80 10-ton tractors to the City of Chicago. One order
for 10 trucks has just been received from the City of Los Angeles. ©ther cities operating large fleets of Mack trucks are New York, Newark, Boston, Havana, Cuba ant 48 hours repeat orders have been received from the
Within the past 48 隹
following fleet owners: 17 trucks from the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, 30 trucks from the Druecker \& Koestner Sand \& Gravel Co. of Milwaukee,
5 trucks from the American Telephone \& Telegraph Co. of Chicago. 6
trucks from the Michigan Transportation Co. of Detroit, and 6 trucks from the Van Cartage Co. of Detroit.
The company's business in foreign fields is going along at a good rate and showing consistent improvement. Appreciation of quatioy by Mack business. The Government of Bogota has just ordered 13 trucks, and bus
operations in Montevideo and other South American cities are spreading rapialy. The Russian field is also showing considerable activity.
The fact that orders are coming in from company branches in all parts of the country at a good rate indicates that business is not spotty, and this, added to the fact that all orders are being take
lished credit rulings, forecasts favorable results.
shed credit rulings, forecasts favorable results. "Public Utilities" above.

 $\begin{array}{r}\text { Sub. Cos.). } \\ 1924 . \\ \$ 46,622,6 \\ \$ 8,146,1 \\ 935,0 \\ 390,9 \\ 3 \\ 764,5 \\ 9(\$ 6) 1698,2 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{cr} & 192 \\ 2 & \$ 43,86 \\ 0 & \$ 8,8 \\ 3 & 1,0 \\ 3 & 8\end{array}$

Balance, surplus

|  | $\$ 3,738,550$ |  |
| ---: | :--- | ---: |
|  | 713.434 | $\$ 5,037,041$ |
|  | 611,515 |  |
|  | $\$ 10.81$ | $\$ 13.62$ | $\$ 3,383,868$

283,10
$\$ 17.93$
$\$ 4,450,373$
283,109
$\$ 20.71$ Shs.of com.outst'g(n
Earns. per sh. on con

- V. 123, p. 2528 .
Meco Realty Co. (Pa.).-Bonds Offered.-J. H. Brooks \& Co., New York, are offering at 99 and int. $\$ 1,800,000$ 1st (closed) mtge. sinking fund $61 / 2 \%$ gold bonds.
Dated Feb. 15 1927; due Feb. 15 1947. Principal and int. (F. © \& A.) and $\$ 100 \mathrm{c}^{*}$ Red. all or part on any int. date, upon 60 days' notice at 105 and int. during firster. Interest payable without deduction of normal and int thereafter. Interest payable without deduction of normal in excess of 4 mills per annum, refundable
Data From Letter of M. E. Comerford, President of the Company. Company.-Chartered in Pennsylvania and is acquiring certain theatres,
buildings and properties in Olyphant, Throop, Dunmore, Duryea, Wilkes. Buildings and propert, Sunbury, Northumberland and Dickson City, Pa Marre, of the properties are leased to the Comerford Theatres, Inc., whica operates a very successinl motion picture and theatrical business,
Security. -Bonds will be secured by a direct closed first morta
Security.-Bonds will be secured by a direct closed first mortgage on al the properties being acquired. These properties have been appraised by
American Appraisal Co. at $\$ 3,300,000$. These figures do not include cost of furniture, organs, pianos, or carpets. The total bond issue is less than
$55 \%$ of the appraised sound value. Earnings.- Average net earnings for the past 3 years, before depreciation and Federal times the required bond interest on this issue.
have been
Purpose. - Proceeds will be used in retiring all mortgages
Purpose.-Proceeds will be used in retiring all mortgages now outstanding against these properties and for otner corporate purposes.
Sinking Fund.-Indenture provides for a sinking fund of $\$ 90,000$ pe annum payable to the turstee in quarterly installments commencing May
151927 , to be used for the reduction of this issue either by purchase of bond 15 1927, to be used for the reduction of this issue either by purchase of bonds Ia the open market up to the redemption price or, if not so purchasable, for
redemption by lot at such price. All bonds so acquired to be canceiled redemption by lot at such price. All bonds so acquired to be canceiled Management.-Company and the Comerford Theatres, Inc., are under the
management of M. E. Comerford who has been identified with this line of management of M. E. Co
business for many years.
Metropolitan Chain Stores, Inc.-Balance Sheet Dec. 31 [Including Metropolitan Stores, Ltd.]
 Assets-
Fixed assets
Fixed ass
Good-wil
Cash_..
Cash-_..........-
Claims receivable_
Inventorles_.....
Inventoriest........
Other assets......
Organization exp.

 Cr.484,011 $3,532,964$
450,654


## Total... <br> $\overline{5,058,174} \overline{4,158,216}$ <br> Total_-.........

$7 \%$ conv. 1 st pf.stk.
$7 \%$ conv. 2 d pt.stk.
accounts payabe. $\begin{array}{lr}200,000 & 1,2 \\ 555,000 & 5 \\ 508,111 & 4 \\ 400,000 & \end{array}$ 200,000
555,000

430,089 | 5,000 |
| :--- |
| 5,0089 |
| . .620 | 308,102 $\begin{array}{rr}30,450 & 22,136 \\ 7,108 & 19,064 \\ 2,119,229 & 1,633,112 \\ 440,327 & 307,035 \\ \ldots \ldots-1 & 22,376\end{array}$ Notes

Comm
Acc.
\&ec. Canadian taxes
Def. Inc. (rents)
Com. 74,723
24,050 37,692
(Detr
Corp) Corp.), Detroit.-Bonds offered.- Union Trust Co.; Wm.
L. Davis \& Co.; National Bank of Commerce: Fidelity Trsut Co.; Benjamin Dansard \& Co.; Livingston \& Co., Detroit, and A. E. Kusterer \& Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., are offering at 100 and int. $\$ 2,000,000$ (closed) 1st mtge. leasehold $61 / 2 \%$ sinking fund gold bonds.
Dated reb 1 1.272 due Feb. 1 1942. Principal and int. payable (F. \& A.)



The bonds of this issue are secured by a first mortgage on the leasehold
estate located in the heart of the business district of Detroit, bounded by Bagley and Grand River Avenues, Clifford and Middie streets. being the
 Bazley Avenie, is the new Mi area, at thene corner or ing recently completed,
 over 4.000 seats, which is one of the finest moving picture theatres in the United States. It is leased to Balaban \& Katz (a Michigan corp.), for \$250,shops and stores with $124,350 \mathrm{sq}$. ft. of net rentable area.
The land as above described has been leased to the Detroit Metropolitan Corp. for 99 years at an annual rental of $\$ 247,500$ for the period endin Income from the lease of the theatre to Balaban \& Katz for $\$ 250,000$ per year nearly meets the annual charge for ground rental as above dillin. Therefore, practically all of the income from the rentable area of the building
will be applicable to the payment of taxes, operating costs and interest
charges on this isue of bonds. It is estimated the net earnings of the building
will exceed an amount equal to $11 / 2$ times the interest charges on this bond Bonds of this issue are unconditionally guaranteed interest and principal by the Detroit Properties Corp, whose
statement, is in excess of $\$ 2,500,000$.

Midland Steel Products Co.-Annual Report.-

Calendar Years
Operating profit-
Othar income...

## Total-

 Employees' ${ }^{\text {Pr }}$ Depreciation-
Federal taxest.
Preferred divide Preferred dividends
Rate Comaten dividends
Rate

Balance, surplus
Shares of Earn. per sh. on pommon

| 1926. |
| :--- |
| 184, |
| 18292 | $\begin{array}{r}\$ 2,764,292 \\ \hline \$ 2,946,8\end{array}$

$\begin{array}{r}1925 . \\ \$ 4,326.452 \\ 128,203 \\ \hline\end{array}$

| $\$ 4,454,654$ |
| ---: |
| 505.062 |
| 394.059 |
| 404.860 |
| 425.000 |
| 915.411 |
| $11 \%$ |
| 266.000 |
| 5.52 |


| 1924. | 1923. |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 2,968.899$ | $\$ 1,791.527$ |
| 54,978 |  |
| . |  | $\begin{array}{r}\$ 2,968,899 \\ 245.429 \\ 272,347 \\ 373.642 \\ 270.000 \\ 916.994 \\ 122.3 \% \\ 250.300 \\ 85.00 \\ \hline\end{array}$

$\begin{array}{r}\$ 1,846,505 \\ 287,827 \\ \hline\end{array}$ 287,827
$3 \overline{362}, 2 \overline{8} \overline{3}$
110,000
10

### 50.000 $\$ 11.76$

$\overline{\$ 640,487} \overline{\$ 1.086,395}$
50,000
$\$ 17.81$
50.000
$\$ 10.05$

Assets- 192 $\xrightarrow{\text { Land, }}$ Cash-
$\stackrel{1926 .}{\$}$
Govt. securitles....
Notes $\&$ acets. ree
Invent
Inventories. Defer asset charges.-

| $14,084,026$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $14,121,139$ | Totallared $v$ alue.

acc.
acher
$4,084,026$
y Aft Total
x Red
ing
ances.
and
Moline Implement Co.-Annual Report.Calendar Years-
Gross ndeome from sales
Other income

Total income
Expenses and charges.
Surplus Dec. 31 .
Shares of capital sto
 The capital stock was all owned by and in the treasury of the Moline Plow Co. Inc., until Dec. 151925 , when it was distributed to the individual
entitled theret.
then owners of all the stockd. of $\$ 300,000$ was paid Sept. 301925 to the

Balance Sheet December 31.
$\underset{\text { PI't prop. }}{\text { Assets }}$

Cash. ioans and
comm'1 paper.
Notes \& accets. Fe .
less reserve.

| Iess reserve..... |
| :--- |
| $\begin{array}{c}\text { Inven (less res.). } \\ \text { Prepaid expenses. } \\ \text { Treasury stock... }\end{array}$ |

Treasury stock.
MIscell. assets.

Moline Plow Co., Inc.-Liquidation Completed.-
articipations are in receipt of a letter from the trustees in licuidation, stating that the liquidation of the assets has been completed and the Chancery Court of Richmond. Va., has approved the report of the trustees. The
Court has ordered the payment of a final dividend in cash of $1.49 \%$ of the aggregate faee value of the debenture bond and first preferred stock participations of "Moline Plow Co. Trust," Cash dividends heretofore paid in liquation have amounted to $17 \%$, $6 \%$ and $3 \%$, respectively, of the aggregate face value of the first preferred posited. On payment of the final dividend of $1.49 \%$, total cash dividends eceived will amount to $27.49 \%$. There has also been a pro rata distribution in kind of the 30,000 shares of stock of the Moline Implement Co., or the of such stock.
Holders of $99.8 \%$ of debenture bonds and first preferred stock represented by trust participating certificates, have dep
share in the distribution.-V. 122. p. 2664 .
Montgomery Ward \& Co., Inc.-Par of Common Changed. The stockholders on Feb. 25 ratified the proposal to change the par value
the common stock from $\$ 10$ to no par. The stockholders also voted to eliminate the 42,498 shares of preferred stock rrom the authorized capital. Compare V. 124, p. 658, 801

| Montreal Cotton <br> Calendar YearsProfits Other income | $\begin{aligned} & 1926 . \\ & \begin{array}{l} 1926.469 \\ 96.689 \end{array} \end{aligned}$ | nnual Repor | $\begin{aligned} & 1924 . \\ & \$ 275.631 \\ & \text { 176.403 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1923,113 \\ & \$ 105.113 \\ & 130,438 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 192 . \\ & \$ 446,330 \\ & 63,627 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Total incon | 8493 | \$509,957 | \$452,034 | 1 |
| Oond interest | , | 9,9 | 30,9 | 30,707 |
| Preferred divs. 7 |  |  |  |  |
| Common div | 180,000 | 180,000 | 180,0 | 180,000 |
| Bal., sur. before taxes | \$70,878 | \$89,016 | \$26,05 | 2,8 |
| standing (par \$100) |  |  |  |  |
| Earns. per sh. on com | \$836 |  |  | 89 |
|  | ce sheel | ecember 31 |  |  |
| Issets- d - buldings \& | 1925. | Llabilitle |  |  |
| Land, machinery |  | Common st <br> Preferred sto |  | $\begin{aligned} & 3,000,000 \\ & 3,000,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Cash............- 28,853 |  | Bonds. |  |  |
| Accounts recelv --- 859,690 | 875,388 | Accounts p | 918 | 915,699 |
| Stock |  |  |  |  |
| and |  |  |  |  |
| Unexpired insur-- $1,2,2,749$ |  |  |  |  |
| ans \& invest.... 1,219,749 | 745,00 | , |  |  |

Total
$\overline{88,866,043} \overline{88,814,293}$
Mortgage Co. of Maryland, Inc.-Bond Certificates Of-fered.-Robert Garrett \& Sons, Baltimore, are offering at 100 and int. guaranteed 1st mtge. $51 / 2 \%$ trust gold certificates, series No. 5. Dated Feb. 1 1927, with maturities 5,10 and 15 years.
Denom. of $\$ 1,000, \$ 500$ and $\$ 100 \mathrm{c} *$. Principal and int. payable at Bank, New York. Red., all or part, at any time upon 30 days' notice at 100 and int. to date of redemption, plus an amount equal to $1,1 /$ of $1 \%$ of the par value thereof for each year or a fraction of a year unexpired sub-
sequent to the redemption date and before the due date, not exceeding. sequent to the redemption aarees to refund state, county and city personalty tax up to $1 / 1 /$ of $1 \%$ in whatever State held, and also to pay interest
without deduction of the normal Federal income tax up to $2 \%$

All mortgages securing these certificates are guaranteed as to principal
and interest by the Maryand Casualy Co Baltimore. of the -fold security as follows: (1) The obligation of the original maker of the mortgage note; (2) a 1 st mtge, on the property which must be im-
proved and owned in fee simple, against which the amount loaned is only from $50 \%$ or less to not in excess of $60 \%$ (in a few cases) of the conservative appraised value made by independent and expert real estate appraisers for
the company; (3) the direct obligation of the company, unconditionally guaranteed principal and interest by Maryland Mortgage Co.; (4) the
unconditional guarantee of the principal and interest of each and every mortgaye by the Maryland Casualty Co., with total resources of more than $\$ 40,300$
p. 893.

National Biscuit Co.-New Subsidiary.-
The National Bread Co., a subsidiary, was formed early this month to take over the bread and a hand-cake business of the parent companyy. N. Y. Cincinnati and Cleveland,, , Indianapolis., Ind., and Pittsburgh,
Pa. The President of the new subsiary will be E. Y. Crossmore.一V. 124 ,

National Cloak \& Suit Co.-Consolidation.-
Goldman, Sachs \& Co. announce that negotiations have been completed for the merger of the National Cloak \& Suit Co. and Bellas, Hess \& Co
It is understood that H. B. Hess will head the consolidated company -V. 124, p. 1078 .
 Deterred charges. 188,
Total -1.18 .18.
National Mortgage Co. of Calif.-Preferred Stock to Participate in Dividends.-
corporation of the coll vote March 1 on amending the articles of incorCerred stock shall be ontitled to so to tditionalide partricination holders of the the pre-
fer said corporation in accordance with the following schedule:


## \$1.00 per share 1.50 per share 2.00 per share -V .124, p. $801,658$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 61 \% \\
& 7 \% \% \\
& 7 \% \% \\
& 8 \%
\end{aligned}
$$

$\$ 250$ per share
3.00 per share
4.00 per share
5.00 per share
National Steel Car Lines Co.-Status. -
The company reports that it has outstanding at present car trust issues $\$ 18,000,000$. The company specializes as vendor in car trusts covering he leasing of cars. -V. 120, p. 2411
National Sugar Refining Co.-Acquisition of Refinery.Warner sugar Corp. below.-V. i24, p. 516.
Newton Steel Co. (Ohio). - New Director. A. E. Adams, President of the First National Bank of Youngstown,

New York Canners, Inc.-Defers Preferred Dividend.per share usually paid on the $\$ 6$ cumul. pref. stock on March 1. See

New York Postal Service Station (New York Postal Service Station, Inc.).-Bonds Offered.-An issue of $\$ 2,100,000$ 1st mtge. $51 / 2 \%$ sinking fund gold bonds is being offered at 100 and int. by P. W. Chapman \& Co., Inc., New York
Dated Feb. 11927 , due Aug. 11937 . Prin, and int. (F. \& A.) payable
at Anglo-South American Trust Co., New York, trustee. Denom. $\$ 1.000$
 to and incl. Feb. 1193 at 101 and int., thereafter at 100 and int. Red.
in part by iot upon 30 days. notice on any int. payment date to and incl. Feb. 11932 at 1103 and int.; to and incl. Feb. 11934 at 1102 and int. there-
after at 101 and int. int. payble without deduction for that portion of
Federal income tax not in excess of $11 / 2 \%$ Refund of cert
 Iowa, Kansns, Kentacky, Maryland, Mass., Mich., New Hampshire, in the mortgage. New York Postal Service Station will be located at 527-551 West 33d St. and $528-556$ West 34 th St. in the uptown business district
of the Borough of Manhattan, New York City. The building will be stories and basement in height. of reinforced concrete and structural steel fireproo construction, will cover the entire plot area with a frontage on two streets, and will contain a rentable area of approximately 200,000 sq. ft.
It will house motor vehicles employed in the transportation of mail and will provide accommodations for other branches of the posta service.
Construction will be in accordance with U.S. Government specifications and under Government inspection.
Earnings.-The United States Government has contracted to lease the entire the date of completion, at an annual rental of $\$ 197,960$.
The annual net income available for interast, arter payment of taxes, excess of $\$ 1566,000$. The trustee will collect the rentals from the United States Government
and will reserve from such rentals amounts sufficient to cover the interest and sinking fund requirements. will provide for semi-annual sinking fund
Sinking Fund.- The mortgage payments beginning Aug. 1 1927. The operation of this sinling fund, reduce this issue to $\$ 1.615,000$ at maturity contract, the Post Office Department has the the 10-year lease now under for an additional 10 -year period at an annual rental of $\$ 218,400$.
The contract gives the Post Orfice Department the option to purchase the contract lives the Post Orfice Department the option to purchass
the property at the end of tree years rom the date of completion for $\$ 2$.,
650.000 at the end of five years for $\$ 2,550$. 000 at at the end of 10 years $\$ 2,450,000$, and in the event the renewal privilege is exercised, the option
to purchase at the end of 15 years for $\$ 2,450,000$, and at the end of 20 years
for $\$ 2,450.000$. The mortgage securing these bonds will provide that, if
the Post office Department exercises its option to purchase the property the Post Office Department exercises its option to purchase the property
before the maturity date of this issue, all of the bonds outstanding shall be retired at the then call price.
New York Transit Co.-Annual Report.-
 Balance, sur. or def
Shares of capital stock def $\$ 6,434 \underset{\text { sur } \$ 93,792}{ }$ sur $\$ 86,418$ def $\$ 136,268$

 Material \& suppl's

\& acets. recelv. $\begin{array}{r}123,433 \\ 2,720,29 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $2,720,298$ | $2,486,920$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Deprec'n reserve. } \\ \text { Profit and }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | $\begin{array}{r}740,569 \\ 2,342,03 \\ 1,343,572 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 833,818 |
| :--- |
| $2,343,096$ |
| $1,350,007$ | Total x Accounts payable, including reserves for taxes, fire insurance

annuities and death benefits.-V. 123, p. 722.
New York United Hotels, Inc.-Bonds Offered.-
(The) Nineteen Hundred Washer Co., Inc.-Stock Offered.- Maynard H. Murch \& Co., Cleveland and H. W. Noble \& Co., Detroit are offering at $\$ 25$ per share 83,592 shares class A common stock (no par value).
Stock Exchanplication will be made to list this stock on the Cleveland The holders of class A common stock shall be entitled to receive cumulaIn any preference to dividends on the shares of class B common stock Olass B common stock (which dividends are not cumulative) any addaitional
dividends shall be paid equally upon the shares of both class A and class B whole or in part at $\$ 30$ per share, plus dividends. If called for red er is in A common stock is convertible share for share into class $B$ commmon stock,
at any time within the 30 day period following notice of the call of stock. voting power. Class A common stock is entitied to to $\$ 25$ per phare in the
 Transfer agents and registrars, the Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland and Class A common stock (no par value)
Class B common stock (no par value) $\qquad$ Authorized. Outstanding. $* 83,592$ shares reserved for conversion of class A common stock.

## Data from Letter of T. W. Behan, President of Company

 Company.-Organized in New York, A consolidation of Nineteen Hun-dred Washer Co. and Binghamton Washing Machine Corp. Is engaged In the manufacture of electroc household washing machines. and irgoners. Started in 1898, it is one of the oldest washing machine concerns in the of various types, including hand, water power, gas and electric machines.
Company started the manufacture of electric washers in 1906 and the he company started production of the "Whirlopooling machines. In 1925 been a large demand. For years the company has been a large national advertiser and up to the present time approximately $\$ 2,500,000$ have
been spent in advertising its products. In 1926 the company produced approximately 60,000 electric washing machines and is a leader in the The property is located in Binghamton, N. Y. Company has ample carried for expansion. The books of the company as of Dec, 31 mane and equipment are Earnings.-The business was started in 1898 with a cash investm. 18,000. No other capital has been put into the business excepting the rroceeds of a sone oano preferred stock issue which has been retired out ince its inception, with the exception of the year 1921 when a loss was
hown. Sales and net earnings for 1925 and 1926 have been as follow Calendar Years-
 5 The average net earnings for the two year period are equivalent to A common stock and to $\$ 325$ per share on the class A and class B common ocks to be outstanding.
being offered on a $\$ 2$ annual dividend basis payable quarterly, the first Condensed Balance Shy 1927.

## Assets-

Call loans \& accrued intCotes \& trade accent. rec.
Nocounts receivable, \&cc.

| Inventories |
| :--- |
| Other |

Land, bldgs., mach, mce-
 $\qquad$
1926 (after Financing and Merger.) Accrued taxes, comm..- \& Fedoral tax 1926 (est.),
Pref. stock.
Pealled for red.) Res. for advertising, \&c.
Capital stock. Surplus.-................-.


Total_................. $\$ 2,030,228$ Total.......................- $\$ 2,030,228$
Ohio Leather Co.-Annual Report-New Chairman.-

 First preferred stock dividend in arrears Dec, 311926 amounted to
47.916 , and second preferred stock dividends in arrears amounted to ,


[^6]Oregon-Washington Bridge Co.-Earnings for Calendar Year 1926.

## Total cash receipts

Interest on $\$ 291,000$ first mort gage 7 s ................................
Balance available for reduction of funded debt $\begin{array}{r}\$ 75,352 \\ 21,774 \\ 20.370 \\ 4,875 \\ \hline\end{array}$
\$28,333

O'Gara Coal Co.-Bonds Called.-
Fifty-five ( 855.000 . 1 st mtge. $5 \%$. 50 -year sinking fund gold bonds
dated Sept. 1905 have been called for payment Mar, 1 at 105 and int ated Septit 11905 have been called for payment Mar. ${ }^{1}$ at 105 and int.
at the Equitable Trust Co., trustee, 37 Wall St., N. Y. City.-V. 122, p.

Pacific Mills, Lawrence, Mass.-Ann. Meeting Date.The stockhoiders last week voted to change the date of the annual meeting
them the third Tuesday in February to the third Tuesday in March.- $\mathbf{V}$. 24, p. 1079, 802
Pacific Oil Co.-1926 Dividends.-Henry W. de Forest, Chairman of the executive committee, in a letter (dated Feb. 16) to the stockholders, says:
In order to aid the company's stockholders in the preparation of their to stockholders concerning the distributions received in the year ended
Dec. 311126 , accords with a rulinr received by the company's counsel These distributions were as follows: (1) A cash dividend of $\$ 150$ per
share payable on Jan. 20 1926 to holders of record Dec. 151925 : (2) a distribution of $\$ 3$ in cash and two-fifths of a share of stock of the Associated hilders of record Jan 28 1926: (3) a d distribution of mone share of stock or the
htandard Oil Co. of California for each share of this company's stock,
 At the close of business on March 5 1926, the total net, undistributed earnings of the company amounted to approximately $\$ 630$ per share.
All these earnings were included in the distribution to stockholders made
on March 6 mate All these earnings were included in the distribution to stockholders made
on March 6 1926. The distribution made on the date last mentioned,
consisting of $\$ 3$ in cash and two-fifths of a share of Associated oil Co. sonsisting or sor share of this company's stock is is subject to surtax as a current
dividend to the extent of such sum of $\$ 6$ per share; and the remainder dividend to the extent or such sum of $o$ of this distribution should be regarded as a return of capital, and is not subject to tax, unless the value of such remainder exeeeded the cost basis
of this company's stock to the stockholder. Such remainder will, however, reduce the cost basis of the stock of this company for the purpose of deterremainder exceeded the cost basis of this company's stock to the stockholder, suach excess is subject to trax. As indicative of the market value or Asso-
ciated Oil Co. stock, Blais
Co. Were offering, at the time of this distribution $\$ 5850$ per share for it. was made in pursuance of a plan of reorganization and therefore, no tazable disposed, of, by any stockholder of this company, for an amount in excess
of the cost basis of this company's stock, to such stockholder, then the excess would be taxable.-V. 123 , p. 78 .
Paraffine Cos., Inc.-To Increase Capital-Stock Div.The stockholders will vote Mar. 15 (a) on increasing the authorized com-
mon stock (no par value) from 200,000 shares to 500,000 shares; and (b) on approving the issuance of two newtion of a $20 \%$ stock dividend to common tockholders. It is announced that a $\$ 3$ annual dividend rate will be maintained on the new stock. The presidens.



 x Represented by 162,122 shares no par value. y Represented by 93,222
shares no par value (of which $6011 / 2$ shares were sold for cash).-V. 124, p. 383 (David) Pender Grocery Co.-Earnings for Cal. Years.-
 Net after taxes
Class " $\mathbf{A}$ " dividends.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
336,405 & 188,019 \\
292,391 & 161,712 \\
105,000 & \ldots-
\end{array}
$$

179,124
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Balance, surplus...................... } \$ 187,391 & \$ 161,712 & \$ 179,124 \\ \text { The balance of } \$ 187,391\end{array}$
 The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 last shows current assets of $\$ 1,569,464$
and current liabilities of $\$ 408,514$, an excess of assets over liabilities of $\$ 1,160,950$, or a ratio of more than 3.8 to 1 . North Carolina and 51 in Virginia. Included in the latter are 21 stores formerly operated by the Tyree Grocery Coo, In the., in Richmond, which
were acquired by the Pender company last May.-V. 124, p. 934.
(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.-Capital Stock Readjusted.of classified common stock, par $\$ 100$, from 100,000 shares to 50,000 shares o change the name "class A preferred stock" to preferred stock, to increase the number of aut 300,000 shares, and to make dividends thereon after
150,000 shares
June 30 payable quarterly instead of semi-annually.-V. 124, p. 802,246 .

Penn-Federal Corp.-Pref. Stock Offered.-Wells, Deane \& Singer, Inc., Glover \& MacGregor, S. M. Vockel \& Co. and Gordon \& Co., Pittsburgh, are offering at 100 (with adjustment of divs. from April 1 1927) $\$ 1,000,0007 \%$ cumul. pref. (a. \& d.) stock. Each original purchaser of preferred stock will receive with each share of preferred one share of common and in addition will be entitled at the time of such purchase to buy one additional share of coramon stock at $\$ 5$ per share for each share of preferred so purchased.
Callable on any div. date until April 11931 as a whole or in part upon
30 days' notice at $\$ 10750$ per share and div.: thereafter at $\$ 105$ per she 30 days' notice at $\$ 10750$ per share and div.: thereafter at $\$ 105$ per share
and div. Divs. payable $Q .-\mathrm{J}$. Annual sinking fund of $2 \%$ of the authorized and div, Divs. payable Q.-J. Annual sinking fund of $2 \%$ of the authorized
issue to purchase stock if obtainable at not to exceed $\$ 101$ per share, payable
semi-annually beginning July 11929 . Free of the present Penn. 4 mill tax. Transfer agent, Commonwealth Trust Co. of Pittsburgh. Registrar, Fidelity Title \& Trust Co. Pittsburgh, Pa. stock on the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.
Capitalization-
1st (closed) mitge. fee \& leasehold $6 \%$ bonds $\$ 1,000,000$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Cumulative preferred stock (this issue) } & 1,000,000 & \$ 1,000,000 \\ 1,000,000\end{array}$ Corporation.-Is owned by Loew's, Inc., and United Artists Theatre Oircut, Inc. Corporation will own and operate a modern motion picture theatre and ofrice building located at the corner of Penn Ave. and Federal
St., Pittsburgh. This theatre will have a seating capacity of about 3,500 people and will be enabled to exhibit as "pre-release" or "first" runs,
pictures distributed by the United Artists Corp. and productions of Metropictures distributed by the United Artists Corp. and productions of Metrobe exhibited in this theatre on a percentage basis: i.e., box office receipts will be first applied to the cost of operating the theatre, including an investment return equivalent to $7 \%$ dividends on this preferred stock for the pictures. This dividend is, therefore additionally assured by what is in effect an operating charge, with a priority right during the period of such exnibit, to the box office receipts before payment of finm rental.
Earnings. It is estimated by David Bernstein, Treasurer of Loew's. Inc. that this theatre will show earnings available for preferred dividends of approximately $\$ 450,000$ per annum, which is in excess of 6.4 times such
dividend requirements. On the basis of this estimate, earnings on the total
authorized coments.

Management.-The board of directors will consist of representatives of
Low'. Inc. Und United Artists Theatre Circuit, Inc. On the basis of
Lresent scheduled coste, both companies will poews. snc. and United Artists Theatre circuit, Inc. On the
in thit propediea costs, both companies will have a substantial inv
represented by common stock.-V. 122, p. 225 .
Pennok Oil Corporation.-Dividend Rate Decreased.The directors have delplared a quarterly dividend of 25 c . per share, payable
March 25 to holders of record March 15.
per share wero marterly distribution of 50 .
Philadelphia \& Camden Ferry Co.-Distribution of $\$ 10$ per Share on Account of Capital Authorized. The directors on Feb. 21 authorized a cash payment to the stockholders
of Sho per share, representing the reduction in the total amount of apital
stock and in the par value per share approved by the stockholders on stock and in the par value per share approved by the stockholders on
Feb. 18 last Payment will be made on and after March 15 . to holders
of of record March 8 , upon presentation of the stock certificates. for indorss--
ment at the offreo the Secretary at Broad St. Station, Phila., Pa. See
also V. 124 , 1079, 802 S.

Philadelphia Insulated Wire Co.-Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.-

 Inventories interest accrued.

Phoenix Hosiery Co., Milwaukee.-Annual Report.-
 Divs. on $7 \%$ pref. stock-
Surplus
Total surplus
$\$ 1,364,042$
$5,144,975$ \$6, Unused
contingencies (Cr.)
dd Add. Fed. tax prior years
Res. for comp. insurance prior years
Profit on redemption of
preferred stock (Cr.)
$1,471 \quad 10,291 \quad 16,753 \quad 7,012$ Com. shs. outst.
Earns. per share on

93,197
308,875


140,676, being $\$ 611$ per share on the 350,000 shares of the capital stock
of that company all of one class, or a total of approximately $\$ 1,20$ attributable to the 200,000 shares of that company's stock now owned Through the interest of your company in Congress Cigar Co. and through arrangements to manufacture hand-made cigars in the United States the
effects of the Porto Rican strike sitvation are being overcome and normal production for the year 1927 may be expected. the dividend rate from $\$ 3$ per share to $\$ 4$ per share, which will provide your company, from that source alone, with an income at the rate of
$\$ 800,000$ annually (subject to possible increase) free from corporation ncome tax.
It is the purpose of the dir
tock in July of this year
Gross profit on sales-

General expenses, $\& \mathbf{c}$ | ncome Account for Calendar Year |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1926. | 1925. |  |
| .- | $\$ 1,032,173$ | $\$ 1,334,730$ | 1924.

201,390
069,028 side ixix
 Total income-
Interest, taxes, \&c--

Net profits ap. stk. (par \$100) ou
standing end of standing end of ye
Carnings per share

Land, buildings machinery, dec.
Inventory Accts. \& notes
Cash_...... Investments --..-Cigar purchas Good-will, \&c...
Total … $\$ 9,846,104$ \$9,488,087 Total $\$ 9,846,104$ \$9,488,087 Daniel Paley and Jacob Paley were recently elected directors to repre
sent the Congress Cigar Co. interests.-V. 124, p. 659 , 384 .
Postum Cereal Co., Inc. (\& Subs.).-Earnings. Including Operations of Iglehart Bros.. Inc.. from Date of Acquisition,
March 21 1926, and Minute Tapioca Co., Inc., Since Nov. 1926.$]$
 All exp. less mis
Income taxes.

Net profit.
$\qquad$
$\begin{array}{llll}\$ 2,280,596 & \$ 2,958,208 & \$ 2,972.317 & \$ 3,106,321\end{array}$ Net profits for the year ending Dec. 311926 (see under "Annual Reports"
on a preceding page) amounted to $\$ 11,317,442$, which equals $\$ 771$ per share on $1,467.365$ shares of no par common stock outstanding, This
compares with $\$ 10,135.885$ combined earnings of constituent companies for corresponding period 1925 , equivalent to $\$ 690$ on the same number of shares. (Iglehart Brothers, Inc., acquired at March 311926 included only for
second, third and fourth quarters 1926 and 1325 Minute Tapioca $12 .$, Mind Inc.,
p. 802

Pressed Steel Car Co.-Balance Sheet Dec. 31.-
[Including constituent, subsidiary owned or controlled co:]

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$\times$ After deducting $14,052,32113,001,950$ Total -..............14,052,321 13,001,950
Piggly Wiggly Western States Co.-Sales.-
 The company at Jan. 311927 operated 122 retail grocery stores, against
66 on Jan. 31 1926.-V. 123 , p. 3047 .

Porto Rico American Tobacco Co.-To Increase Cap-italization-Voting Rights to Be Given Class B Stock-To Inaugurate Dividends on Class A Stock-Annual Report.The class A common stockholders will vote March 10 on increasing the
authorized class A common stock, par $\$ 100$, from 100,000 shares to 150,000 authorized class A common stock, par $\$ 100$, from 100,000 shares to 150,000
shares, and the authorized class B common stock (no par value) from
100,000 shares to 150,000 shares.

The stockholders will further vote on amending the certificate of incorporation so as to read in substance as follows Each share of said class A common stock shall be entitled to one vote and
each share of class B common stock (at present non-voting) shall be entitled to one vote.
The class A common stock shall be entitled (as and from Feb. 11927
as respects the $99,9981 / 2$ shares thereof heretofore issued) to a cum. div. a as respects the $99,9981 / 2$ shares thereor heretofore issued to a cum. div, at
the rate of $\$ 7$ per share per annum, payable before any dividend is paid
on the class B common stock. After payment of a dividend equal to $\$ 7$ per share on the class $\mathbf{B}$ common stock during the same calendar year of the class A common stock and the class B common stock, share and share
alike.
Upon dissolution of the corporation, or upon final distribution of its
assets, and after the payment of class A common stock $\$ 100$ and divs., if the assets, including surplus and accumulated profits, are sufficient. If the assets are more than suf ficient for such payment, all remaining thereafter shall be distributed
share alike. may issue any authorized and unissued class A common stock or crass $B$ common stock or both at such times, respectively, and for such and upon issuance of class A common stock the holders of class B common stock shall not have any preferential right to receive or subscribe for the same. corporation may issue and may sell class $B$ common stock from time to time for

President L. Toro, Feb. 18, in a letter to the class A common stockholders, says in substance:
is to make it for recommending that vor listing on the New Yight be given to class $\mathbf{B}$ stock cation to so list it has been granted by the Exchange subject to your approval of the proposed amendment giving it voting power.
It is not the purpose of the management to offer any additional stock to the stockholders for subscription at the present time. The reason for asking this authorized increase in the capital stock is to provide stock to take care
of possible future expansion as the recent offering of class A stock and class B stock in conection with the acquisition of a controlling interest in class A stock and the remaining authorized class B stock is quite inadequate to take care of any appreciable future growth.
The net earnings of the company for the year ended Dec. 31 1926, after interest charges, depreciation ane strike of the cigar makers in Porto Rico
were $\$ 162.819$ (see below). The for the last 5 months of the year, which normally are the best months in the cigar business, materially affected the earnings of the company. The




 2 shares at 860 per share: rights to subscribe under warrants terrimate Data from Letter of Frederick W. Rockwell, Pres. of New York Neo Yor Uited Hited Hotels, inc.
 dia East 45th st, Madison Ave.. East efth st, and vanderonit AVe.
diag onally opposite the ramd Central Terminal, with which it has direct

 clusive of carrying charges during construction, was in exceess of s co cost. ex-

 senting the unamortized portion of S3iOOO.000 advanced by the lessor and ments with interest as part of the rent inder the lease In addition





 paymentof annual groum as provided in the lease. The lease provides for nd charges together with amounts sufficient to amortize by cortain taxes and pay interest on a principal sum of $\$ 2,730,000$ representine the un-
amortized balance of the advance mentioned above. The lease is subject








 fund and interest payments to be made on Aumb. 1 and Feb. 1 in each year for panning Aug. 1 1927 , of $\$ 204,150$, of which sum the amount not required purchase or redemption of dobestandurs, and such sum sum is is calculated to retire over $50 \%$ of the issue by maturity. Company may deliver debentures to the truste in iieu of sinking fund payments. and credit will bee given on
account thereof against subsequent sinking fund payments, as is provided
in the in the indenture.
Purpose.- Proceeds are to be used to retire the present outstanding funded
debt of the company.-V. 117 , p. 2552
St. Mary's Mineral Land Co.-Annual Report.-

St. Stanislaus Seminary, Florissant Mo.-Notes Of fered.-Federal Commerce Trust Co., St. Louis, is offering at 100 and int. $\$ 250,000$ 1st mt e. real estate serial $5 \%$ gold notes.
(J. Dated Dec. 1 1926: due serially Dec. 1 1931-1941. Princtpal and int

 Society of Jesus.
nary a Missouri corre joint and several oblifations of St. Stanislaus Semi-

Society Mrsourl Province Educational In in the titute is the corporate name of the
 orm time to time established. Allof of these educational institutions are
from tirely controlled by the Missouri Propince entirely controlled by the Missouri Province Educational Institution.

## Safety Cable Co.-Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of not exceed-
ing 36.998 additional shares of capital stock, without par value ing 36,998 additional shares of capital stock, without par value, on official notice of issuance in exchange for property of American Insulated Wire \&
Cable Co. and of Brenner-Mervis Co., or on official notice of issuance and Cable Co. and of Brenner-Mervis Co.. or on official notice of issuance and
payment in full, making the total amount applied for 200,000 shares of capital stock.
Pursuant to resolutions of directors passed on Jan. 14 and Feb. 7, shares not exceeding 36,998 shares were authorized to be issued for the acquisi\& Cable Co. and of Brenner-Mervis Cood-will, of as as for sale for cash. Insulated Wire \& Cable Co, dated Jan. 12 , certain of the assets of therican are to be turned over to the former in exchange partly for cash and latter for shares of Safety Cable Co., the amount of cash and the number of assets less liabilities which latter are to be assumed by Safety Cable Co., and
An agreement dated Jan. 12 has been made by Safety Cable Co, and Brenner-Mervis Co. similar to the agreement above referred to except that alculated Any part of the 36,998 shares remaining after providing for the require-
ments heretofore described may be sold for cash, the proceeds to be used in ments heretofore described may be sold for cash, the proceeds to be used in ner-Mervis Co., which obligations are to be assumed by Safety Cable Co.-
V. 123 . 854 .

Scheiwe Coal \& Ice Co.-Bond Offering Withdrawn.Benjamin Dansard \& Co.. Detroit, have informed us that the issue of of Dec. 11 as having been offered by them has been withdrawn. See
orele

Schulco Co., Inc.-Engraved Bonds Ready.-
uaranteed $61 / 2 \%$ mortgage bonds, series B announce to holders of temporary bonds of this issue are ready for delivery in exchange for the temporary bonds now outstanding. The exchange will be made upon presentation
of the temporary bonds at the Central Union Trust Co. (For offering
S. 2789.

Shaffer Oil \& Refining Co. (\& Subs.).-EA
12 Mos. Ended Dec. 31 -
 Operating expenses, maintenance \& taxes.-.---- V.preciation 124 , p. 518 .

Scovill Mfg. Co.-Annual Report.
Gross profits from sales.
ther income
ther income
Expend income for maint, and repairs Provision for depreciation
Federal taxes, \&
Previous surplus
lus.
Total surplus Cash dividends
Stock dividend.
Profit and loss surplus Dec. 31
Shares of cap. stk. outstdg. (par $\$ 25$ )-
Earn. per share on capital stock

arn. per share on capital stock
$\mathbf{x}$ Includes $\$ 2,124,000$ divid $n$

$\$ 3,216,036$


## Land, Buildings \&

## Cash \& call loans.-

U.S. Govt. secs--
Other mktble, sec.

Acc ts \& notes rec-
Mdse. inventories Stocks in oth. cos-

Deposits with mut. Mtge notes $\&$.... | 1926. |
| :--- |
| S |
| $2,95,655$ |
| $3,564,042$ |
| $2,636,585$ |
| $3,652,177$ |
| $2,680.554$ |
| $8,129,478$ | Mtge. notes \& oth.

 Equities in bldg. \& \&
real est. contr'ts 168,265 real est. contr'ts
Deferred charges_.
 $x$ After deducting $\$ 17$ Total (each side) $\overline{34,252,706} \overline{34,322,322}$
.

334
Shaler Co., Waupun, Wis.-Listing.
The Chicacaso Stock Exchange, has authorized the IIsting of 50,000 shares
class A without par value. See also V. 124, . 804.

## Simms Petroleum Co.-Dividend Rate Increased.-

 The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 371 ch a a share on theoutstanding capital stock, par sio, payabie April 1 to holders of record sibution at this rate having been made on $\frac{1}{J d n}$ of 50 c. share, the last

## Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp.-New Director.-

Cissha walker, of Blair \& Co., Inc., has resizned as a director of sinclair
Consoidated Oi Corp., and has boen succeeded by Harry Bronner, also
Southern Stores Corp. (Fla.).-Initial Dividend.Thae directors have declared an initial dividend of 50 . a share on the
Slas $A$ participating stock, payabie $A$ pril 1 to holders of record March 28 . See also V. 124, p. 1082.
Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky.-Extra Dividend.-The directors on Feb. 23 declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1$ per share on the outstanding capital stock, par $\$ 25$, both payable March 31 to holders of record March 15. Record of dividends paid since 1915 follows:
 x Also pald stock dividends of $33{ }_{1}^{4} 1-3 \%$ in April and $66{ }^{2} 23-\frac{x}{20}$ in Dec.
1922 . V . 122 , p. 3355 .

Standard Oil Co. of Nebraska.-Balance Sheet Dec. 31.-

 $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Accts. recelvable-- } & 1328,155 & 232,771 & \text { taxes \& annuities } & 167,129 & 154,135 \\ \text { Investments-.-.- } & 1,989,088 & 2,031,054 & \text { Surplus........... } & 2,040,017 & 3,312,438\end{array}$

Stanley Co. of America.- $20 \%$ Stock Div.-Rights.holders of record April 9. The regular quarterly dividend of 75c. a share was also declared, payable April 1 to holders of record March 5 . . The stockholders of record March 5 will be given the richt to one new share of no par value capital stock at $\$ 65$ a share for each 5 shares
held.- V. 124, p. 937 .
(Frederick) Stearns \& Co. (\& Subs.).-Earnings. $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Colendar Years- } \\ \text { Profits after provision for income taxes } & \text { 1926. } & \$ 532,447 & \text { 1925. } & \$ 557,633\end{array}$ company had a balance of $\$ 122,638$, which was transferred to the surplus

Symington Co.-Defers Div. on Class A Stock.The directors on Feb. 24 decided to defer payment of the quarterly divshares of no por value $\$ 2$ cumul. class A stock. This rate had been paid
since April $1925 .-\mathrm{V}$. 124, p. 937 .

Texon Oil \& Land Co.-To Receive Dividend.-
or $\$ 700,000$. of which the Plymouth Oill Co . will receive $\$ 525,000$ and the Texon Oil \& Land Co. $\$ 175,000$, payable March 7 to holders of record April 26 to holders of record. March 25 . The Texon Oil \& Land Co. owns 1 Oil Corp. A distribution of like amount
Tide Water Associated Oil Co.-New Directors.Securities Corp., have been elected directors.-V. G. Freeman, of the Chase

## Tide Water Oil Co.-New Director.

Francis D. Bartow;-resigned.-V. Sted a director to fill the unexpired term of
315 W. 86th St. Apartments (315 West 86th Street
Realty Co., Inc.), N. Y. City.-Bonds Offered.-An issue Realty Co., Inc.), N. Y. City.-Bonds Offered.-An issue of $\$ 850,0006 \%$ 1st mtge. serial gold bonds is being offered at par and int. by American Bond \& Mortgage Co., Inc. Dated Jan. 11 1927; due serially, January 1929-37. Callable at $1011 / 2$
and int. Int. payable J. \& J. Individual trustee, Charles O. Moore.
Prinital and int Principal and int. payable at offices of American Bond \& Mortgage Co.



| Sor account of bondholders, one sixth of the int. and principal payments |
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| payabbe at the end of each six months. except that the monthly payments |
| be made on Aug. 1936 and on the first of each month thereater shall | bo in the same amount as the respective monthly payments for the six

 to $6 \%$ of the interest, refundabie. Security- Secured by a direct closed first mortgage on the land owned
in fee and the 15-story pent-house and basement, fireproof housekoeping
 by io $\mathrm{ft} .81 /$ in. ineep. 15 stories penthouse and basement in height of
 of have an atractive lobby a number the upper floors there will be two 4-room apartments, two 3 -room apartments and two 2 -room apartments.
Earnings. - Net annual income after deducting operating expenses
incol taxes, insurance and $10 \%$ allowance for vacancies, it is estimated, shour
be approximately $\$ 105,578$, which is over twice the heaviest annual interest requirements on this entire bond issue and considerably in excess of the
amount necessary to meet all annual interest and principal payments.

Tower Mfg. Corp., Boston.-Omits Dividends.-
The directors on Feb. 19 voted to omit the quarterly dividend usually
due at this time on the outstanding $\$ 485.300$ common stock, par $\$ 5$. Since April 1 asst year quarterly dividends or $3711 / 2$ cents per share had been paid. has been unexpexpectedly disappoistings. Net protits for the courrent fiscai
year to date (beginning June 11926 ) ape approximately $\$ 90,000$, compared
y
 pany is in sound
assets of over $\$ 40$.
-V .123 p. 467.

Transue \& Williams Steel Forging Corp.-Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
 Property \& plant
(aster deprec'n)
Csh. Cash
Notes acets. rec.
Noty Invty. at 10 Prepald exp. \&c--
Securties owned.
$\qquad$ 197.051
1253.297


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tapital surplus
cales Capital surplus.---
Profit \& loss surp.

Total.........
 $x$ Represented by 100,000 snares of no par value.
A comparative income account was published in $V$. 124, p. 661 .
Trinity Buildings Corp. of New York.-Tenders.The Guaranty Trust Co.. 140 Broadway. N. Y. Oity, will until March 2 receive bids for the sale to it of ant momount surf icient to
tificates, due June 11399 , to an ame
prices not exceeding 103 and interest. V . 123, p. 991 .
Truax-Traer Coal Co. (Del.).-Notes Offered.-Lane, Piper \& Jaffray, Inc., and Kalman \& Co. are offering at prices ranging from $61 / 2$ to $7 \%$, according to maturity, $\$ 400,000$ coll. trust $61 / 2 \%$ serial gold notes (with stock purchase warrants).

 Red all or part upon 30 days notice at 100 and int, plus a premium of
Red
$1 / 2 \%$ for each year or fraction thereof between the date of redemption and date of maturity

Data from Letter of E. M. Truax, President of the Company. Company is acquiring the established mines and properties of the Truax
Coal Co. near Columbus, N. D., together with a two-thirds interest in the railroad operated for the service of the mines, and is also acquiring under
lease a large coal acreage near Velva, N. D., which it expects to develop at this time to an annual production capacity of 300,000 tons. Upon
development of this additional capacity, the company will be the largest producer of coal in North Dakota. These properties are to be operated bove the average for lignite coal in quality and the mines are well ocated with reference to markets and transportation,
Security. Will be secured by pledge of the total outstanding $\$ 500.000$
1 Wt mtge. $7 \%$ sinking fund gold bonds of the company, which bonds are ist mtge. $7 \%$ sinking fund gold bonds of the company, which bonds are now owned or hereafter acquired. including lands, coal in the ground, structures and equipment, and all leases and leasehold estates.
Based upon the appraisal of Ford, Baco \& Davis, Inc, Engineers, the properties near Columbus now of 31 1926, a depreciated value of $\$ 561,577$, in addition to which there wili be reserve by the company, to be expended for equipment and improvements near Velva, the sum of $\$ 350,000$, the total of appraised value and cash
to be reserved thus amounting to $\$ 911,577$. If less than $\$ 350$,000 is actuwili be used to retire pledged bonds. The proceeds from bo or from pledged bonds, retired by the sinking fund to be provided for, wili Earnings. -The properties near Columbus, being acquired from the Truax Coal Co., have been profitably operated for many years the books of that
company showing that it has not failed to make a profit in any year during the past 18 years. Net earnings of such properties, after deducting ex-
penses including depletion, rentals and royalties, and eliminating non penses inclucing depletion, rentals and royalties, and eliminating non
recurring items, for the 5 fiscal years ending May 311927 last 5 months estimated) combined with a proportionate share of the net earnings or
Truax. Whittier \& Truax Ry. (based upon the interest therein being acquired for the 5 fiscal years ended Dec. 31 average rate of $\$ 160$. 411 per
depreciation and income taxes. were at an aver annum, the com
being $\$ 176,554$.
Based upon the above $\omega$-year average and the expected annual production atterest, depreciat.on and income taxes will be at the rate of more than $\$ 279700$ per anmum.
The maximum annual requirement for interest on these notes is 836.000 . and $\begin{aligned} & \text { ancipal is } \$ 113,000 \text {. } \\ & \text { Sinking Fund }- \text { A }\end{aligned}$ sinking fund the rate of $121 / 2$ cents for each ton of coal shipped (with a minimum annual payment equal to 4 or burchas or redemption the 1st mtge. $7 \%$ sinking fund gold bonds of the company. or which $\$ 500,000$ are now to be issued and pledged as security for these notes. Surchase Warrants.- Each note wiA have attached, upon original issue, a non-detachable warrant entitling the holder to purchase, prior
to maturity of such note, or prior to redemption thereof if redeemed before maturity, full paid shares of common stock or the company in the ratio

Trumbull Steel Co., Youngstown, O.-New Director.W. H. Foster, President of the General Fireprofing Co, has bee
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Tubize Artificial Silk Co. of America.-Stock.-
Scholle Brothers are offering, subject to prior sale and change in price, at limited amount of the common stock, $\$ 175$ a share. The offering does not constitute new financing on the part at S175 a share.
of the company.
January sales of the company, it is stated, were the largest in the history of the organization, and current earnings, according to the bankers, are
estimated at $\$ 25$ a share. Earnings for the past five years have averaged
\$21 a share on the stock. The company, it is further stated, is in a strong
cash position and calls were made recently for tenders for a substantial cash position and calls. were made recently for tenders for a substantial
amount of the outstanding preferred stock in anticipation of sinking fund 24. p. 938.

United Fruit Co.-Secures Lease in Panama.The Journal of Commerce" in a dispatch from Panama City says: the Panama Government and the United Friut Co., by which the latter
is to acauire a 40 -vear concession on 16,000 hectares $(49,520$ acres) of land is to acquire a a 40 -year concession on 16,000 hectares ( 49,520 acres) of land
in the Tonosi Valley of Los Santos Province for planting bananas. The investment, it is said, will total $\$ 12,000,000$
The company agrees to build a modern port at Tonosi for accommodating ocean liners There will be concrete wharves, 70 kilometers ( 43 miles) of
standard railway, the Tonosi River will be bridged and the town will be built up for housing the employees. It also plans an oil storage tank
system for fuel and an extensive irrigation project, including the damming of the river.
The company estimates that it will be possible to grow and ship $4,000,000$ stems of banana
United Profit-Sharing Corporation.-Annual Report.-
 Preferred dividends.-.
Common dividends.-.
 Total surplus
Stock div. (preferred)
Federal Federal taxes accrued-.

Profit \& loss surplus-
Shares of common outstanding (no par).--
Earns. per sh. on com-
$\times$ Consists of shares 21
f
p
p \$563,924 $\begin{array}{rr}214.938 & \times 409.538 \\ \$ 1422 & 8080\end{array}$
$\mathbf{x} 409.538$
$\$ 07$

| 109.538 |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\$ 072$ |
| $\times 40$ |

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 Cash_......s.Investments. Inventories. Unexpired insurTotal
 $25,270,4 2 0 \longdiv { 2 4 , 7 8 6 , 0 5 5 }$

$\qquad$ | 1926. | 1925. |
| :---: | ---: |
| $\$$ | $\$$ |
| 198,820 | 198,390 |
| $\mathrm{y} 429,870$ | 409,538 |
| 174 | 174 |
| 149,208 | 162,341 |
| 150,207 | 61,390 |
| $23,705,200$ | $23,390,328$ |
| 636,941 | 563,924 |

United Stat Distributing Corp.-Special Meeting. the annual meeting in Richmond. Va. The purpose of the special meeting to conform with a technical point raised by the Virginia Corporation The amendment sets forth that any of the present preferred stock which is not converted into the present common stock or is not voluntarily posed under the recapitalization plan shall remain ootstanding, and that a sufficient amount of the present common shares shall remain authon. to take care of conversion rights of any of the current preferred siockiation plan has met with the approval of more than two-thirds of both preferred
and common stockholders, but that final action has been postponed until
March 16. March 1
p. 1083 .

United States Envelope Co.-Balance Sheet Jan. 1.-

| Plan |
| :---: |
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Thet. (each side)_13,371,111 12,860,24

| . |  | 1927. | 1926. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 723 | Ltabilities- | $\$$ | $\$$ |
|  | Preferred stock_.. | $4,000,000$ | 4,000 | | 1927. | 1926. |
| :---: | :---: |
| $S$ | $S$ |
| $, 217,036$ | $7,898,723$ |

given in V. 124, p. 1083.

United Verde Extension Mining Co.-Annual Report.Calendar Years-
Gross revenu Gross revenue
Other income $\begin{array}{r}\text { Exten } \\ 19 \\ -\quad \$ 6,3 \\ \hline\end{array}$
 Other expenses
Res. for depl'n \& depre Res, for depl'n \& de
Dividends.......
Balance, deficit
Balance, deficit
Shares of capital ficit -
pital
par $\$ 0.5$ outstand g (par $\$ 0.50$ )
Earns. per sh . on cap.stk
$\times$ Of which $\$ 2,755,94$ Earns, per sh. on cap.stk.
x of which $\$ 2,755,948$
b $\$ 225 ;$ c $\$ 250$; d $\$ 350$.
$\qquad$ $\frac{\$ 6,635,280}{2,784} \frac{280,807}{\$ 6,987,544} \frac{14,86}{\$ 6,623,491}$
 2,852,316
,675,000 3,423,679

| Comparative Balance Sheet December 31. |
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| 1926. <br> 1925.$\|$ LAabilttes- | Mining pro Invest, equip Land, ranches,de. 1926.

$\mathbf{S}$.
, 693.669 Accts. \& notes rec-
Inventor
Cash...
U. S. sec
U. S, securities
\(\left.\begin{array}{lll}U. S, securities ···, \& 4,241,044 \& 4,474,887 <br>

Due on ore sold, \&c. \& 2,103,807 \& 2,243,714\end{array} \right\rvert\,\)|  |
| :--- | :--- | $\mathbf{x}$ After depreciation and depletion of $\$ 24,184,810$. y After depreciation

reserve of $\$ 5,075,890$ z After deducting $\$ 2,755,948$ distributed during 1926 out of depletion reserve Month of put (lbs. $\begin{array}{cccc}\text { Jan. } 1927 . & \text { Dec. } 1926 . & \text { Nov. 1926. } & \text { Oct. } 1926 . \\ 3,405,972 & 3,173,480 & 3,354,004 & 3,803,688\end{array}$

Vesta Battery Corporation.-Annual Report.


| sets | 1926. | 1925. | Sheet December 31Liabolities |  | ${ }^{1925}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| te machinery. |  | \$264,287 | 7\% prets. stock-.- |  |  |
| le aceeptan | 67,249 |  |  |  |  |
| Leasenold | 17,500 |  | Accouts payable- | 126,937 | 84,725 |
|  | - ${ }^{395,38,164}$ |  | Surroes \& insur... | 35.408 | 19,407 |
| Inventories ${ }^{\text {Deferrec charges.:- }}$ | 289.560 | ${ }^{1711,301}$ |  |  |  |
| 1-..----.-s | 11,043,005 |  | - |  |  |


Vulan Detinning Co.- $2 \%$ Back Dividend.
The directors have doclared a dividend of $2 \%$ on the preererred stock on

Waldorf System, Inc.-Dividend Rate Increased -
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of $37 / 3 /$ cents per share
on the outstanding common stock, no par value, payable A prit 1 to to

Walworth Co.-Dividend Rate Increased.-
the common stocks, no par value, payable March 15 to holders of record
 Consolidated Income Account (Incl. Subsidiaries)

## Ouarter Ended-

Net serles
Total Income-

$\frac{\$ 7,}{87,}$

Fet sales Consoriauted Earn


Total Income meses, $\qquad$
Interest,


Warner Bros. Hollywood Theatre (Corp.)., Los Angeles, Calif.- Bonds Offered.-S. W. Straus \& Co., Inc., are offering $\$ 800,000$ 1st mtge. leasehold $61 / 2 \%$ serial coupon gold bonds at par and interest.
Dated Nov. 11926 due serially 3 to 15 years. Denom. $81,000, \$ 500$ and
sion
5 veors. Interest payable M. N N. Callable at 103 and int. for the first

 and Its furniture. furrishings and equipment. The land on which this building is to be erected fronts approximately 196
 Intersection. Thin soxan ivis hoed bemper the northeast corner of that street

 seats. Thhe frist floor will
 deck. A public foyer with rest rooms adjoining will be located midway
of the balcony. In the basement, this theatre unit of the building will
contain a large lounge with public rest rien contain a large lounge with public rest rooms adjoining, children's room tions, two large troupe dressing rooms and one private dressing room musicians quarters, storage rooms, \&c.
The office and store unit of this building will be 4 stories high the street corner with store frontages of 120 ft . on H Hollywood oscupying
and 150 ft . on Wilcox Ave., and will be constrarg and 150 ft . on Wilcox Ave., and will be constructed to carry 6 additional stories on both street frontages. This portion of the building will contain
approximately $21,500 \mathrm{sq}$. ft. of rentable floor space. The fourth floor will contain a fully equipped broadcasting room of 3.000 sq . ft arth floor will Valuation.-The property has an appraised value of $\$ 1,582,392$.
Earnings.- Estimated net annual earnings $\$ 107$ areal 511, rien
annual interest and serial principal requirements $\$ 74,355$ leaving a surplus
annual interest and serial principal requirements $\$ 74,355$ leaving a surplus
of earnings of $\$ 33156$.
Warner Bros. Hollywood Theatre Corp. will have a cash investment in this property in excess of $\$ 500,000$.
20 years from Nov. 1 1926, to Warner Bros has been leased for a term of to Warner Bros. Hollywood Theatre Corp. of $\$ 10,000$ per month and
totalling $\$ 2.400$ nent totalling $\$ 2,400,000$ for the period of the leas. This lease is assigned to the
trustee under this bond issue for the further protection of the bondtholders Guaranty.- Payment issue for the further protection of the bondholders.
unconditionally guaranteed by and interest of these bonds shall be unconditionally guaranteed by Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.
Warner Sugar Corp.- Sale of Plant Approved. Nato sale of the plant of this corporation at Edeewater. N. J. to the
Nato Court of Appeals, which hold that the proved purchase would not violate the cont Western Tablet \& Stationery Company.-V. 124, p. 521. This company, it is announce, proposes to acquire the Hopper Paper Co.
Whitera. va. See also V. 124, p. 1084
White Eagle Oil \& Refining Co.-Sales.Month of January-
Station sales (gallons)
$-\mathrm{V} .124, \mathrm{p} .1060$.

## Williamsport (Pa.) Wire Rope Co.-New Control.

The company has been reorganized, following the purchase of a large Gilmore, Edgar Munson, Logan Cunningham and O. M. Ballard Robert control of this company passes into the hands of old employees, who will ties of the organization. Robert Gilmore continues as President. Other ham, Vice-President and Secretary, and C. M. Ballard, Vice-President and General Sales Manager. A new factory, 200 x 450 ft. , is now being
planned and construction work will begin soon. ("Iron Age.")-V. 115 ,
p. 193 .

Willys-Overland Co.-Retail Sales Figures.-
Wiliys-Overland Co.-Retail Sales Figures.-
since the price reduction was announced a short time ago by this company, on Feb. 15 had reached a total of two score important cities of the country, the sale of Willys-Knight sixes in the same cities registers a total retail sales
volume for both lines of $\$ 10,121,000$.-V.124, p. 1084.
(Wm.) Whitman Co., Inc.-Annual Report.26, says in part: Federal taxest were 1.776 company for thes the past year, artere provsiding part, fror "During the year the Textile Specialty Co., a former affiliated company,
has been liquidated and dissolved and the proceeds of its capital stock have
been applied toward the retirement of pref. stock, which has been reduced been applied toward the retirement of pref. stock, which has been reduced
from $\$ 6,000,000$ to $\$ 5,500,000$. The business of the Textile Specialty Co.
is now carried on as a department of your company." Balance Sheet December 31.
[Including Acadia Mills, Monomac spinning Co., Katama Mills, Mary
Louise Mills, Tallapoosa Mills, Whitman Building Trust.]


Yellow Taxi Corp., New York City.-New Directors, Lee B. Morey, Carroll J. Sinnott and John F. McMahon have been able April 1 to holders of record March 15 (compare V. 123, p. 2407).-
V. 123 , p. 2791 .
(J. S.) Young Co., Baltimore.-A nual Report.Calendar Years
xNet profit
Preferred dividend
xNet profit
Preferred dividends $(7 \%)$
Common divs. $(10 \%)$
Balance, surplus.....
Previous surplus......
P. \& L. surp. Dec. 31 $-\ldots-$
Shares of common out-
$\$ 877,013$
$\$ 842,416$
$\$ 785,539$


## CURRENTNOTICE

On Feb. 11 O. H. Handerson, President of the Financial Advertiser Association and Assistant Vice-President of the Union Trust Co., Oleveland Ohio, spoke before the Boston members of the Association. Following there. This method of keeping in touch with members in of the members is part of his administration policy. Dale Graham, Advertising centres Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis, was the principal speater Manager a meeting of the Chicago members of the Financial Advertisers on Feb. 15 1927. His subject was "Peaches and Lemons from the Garion of Financial Advertising," Following Mr, Grabam, five Chicand talks of two minutes each on the same subject.

- Announcement is made of the formation of the Guy A. Thomas Co. The company will originate New York; Chicago, Minneapolis and Buffalo. operate industrial properties. Mr. Thomas was for many yecurities and sales director of the Washburn-Crosby Co., in which he is still fingena interested. He is also Vice-President and Treasurer of the Nill financially of Delaware, which operates stores outside of Illinois. With Mr Tea Oo. will be associated as officers and directors Louis Davis, Jr. W. Shomas M. H. Boutelle, H. G. Tipton, G. B. Dahberg and E. N. Best.
-The Union Trust Co., Chicago, has just issued the fifth edition of its lists almost 200 of in response to widespread demand. The folder lengths and kilocycles of all stations are given, and three columns wave vided for recording dial readings of the various stations which are are proaccording to call letters and wave length channels. In widdition classified provides space for recording features which the radio fan may wish to tune in on weekly. The Union Trust Co. will be pleased to furnish copies of these folders on request as long as the supply lasts.
-The Colorado Title \& Trust Co., Colorado Springs, announce the They also announce F. Gallagher as manager of their bond department firm of Hazlehurst, Flannigan \& Co ave been made with the investment over their bond department. I \& Waddell, has formed the firm of Alexander Gartner of Brandon, Gordon at $1801 / 2$ Middle St., Portland, Me., to eonduct a general business in municipal and utility bonds, legal for the New England market.
San Francisco Stock and Bond Eers of the New York Stock Exchange, chang erancisco Stock and Bond Exchange and the Los Angeles Stock ExSan Francisco, to conduct a the Barneson Building, 256 Montgomery St. It is announced that Davis McDade \&
Chicago, has changed its name-to Davis Co. of 208 South La Salle St., Longstaff, former Vice-President of Gorrell \& Co., and Guy A. Thomas were elected new Vice-Presidents of the firm. T
municipal bonds, announce that Edw, New York, specialists in odd 10 mithicipal bonds, announce that Edward Hennefeld has become associated - Battelle Ludwig \& Coparmend.
analysis of the Chicago Terre Haute \& Southeastern Ry. $5 \%$ income analysis of the Conds, due 1960 .
-F. Donald Arrowsmitn nas been made assistant general sales manager the bond debartment of the Bankers Trust Co.. New York.
- Mrleod Voung, Weir \& Co-. Ltd... of Toronto, Canada. is now represented in New, York by W, H. R. Jarvis ai 5 Nassau St.
-De Wolf \& Co.. Inc., announce the removal of their Chicago offices to the One sunared West Monroe Building



## The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON-SUGAR-COFFEE-GRAIN-PROVISIONS
PETROLEUM-RUBBER-HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC

## COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, Feb. 251927.
COFFEEE on the spot was quiet with Rio $7 \mathrm{~s}, 141 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. and Santos $4 \mathrm{~s}, 173 / 4$ to 18c. at one time. Santos offers on the 19th inst. for prompt shipment included Bourbon 5-6s at 15.90 c. to $16.10 \mathrm{c} . ; 4 \mathrm{~s}$ at 16.35 to $16.60 \mathrm{c} . ; 3-4 \mathrm{~s}$ at 17.90 c .
and Rio 7 s at 14.30 c . Santos Bourbon new crop for Novem-ber-December and January shipment were 151/4c.; part 3s and 5 s were $161 / \mathrm{c}$. At one time cost and freight offerings from Brazil were higher, but no sales were reported above 16.45 e . for Bourbon 4s. For prompt shipment from Santos they included Bourbon 3 s at 18 to $18.45 \mathrm{c} . ; 3-4 \mathrm{~s}$ at 17.10 to $173 / 4 \mathrm{c} . ; 3-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $165 / 8$ to $17 \mathrm{c} . ; 4-5$ s at $161 / 2$ to $17 \mathrm{c} . ; 5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 16.30 c .; $5-6 \mathrm{~s}$ at 16.20 c .; part Bourbon of flat bean $3-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $163 / 4$ to 17e.; 6 s at $161 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; Santos peaberry $4-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $161 / 2$ to 16.65 c. . Rio 7 s at 15.15 c. ; Victoria $7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at 14e.; Santos 4 s for MarchA pril shipment at $161 / 2 \mathrm{c} . ;$ Bourbon 4 s for April-June at $161 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; part Bourbon 4s for April-June at 16.20c.; part Bourbon 3-5s for September-December at $16.05 \mathrm{c} . ; 4 \mathrm{~s}$ for NovemberJanuary at $151 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Spots were quiet at 18 c . for Santos 4 s and $145 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. for Rio 7
On the 23d inst. offers included Santos Bourbon 3s at 18 to 18.45 c .; $3-4 \mathrm{~s}$ at 17.10 to $173 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; $3-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $165 / 8$ to 17 c .; $4-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $161 / 2$ to $17 \mathrm{c} . ; 5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 16.30 c .; $5-6 \mathrm{~s}$ at $16.20 \mathrm{c} . ;$ part Bourbon or flat bean $3-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $163 / 4$ to $17 \mathrm{c} . ; 6 \mathrm{~s}$ at $161 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; Santos peaberry 4-5s at $161 / 2$ to $16.65 \mathrm{c} . ;$ Rio 7 s at 15.15 c .; Victoria 7-8s at 14c.; Santos 4s for March-April shipment $16 \frac{1}{2}$ c. On the 24 th inst. prompt shipment from Santos included Bourbon 3-4s at $181 / 4$ to $183 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; 3-5s at 16.05 to 16.80 c .; part Bourbon or flat bean $2-3 \mathrm{~s}$ at $161 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; $3-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $163 / 4$ to $167 / 8$ c.; 6 s at $161 / 4$ to $163 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.; Santos peaberry 2 s at $181 / 4 \mathrm{c} . ; 4 \mathrm{~s}$ at $161 / 2 \mathrm{c} . ; 4-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $161 / 2$ c.; Rio $3-5 \mathrm{~s}$ colory were here at 15.80 c .; 7 s at 14.60 c . and Victoria $7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at 14 c . to $14 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{c}$. ; Bourbon 4 s were reported sold at 16.55 c . Spot demand was better and Rio 7 s were quoted at $143 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. and Santos 4 s at $173 / 4$ to 18c. Milds were steadier, especially on Bogota. Fair to Good Cucuta 173/4 to 201/2c.; Bucaramanga, naturai, 24 to 25 c .; washed, 23 to $231 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; Honda, 23 to $231 / 2 \mathrm{c}$., Mexican, washed, $271 / 2$ to 28 c .; Mandheling, $361 / 2$ to 39 c .; Java, 34 to 35c.; Robusta, washed, $171 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; Mocha, $261 / 2$ to $271 / 2$ c. Harrar, 26 to $261 / 2$ c. Mild coffees are said to have been much firmer since Monday. Vague reports are afloat about the Defense Committee restricting receipts. Any continued encouragement from Brazil would bring about another rally. There is no sharp demand but the selling is slackening. About 20,000 bags may be tendered during the month. It is not likely that they will all come out during the first notice days. To-day there was a moderate demand. Santos $4 \mathrm{~s}, 17.85$ to 18 c . Rio $7 \mathrm{~s}, 14.75 \mathrm{c}$. Cost and freight offers showed little change.

Futures rallied 13 to 19 points on the 19 th inst. on covering of shorts. The "futures" sales on the 19th inst. were only 26,000 bags but the tone was undoubtedly firmer due to covering and some outside buying on the theory that coffee is cheap. Rio 7s are 5 cents lower than a year ago and 2 cents under cocoa. Cost and freight prices were firmer. Brazil was offering less freely. Pressure from producing sources plainly had its effect at times. But invisible supplies, as distinguished from supplies in primary markets, have been reduced it is believed to a minimum. The supply and demand situation is to that extent better. This may tell later on. Others pointed out that despite the fact that there are only about $16,000 \mathrm{~b}$ gs of Rios and Bahias afloat, coffee was not a popular purchase. Rallies did not hold. Yet it is conceded that after long selling the long interest acquired at high .prices is not large. Rumors come from Brazil that the Defense Committee are about to come to the aid of coffee prices. Undoubtedly, until it does, confidence will be lacking. Nevertheless some feel that the time cannot be far distant when the statistical position of Rio coffee will assert itself with 16,000 bags afloat, stocks of these grades are very small here and in the country, and a rally is due. To some, however, it looked as though the Defense Committee had decided that it is best to allow the market to shift for itself within certain limits in the hope that prices will reach a stabilized level and buyers will then feel sufficiently confident to cover requirements in excess of hand-to-mouth needs. This some declare is a logical deduction from the aloofness of the Institute and pending some action on its part the opinion of not a few is that prices will drift to lower levels. To-day futures dropped 9 to 12 points with sales of 42,500 bags. Santos was irregular ending 175 reis lower to 50 reis higher. Speculation was sluggish. Rio opened 200 to 250 reis higher, but with March 450 reis under the final February price. Final prices show a rise for the week of 45 points largely on covering of shorts.

SUGAR.-Prompt Cuban raws were quiet late last week at $31 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. with rumors that operators wanted $33-32 \mathrm{c}$. c. \& f. for large blocks of store sugar. The supply in store was put
at 600,000 bags. To some the immediate tendency of prices at one time seemed to owing to the estimated decrease of 800,000 tons in the production in Cuba and Czechoslovakia, two of the may be chief exporting countries, declines, it is suggested, may be
slight, compared with a later rise when consumption begins slight, compared with a later rise when consumption begins to make noticeable inroads into stocks. On the 23 d inst sales here suddenly rose to about 215,000 bags at 3 -16c. with English and Continental markets much more active. United States refiners, it was said, bought all sugars for shipment north of Hatteras at $33-16 c$ c e \& f. for Cubas and the equivalent delivered price of 4.96 c . for Porto Ricos after after sales of Porto Ricos at 4.98c. Alivered or They set the pace. If they continue to buy freely Am will have to keep step or be left behind. Holland and Marseilles have been buying at 15 s . 3 d . President Machado's trip to Washington has been postponed on account of illness. Futures on the 23 d inst. advanced 2 to 6 points with sales of 74,500 tons. The market got its filip from increased European buying of the actual raw sugar Refined was more active at 5.95 to 6.20 c . On the 24 th inst. $21,000 \mathrm{bags}$ of Cuba sold at $33-16 \mathrm{c}$. c. \& f. but buyers were less eager after the previous day's big buying. There are sharp complaints here that new crop Cuban sugar is arriving here in much larger bags than the law permits; it is regarded as a subterfuge to get around the restriction decree. The Cuban authorities have been notified. Futures declined 5 to 7 points. No March notices appeared then or before that, 65,000 tons sold. Liquidation was more general owing to the pause in the spot market.

Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 203,050 tons, against 189,556 in the previous week, 181,554 last year and 218,080 two years ago; exports, 94,411 , against 95,392 in previous week, 106,203 last year and 143,122 two years ago; stock, 606,037, against 497,398 in previous week, 578,215 last year and 530,996 two years ago; centrals grinding, 173, against 173 in previous week, 174 last year and 177 two years ago. Of the exports, United States Atlantic ports received 31,605 tons, New Orleans 19,530 tons, Galveston 4,557 tons, Savannah 6,989 tons, Europe 24,052 tons, Canada 3,143 tons, Hongkong 2,857 tons and New Zealand 1,678 tons. Havana cabled: "Rain is wanted in Cuba." Sustaining factors in "futures" have been the absence of pressure on the part of Cuban producers and the buying of the distant months by outside interests; also there was a good Euorpean inquiry for Cuban raws under the market, and recent heavy withdrawals of refined against old contracts indicate that distributors stocks have fallen off sharply. Despite the prospective increase in beet sugar production this year, some believe that there will be a close adjustment between supply and demand and that adherence to the long side is advisable. As some regard it, price unsettlements will be only temporary and soon prices will turn upward. Cuba is making sugar rapidly, it is true, but it is pointed out that this really means that the grinding period will come to a close all the earlier as mills reach their quotas. The Sugar Advisory Board extended the time allor her to reach their to Feb. 19 at 5 p. m

It is pointed out that the differential between raws and efined is now below 100 points. That is a far from satisfactory margin for refiners. It remains to be seen how long this situation will continue. A better demand for refined was reported at one time and with more seasonable weather that is expected to expand further. Stocks in distributors' hands are small. Some advised the purchases at 5.95 . basis. Buying on delayed contract at 6 c . seems to some a good There was a marked diversity of opinion as to the probable course of the market, at least until completion of tenders and liquidation in March. To-day futures closed unchanged to 4 points higher with sales of 62,800 tons. Spot raws were offered at 3 3-16c. with trade light; 3,000 prompt Cuba sold at $33-16 \mathrm{c}$. Refined was quiet at 6 to 6.20 c . London was dull and weaker; Peru sold at 15 s . $21 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. to 15 s . 3d. Licht cabled that the acreage in Europe will be lhe weather is not good for field work. Final prices show a rise for the week of 1 to 8 points.

LARD on the spot was higher early in the week. Prime Western, 13.05 to 13.15 c .; refined Continent, $133 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.; South America, $141 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; Brazil, $151 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. To-day on the spot trade was quiet with prime Western 13.10 c ., refined continent $133 / 8 \mathrm{c}$., South America $143 / 8 \mathrm{c}$., Brazil, $153 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. Futures were firmer at one time owing to light offerings, steadiness of hog prices and covering of shorts. Ribs were dull. Last week hog receipts at the West were 518,000 , against 523,000 for the same week last year. On the 24th inst. 523,000 advanced 3 to 8 points with cottonseed oil steady and hogs 10c. higher. To-day futures ended unchanged to 2 points lower. There was not much trading. Nor were
offerings large. Some hedge selling was noticed. Cottonseed oil being rather easier acted as a drag on lard. Hogs were steady, however, and the receipts moderate; the ending was in some cases 10 c . higher. Western receipts to-day were 78,000 , against 74,000 last year. Cottonseed oil ended 4 to 5 points off. Final

PORK quiet; mess, $\$ 3650$; family, $\$ 3950$ to $\$ 4150$; fat-back pork, $\$ 30$ to $\$ 33$; ribs, Chicago, cash 16 c . basis, 40 to 60 pounds average. Beef steady; mess, $\$ 19$ to $\$ 21$; packet, $\$ 19$ to $\$ 21$; family, $\$ 21$ to $\$ 22$; extra India mess, $\$ 34$ to $\$ 36$; No. 1 canned corned beef, $\$ 250$; No. 2, $\$ 425$; 6 pounds, South America, $\$ 1275$. Cut meats steady; pickled hams, 10 to 20 pounds, $213 / 4$ to $233 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; pickled clear salted, boxed, 18 to 20 pounds, 18 c .; 14 to 16 pounds, $177 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. Butter, 46 to 54 c . Cheese, 22 to 28 c . Eggs, medium to xtras, $211 / 2$ to $281 / 2$ c.
OILS.-Linseed has been in better demand and steadier. Leading producers quoted 10.4 c . for raw oil in carlots, cooperage basis, and 9.6c. in tanks and 11.2c. for 5 barrels or more. Paint makers are more inclined to buy ahead. Generally the outlook is brighter. Cocoanut, barrels, spot, 10 to $101 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Manila, coast, tanks, $81 / 4 \mathrm{e} . ;$ spot, tanks, $85 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. Corn, crude, tanks, plant, low acid, 83 4c. Chinawood,
New York, drums, spot, 181/4c.; February, 18c.; Pacific New York, drums, spot, $1814 \mathrm{c} . ;$ February, 18c.; Pacific
Coast, tanks, spot, 17 c . Olive Den., nominal. Soya bean, coast, tanks, $91 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; blown, barrels, 14c. Lard, prime, 15 c .; extra strained winter, New York, 133/4c. Cod, domestic, nominal; Newfoundland, 63 to 64c. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 15,600 barrels P. Crude S. E., $81 / 2$ c. bid. Prices closed as follows:

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PETROLEUM.-A rise in the output of crude oil caused lower prices for petroleum and gasoline. Cuts of 15 to 39c. in Mid-Continent crude on the 22d inst. were followed by a reduction of 15 c . in six grades of Pennsylvania crude the following day. And gasoline prices in Chicago and Texas wholesale markets were easier. The Standard Oil Co. of New York announced a cut of 1c. a gallon in Rochester. Lower prices were announced in other important sections, including Ohio, Wyoming, and New Mexico fields. The Standard company of Ohio reduced Illinois, Prince to Lima, Indiana, Plymouth, Wooster and Western Kentucky grades 20 cents a barrel. Elk Basin, Grass Creek light and Lane Creek in Wyoming and Artesia in New Mexico were lowered 25 c . Other reductions of 15 to 23c. were reported. Lower prices were also reported in Canada where Canadian crude was cut 20c. to $\$ 240$ and Oil Spring, \$2 48. New York refined export prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. Motor specification, deodorized, 27.40 c.; bulk, refinery, 12 c.; kerosene, cargo lots, S. W. cases, 18.65 c .; bulk $41-43,9 \mathrm{c} . ;$ W. W. 150 deg., cases, 20.15 c. ; bulk $43-45,91 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Gas oil, Bayonne, tank cars, 28-34 deg., 6c.; 36-40 deg., 6114c. Furnace oil, bulk, refinery, $71 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; kerosene, tank wagon to store, 17 c .; bulk W. W. del. New York, cars, 101/4.; refinery, 43-45 gravity, $91 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. ; prime white $41-43$ del. tanks, $10 \mathrm{c} . ;$ refinery, 9c.; motor gasoline, garages (steel bbls.), Up-State, New England, 22c.; single cars, delivered, New York, 18c.; naphtha, V.M.P., deodorized in steel bbls., 21c. Crude oil production in the Seminole area of Oklahoma reached a new high record of 305,784 bbls. in the 24 hours ended at $7 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m} .$, Friday. Bulk gasoline was easier in the Gulf with leading refiners quoting United States Motor at 93/4c. For 64-66 gravity 375 end point, $117 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. was asked. Locally U. S. Motor was offered at 12 c . refinery and 13 c . in tank cars, delivered to the trade. Kerosene was quiet. Bunker oil firm at $\$ 175$ at refineries. Diesel oil firm at $\$ 250$. Gas oil was quiet.


RUBBER was dull on the 21st inst. despite a larger auto production and the fact that the decrease in the London stock last week was negligible, i.e., 23 tons. London sold. Prices even declined here as well as in London. Singapore is above the parity of London. January showed the first increase after six months of steady losses in automobile production. The total was 234,130 passenger cars and trucks, compared with 165,822 cars and trucks for December and 302,741 cars and trucks for January last year. But reduced exports, increased auto-production and practically a halt in the increase in London stocks went for nothing on the 21st. But it is true that recently average prices had gained. Some think it will go well above the 21d. level for this quarter. At the Exchange here prices on the 21st closed as follows: February at 38c.; March at 38.40c.; May at 39.50e.; July
at 40.20c.; September at 40.90c., and October at 41.30c. Outside prices: Smoked sheets, spot, February and March, $383 / 4$ to $39 \mathrm{c} . ;$ April-June, 393/4 to 40 c .; July-September, 4034 to 41 c .; October-December, 1/22c. First latex crepe, 3914 to $391 / 2^{\text {c. .; clean, thin brown crepe, } 351 / 2}$ to $353 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; amber, $351 / 4$ c.; Rolled brown, $311 / 2$ to $313 / 4$ c.; Paras, Caucho Ball-Upper, 25 to 26 c .; Up-River fine, spot, 30 to $301 \% \mathrm{c}$. coarse, 24 to $241 / \mathrm{c}$. Island fine, 26 to 261 cc . In London on the 21 st inst. rubber opened steady and $1 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. higher on spot and nearby deliveries but reacted and closed unchanged on these positions and $1 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. net lower on futures. The official average price was fixed at the close of business at 18.896 d ., an increase of .094 d . in one week. spot and February were $191 / 4$ to $193 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$.; March, $191 / 4$ to $193 /$ d. April-June, $195 / 8$ to $193 / 4$ d.; July-September, $201 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. to $201 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. The London stock was 56,962 tons, against 56,939 last week, 53,662 last month and 9,118 last year. Singapore on Feb 195, spot and February, 183/4d.; March, 19d.; April-June, 195/8d.
On the 23 d inst., with London higher, tire output larger and the statement in the House of Commons on Tuesday that as long as trade conditions remained satisfactory no steps would be taken to modify or suspend restriction legislation in Ceylon and Malaya, prices here advanced 100 points on February and 10 to 50 points on other months. Shorts in February were severely squeezed. That month ran out at noon on the 23d. In London on the 23d inst. another bullish factor was the agreement to advance tire prices $30 \%$ by the Dunlop and Michelin interests. Here on the Exchange February was 39c., March 38.70c., May 39.80c., July 40.60c., September 41c. and October 41.60c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked spot, February and March, 39 to $391 / 4$ c.; April-June, $393 / 4$ to 40 c .; July-September, $403 / 4$ to 41 c .; October-December, $421 / 2 \mathrm{c}$., first latex crepe, $391 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. to $393 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; clean thin brown crepe, $353 / 4$ to 36 c.; specky brown crepe, $351 / 2$ c.; No. 2 amber, $363 / 4$ c.; Paras, Caucho Ball-U per, $251 / 2$ to 26 c .; up-river, fine spot, 31 to $311 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; coarse, $231 / 2$ to 24c.; Island fine, 26 to $26 \frac{1}{2}$ c. In London on the 23 d the official average price for the current quarter to date was put at 18.937d. Spot and February closed at $193 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. to $191 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.; March at $191 / 2$ to $195 / 8 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ April-June, $197 / 8$ to 20d., and JulySeptember at $203 / 8$ to $205 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. In Singapore on the 23 rd prices declined $1 / 8$ to $1 / 4 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ spot-February, 185/8d.; March, $187 / 8 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ April-June, $191 / 2 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ ex godown Singapore.

On the 24th inst. 727 tons sold here with prices closing unchanged to 20 points off. Premiums on Summer months were 80 to 120 points. Outside trade was dull. March on that day ended here at 38.50c. and April at 39c. Spot and February smoked, 39 to 391/4. .; Upriver Para, $293 / 4$ to 301/4c. London on the 24 th ended $1 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. lower on futures; spot and March, 193/8 to 191/2d.; April-June, 193/4 to 197/8d. Singapore, $1 / 8$ d. up; February, 183/4d.; March, 187/8d.; AprilJune, $191 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$, ex-godown Singapore. To-day prices advanced 10 to 20 points in some cases; March, 38.70 c .; April, 39c.; May, 39.80c.; July, 40.70c. London advanced 1/8d.; spot and March, 191/2d.; April-June, 197/8d. Four steamers are due to arrive from Singapore with large cargoes. The spot market here was quiet. Sheets were offered at $391 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.

HIDES.-Common have declined. Central Americans are said to have sold at $201 / 4$ to $201 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. and Savanillas quoted at 20c.; Santa Martas, 21c.; interior hides, 24 to $241 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. River Plate frigorifico more active. Russia bought the most. Recent sales included 4,000 Armour Santa Ana steers at $\$ 4025$, or $185 / 8$ c.; 12,000 Swift Montevideo steers at $\$ 4075$, or $183 / 4 \mathrm{c}$., and 8,000 Swift La Plata steers at $\$ 383 / 8$, or 17 15-16c. c. \& f. City packer hides were very quiet. Spready, 15 c .; steers, $141 / 2 \mathrm{e}$. ; bulls, 14 c .; Colorados, $131 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. New York City calfskins, $5-7 \mathrm{~s}, \$ 185 ; 7-8 \mathrm{~s}, \$ 185 ; 9-12 \mathrm{~s}$, $\$ 2261 / 2$.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.-Sugar tonnage was in fair demand. In a single day 50 to 60 loads of grain were booked. Grain tonnage was little more plentiful. Full cargoe rates were steady. Later there was more demand from Russia. Sugar business was large.
CHARTERS included: Grain, 28,000 ars., $10 \%$ from West St. John to Mediterranean, at $211 / \mathrm{c}$., Feb. $25-\mathrm{Mar}$. 10; from Columbia River or Puget
 Hom-Continewt, 24 s, Mar. 150.31; from Santo Domingo to United King-
dom-Hordeaux-Hamburg range, 24s. 6d., Feb. 25 or Mar, 10 ; from Cuba to
dom-dom-Bordeaux-Hamburg range, 24s. 6d., Feb. 25 or Mar. 10; from Cuba to
United Kingdom-Continent, 24s. 6d., Feb. 28 to Mar. 15; Cuba to Continent, 25 s.; Liverpool to Greenock, $25 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ London, 26 s ,. Feb. 25 to Mar. 5
Cuba to Continent, 25 s. , to London, 25 s . Gd., Mar ton Roads to St. John, \$1 15, end of March. Time charter, 997 tons net,
round trip, $\$ 220 ; 587$ tons net, round trip, $\$ 125 ; 1,091$ tons net, delivery Boston, round trip, $\$ 210$. Tankers: 2,620 tons net, March, Batum to consecutives, Black Sea to United Kingdom-Continent, 77 s . 9 d. . sugar from 10 ; Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent, 24s, last half March; same, 23 s .6 d .
Mar. 15-26; Santo Domingo to United Kingdom-Continent, 35s., Mar. 10 25, same, $24 \mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{~d}$, Mar,
Continent, 24 s ., Mar. $5-20$. Cuba-Santo Domingo to United Kingdom-
COAL.-Some expect Western miners to strike on April 1; that means Illinois and Indiana bituminous miners. Prices, however, have been weak at New York and Hampton Roads. The Florida conference, it seems, merely brought out the difference in results and the present status of producers operating under the wage scale. Here the view of experienced people is that there is a good reason to believe the final solution of the problem will be in district settlements, Later in the week prices were a little steadier and ever slightly higher. Good bituminous gas and smokeless coal screenings were 10 c . higher. Navy standard bituminous
piers, $\$ 535$; supplementary, $\$ 480$ to $\$ 490$. Egg, company, TOBACCO. -There is a fair demand and prices are firm with supplies far from burdensome. Indeed, in some cases they are rather small than otherwise. The trend of quotations under the circumstances is upward. It is true that Pennsylvania tobacco still rather lags behind other descriptions in the matter of business, but in an awakening market it may do better later on. Wisconsin binders, 25 to 30 c.; Northern, 40 to 45 c .; Southern, 35 to 40 c .; New York State, seconds, 45 c .; Ohio, Gebhardt, binders, 22 to 24c.; Little Dutch, 21 to 22c.; Zimmer Spanish, 30c.; Havana first Remedios, 85 c .; second Remedios, 70c.; Pennsylvania broad leaf filler, $10 \mathrm{c} . ;$ broadleaf binders, 15 to 20 c .; Porto Rico, 75 c . to $\$ 1$ 10; Connecticut, top leaf, 21c.; No. 1 seconds, 1925 crop, 65 c.; 1924 crop, 34 to 40 c.; seed fillers, 20c.; medium wrappers, 65 c .; dark wrappers, 1925 crop, 40 c .; 1924 crop, 28c.; light wrappers, $\$ 125$. Richmond, Va., wired that tobacco farmers in Virginia, North and South Carolina and Georgia see great danger to the trade in over-production this year. The opinion is expressed that numbers of Southern cotton farmers, discouraged as the result of the drop of prices for this crop, would raise tobacco, with a consequent decline in value.

COPPER has been very irregular. Sales were made at as low as 13 c . but $131 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. was believed to be the real market level. Some producers reported business good, while others found trade quiet. Copper Exporters, Inc., on the 23 dinst. advanced prices $71 / 2$ points to 13.45 c. c.i.f. European ports. Standard in London on the 23d inst. advanced 2s. 6 d . to $£ 552 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$. and futures rose 7 s .6 d . to $£ 5517 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$.; sales, 100 tons spot and 2,400 tons futures; electrolytic was unchanged at $£ 6115$ s. for spot and $£ 625$ s. for futures. Later prices were firm at the $131 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. basis, with a moderate business. On the 24 th inst. spot standard rose 7 s .6 d . at London to $£ 5512 \mathrm{~s}$. 6 d .; futures up 5 s . to $£ 562 \mathrm{~s}$. 6 d .; sales, 400 spot and 1,400 futures; electrolytic up 5 s to $£ 62$ for spot and $£ 62$ for futures.

TIN has been active. Straits tin sold at $693 / 4$ to $697 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. for spot and February, 69 to $691 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. for March, 68 to $681 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. for April, 67 to $661 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. for May and $663 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. for June Spot standard in London on the 23d inst. declined 15 s . to $£ 307$ 15 s .; futures rose 10s. to $£ 299$; sales, 100 tons spot and 650 futures. Spot Straits tin declined 15 s . to $£ 319$ 15s.; Eastern c. i. f., $£ 30710$ s. Later trade was brisk at an advance. Straits sold at 67.70 c . to 67.75 c . for May, 69.75c. for March, 68.75 c . for April and $703 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. for spot. Spot standard in London on the 24 th inst. advanced $£ 310$ s. to $£ 3115 \mathrm{~s}$.; futures up $£ 210$ s. to $£ 30110$ s.; sales, 100 spot and 550 futures. Spot Straits advanced $£ 410$ s. to $£ 3245$ s.; Eastern c. i. f. London up $£ 45 \mathrm{~s}$. to $£ 31115 \mathrm{~s}$. on sales of 150 tons.
LEAD was easier early in the week. The demand, while still reported good, has latterly fallen off somewhat. The American company was still quoting 7.40 c . New York. In the East St. Louis district 7.30c. was done. In London on the 23 d inst. prices were unchanged at $£ 2717 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$. for spot, while futures were 1 s . 3 d . lower at $£ 283 \mathrm{~s} .9 \mathrm{~d}$.; sales, 100 tons spot and 1,200 tons futures. Later, with London up, New York was firm with a good demand. The American Smelting Company still quoted 7.40c. New York. East St. Louis, 7.30 to 7.32c. Spot in London on the 24th inst. advanced 3 s .9 d . to $£ 281 \mathrm{~s}$. 3 d ., and futures rose 5 s . to £ 288 s . 9 d .; sales, 150 spot and 900 futures.

ZINC has latterly been rather easier in sympthy with a lower London market. In the East St. Louis section the prevailing price seemed to be $6.821 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. with 6.80 c . done in some cases. Yet there is a better feeling. Lead ore prices have advanced and production has been reduced. In London on the 23 d inst. prices declined 2 s .6 d . to $£ 305 \mathrm{~s}$. for spot and £30 10s. for futures. Later trade was dull and prices not over steady at $6.821 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. East St. Louis with rumors of
6.80 c . accepted. London on the 24 th advanced 7 s .6 d , to 6.80 c . accepted. London on the 24 th advanced 7 s . 6 d . to $£ 3012 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$. for spot and $£ 3017 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$. for futures; sales, 1,700 futures. January production of zinc by the principal countries of the world was 124,500 short tons, including 4,000 tons estimated for non-reporting countries. This compares with 122,100 tons in December.

STEEL has been in better demand for early delivery in many cases, with operations on the basis of 80 to $85 \%$, with the Steel Corporation at about 87 to $88 \%$. Finished steel is selling well in some sections, but admittedly at irregular prices. It does not appear that price cutting has ceased. Inquiries involve, it is said, nearly 50,000 tons of structural steel. Oil pipe lines have been good buyers. Sales have been made for a 65 mile gas line in Louisiana and two others call for 60 to 78 miles. Bands, hoops and small strips are steadier and some quote 2.10 c . Pittsburgh. Tin plate was quoted at $\$ 550$ and this price is not eased so frequently as it was a short time ago. Rolled steel is reported steadier at Pittsburgh and new sales are said to be larger. Operations are at 80 to $85 \%$. Hot rolled strips sold for second quarter delivery at 2 c . for wide and 2.15 c . to 2.20 c . for narrow. Sheets for the next quarter are on the basis of 2.85 c . for black, 3.75 c . for galvanized and 2.15 c . to 2.20 c . for blue annealed. Full finished automobile sheets are steady at 4.15 c . At Birmingham some are doing a better business than in January. Later Pittsburgh wired that single carloads of merchant bars are obtainable at 1.90 c . Bands and hoops at 2.20 c . to 2.30 c ., strips at 1.90 to 2 c . Of scrap 20,000 tons of blast furnace borings and turnings
sold at $\$ 11$. Heavy melting scrap is 25 c . lower; quoted now at $\$ 16$. Cast iron pipe was reported active.

PIG IRON has been rather steadier with no change in the composite price. That is something new. Last week, it is said, 100,000 tons were sold in this country, including 65,000 tons in Cleveland. In the Philadelphia district 30,000 tons of basic are said to have been sold. Coke has been advancing and the lowest quotation is now said to be $\$ 350$, a rise of 75 c . in a few weeks. Some have been trying to have shipments on contracts deferred and to buy spot iron to better advantage, but most producers will not allow any modification of contracts. Eastern Pennslyvania is quoted at $\$ 2050$ to $\$ 21$; Buffalo, $\$ 17$ to $\$ 18$; Virginia, $\$ 21$ to $\$ 22$; Birmingham, $\$ 18$ to $\$ 19$; Chicago, $\$ 20$ to $\$ 2050$; Valley, $\$ 18$; Cleveland, delivered, $\$ 19$ to $\$ 1950$; basic Valley, $\$ 1750$ to $\$ 18$. At Birmingham prices are reported to be steady. The surplus stock is being slowly reduced. Despite the drop in quotations on old material, pig iron quotations are described as firm. Pig iron duties have been increased $50 \%$. The increase is $371 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. It is now $\$ 1121 / 2$, against 75c. before. It will not keep out foreign iron. Later in the week Buffalo iron sold, it was stated, at $\$ 1650$ for a large lot to Massachusetts.

WOOL has been steady with a moderate business. It was mostly in fine and half-blood 58 s and 60 s fleece and territory, with sales also of $3 / 8$-blood 56 s and lower grades. Business is restricted by the slowness of trade in goods. Mills, a top price ofy cautiously. In Boston territory wool sold at wool on medium territory at $\$ 108$ for average grade and $\$ 110$ for choice. Half-blood territory sold at $\$ 103$, scoured basis. In other cases small amounts sold at $\$ 1$. Three-eighths blood and quarter-blood territory wool sold in fair amounts; three-eights-blood sold at 90 to 92 cents and the quarterblood at 78 to 80 cents. White B supers were quoted at 86 to 90 c ., scoured basis, and stained B at 80 to 83c. Montevideo wools sold, it is said, at firmer prices; $58-60$ s were quoted at 42 to 43 c . Cables from South America pointed to a rise. For carpet wool manufacturers it is said bid 46 c . for Aleppo wool c. \& f., clean basis, spot or for prompt shipment. They do not care to buy for future delivery. Retail trade in carpets, including domestic rugs, is reported fair. New East prices were firm with China in the throes of war. Hsining for prompt shipment was offered at $471 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Mills bid 45 c .
Domestic fleece. unwashed, fine delaine, 45 to 46 c . F . $1 / 2$-blood, 45 to
$451 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; $3 /$-blood. 44 to 45 c .; $1 / 4$-blood, 44 to $441 / 2$ c.; Territory, clean basis, fine staple. $\$ 108$ to to 45 c.; 12 -blood, 44 to 443 c.; Territory, clean basis,
 $\$ 105$ to $\$ 110$; fine 8 months, 95 c . to $\$ 1$; fali, 80 to 85 c .; pulled, scoured
basis, A super, 90 to 93 c . B , super, 80 to 85 c .; C super, 70 to 75 c .; domestic basis, A super, 90 to 93 .. B. Buper,
mohair, best combing, 67 to 72 c . Australian, clean basis, in bond, $64-70 \mathrm{~s}$, combing. 8 to $\$ 105 ; 64-70$ s, clothing, 90 to 95 c. . 64 s , combing, 95 c . to sil
At Wellington, N. Z., on the 18th inst. sales closed with prices very firm, especially on crossbreds. Offerings 27,000 bales; sales 26,500 bales. Prices closed:
Average nerinos, 17 to $213 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$., against $161 / 2$ to $171 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. on the same day筬 ago; $50-56 \mathrm{~s}$, 15 to $181 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. a a ainst $131 / 2$ to $153 / \mathrm{d}$. last year and 20 to $221 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.
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In Liverpool on Feb. 23 about 1,125 bales of Plate wools were offered and a good demand; prices, 5 to $7 \frac{1}{2} \%$ higher than at the January sales: 1,129 bales of Peruvians were also offered but did not sell well. prices unchanged. Lima wools were $5 \%$ higher. At Melbourne on the 24 th inst. selection indifferent; little of use in America. Super $64-70 \mathrm{~s}$. of the finer type sold in a small way at \$1 05 and super 64s. at 99c. In Sydney good wools plentiful; prices were fairly steady. Good to choice 64-70s. cost the equivalent of $\$ 103$ to $\$ 109$, clean basis, in bond at Boston, while super 64s, cost 95 c , to $\$ 1$ clean, in bond here. Super, 60-64s. sold for 89 c . to 92 c . and super $56-58 \mathrm{~s}$. averaged about 85 c .

## COTTON

Friday Night, Feb. 251927.
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 210,193 bales, against 206,770 bales last week and 228,441 bales 3 bales, against 1st of August $192610,503,063$ bales, against $7,874,332$ bales for the same period of 1925-26, showing an increase since

 * 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. 11926 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Receipts to } \\ & \text { Feb. } 25 . \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: |
| Galveston |
| Texas City |
| Port Arthur, \& c. |
|  |  |
|  |
| Mobile- |
| Jacksonvi |
|  |  |
|  |
| ${ }_{\text {Branswick }}$ |
|  |  |
|  |
| Wimingt |
| Norport News, \& |
|  |  |
|  |
|  |
|  |

Totals $\qquad$ $\left.\left.\right|_{210.193}\right|_{10503063}-\frac{120.512}{7.874,332} \widetilde{2}_{2,783.162}-\frac{1450.583}{}$ * Houston statistics are no longer compiled on an interior basis, but only 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. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ge |  |  |  |  |  |  |

${ }^{\text {Galveston. }}$ - ${ }^{\text {Houston }}$ New OrieansMobile -Savanswick--Charleston--
 Niport N., ©
Total this wk

| 47,073 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| 48.005 |  |
| 61 |  |
| 610 |  |

 * Houston statistics are no longer compiled on an interior basis, but only

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 194,693 bales, of which 50,353 were to Great Britain, 7,140 to France, 40,768 to Germany, 8,086 to Italy, Russia, 48,048 to Japan and China, and 40,298 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 118,254 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been $7,347,711$ bales, against $5,776,099$ oales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week and for the season.

| Week Ended Feb. 251927. Exports from- | Exported to- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Great Britain. | France. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Ger- } \\ \text { many. } \end{gathered}$ | Italy. | Russia. | Japane China. | Other. | Total. |
| Galveston | 10,221 |  | 3,905 | 1,994 |  | 22,144 |  |  |
| Houston | 3.543 | 3.729 | 3,005 | 2,442 |  | 22,144 | 30,975 2,213 | 69,239 11,927 |
| Texas City |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2,028 |
| New Orleans | 21,018 | 1,201 | 2,192 |  |  | 10,127 | 5,762 | 40,300 |
| Mobile-. Pensacola | 1,945 |  |  |  |  |  | --- | 1,945 |
| Savannah. |  |  | 11,259 |  |  | 5,276 | 40 | 16.535 |
| Charleston. | 1,850 |  | 5,624 |  |  | 3,000 |  | 10,474 |
| Wilmington | 5,359 |  | 5,087 |  |  |  |  | 5,087 |
| New York | 5,474 |  | 10,245 | 1,300 250 |  |  | 308 200 | 6,967 11,169 |
| Philadelphia-... |  |  |  |  |  |  | 200 | 11,169 110 |
| Los Angeles San Francisco. | 3,615 300 | 2,100 | 1,703 | 2,100 |  | 4.645 | 800 | 14,963 |
| San Francisco Seattle. | 300 |  | 753 |  |  | 1,356 |  | 2,409 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,500 |
| Total | 50,353 | 7,140 | 40,768 | 8,086 |  | 48,048 | 40,298 | 194,693 |
| Total 1926 | 37,185 | 10,275 | 19,193 | 8,105 |  | 30,37 |  |  |
| Total 1925..... | 34,293 | 449 | 51,025 | 12,545 | -..-- | 10,830 | 8,660 | $\begin{aligned} & 118,254 \\ & 117.802 \end{aligned}$ |

From

Aug. 11926 | Aug. 11926 to |
| :--- |
| Fexper 127 |
| Exports from- |
| Galveston | Galveston... ${ }^{\text {Houston }}$ Texas CityNexas Orleans

Nobtle
Non Moblle- ${ }^{\text {Jacksonvilie }}$ Jacksonville
Pensacocla.-Savannah.Wilmington Wilmington
Norfolk N'port News
New York.Now York.
Boston.... Los Angeles os Angeles
an Dlego. San DiegoSeattle
Portl'd, Ore
Total..... $1,895,451 ~ 782,504 ~ 2105011 ~ 553,018 ~ 132,773 ~ 1111023 ~ 767,931 ~ 7,347,711 ~$
 NOTE-Exports to Canada.-It has never been our practice to include in the the cotton destined to cotton shipments to Canada, the reason being that virtually all oncerning the same from week to week, while reports from the customs districts on he Canadlan border are always very slow in coming to hand. In view, however, of month of January the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 29 the 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

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: cleared, at the ports named:

| Feb. 25 at - | On Shipboard, Not Cleared for- |  |  |  |  |  | Leaving Stock. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Great Britain. | France. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ger- } \\ & \text { many. } \end{aligned}$ | Other Foreign | Coast. wise. | Total. |  |
| Galveston | 11,400 | 8,900 | 10,000 | 57,800 | 7,500 | 95,600 | 520 |
| New Orleans.- | 3,611 | 6,746 1,000 | 9,218 2,000 | 24,286 | 7 <br> 209 <br> 300 | 44,090 | 592,916 |
| Charleston |  | 1.000 | 2,000 |  | 300 1,634 | 3,300 1 1,634 | 80,513 66,563 |
| Mobile- | 7,000 |  |  | 3,000 | 1,65 75 | 10,075 | 66,563 37,059 |
| Other ports | 6,000 | 5,000 | 6,000 | 22,000 | 1,000 | 40,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 121,216 \\ 1,169,490 \end{array}$ |
| Total 1927- | 28.011 | 21,646 | 27,218 | 107,086 | 11,138 | 195,099 | 2,588,063 |
| Total 1926 | 31,154 42,440 | 19,393 23,837 | ${ }_{2}^{23,312}$ | 51,861 64,234 | 7,211 11,676 | 132,931 | 1,317,652 |
| stimat |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,120,505 |

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been more active at rising prices. The advance was due partly to the remarkable activity in Liverpool; where daily sales of the actual cotton were 12,000 to 18,000 bales. The latter total was registered for two days in succession. Liverpool, it seems owes considerable low grade cotton to India which it sold some time ago. The cotton will be shipped from Liverpool and also from this siade. Whether the total involves 250,000 bales, as some conjecture, is for time to determine. All that seems certain is that important sales have been made to that
quarter of the globe. The American will take the place quarter of the globe. The American will take the place of East Indian cotton. American is relatively cheaper and also better in quality. Moreover futures in Liverpool have been advancing. London and the Continent have been buying and there has been a good deal of calling by mills. This took the hedge selling and liquidation as a rule very easily. On this side the spot sales have been large, though some slackening was reported towards the close of the week. Manchester has had a good trade in piece goods with India and the margin of profit is said to have improved. Its trade in yarn has also been promising. On this side of the water, there has been a widely extended demand for washed goods in many varieties. Other cotton goods have been firm, if less active than in January. Exports of raw cotton have continued to show an increase above the total at this time last year. The mills have been calling here to some exteat. And one outstanding feature of the week was the notices which were issued on the 23 rd inst. They capped the climax. They amounted to some 155,000 bales and were promptly stopped. The striking thing was that March discount under May was reduced from 25 points to 15. Large spot houses and some Japanese interests stopped the notices promptly. Spot people have been buying March and selling May and July. This is supposed to have been a transfer of hedges from the near position to the more distant. The discounts on low grades in Texas have been reduced. There was a steady demand for the better descriptions of the lower grades. It is difficult to get superior qualities in large lots. The desired quantity has to be made up of very small quantities gathered here and there. The Continent has been buying July here for some weeks past in small lots. The aggregate makes a very respectable total. Liverpool has bought here to some extent. Not only have Liverpool prices been advancing, but those at Alexandria have also risen. It is said that the Shanghai strike has been called off. Prices here have edged up toward the high point reached on Feb. 9 th. On the 24 th inst. March over-passed that level by 5 points, when it touched 14.05 c . The outside public at one time bought to some extent here. The cotton situation is attracting attention. The supposition is that if prices continue to advance there may be a revival of outside speculation for a rise. Cheap money is said to be helping to sustain cotton prices by enabling merchants to carry cotton all the more easily. Moreover New York is called the cheapest cotton market in the world. Some 50,000 bales it appears will be added to the certificated stock here which late in the week reached 159,987 bales. But this had no effect on March. On the contrary, as already indicated, its discount under May was reduced.

On the other hand, the technical position has been weakened by recent heavy covering. The shorts have been intimidated by the striking news from Liverpool and the strength of the spot situation there, not to mention the ease with which the big notices were handled here on the $23 d$ inst. On Thursday there was a reaction in New York and Liverpool, as well as New Orleans. Profit-taw York the word of order. Liverpool lost most of Profit-taking was New York ended at a small net decline, that is, 3 to 5 points. The weather in the main was better. It is true that there were some heavy rains in North Carolina and Georgia, but for the most part temperatures were mild, in some cases in the upper 60's. In Texas the dry weather has been favorable and plowing has been resumed. There is no denying that in the northwestern section of the belt, especially in Oklahoma, the soil is still too wet for working and the usual farm operations are much behind an average season. Still there was some cotton picking in areas where conditions favored it and a little cotton was planted in the extreme south of Texas. Recently some private reports said that cotton was up in some cases in that section. In any case the Government weekly report says that much land is ready for the coming crop in the extreme southwestern belt. Moreover, many believe that at current prices there will be no marked reduction in the acreage, if indeed any at all. As the case stands, the general conviction is that the average reduction will not be more than $10 \%$. In the far Southwest present prices, it is ${ }^{\text {Pblieved, }}$
make cotton raising profitable, whatever may be said about the region to the east of the Mississippi River. And of late there has been more hedge selling. Japanese interest have done some of it. Co-operative associations are supposed to have sold to a certain extent. This, it is surmised, is their policy on rising markets. There is no general outside speculation in cotton. The daily fluctuations are too small. Some reaction in stocks had a certain sentimental effect on Thursday. The South, New Orleans and local interests sold. If spot houses bought March, they sold May and July. Memphis reported spot business rather less active. And finally there has been the McNary-Haugen bill. Everybody expected it would be vetoed, just in prices as the result.
To-day prices declined slightly at first on the announcement of the veto by President Coolidge of the McNaryHaugen bill. It led to more or less liquidation and some short selling. Later on the mood of the market changed. People came to see that the veto would mean a better chance for a reduction in the acreage. Liverpool's spot sales were 18,000 bales for the third consecutive day. American spot markets advanced. Contracts became rather scarce here. Shorts covered. There was some noticeable buying for long account. Prices ended about 12 points net higher for the day. For the week there is a net rise of 5 to 11 points. the week of 10 points.
The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Feb. 24 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 Mar. 3:

Strict low middilin Strict good ordinary Good ordinary--...................... Good molddling " "yellow" tinged. "Middling "yellow" tinge


off * Not dellverable on future contracts
The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been: Midding upland.....
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$\qquad$

$\qquad$
 *Good midding "blue" stained -.2 .83 ytf Mood middiling spotted. Strict middling spotted Middifing spotted Low middling spotted Low midding spotted......---2.14 off Good mid. light yellow stained.- 1.37 oft Middling "gra, gray --------1.15 oft

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.
The quotations for middling upland at New York on Feb. 25 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:



FUTURES.-The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

|  | Saturday, <br> Feb. 19 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Monday, } \\ & \text { Feb. 21: } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{l} \text { Tuesday, } \\ \text { Feb. 22. } \end{array} \end{aligned}$ | Wednesday. Feb. 23. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Thursday, } \\ & \text { Feb. } 24 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Friday, } \\ & \text { Feb. } 25 . \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\overline{\text { Feb Renge }}$ | -13.85 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\xrightarrow[\text { March- }]{\text { Closing }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Range-- Closing Closing. | 13.77-13.86 <br> 13.78-13.79 | $\begin{aligned} & 13.66-13.75 \\ & 13.68-13.70 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{\|} 13.75-13.98 \\ 13.92-13.94 \end{array}$ | le $\begin{aligned} & 13.86-14.05 \\ & 13.80-13.90\end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13.84-14.02 \\ & 14.00-11.02 \end{aligned}$ |
| April- Range.- |  |  |  | 14.00 | 13.97 | 14.09 |
| $\xrightarrow[\text { May }]{\text { closing }}$ | 13.90 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Range.- } \\ & \text { Rlosing } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 14.00-14.08 \\ & 14.01-14.02 \end{aligned}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{l} 13.92-13.99 \\ 13.93-13.94 \end{array}\right\|$ |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{l} 14.00-14.13 \\ 14.08-14.09 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{aligned} & 14.02-14.18 \\ & 14.04-14.05 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13.97-14.18 \\ & 14.17-14.18 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { June- } \\ & \text { Range. } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Closing- | 14.11 | 14.03 |  | 14.18 | 14.1 | 14.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & u l y= \\ & \text { Range } \end{aligned}$ | 14.22-14.29 | 14.13-14.20 |  | 14.22-14.33 | 14.21-14.38 | 14.16-14.36 |
| Closing | 14.22-14.23 | 14.14-14.15 |  | 14.29 | 14.24-14.25 |  |
| Ranust- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Closing | 14.33 | 4.25 |  | 14.40 | 14.35 | 14.4 |
| Ent.- |  |  |  | 14.59-14.59 | 14.50-14.50 |  |
| Closing. | 14.43 | 4.36 |  |  | 14.46 | 14. |
| Range.- | 14.43 | 14.37 |  | 14.44-14.55 | 14.43-14.60 | 14.39-14.60 |
| Closing. | 14.45-14.47 | 14.38-14.39 |  | 14.50-14.52 | 14.46-14.48 | 14.59-14.60 |
| Range |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Closing- | 14.54 | 14.46 |  | 14:59 | 14.5 | 14.68 - |
| Dec.- Range.- | 14. | $14.54-14.59$ |  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} 14.62-14.75 \\ \hline 14.68 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 54.61-14.76 \\ & 14.65-14.66 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 14.60-14.78 \\ & 14.77-14.78 \end{aligned}$ |
| Closing- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Range - <br> Closing. | $\begin{aligned} & 14.68-14.69 \\ & 14.69 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \hline 14.58-14.65 \\ -14.60 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 14.68-14.79 \\ & 14.73 \end{aligned}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} 914.68-14.80 \\ \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 14.65-14.82 \\ -14.82- \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| Ran | of fu | ure prices | s at | w Yor | or | g |
| Feb. 25 | 1927 an | d since tr | ading be | gan on | h optio |  |
| diton for- |  | nge for Weelk. |  | Range Since | Beoinning | Ot |
| cb. 1927 | 13.85 | . ${ }^{19} 13.85 \mathrm{~F}$ | Feb. 19 Feb. ${ }^{11.9}$ | 95 Dee. ${ }^{3}$ | ${ }^{1926} 18.18 .10$ | c. 11926 |
| Mar 1927 | 13.66 F | 2114.05 | . $2411.81{ }^{12}$ | ${ }^{80}$ Oect. 22 | 19261616 | eply 61926 |
| April 1927 | 13.92 Feb | 万. 2114.18 | Feb. 2412 | 92 Dec. 4 | ${ }_{1926}^{192618 .}$ | Sept. 81926 |
| ane 1927 |  | . 2114.38 | Feb. 2412 | 25 Dec. 4 | 192618.51 | ept. 21926 |
| July 1927 | 14.13 Feb | , | 13.0 | 03 Ja | 192714. | eb. 71927 |
| ept. 1927 | 14.50 Feb | . ${ }^{24} 114.59$ | ${ }_{24}^{23} 12$. | ${ }_{46}^{00}$ De | 192614 | eb. 141927 |
| Oct. 1927 | 14.37 Feb | 21 |  | 75 Dec. 6 | 92614 | an. 131927 |
| ov. 1927 |  | . 2114.78 | ${ }^{25} 11.14 .3$ | ${ }_{13}^{36} \mathrm{Jan}$ Feb. ${ }^{3}$ | ${ }_{927}^{927} 14.8 .83$ | Feb. ${ }^{9} 192927$ |
| Dec. Jan. 1928. | 14.58 Feb | . 21114.82 | 514.1 | 13 Feb. | 12714.83 | Feb. 981927 | | Stc |
| :--- |
| Sto |

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.
$\begin{array}{lll}F \text { Feb. } 25 \text { - } & 1926 . \\ \text { Stock at Liverpool_------- bales } 1,313,000 & 888,000\end{array}$
1925.0
 Stock at Hreat Britain_-


Stock at Genoa--
Stock at Ghent.-

## $1.487,000$

Total Continental stocks_ $\qquad$ $1,103.000$ $2,50.000 \quad 1,667,000$
$\stackrel{+604,000}{ }$ 387,000
Total European stocks


$\qquad$ 4 | $1,450,583$ |
| :--- |
| $1,866,224$ |





## U. S. interior stocks

$\qquad$ $-1,279.10$
5,087 $\qquad$ 686,000
145,000 240,000 India cotton afloat for Europe

## 

 Total American.-$-\overline{-6,860,443}$ $\qquad$ 241,000
1,000
29,000
7,000 East Indian, Brazil, \&c.
 278,000 $\qquad$ Manchester stock --.-.-.-Indian afloat for Europe----
Egypt, Brazil, \&c., afloat Egypt, Brazil, \&c, afloat
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt pt.-....
.-- 646,00


$\qquad$ 215.000
612.000 304,000
73,000
225,000 Total visible supply_-.-.-.--- $\overline{8,533,443} \overrightarrow{6,642,807} \overrightarrow{5,644,890} \quad 4,584,208$ Middling uplands, LiverpoolMiddling uplands, New York Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool-.-- 14.30 c .
 Continental imports for past week have been 187,000 bales. The above figures for 1927 show a decrease from last week of 84,264 bales, a gain of $1,890,636$ over 1926, an i crease of $2,888,553$ bales over 1925, and an increase of $3,949,235$ bales over 1924.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement-that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the 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. 251927. |  |  |  | Movement to Feb. 261926 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Receipts. |  | $\left.\begin{gathered} \text { Ship- } \\ \text { ments. } \\ \text { Week. } \end{gathered} \right\rvert\,$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Stocks } \\ & \text { Feb. } \\ & 25 . \end{aligned}$ | Receipts. |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { Ship- } \\ & \text { ments. } \\ & \text { Week. } \end{aligned}\right.$ | Stocks Feb. 26. |
|  | Week. | W |  |  | Week. | as |  |  |
|  | , | 86,923 | 2,6 | 13, | 789 |  |  | $7,764$ |
| Eufaula |  | 116333 | 616 2.593 | 11,636 42.220 | ${ }_{942}^{23}$ | -93,740 | 1,844 | 22,720 |
| Montgomery Selma | 685 | 116,333 91,897 | 1,858 | 32,901 | 481 | 85,594 | 1,027 | 21,163 |
| rk., Helena | 1,392 | 88,116 | 2,799 | 33,116 | 1,601 | 92,243 |  |  |
| Little Rock | 1,773 | 194,098 | 3,456 | 56.2 | 2,048 | 166,749 | 3,675 | 65,408 |
| Pine Blu | 3,067 | 171,873 | 3,151 | 53,615 3,517 | 2,048 | 7,871 |  | 2,287 |
| Ga., Alban | 1,16 | 8,732 46041 | 500 | 22,716 | 450 | 25,954 | 599 | 12,997 51,806 |
| Atla | 3,497 | 233,607 | 4,904 | 74,900 | 2,523 | 185,262 | ,599 |  |
| Augusta | 8,002 | 319,735 | 6,630 | 104.500 | 4,061 | 71,861 | 1,924 | 5,447 |
| Colum | 372 | 43,953 | 581 | 3.461 9.426 | 1,005 | 62,920 | 2,290 | 23,038 |
| Macon | 1,778 | 90,890 | 3,340 | 27.3 | 184 | 49,126 | 1,050 | 14,420 |
| Rome.-. |  | 48,769 159.839 |  | 56,678 | 1,905 | 170,647 | 2,678 | 24,392 |
| Miss., Shreve | 1,025 177 | 159,839 40,895 | 3,912 | 9,030 | , 301 | 43,819 205,756 | 321 3,139 | 7,876 75,146 |
| Clarksdale.-- | 3,675 | 168,632 | 6. | 69,0 | 5,639 3,000 | ${ }_{206,098}^{205}$ | 2,000 | 66,896 |
| Greenwoo | 2,788 | 171,805 | . 710 | 11,894 | 2,453 | 63,312 | 725 | 16,447 |
| Merld | 67 | 37,084 | 921 | 9,353 | 367 | 56,231 |  |  |
| Vicksburg | 66 | 33,090 | 1.457 | 15,880 20,211 | 180 | ${ }_{52,024}$ | 19 |  |
| Yazoo City | 358 | 43,838 | 2.929 | 80,952 | 12,676 | 561,001 | 12,520 | 15,753 |
| Mo., St. Louls. | 11,950 | 449,767 | 1,044 | 22,575 | 2,969 | 53,959 | 1,147 | 19,128 |
| N.C., Greensb'ro | 2,058 | ${ }_{17}^{34,277}$ | 192 | 8,500 | 298 | 15,936 | 209 | 12,378 |
| Raleigh |  | 179,947 | 5,806 | 13,479 | 1,626 | 133,605 | 3.059 | 17,614 |
| Chickasl | 5,189 | 163,217 | 5.029 | 13,919 19 | 4,664 1,215 | 176,387 160,749 | 4,594 1,604 | 18,605 27,682 |
| Oklahom | 3,195 | 154,156 | ${ }^{4,428}$ | 19,684 | 7,880 | 239,124 | 3,630 | 63,862 |
| S.C., Greenvil | 11,002 | 78 |  | 3,251 |  | 4,912 |  |  |
| Greenwood- |  |  | 60,104 | 267,545 | 38,303 | 1,546,590 | 38,053 | -4,487 |
| Tenn., Memphls |  | 6,120 | 60,148 | 1,344 | - 31 |  | 47 125 |  |
| Nashville- | 178 | 74,176 | 584 | 1,452 | 213 72 | 82,875 5,633 | 125 | 4, 4 4.137 |
| Brenham | 434 | 25,715 | 183 |  | 90 | 11,866 |  | -904 |
| Austin. | 107 | 33,085 |  |  | 1,247 | 144,675 | 2,393 | 19,316 |
| Dallas |  | 171,53 | 4,301 | 48,837 | 45,982 | 4,375,266 | 65,496 | 382,272 |
| Hous |  |  | 339 | 1,533 | 172 | 110,847 | 693 | 3,598 |
|  |  | 59,756 | 571 2,104 | 3,466 14.894 | 112 998 | 25,30 86,94 |  | 12,610 |
| Fort Worth - | 1,825 | 112,264 | 2,104 | 14 |  | 86. | 1,584 | 12,8 |

Total, 40 towns $135,9615,788,337159.8411279194151,354,10069,422178,035186622$ * Houston statistics are no longer compiled
on a port basis. We are changing accordingly.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have $d e$ creased during the week 25,386 bales and are to-nigh 587,030 bales less than at the same time last year. Th receipts at all towns have been 15,393 bales less than th sams week last year.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK. The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the
week at New York are indicated in the following statement week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

|  | Spot MarketClosed. | FuturesMarket Closed. | SALES. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Spot. | Contr'ct | Total. |
| Saturday | Quiet, 10 pts dec-- Quiet, 10 pts. dec- | Steady |  |  |  |
| Tuesday -- | Quiet, 10 pts. ${ }_{\text {dec }}^{\text {HoLi }}$ | Steady | $90 \overline{0}$ |  | 900 |
| Wednesday | Steady, 25 pts. adv- Steady, 5 pts. dec | Steady |  |  |  |
| Friday---- | Steady, 10 pts. adv- | Very Steady | $\begin{array}{r} 2,140 \\ 3,500 \end{array}$ |  | $\text { 2, } 140$ |
| Total fo |  |  | 6.540 |  | 6,540 |

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:


* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 24,361 bales, against 8,550 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 142,126 bales.

In Sight and Spinners
Receipts at ports to Feb. $25 \ldots$ Week. Aug. 1 . Week. Aince

Total marketed.
 over consumption to Jan. 30 .
Came into sight during week.-.-320,168
Total in sight Feb. 25........
North. spinn's's takings to Feb. $25 \overline{15,826} \frac{15,598,121}{1,37,757}$
$\overline{212,237}$ *Decrease
Movement into sight in previous years:
Week
Bales.
1925- Feb.
192 Since Since Aug. $1-$
1925 -Feb. 28
1924 -Feb. 29
1923 -Mar. 1. $\qquad$
QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDIT 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. 25. $\frac{\text { reb. } 25 .}{\text { Galveston.... }}$ New Orle
Mobile.
Savannah Savannah
Norfolk Norfolk.Augusta. Houston Little Rock. Fort Worth

| Saturday. | Monday. | Tuesday. | Wed'day. | Thursd'y | iday. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 13.70 | 13.70 |  | 13.90 | 13.90 | 0 |
| 13.15 | 13.78 |  | 13.97 13.40 | 13.89 | 14.06 |
| 13.64 | 13.55 |  | 13.40 | 13.40 13.85 | 13.50 |
| 13.75 | 13.75 | HOLI- | 13.88 | 13.85 | 14.08 |
| 14.10 | 14.00 | DAY | 14.00 | 14.00 | 14.00 |
|  | 13.44 |  | 13.56 13.25 | 13.56 | 13.69 |
| 13.75 | 13.70 |  | 13.25 | 13.25 | 13.25 |
| 13.35 | 13.20 |  | 13.40 | 13.90 13.40 | 14.05 |
| 12.90 | 12.95 |  | 13.15 | 13.15 | 13.50 |
|  | 12.90 |  | 13.50 | 13.15 | 13.25 |

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.-The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

|  | Saturday, <br> Feb. 19. | Monday, <br> Feb. 21. | Tuesday, Feb. 22. | Wednesday, Feb. 23. | Thursday, Feb. 24. | Friday, Feb. 25. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\stackrel{\text { February }}{ }$ - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March_.-- | 13.77-13.78 | 13.71-13.73 |  | 13.96-13.97 | 13.89 | 14.05-14.06 |
| May | 13.97-13.99 | 13.90-13.93 |  | 14.10-14.13 | 14.03-14.04 | 14.16-14.18 |
| July-- | 14.15-14.17 | 14.08-14.11 |  | 14.27 | 14.19 | 14.32 |
| September |  |  | HOLIDAY |  |  |  |
| October <br> November | 14.32-14.33 | 14.23-14.25 |  | 14.41-14.42 | 14.33-14.34 | 14.45-14.46 |
|  | ${ }_{14.50}^{14.45}$ - bid | $\underline{14.37} \bar{\square}$ |  | 14.54-14.56 | 14.47 bld | 14.58 |
|  | 14.50 bid | 14.42 bid |  | 14.59 bld | 14.51 bid | 14.61 bld |
| Spot Options. | Steady Barely st'y | Steady <br> Steady |  | Steady <br> Steady | Steady Steady | Steady |

ACTIVITY IN THE COTTON SPINNING INDUSTRY FOR JANUARY.-Persons interested in this report will find it in our Department headed "Indications of Business Activity" on earlier pages.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.-Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that the weather during the week in the northwestern portion of the cotton belt has
been unfavorable for farm work, and the usual farm operations are much behind an average season. In the southwest portion of the belt dryer weather prevailed and some plowng has been accomplished
Mobile, Ala.-Farm work is progressing nicely in the uplands, but in the low lands the soil is still too wet.

## Galveston, Texas Abilene Ale <br> Brownsvile Corpus Chri <br> Corpus Dallas Delris <br> Delrio-- Palestine--- San Antonio <br> San Antonio Taylor New Orleans <br> Shreveport Mobile, Ala <br> Savannah, Ga Charleston, S. Charlotte, N.


3.21. high 74 low 32 mean 58 graph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:


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.








$\begin{array}{rl}\text { Feb. } & 235,198 \\ 1173,227 & 179,899 \\ 11,404,1891,930,2871,248,011 & 171,958 \\ 136,731 & 121,118\end{array}$


The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 11926 are 11,046,956 bales in 1925 were $9,513,514$ bales, and in 1924 were $8,693,920$ bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 210,193 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 184,807 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 25,386 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 93,687 bales and for 1925 they were 118,031 bales.
WORLD SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

| Cotton Takings. Week and Season. | 1926-27. |  | 1925-26. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Week. | Season. | Week. | Season. |
| Visible supply Feb | 8,617,707 |  | 6,730,304 |  |
| American in sight to Feb. 25 | $32 \overline{0} 0.16 \overline{6}$ | 边 $\begin{gathered}3,646,41 \\ 15,598,12\end{gathered}$ | 212,237 | ${ }_{1}^{2,342,718,885}$ |
| Bombay receipts to Feb. 24 | 111,000 | 1,823,00 | 141,000 | 2,088,000 |
| Alexandria receipts to Feb. 2 | 24,000 | 1,228,40 | 40,000 |  |
| Other supply to Fe | 12,000 | 1,228,40 | 10,000 | 1,288,200 |
| Deduct- | 9,091,875 | 23,032,934 | 7,153,541 | 20,358,972 |
| Visible supply Feb. 25 | 8,533,443 | 8,533,443 | 6,642,807 | 6,642,807 |
| Total takings to Feb. 2 of which American of which other | $\begin{aligned} & 558,432 \\ & 368,432 \\ & 190,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14,499,491 \\ 10,976,091 \\ 3,523 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 510,734 \\ & 331.734 \\ & 179000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 13,716,165 \\ 9,831,965 \\ 28 \end{array}$ |

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, \&c.
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This total embraces since Aur. 1 the total a athern mills, embraces since Aus. 1 the total estimated consumpstion by
bales in $1926-27$, and $2,660,000$ bales in $1925-26-$ takings not being available-and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, $11,446,491$ bales in $1926-27$ and taken by Northern
$1925-26$, of which $7,923,091$ bales and $7,171,965,165$ bales in
INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

| February 24. Receipts at |  |  | 192 |  | 192526. |  | 1924.25. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Week. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Since } \\ \text { Aug. } . \end{gathered}$ | Week. | Since $\text { Aug. } 1$ | Week. | Since ug. 1. |
| Bombay |  |  | 11,000 | 1,823,000 | 141,00 |  |  |  |
| Exports. | For the Week. |  |  |  | Since August 1. |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Great } \\ \text { Britain. } \end{gathered}$ | Conti- nent. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Japande } \\ & \text { Ching } \end{aligned}$ | Tota | Great Britain. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Conti- } \\ & \text { nent. } \end{aligned}$ | Japan \& China. | Tota |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bombay- } \\ & 1926-27 \\ & 1925-26 \\ & 1924-25 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,000 \\ & 4,000 \\ & 3,000 \\ & 3,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 17,000 \\ & 10,000 \\ & 17,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 62,000 \\ & 82,000 \\ & 11,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 89,000 \\ & 96,000 \\ & 31,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5,000 \\ 28,000 \\ 30,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 185,000 \\ & 301,000 \\ & 246,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 789,000 \\ & 9868,000 \\ & 919,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9,299,0000 \\ & 1,195,000 \\ & 1,0 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Other India- } \\ 1926-27- \\ 1925-26 . \\ 1924-25 . \end{gathered}$ | $\stackrel{\substack{4,000 \\ 9,000}}{\substack{0}}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 17,000 \\ 7,000 \\ 16,000 \\ 18,000 \end{array}$ | 1,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 31,000 \\ 7,000 \\ 20,000 \\ 27,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 30,000 \\ & 23,000 \\ & 66,000 \\ & 33,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 246,000 \\ & 214,000 \\ & 317,000 \\ & 172,000 \end{aligned}$ | 919,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,195,000 \\ 277,000 \\ 376,000 \\ 205,000 \end{array}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Total all- } \\ 1926-27 \\ 1925-26= \\ 1924-25 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,000 \\ 8,000 \\ 12,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 24,000 \\ & 26,000 \\ & 35,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 62,000 \\ & 82,000 \\ & 11,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 87,000 \\ 116.000 \\ 58.000 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 29,000 \\ & 94,000 \\ & 63, .000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 399,000 \\ & 611,000 \\ & 418,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 789,000 \\ & 968,000 \end{aligned}$ 919,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,216,000 \\ & 1,673,000 \\ & 1,400,000 \end{aligned}$ |

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 30,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 29,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 457,000 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.


SHIPPING NEWS.-As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 194,693 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

 To Priaus-Feb. 15-Moreas, 200.-13
To Manchester- Feb. 18 Mercian,
Hamburg-Feb. 23 - Egypt Maru, 50

## To Venice-Feb. 23 Clara, 50

W ORLEANS Fe To Japan-Feb. 17 Editor, 3,200 -
To China-Feb. 17 - ditor, 6,927 -
To Oporto-Feb. 19-West Chetac, 546
To Barcelona- 19 - Cadiz, $1,300-$
To Havre-Feb. 19 Michigan, 1,201
 alba, 200 - Fiverpool 19 West Caddoa, $4,002 \ldots$ Feb. $2 \overline{3}-$
 Gladiator, 1,828- Topeka, 10 10 -....-

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To Gothenburg-Feb. 21 Topeka, 900 -

To Rotterdam-Feb. 21-Tripp, 462_-.Feb. 23-Spaarndam,
HOUSTON-To Genoa-Feb. 18 Momrosa, 2,442
To Ghent-Feb. 23-Middleham Castle,
To Liverpool-Feb. 23 - Niceta de Larrinaga, 1,377 _-.............
To Mavchester-Feb. 24 - Jacques Cartier, 2,196...Feb. 23-MMid-
GALVESTON Castle, Barcelona-Feb. 16-Ogontz, $537-$ Feb. 19
Aldecoa, $4,943,18$ Glantworth, 25,495
To Bombay F .
To Genoa-Feb. 18 -Monrosa, 1,994 , 18 Frogner, 9,650 La Plata Maru, $7,719 \ldots$
To Japan-Feb.
Feb, 19-Editor, 1,000
To Liverpool-Feb, 18 Craftsman, 9,050

To Bremen-Feb, 22-Saccarappa, $3,805 \ldots .$.
NORFOLK-To Manchester-Feb. 21 -Manchester Importer,




CHARLESTON-To Japan-Feb. 21 - San Francisco Maru, 3.000





To Manchester-
 1,356
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SAN PEDRO-To Havre-Feb 13-Indiana, 2,100
To Antwerp-Feb. 13 - Indiana, 80

To China-Feb. 6-Silver Larch, 100 -..Feb. 15 President
To Manchester-Feb. 22 -Pacific Shipper, 200 - Pacific Shipper, 420 ; Glamorganshire,
 To Hamburg-Feb, 25 -Hselhaven, 587 - Fresident Grant, $\overline{7} 0 \overline{0}-$
PORT TOWNSEND-To Japan Feb. 14 TEXAS CITY-To Liverpool-Feb. 15-Craftsman, 200 -. To Manchester-Feb. 15-Craftsman, 1,828-...
PENSACOLA-To Rotterdam-Feb. 24-Antinous,

Total.
COTTON FREIGHT-Current rates for New York, as furnished by Lambert \& Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:


LIVERPOOL.-By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, \&c., at that port:


| Feb. 4. | Feb. 11. | $F$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 46,000 | 62,000 |  |
| 28,000 | 41,000 |  |
| 3,000 | 3,000 |  |
| 73,000 | 72,000 |  |
| $1,310,000$ | $1,321,000$ | 1,3 |
| 987,000 | 999,000 | 9 |
| 107,000 | 102,000 |  |
| 81,000 | 70,000 |  |
| 258,000 | 215,000 | 2 |
| 193,000 | 153,000 | 1 |

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { 194,000 } & 186,000\end{array}$
The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

| Spot. | Saturday. | Monday. | Tuesday. | Wednesday. | Thursday. | Friday. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Market, } \\ 12: 15 \\ \text { P. M. } \end{gathered}$ | A fair business dolng. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Good } \\ \text { demand. } \end{gathered}$ | Good demand. | Active. | Active. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Good } \\ & \text { demand. } \end{aligned}$ |
| Mid.Upl'c | 7.78 | 7.74 | 7.72 | 7.61 | 7.84 | 7.77 |
| Sale | 8,000 | 12,000 | 14,000 | 18,000 | 18,000 | 18,000 |
| Futures Market | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Qulet } \\ & 2 \text { to } 5 \mathrm{pts} . \end{aligned}$ | Steady <br> 5 to 8 pts . | Steady, unchanged to | Q't but st'y 1 to 3 pts | Steady <br> 2 to 3 pts . | Steady, unchanged to |
| Market | decline. | decline. |  | decline. | advance. | 2 pts dec. |
|  | Qulet <br> 1 to 4 pts . decline. | Qulet <br> 7 to 13 pts deeline. | Very ste'dy 4 to 7 pts. advance. | Q't but st'y 7 to 9 pts advance. | Barely st'y unch'ged to 3 pts. adv. | Steady <br> 2 to 3 pts. decline. |

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:


## BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Feb. 251927.
FLOUR.-Trade conditions do not as a rule deviate from week to week. It is idle to expect new or striking features. The demand is only moderate at best, where it is not actually small. Having tried the hand to mouth method of buying for several years, buyers have come to regard it as the best method, knowing as they do that prompt deliveries by the railroads of to-day are certain. Prices have been mostly steady. The export business has been negligible. Competition, it is said, from Argentina and Australia puts an effectual check on American and Canadian sales to foreign buyers. Flour in the United Kingdom was reported as very dull. Best Canadian patents were down 6d. per sack of 280 lbs . and Australian patents are also 6 d . lower.

WHEAT dropped $1 / 8$ to $7 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. on the 19 th inst. on light trading, pending the action of the President on the McNaryHaugen bill. Scattered liquidation with good snows was apparent. Last week's returns to the Grain Futures Administration showed a total of only $91,882,000$ bushels of futures, against $263,203,000$ bushels last year in the same week. Good snows occurred in parts of Kansas and Nebraska, including the western sections, where there is a deficiency of moisture. Export demand at the seaboard was light. Small amounts of domestic hard winters were 800
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firmer Argentine prices. Buenos Aires ended $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. lower with March $\$ 125$ and May $\$ 128$ on that day. Later prices declined $1 / 4$ to $5 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. But it met buying orders on the way down. They served as a cushion. World's shipments were much smaller than in the last two weeks. The quantity on passage increased 800,000 bushels, with the total 71,240 ,000 bushels, but to the United Kingdom there was a decrease of $1,750,000$ bushels and this amounted to $13,568,000$ bushels. The world's shipments were smaller. The United States visible supply rather unexpectedly increased last week 626,000 bushels, against a decrease in the same week last year of $1,010,000$ bushels. The total is now $55,980,000$ bushels, against 41,821,000 a year ago. Export sales on the 21st inst. were estimated at 300,000 to 500,000 bushels, including both American winter and Manitoba. Exports of wheat and flour up to Feb. 5 from the United States were $161,600,000$ bushels, against $67,200,000$ bushels in the same time last year. Winter wheat advices were quite favorable, with the weather good all over the belt. No great pressure to sell cash wheat was apparent, but offerings were rather large for all that. Receipts at the Southwest were smaller, but milling demand fell off with the flour trade light. Mills at Chicago bid 3c. under May for No. 2 hard. Medium and low grades were dull except at large discounts. Wheat needs a better cash and export demand and an increased flour trade to of fset hedging sales which wear on the price.

On the 23d inst. prices declined in sympathy with lower prices for corn and disappointing cables. Selling was scattered, but there was no particular pressure. Yet at the decline a good demand was reported; influenced partly, it is said, by a better export business, both for hard winters and Manitobas. Mills reporting to the Millers' National Federation on Dec. 31 held wheat and flour equal to $92,000,000$ bushels wheat and had total flour sales on their books equal to $94,000,000$ bushels. A Minneapolis message said this accounted for the small buying of cash wheat in that market. Elevator interests have been picking up the cash grain and hedging by sales of May. On the 24th inst. prices fell owing to a drop in corn. Later Winnipeg's firmness and export sales of 750,000 bushels turned the tide and prices rallied. The Canadian crop, it is suggested, may have been overestimated. Mills bought freely in the Southwest, even though flour there was dull. Some private estimates of farm reserves are expected on the 28th.

To-day prices closed generally $1 / 2$ to $7 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. higher. Trading was large. The Farm Relief bill had been discounted. No heavy offerings followed the action at Washington. In fact there was a rully from the low of the day of $13 / 4$ to $21 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. It was said, too, that the rules in the matter of reporting individual trades would be rescinded except in cases of patent manipulation. This of itself caused heavy buying. It may have been due partly to the protest of Mr. Arthur Cutten earlier in the week. The East bought as well as the West. Mild weather prevailed at the West. A change to cold weather might cause damage. World's shipments this week are likely to be large. North American clearances appear to be about $5,500,000$ bushels. The world's total may approximate $16,500,000$ bushels. The world's visible supply of wheat is stated at $380,000,000$ bushels, a gain within a month of $2,500,000$ bushels. Final prices show a decline for the week of $3 / 4$ to 1 c .

## closing prioes of domestic wheat at new york.

 . OLOSING PRICES AT NEW YORK FOR WHEAT IN BOND.
 daily closing prices of wheat in new york.
 daily closing prices of wheat futures in chicago.

DAILY OLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG
 INDIAN CORN reacted slightly and then made a small net advance late last week. Much of the trading was in changing from May to July. That is, longs sold May and took July at about $41 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. premium on July. Cash firms sold July and bought May. Country offerings were small. But not much buying was done by the East. Bad roads were feared because of coming rains and warmer weather. Good hard roads are not expected for some little time.

Buenos Aires on the 19th inst. ended $1 / 4$ to $3 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. with March $621 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. and May $631 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. In Chicago they think corn is a sphinx. Fluctuations are small and unsuggestive. Trade is slow. Daily technical conditions rule. The stocks of corn in Chicago are good and seem unlikely to decrease. The movement from the country is not large, but the cash demand is poor. Yet total supply in this country is below the average in size. This may tell in time on prices. Washington wired that President Coolidge has signed the measure authorizing the expenditure of $\$ 10,000,000$ to fight the corn borer in Western States. Later prices fell $1 / 4$ to $3 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. on scattered liquidation and the difference between May and July widened. The United States visible supply increased last week 812,000 bushels, against 961,000 last year. The total is now $43,471,000$ bushels, against $32,141,000$ last year. The country offerings were small, but consignments easily filled the demand. Shipping demand was poor. The country offered May, June and July shipments. Stocks are so large as to hamper an advance. On the 23 d inst. prices declined sharply, i. e., 2 to $25 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. Liquidation was general. Stop loss orders were caught. The movement from the country has been larger than expected. Sentiment is bearish. On the 24th inst. long selling partly on stop orders depressed prices. But under 75c. for May buying orders were encountered and prices rallied. Shorts covered freely. Cash markets were weak later. To-day prices closed $13 / 4$ to 2 c . higher. That meant an advance of $21 / 2$ to 3c. from the low of the day. Buying was general. Much of it was for long account. Shorts covered. Offerings were small. Cash demand was somewhat better. Country offerings increased noticeably on the rise. Receipts were rather large. The long interest increased. The veto of the Farm Bill proved to have been discounted. Final prices show a decline for the week of $5 / 8$ to $11 / 2$ c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.
 daily closing prices of corn futures in chicago. $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { May delivery in elevator-.....cts. } & \text { Sat. } & \text { Mon. } & \text { Tues. } & \text { Wed. } & \text { Thurs. } \\ \text { Mar }\end{array}$ daily closing prices of domestic oats in new york.

Oats advanced $1 / 8$ to $1 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. on the 19 th inst. with local buying and not much pressure to sell. Switching between May and July at a difference of $3 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. was something of a feature. Commission houses sold moderately. The trading lacked striking features. Prices fell $1 / 4 \mathrm{e}$. later with the cash demand small and disappointing. The weakness in corn was also a factor. The American visible supply last week decreased $459 ; 000$ bushels, but in the same week last year it fell off $1,216,000$ bushels. The total now is $44,-$ 353,000 bushels, against $60,279,000$ a year ago. On the 23 d inst. prices declined owing to a disappointing cash demand and scattered liquidation. Lower prices for corn was also a depressing factor. At Chicago prices closed $11 / 8$ to $15 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. lower and at New York $15 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. lower. On the 24 th inst. weakness in corn caused a decline but prices rallied later with those for corn. Lower prices, it is believed, will cut down receipts and increase consumption. To-day prices ended 1 to $13 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. higher following corn upward. Commission houses bought freely. The veto of the farm bill caused selling. That strengthened the technical position. Receipts were moderate. Cash demand was fair. Final prices show a decline for the week of $1 / 2$ to $3 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.
No. 2 white.-.-.................ets_ Sit. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. daily closing prices of oats futures in chicago.
May delivery in elevator-
 July delivery in elevator--...-.
September delivery in elevator.DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG May delivery in elevatorJuly delivery in elevator.

RYE advanced on the 19th inst. with a renewal of export demand, though the sales were only 55,000 bushels. Chicago sold 100,000 bushels to the East, against sales, it is said, to Europe. Prices later declined $7 / 8$ to $11 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. as export demand was lacking. Much to the surprise of many, the visible supply, despite recent export sales, increased last week 421,000 bushels, against 175,000 in the same week last year. The total is now $13,776,000$ bushels, against $13,965,000$ a year ago. That was a damper. On the 23d inst. prices ended $5 / 8$ to $3 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. lower. Yet there was no pressure to sell. A
good many buying orders were said to be under the market Export sales were estimated at about 200,000 bushels, largely to the Continent. On the 24 th inst. prices fell $5 / 8$ to $7 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. but rallied later with reports of export business. To-day prices closed $3 / 8$ to $11 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. higher after some early weakness. There was a fair export demand. Sales were estimated at 150,000 bushels. Commission houses bought on quite a liberal scale. Shorts covered freely. Rye sympathized with the strength in other grain. But the foreign demand was an bill had been discounted in rye as well as in other grain. Final prices show a decline for the week of $1 / 4$ to $11 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.
DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHIGAGO. May delivery in elevator- $\qquad$
 September delivery in elevator----- $991 / 2991 / 2$
Closing quotations were as follows:
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Spring patents---


All the statements below regarding the movements of grain -receipts, exports, visible supply, \&c.-are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. First we give the receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years.

| Receipts at- | Flour. | Wheat. | Corn. | Oats. | Barley. | Rye. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chicago | bbls. 196 lbs . | ${ }_{366,000}$ | csh. 56 lbs. | 827,000 |  | $\text { sh. } 56 \mathrm{lbs} .$ |
| Minneapoilis. |  | 1,536,000 | 2,441,000 | 306,000 | 221,000 | 112,000 |
| Duluth... |  | 635,000 |  | 6,000 | 27,000 | 548,000 |
| Milwauk | 30.000 | 55,000 | 229,000 | 201,000 | 164,000 | 58,000 |
| Toledo |  | 263,000 | 223,000 | 191,000 | 3,000 | 17000 |
| Detrita -...- |  | 56,000 | 667,000 | 12,000 150,000 |  | 17,000 |
| Indianapons. | 145,000 | 508,000 | 224,000 | 1506,000 406 | 3,000 | 44,000 |
| Peoria. | 73,000 | 15,000 | 785,000 | 134,000 | 28,000 |  |
| Kansas Clity - |  | 1,487,000 | 303,000 | 56,000 |  |  |
| Omaha |  | 246,000 | 430,000 | 168,000 |  |  |
| St. Joseph |  | 124,000 | 157,000 | 16,000 |  |  |
| Wichita |  | 377,000 | 9,000 | 10,000 |  |  |
| Sloux C |  | 15,000 | 73,000 | 20,000 |  |  |
| Total wk. '27 | 523,000 | 5,757,000 | 6,087,000 | 2,503,000 | 636,000 | 821,000 |
| Same wk. '26 | 436,000 | 5,042,000 | 7,591,000 | 2,970,000 | 600,000 | 291,000 295,000 |
| Same wk. '25 | 481,000 | 4,281,000 | 4,279,000 | 2,428,000 | 937,000 | 295,000 |

## Since Aug. $1-1$ 1926

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal pcints of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Feb. 19, were as follows:
grain stocks.

| United StatesNew York | Wheat. bush. 659,000 | Corn. <br> bush. <br> 80,000 |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Rye. } \\ \text { bush. } \\ 568,000 \end{array}$ | Barley. bush. 104,000 |
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| Boston. | 4,000 |  | 29,000 | 6,000 |  |
| Philadelphla | 374,000 | 26,000 | 185,000 | 86,000 | 64,000 |
| Baltimore | 1,155,000 | 153,000 | 95,000 | 194,000 | 6,000 |
| New Orleans | 682,000 | 313,000 | 125,000 | 134,000 |  |
| Galveston. | 1,170,000 |  |  | 44,000 | 70,000 |
| Fort Worth | 1,686,000 | 202,000 | 1,430,000 | 3,000 | 63,000 |
| Buffalo. | 3,464,000 | 3,097,000 | 3,734,000 | 311,000 | 146,000 |
| aflo | 2,107,000 |  | 838,000 |  |  |
| Toledo | 2,126,000 | 212,000 | 322,000 | 5,000 | 3,000 |
| ar | 141,000 |  | 680,000 |  |  |
| Detr | 291,000 | 15,000 | 140,000 | 14,000 |  |
| Chicago... | 2,681,000 | $21,655,000$ | 6,556,000 | 1,283,000 | 188,000 |
| Milwaukee. | 89,000 | 1,848,000 | 2,029,000 | 516,000 | 94,000 |
| aflo |  | 844,000 | 427,000 | 255,000 |  |
| Duluth | 8,072,000 | 16,000 | 7,651,000 | 6,249,000 | 471,000 |
| . afloat |  |  | 393,000 |  |  |
| Minneapolls | 10,248,000 | 1,595,000 | 14,310,000 | 3,732,000 | 2,479,000 |
| Sioux City | 411,000 | 470,000 | 272,000 | 1,000 | 13,000 |
| St. Louls | 2,590,000 | 2,218,000 | 516,000 | 5,000 | 77,000 |
| Kansas City | 10,718,000 | 4,499,000 | 835,000 | 162,000 | 11,000 |
| Wichita. | 3,160,000 | 35,000 | 25,000 |  |  |
| St. Joseph, M | 833,000 | 973,000 | 4,000 | 30,000 |  |
| Peoria. | 12,000 | 592,000 | 492,000 | , |  |
| Indianapolis | 749,000 | 694,000 | 462,000 |  |  |
| Omaha | 2,473,000 | 2,897,000 | 2,139,000 | 71,000 | 40,000 |
| On Canal and | 85,000 | .-.--- | ---.--- | 107,000 |  |

Chart I shows that, despite the cold weather in the Northwest early in
the week, the period as a whole was warmer than normal practically everywhere. The weekly mean temperatures were slightly practically
locally in the extreme Northeast and at a few points in the west Gvif locally in the extreme Northeast and at a few points in the west Gulf
area, but elsewhere they were above the seasonal average, and markedly
so over the greater part of the country, being so over the greater part of the country, being from 8 to 11 deg. warmer than
normal over most of the western halit, and from 4 to 8 deg. over much of the East. In Atlantic coast districts, freezing did not extend farther south than eastern Virginia, but in the Gulf area the freezing line reached the
central portions of Alabama and Mississippi, while in Texas it advanced
well to the southern portion of the State. In the interior, sub-zer weather well to the southern portion of the State. In the interior, sub-zero weather
was reported to the central Great Plains, but in the East there were no
below-zero Chart II shows that heavy to excessive rains occurred throughout the Over the area between the Mississippi River and Rocky Mountains, precipitation was generally light, with many stations receiving inappreciable
amounts. In Atlantic States it was generally moderate to heavy some excessive falls in the more Southeastern districts and further genernowfalls in middle and north Atlantic sections. While there was some interruption to farm work in the Southeastern
States by rainfall, the additional moisture was beneficial and the soil is now generally in good condition. Plowing and other preparation for the same time, fruit trees continued to as the weather prematurely, although, at the
sool
period was favorable in causing some retardation. In fact, vegetation is prematurely advanced throughout the south, with some early fruit trees In the Southwest the generally drier weather was favorable in Texas where plowing was resumed, but in the northwestern Cotton Belt, particu-
larly in Oklahoma, the soil continued too wet for working and the usual farm operations are much behind an average season. There was still
some cotton picking in that area, while a little cotton was planted in ex-
treme southern Texas. with much land ready for this crop in the extreme southeastern Cotton Belt, Frost cansed some finjury to tender vegetation in Texas and probably slight damage to early fruit in parts of the SouthIn the lower Missouri Valley the warmer and drier weather was favorthe interior valley States the soil was generally too wet for working. West of the Rocky hauntains generous precipitation in most sections was bene-
ficial, except that damage resulted from heavy rains and slides in the far
Southwest, particularly in parts of southern SMALL, GRAINS. - Over the of southern portion of the Whif.
fleds were covering in the snow during most of the week, although there was a area. Some unfavorable thawing and freezing conditions mere reported
in the northwestern portion of the belt and some heaving apparently in satisfactory condition in most sections. In the continues souri Valley, fields are greening up and they are furnishing pasturage in
parts of Kansas, although continuing bare in the northwestern portion of parts of kancas, although continuing bare in the northwestern portion of
that state. In southwestern districts the progress of wheat is good, and
the increased moisture in the Southeast has been very beneficial to all the increased moisture in
cereal crops in that section.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:
generous rains. Mostly favorable for farm week; cooler latter part, with retarded development of fruit buds. Considerable progress in planting North Carolina.-Raleigh:
day; decided drop to normal or slightly below thereafter until Friheavy rain over most of State Saturday and Sunday. Lower tempera-
tures latter part of week favorable in checking fruit buds, which are too
far advanced. Pastures improved. Wheat and oats rather too far far advanced. Pastures improved. Wheat and oats rather too far ad-
vanced. Rye, lettuce and cabbage doing well. Planting potatoes, beets
and carrots.
soil generally fine for plowing, which progressed favorably 18 th and and wet in northwest. Mild weather developed peach buds about two weeks plums and strawberries blooming rather freely. Winter cereais, Pears, Georgia.-Atlanta. Beneficial rains in const planting continues bring delayed by frequency of rains elsewhere. Heavy frost Monday to southern limit of State, with probably very moderate damage to peaches ficiently cold to damage cereals, which are growing rapidlyer not sufin beds well advanced. Bedding sweet potatoes and sowing seed cane Florida.- Jacksonville: Light frost in west and interior of extreme north. improved soil throughout section and benefited melons, early corn tobaci beds, oats, potatoes, other truck and ranges. Citrus, groves show, tobacco improvement; leafing where defoliated, and much bloom in some districts.
Tomato planting continued in central. Satsuma groves in west budding.
Potato planting continued. Much land ready for Alabama.-Montgomery: Temperature decidedly below normal Sunday seasonably warm. General, locally heavy rains middle of week week unwork progressed slowly. Oats growing well. Planting potatoes becoming general; sweet potatoes being bedded in south. Pastures improving and
truck doing well in south. Peaches, pears and plums blooming in nearly truck doing, well in south. Peaches, pears and plums blooming in nearly
all sections; possibly damaged somewhat in north by freeze. Satsuma trees budding.
-Vicksburg: Frequent light rains in extreme north, with generally excessive rains elsewhere. Relatively cool Saturday to Monday: otherwise unseasonably warm. Vegetation generally advanced beyond
average seasonal development. Farm work fair progress to Thursday Pastures and truck good progress.
Louisiana.-New Orleans: Mid
middle of week, but no freezing and no crop damage reported. cold wave rainfall Friday delayed drying soil for plowing and planting. Moderate up. Some corn planted on high land. Strawberries beginging to ripen
and appearing on market. Cane doing well; flooding rains of previous Texas.-Houston: Cold wave middle of week and frost nearly to coast,
with some damage to tender vegetation. Light rainfall favorable for field work and plowing resumed. Some corn and cotton planted in exstrawberries good. Truck shipments continue large pastures, truck, and Oklahoma.- Oklahoma City: Early part of week unseasonably warm,
followed by cold wave, with rain turning to snow. Farmers far behind and wet soil. Some oats sown and potating account inclement weather a little cotton. Winter grains satisfactory progress and generally good
condition. Pastures fair. condition. Pastures fair.
Arkansas.-Little Roc
where rain, snow, sleet, and frozen ground interfered. Wheat in north meadows, and pastures good. Peaches blooming in south; soame killed rye,
freeze; buds pink in north. Sowing oats, and planting potatoes and gardens. Radishes ready for market in two weeks. hastened budding of fruit trees and some early varieties flooming. Growth of all vegetation stopped by freezes second half, but no damage apparent to fruit. Winter grains and pastures continue in good to excellent condition.
Ground too wet for plowing. half. - Growth and budding checked by high first half; below normal last


## COTTON

New York, Friday Night, Feb. 25, 1927.
Textile markets have continued firm and active during the current week. One of the most interesting developments was the price advances of from 5 to 10 cents per pound for various grades of rayon yarns. It was claimed
that the latter are being sold and shipped in excess of production, while demand for finished fabrics continues on a liberal scale. In view of this increase in business, it is expected that if orders during the next thirty days are as numerous as they have been since the beginning of the year, there will be a distinct shortage and a scramble on the part of buyers to provide for second quarter requirements. Even now, some of the manufacturers are said to have run out of certain lower grades, while the finer ones解 As to silk goods, although the total volume of saleg was below par, a further expansion in demand was noted. This vas particularly true of printed lines, crepes, metallic fects, sheer taffetas and some of the staples. Prices for the raw material were about 25 cents above the low levels. of the season and evidently factors were coming to realize that if they wait much longer for lower prices based on the primary market, they will probably lose much business. Besides this, stocks have been materially reduced, which has resulted in factors taking a more optimistic view of the situation than for some time past. In regard to the floor covering division, nearly all of the selling agencies have been highly pleased with the volume of business during the current month. The market has displayed a firm undertone, mills have maintained their list prices and jobbers and retailers have been purchasing larger quantities. It is expected that the current volume of sales will continue throughout the month of March.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.-Markets for domestic cotton goods maintained a firm undertone during the week. A feature was the active demand for wash goods of all kinds from all sections of the country, and repeat orders especially from the South, suggesting an early start at reailing in that section. Among the more popular items have been printed cottons, rayon mixtures, tissues, swisses and ginghams. Orders have been so large that it was believed in the event of the current persistent demand being maintained a shortage will develon soon, due to the lack of mill preparation. As to ginghams, business has been steadily improving and was currently claimed to be much better than for some time past. Printed fabrics were selling much more freely, especially as the current style trend is toward white grounds with tiny bright colors and novelties in black and white. Demand for sheers has become increasingly active and it is expected that these will be a leading fabric for Spring and Summer wear. Orders have been particularly large for such cloths as dimities, batists, etc. The current season's lines of these goods are the most attractive ever offered to the trade and it was held that their unusual beauty and coloring was in a large way responsible for the attention they have been receiving. In the gray goods divi sion prices have been firmer and not a few constructions are expected to be advanced shortly in view of their increasing scarcity and the premiums they command for early delivery. The outlook for price advances is particularly held probable for denims, which have been stronger and tending higher following the receipt of large orders. It is said that mills are well sold up and that constant requests for prompt shipment indicate a broad consumption. Print cloths 28 -inch $64 \times 64$ 's construction are quoted at $51 / 4 \mathrm{c}$, and 27 -inch $64 \times 60$ 's at $43 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Gray goods in the 39 -inch $68 \times 72$ 's construction are quoted at $73 / 4 \mathrm{c}$, and 39 -inch 80 x 80 's at 10 c . WOOLEN GOODS.-On Monday this week the American Woolen Co. opened their men's fancy woolens and worsteds for Fall at prices approximating those recently established on the staple fabrics. For the most part the new prices were on a par with those prevailing for the Spring season and while none was lower, some showed increases from $2 \frac{1}{2}$ to 5 cents. The new offerings included worsted mixtures and fancy woolen and worsted suitings and top coatings. The general market was favorably impressed by the new levels. The showings were well attended and the firmer appearance of the market has been an encouraging feature. Other producers have been following fast with their lines and it was held possible that practically all of the principal lines will be shown by the end of the month. In the women's wear division one of the leading independents showed its lines of Fall dress goods. This was the first one to get under way, and the others are not expected to follow before the first week of March. Prices were reported to be on a par with Spring levels, indicating a steady to firm trend in values.
FOREIGN DRY GOODS.-Strength of primary markets was an encouraging feature in the linen market. However, price advances of $5 \%$ in Czecho-Slovakia and other Coninental markets and 2 to $3 \%$ in Irish and Scotch markets have not as yet found reflection in domestic markets. This has been due to the fact that importers have considerable orders placed at the old levels, while furthermore domestic competition has been keen enough to force the maintenance of current prices. Nevertheless it is claimed that it is only a question of time before the higher primary costs wil be reflected here. In the meantime, most houses are said to have been transacting a larger business since the first of the year than they did for the corresponding period of 1926 . Little change has been noted in the burlap market, as buying has continued light. Lightweights are quoted at 6.40 c , and heavies at 8.70 c .

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## MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN JANUARY.

We present herewith our detailed list of the municipal bond issues put out during the month of January, which the crowded condition of our columns prevented our publishing at the usual time.
The review of the month's sales was given on page 820 of the "Chronicle" of Feb. 5. Since then several belated January returns have been received, changing the total for the month to $\$ 171,072,218$. The number of municipalities issuing bonds in January was 338 and the number of
separate issues 471.



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822-Gordon, Tex
$541-$ Grainton, Neb.............

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541_- Greenburgh,-- Greenville
Water Dist., N. Y. 541-Greenwood Co., So. Caro43/
541 Grosse Pointe Twp. Rural
Agric. S. D. No. 1. $\begin{array}{lll}\text { 541-Hackensack, Minn } & \\ \text { 822-Hamblen County, Tenn-51/4 } & 1930-1955 \\ 5411-H a m i t o n \text { County, Ohio-41/2 } & 1928-1937\end{array}$

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$1932-1936$ \& 25,000 \& 102.40 \& 5.33 <br>
$1930-1947$ \& 40,000 \& 100 \&..- <br>
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 $\begin{array}{cccc}1928-1953 & 120,000 & 300,000 & 10 \overline{3} .27 \\ 1928-1957 & 2.315,000 & 102.073 & 4.65\end{array}$ 

\& 50,000 \& 94 \& <br>
\hline $1928-1937$ \& 17,062 \& 101.50 \& 4.68 <br>
30 years \& 90,000 \& 101 \& 4.94 <br>
$1928-1937$ \& 9,830 \& 105.91 \& 4.74
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677_- Pocatello, Idaho
824 Polk Co. Spec. Tax S. D.
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 The following items included in our totals for previous months should be eliminated from the same. We give the page number of the issue of our paper in which reasons for these eliminations may be found.


We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:

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|  | 1946 | 1,000 | 100 |  |



Total amount of debentures sold during
January

## NEWS ITEMS

Denver (City and County of), Colo.-Tax Exemptions Total $\$ 56,800,000$. Clem W. Collins, City Manager, announced Feb. 11 that Denver property worth more than $\$ 56,800,000$ is exempt from all taxes. The total amount of property subject to taxation in the city and county of Denver is valued at $\$ 430,349,870$. With regard to the above the Denver "Rocky Mountain News" of Feb. 12 said:
Property of the city and county, exempt under the present statutes, is
worth about $\$ 11,964,870$ a according to Collins. This property consists of worth about $\$ 11,964,870$, according to Collins. This property consists of
public buildings, fire stations, libraries, parks and playgrounds and other pubiric buildings, fire
Other exempt property consists of charitable institutions, made up of
hospitals, orphanages, homes, fraternal and miscellaneous property belonging to charities, valued at $\$ 8,120,110$.
announcement stated. This group of prom taxation under laws, the
 boys, the Colorado seminary and various colleges, the total value or which
is $\$ 1.569,940$. F . announcement stated churches, parsonages and church equipment valued at $\$ 7,266,140$ have been exempted.
Property of the State situated within the city limits is also exempt. This property, consisting of public buildings school lands and other miscel-
laneous property bolonging to the State, is valued at $99,219,160$.
The statutes also exempt from taxation all property of the United States

Department of Antioquia (Republic of Colombia). - $\$ 2,500,000$ Bonds Floated in United States.-Blair \& Co., of $\$ 2,500,0007 \% 20$-year secured sinking fund gold bonds series C, of the Department of Antioquia (Republic of Colombia) at $961 / 2$ and interest to yield $7.35 \%$ to final maturity. Date July 1 1925. Coupon bonds in denom. of $\$ 1,000$, $\$ 500$ and $\$ 100$ registerable as to principal only. Prin. and int. (J. \& J.) payable in U. S. gold coin at the office of Blair \& Co., Inc., New York, fiscal agents, free of all taxes, present or future, of the Department of Antioquia and the Republic of Colombia.
Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

Jefferson City, Cole County, Mo. $\$ 120,000,000$ Road Bond Issue A pproved by Senate Roads Committee. The Senate Roads Committee reported favorably on the Malang proposal for a $\$ 120,000,000$ bond issue, half to be used for the completion of the present State highway system of 7,640 miles, and the remainder to be apportioned among various counties and the City of St. Louis on the basis of automobile registration, no county to receive less than $\$ 150,000$. Concerning the proposal the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of Feb. 18, said further:
This proposal, which would be voted on at the next general election if
passed by the Lexislature, is believed to have had the support of the Autopassed by the Legislature, is believed to have had the support of the Auto-
mobile Club of Missouri. St. Louis and Kansas City would share in the distribution Other incorporated muncicipalitises would shate in in os of ar as
the improvement of streets used for connections of State highways is concerned.
Consideration of this measure will put squarely up to the Senate the
subject of determining whether the state is to adopt the pay-as-you-go slan or carry on road construction through a bond issue. Theo Gary, who retired about three months ago as Chairman of the State Highway Commission, it is understood, favors the pay-as-you-go plan of
completing the State road system, as does B. H. Piepmeier, who retired a few weeks ago as Chief Engineer.
The House Roads Committeer reported adversely a proposal to increase
the state gasoline tax from 2 to 3 cents and to apportion one-third among counties on a basis of road mileage.
Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minn.- $\$ 1,160,700$ School Bond Program Approved.-The building of a girls' vocational school to cost $\$ 900,000$ and the Nokomis junior high school to cost $\$ 475,000$ is assured as the result of action by the board of estimate and taxation in approving a school bond program for 1927 amounting to $\$ 1,160,700$.

New York City.-Comptroller Berry Indicates City Tax Rate Reduction for 1927. -That the city's tax rate for 1927 would be lower than the previous year has been indicated by Comptroller Berry. The new rate, it is thought, will be 2.66 instead of 2.68 , the 1926 rate. With regard to this tax rate reduction the "Journal of Commerce" of Feb. 19 said:
Comptroller Berry explained that this bright outlook was based on a compilation made by the Department of Taxes and Assessments. Showing
that the real estate of Newv York City will pay approximately one billion and a half dollars of the one billion six hundred thousand increased assess Somewhat responsible for this ressult is is the fact that the reduction of
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assessments. which was expected to reach $\$ 400,000,000$, will only amount assessments, whic
to $\$ 100,000,000$.
$\$ 250,000,000$ Debt Limil.
It is expected by the Comptroller that the new computation of the city
debt limit, which is to be presented on March and against which corporate stock may be issued, will be about $\$ 250,000,000$. Of this sum the Board of Transporta Delaney, has put in a claim rocity outlined some improvements that the
 for debt limit is $\$ 20,000,000$ higher than that given out two weeks ago the corporate stock and serial bond issue available to the city outlined some
of the proiects that will have to be financed by the city this year. For docks and hospitals $\$ 20,000,000$ will be set aside for Huter College
Fand City College building improvements, $\$ 35,000.000$ for street improveand City College building improvements, $\$ 35,000,000$; for street improve
ments, $\$ 15,000,000$; for subway contracts extensions on contracts Nos. 3 ments, $\$ 15,000,000$; for subway contracts extensions on contrats
and 4 . $\$ 5,000,000$. and for judgments and contingencies, 15.000 .000

120,000,000 for Subways.
Together this makes a total of $\$ 90,000,000$, and $30,000,000$ has to be set aside for emergencies. struction, are will construction, if that much
Waterloo, Black Hawk County, Iowa.-Attorney General Declares Park Bond Issue Legal.-In answer to an inquiry by W. H. Hamner, Chief Clerk in the municipal accounting department of the State Auditor's office, Attor-ney-General John Fletcher declared that in his opinion Waterloo's park bond issues, the legality of which was questioned because the bonds were not voted upon by the people, are valid. The question was first raised by the taxing department of one of the railroads running through the city Concerning the matter, we quote the following from the Waterloo "Courier" of Feb. 14:

Provides for Bonds.
Section 5800 of the code, 1924, provides that cities may issue bond in the amounts needed for the purpose of paying for real estate for parks notwithstanding the imitations of section ozta, providall not be in exces of the sums specified therein," says the Attorney-General
"Section 6238 provides the limitation of indebtedness that may be in-
curred by any political or mumicipal corporation in any manner, for its gen curred by any political or municipal corporation in any manner, for its gen-
eral and ordinary purposes, which may not exceed in the aggregate of $1 / 4 \%$ eral and ordinary purposes, which may not exceed
of the actual taxable value of property within the corporation.

No Provision for Election.
"There is no provision in Chapter 293, relating to park commissioners or any other part of the statute, requiring the holding or an election to vote of tection 5800 .
on the the the of cities and towns and re" "Chapter 319, relating to the inguestion of submitting bonds for certain purposes does not apply to issuing bonds for park purposes under the pro-
visions of Section 5800 . The statute relating to park commissioners is separate and distinct, and is complete in itself. park bond issue referred to is "Werfectily legal,"

## BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

this week have been as follows:
AKRON, Summit County, Ohio-BOND OFFERING.-B. J. Hill Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m . Mar. 21 for the fol000: $\$ 3,000,000$ sewage disposal bonds. Due $\$ 120,000$ Oct. 11928 to 1952 incl, 200,060 street impt. bonds. Due $\$ 20,000$ Oct. 11928 to 1937 incl.
350,000 water works bonds. Due $\$ 14,000$ Oct. 11928 to 1952 incl.
Dated April 1 1927. Denom. S1,000. Prin. and int. (A. \& O.) payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. Dity. A certined check for $2 \%$
ALBION SCHOOL DISTRICT, Calhoun County, Mich.-BOND
 incl. $\$ 4.000$ 1948 and $1949: \$ 4,500 \quad 1950, \$ 5,000-1951$ to 1955 , incl., andi
$\$ 6.000$ and 1956 and 1957 A certified check for $\$ 1,000$, payable to the public
schools of Albion, is required.

ATLANTIC CITY, Atlantic County, N. J.-BOND SALE.-The


S1,314,000 general improvement bonds. Due March 1 as follows: $\$ 40,000$
192 to 1934 incl. $\$ 50.000195$ to 1941, incl.; $\$ 54,0001942$ to
1953 incl


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Taylor \& Co., Kountze Bros....
 Redmond \& CB..J. A. DeCamp \& Co

AUBURN, Cuyahoga County, N. Y- BOND OFFERING.-A. D.

 N. Y. City Legality approved by

Financial Statement as of January 11927.
Assessed valuation, real estate---1.- $\qquad$

$\begin{array}{r}-\$ 27,336,485 \\ -980,007 \\ \hline\end{array}$

Sinking fund applicable for retirement of water bonds.

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Net debt under constitutional limit BALDWIN CITY, Douglas County, Kan.-BOND DESCRIPTION.-
 incl. Interest payable $\perp$. \& A. 468 38. Due serially Aug. 11928 to 1946
BARRINGTON, Camden County, N. J.-BOND SALE.-R. M
Grant \& Co. of New Yorl have purchased the following three issues of
$51 / 2 \%$ bonds aggregating $\$ 54,000$ : $\$ 14,000$ street
$\$ 14,000$ street grading bonds.
20,000 curbs and gutters bonds.
20,000 sidewalk bonds.
20,000 sidewalk bonds.
Due July 1 as follows: $\$ 36,000,1932$, and $\$ 18,000,1936$,
AEDFORD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.-BOND OFFERING.-E. L.

 Is required
BELOIT, Rock County, Wis.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 250,00041 / \%$ to the Hlinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicaso at a premium of $\$ 895$, equal to 100.35 a basis of about $4.21 \%$ Dated March 111927 . Due as foilows:
$\$ 10.000$, 1928 to 1937 incl., and $\$ 15,000$, 1938 to 1947 incl.
Other bidders were: Braminner.

Bidders- $\quad$ Premium. Bidders-


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| Trust \& Sav. Bank, Ohic_- | 42900 | Heloit State Bank, Beloit_-: | 5300 |

BEREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cuyahoga County, Ohio- BOND sealed bids intil 12 m . March 14 for $\$ 600,00041 / 2 \%$ schacol coupon bonds. to 1951, inclusive. Principal and interest (A. \& O .) payable at the office of the clerk Board of Education. A certified check for $5 \%$ of the amount
of the bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, is required BERLIN, Worcester County, Md-BOND SALE.-Townsend Scott \& BEXLEY (P. O. Columbus), Franklin County, Ohio--BOND SALE aggregating $\$ 46,025$, offered on Feb. 21 ( V . 124 . 673 ) wesment bonds, the Herrick Co. of oleveland at a premium of $\$ 406$, equal to 100.88 , a 5.200 Diout $4.73 \%$ :
$\$ 5,200$ District No. 4 bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$, one for $\$ 200$. Due Oct. 1 9,600 District No. 3 bonds.
 16,075 District No. 3 bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$, one for $\$ 500$, 1932 . $\$ 575$. Due Oct. 1 as follows: $\$ 3,000,1928$ to 1930 , inclusive, and
$\$ 3,500$. 1931 and $\$ 3,575,1932,010$

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BILOXI, Harrison County, Miss.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 223,000$

BIRMINGHAM, Jefferson County, Ala.-BOND ofFERING.-

 Bank. New York City. A Certitited check, payable to the cityer for $1 \%$ onal
the bid. required. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood \& Hofman,
New York City.

BIRMINGHAM, Jefferson County, Ala.-BOND ELECTION.-On Aril 12 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question
of issuing $\$ 3,500,000$ shoo of issuing $\$ 3,500,000$ school bonds.
County, O.-BOND OFFERING. O. Foland R. D. No. 2), Mahoning Trustess, will receive sealed bids until 12 m . March 2 for $\$ 15,0005 \%$ fire
 certified check for $\$ 750$, payable to the Olerk Board of Trustees, is required. BOONE COUNTY (P. O. Fowler), Ind-BOND SALEE.-The $\$ 10,000$
 BOYD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (P. O. Lynch), Neb.\$21.000 $5 \%$ rrefunding scthol Trust Co. of Omaha hat purchased an issue of
$\$ 1,000$. Due May 11947 optional
Dated May 11927 . Denom. payab. at the County Treasurer May 1 1932. Prin. and int. M. © N. . . .
man, Cutler \& Pariker of Chicago.

Assessed valuational \& Financial Statement.
Total bonded debt
now informed by Palm Beach County, Fla.- BIDS REJECTED.-We are for the $\$ 350,0006 \%$ coupon street improvement bonds offered or Feb. 63
(V. 124, p. 1097). The bonds will most likely be disposed of at orit Wiliam BETON, CumberlandrCounty, N. J.- BOND OFFERING.Wiliam B. Boone, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 8 p . m . agrageting $\$ 142,00$ :
$\$ 117,000$ sewer system, series J, bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due $\$ 3,000$, 25,000 2sshalt street paving mixing plant, series I, bonds. Denom.
Dated $\$ 500$ Due $\$ 2,500,1928$ to 1937 incl. Dated April 11927 . No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a
premium or $\$ 1,000$ over each of the above issues. A certified check for
220 of the and
BRONXVILLE, Westchester County, N. Y.-BOND ofFERING.Jerry i Lor $\$ 75,000$ 41/2\% street improvement bonds. Date Dec 11927 . Denom. \$1,000, Due \$5.000 Dec. 191927 to bonds. Date Dec. 11927 . 19 inclusive. Interest
payable J. \& D. Legality will be approved payable J. \& D. Legality will be approved by Thomson, Wood \& Hoff-
man. New York Oity. A certified check for $2 \%$ of the par value of the man, New York city. A certified check for $2 \%$ or the par value of the
bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required. The above
supersedes the ereport supersedes the report given in V. 124, p. 953 .
BROOKLINE, Norfolk County, Mass.-NOTE OFFERING.-Albert P. Brigg, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m . Feb. Abert 28 for
the purchase on a discount basis of $\$ 300,000$ revenue notes. Dated Feb. 28
1927 Due Oct. 28 . 1927 . BROWARD COUNTY (P, O. Fort Lauderdale), Fla--BOND OF
FERING.-Frank A. Bryan, Clerk Board

 to 1949 .incl. Coupon bonds registerable as to principal only Prin. and
int. ( $\&$. payable in New York City. The bonds will be prepared
und. City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures oo the of ficialis and the seal impressed thereon. A certified check for 2 . of the of bid
required. Leality to be approved by Thomson. Wood \&ofman, New
York City. These are the bonds mentioned in.
BROWNSVILLE, Cameron County, Tex.-BOND SALE. The fol-
lowing three issues of bonds aggregating $\$ 500.000$ offered on Feb. 18 V. 124, p. 109 - Were a warded to A. C. Allyn \& Co. of Chicago at a premium
of S1.927 50 , equal to 100.38: $\$ 300.000$ street bonds.
$100,000 ~ s e w e r ~ b o n d s . ~$

## 100,000 sewer bonds 100,000 water and light extension bonds.

CANNON FALLS, Goodhue County, Minn.-BOND SALE.-The were awarded to George Wilsont of Cannon Falls as 5s at par. 17 (V. 124, D. 821 )
Dated Dec. 1
CARLISLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cumberland County, Pa, -
BOND OFFERING. Thos. E. Vale, Secretary, Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids unt11 12 m . Mar. 7 for $\$ 78,000{ }^{4} 41 \%$ coupon or re ristered


CARROLL COUNTY (P. O: Delphi), Ind.-BOND OFFERRING.-
Sead bids will be received untii 2 p. m. to-day (Feb. 26) by the County
Treasurer, for $\$ 2 ; .000$ road bonds. Treasurer, for $\$ 2$
CARROLL COUNTY (P. O. Carrollton), Ohio-CORRECTION.The amount of the bonds awarded to W. K. Terry \& Co, of T
Feb. $4-\mathrm{V} .124$, p. $953-\mathrm{is} \$ 81,80177$, not $\$ 1,80177$ as reported.
CASEY COUNTY (P. O. Liberty), Ky . - PRICE PAID-MATURITY.二V. 124...953- Was par. The bonds mature $\$ 10,000$ in each of the years CATAHOULA PARISH SUB-ROAD DISTRICT NO. 6 (P, O. Harrisonburg), La.-BOND OFFERING.-H. M. Krause, President Police
Jury, will receive sealed bids until March 14 for $\$ 15,0006 \%$ road bonds.
CENTRAL CITY, Merrick County, Neb--BOND SALEE-The Peters
Trust Co. of Omaha has purchased the following two issues of $4 \% \%$ bonds

 10,500 Intersection paving bonds. Due Feb. 15 as follows: $\$ 1,500,1928$;
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Assessed valuation (1926 the above issues) Sinking f
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CHEYENNE, Laramie County, Wyo.-BOND SALE.-The State of
Wyoming has purchased an issue of $\$ 250,00041 / 2 \%$ water works extension-
bonds at par.
CHILLICOTHE, Ross County, Ohio.-BOND offering.-B. M.
 follows $\$ 2.000,1928$ to 1942 incl. and $\$ 1,000$, 1943 to 1952 incl. Prin.
fond int. (J. $\& J$, payale and int. (J. \& J.) payable at the city Treasurer's office. Acertified check
for $2 \%$ of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the city Treasurer, is
required.
CHINOOK, Blaine County, Mont.-BOND ELECTION
tion will be held on May 2 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing
$\$ 7,500$ water main extension bonds.
(P. O. Candy Cas COUNTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 on Feb. 21 (V. 124, p. 953 ) were awarded to Peirce. Fair \& Co. of Portland
 $\$ 3,500,1933 ; \$ 4,000,1934$ to 1937 incl.; $\$ 5.00,1938$ to 1940 incl.; $\$ 6,000$,
1941 to 1944 incl., and $\$ 7,000,1945$ to 1947 incl.
CLAY COUNTY (P. O. Bedford), Ind.-BONDS OFFERED.- Sealed
bids were received until Feb. 23 by the County Treasurer for $\$ 98,400$ road
bonds bonds.
EORONADO BEACH, Volusia County, Fla.- BOND OFFERING.-

 (J. \& J.) payabie at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Yrincipal and int. Stat for $2 \%$ of the bid of New Smyrna. A certified check payable to the
City
 p. 2680 ).

Dean, Village Clerk, will receive cealed bids untill 12 m. March 19 for $\$ 96.000$ $51 / 2$ \% water works bonds. Dated Jan. 11927 Denom. $\$ 1.000$. Due
84.000 Sept. 11928 to 1955 incl 84, 000 Sept. 11928 to 1951 incl. Int. payable M. \& S. A certified check
for 10 . of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer.
is required.


Inter-county highway bonds (Sec. 1223 G. C.) )

Sewer bonds
Water bonds
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 Population (Census), 1920, 963,40; 1027 (estimated), 1,202,000
DALLAS COUNTY (P. O. Dallas), Texas,-PRICE PATD-DE-SORIPTION.-The price paid for the 865,000 coupon hall of record bonds was 99.50: The bonds bear int. at the rate of $5 \%$ and are described
follow: Date Feb. 192 1927 . Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due serially 1928 to 1932 incl. Int. payable F , \& A.
DARDANELLE PAVING DISTRICT NO. 1 ( $\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{O}$. Dardanelle), Yel County, Ark- BOND SALE.-M. W. Elkins \& Co. of Dittle recially 1929 to 1947 incl.
DELAWARE COUNTY (P. O. Delaware), O.-BOND OFFERRING.W, J. Main, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive seaier
bids until 2 p. M. March 8 for $\$ 26.0005 \%$ road bonds. Dated March 8
 DENNISON, Tuscarawas County, O-BOND SALE.- The \$13,ment bonds offered on Aus. 28-V. 123, p. 740 -were awarded to Season-
 basis or about' $4.95 \%$ Date April 1 1926. Due $\$ 692.06$ April
$\$ 700$ Oct. 11927 and $\$ 700$ April 1 and Oct. 1928 to 1936 , incl.
DE SOTA COUNTY (P O. Arcadia), FIa.-BOND SALE. - The
$\$ 150,00051 / 2 \%$ hospital bonds offerde on Feb. 17-V. 124, p. 674 -were s150,000 $51 / 2 \%$ hospital bonds offerde on Feb. . awarded to Wright; Warlow \& Co. of orlando at 101 a basis of about
$5.40 \%$. Dated Nov. 11925 . Due $\$ 5.000$ Nov. 11928 to 1957 incl.
DIXON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70 (P. O. Allen), Neb. BOND ELECTION.-On March 5 an election will be held for the purpose
DODGE CITY, Ford County, Kan.-PRE-ELECTTION SALE.The Shawnee Investment Co. of Topeka has purchased an issue of $\$ 250,000$
$43 \%$ school bonds at a premium of $\$ 2,275$, equal to 100.91 , subject to an election to be held soon.
DONNA, Hidalgo County, Texas.-BONDS REGISTEERED.-The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Feb.
$6 \%$ irrigation improvement bonds. Due serially.
DOTHAN, Houston County, Ala.- BOND SALE. Caldwell \& Co
of Nashville have purchased an issue of 820,000 refunding bonds at par.
DURHAM, Durham County, No. Caro- - BOND SALE. -The following three issues of bonds, aggeregating $\$ 1,900,000$, offered on Feb. 21 V. 124 . . $1098-$ were awarded to a syndicate composed of the First Na-
tional Bank, Halser, Stuart \& Co.. Redmond \& Co. and Rogers Caldwell tional Bank, Halsev, Stuart \& Co. Redmond \& Co and Rogers Cald wivel
\& Co., all of New York city and the First Nationai Bank of Durham, as \& Co., all of New York City, and the First National Bank obourr.4am, $\$ 1,000,000$ street impt. bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: $\$ 55,000,1929$ to 800,000 water works en $\$ 50,000,1939$ to 1947, incl.
 to 1951, incl., $\$ 25,000,1952$ to 1959 incl., and $\$ 30,000,1960$
to 1967 , incl.
100,000 stret widening and extension bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows
$\$ 2,000,1930$ to 1973, incl., and $\$ 3,000$, 1974 to 1977 , incl.
Date Jan. $\begin{aligned} \$ 2,000.1927 .\end{aligned}$

- EASTCHESTER (P. O. Tuckahoe), Westchester County, N. Y.-

 and $\$ 5.000,1929$ to 1941 incl. Prin. and int. (M. \&\& S.) payable in good
at the First National Bank \& Trust Co., Tuckahoe. A certified check for at the First National Bank \& Trust Co., T
$\$ 1,500$, payable to the Town, is required.

EASTCHESTER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Bronxville, Westchester County, N. Y. - BONDD
Randolph. District Olerk, will receive sealed bids until $8: 30 \mathrm{p}$. m. March 7 for the folloving two issues of $4,41 / 2$ or $41 / 2 \%$ coupon or registered school
fonds aggregating $\$ 176,000$ : bonds aggregating $\$ 176,000$
$\$ 76,000$ series A bonds.
$\$ 2.000,1940$ to 1948 incl. 1 as follows: $\$ 3,000,1949$ to 1952 incl.; $\$ 8,000,1959$ incl. $\$ 2,000$. 1940 to 1948 incl. $\$ 3.000$,
to 1955 incl and $810.000,1956$. 100,000 series B Bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: $\$ 3,000,1928$ to 1949 incl.: Dated Dec. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. \& D.) payable Legality will be approved by Thomson Wood \& Ho New York exchange. A certified check for $2 \%$ of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the

EAST CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.-BOND OFFERING. - Mar. 14 for $\$ 93,500$ special assessment coupocenve bealed bids until 12 m . Due Oct. 1 as follows: $\$ 9,500,1928: \$ 9,000,1929$ to 1934 incl., and $\$ 10,000$. 1935 to 1937 incl. Prin and int. (A. \& O.) payable at the Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland. A certiriedineck is required.
EDGAR, Clay County, Neb.-BOND SALE.-The Clay County State Bank of Edgar has purchased an ind truck bonds at par.
ELKHART COUNTY (P. O. Goshen), Ind- BOND SALE.-The D. 822 -were awarded to J. F. Wild of Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of p. 822 -were awar to 103.02 a basis of
\$2.785.
Due $\$ 4,600 \mathrm{May} 151928$ to 194 incl

ENTERPRISE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.-P warded to Dean Witter \& Oo. of San Francisco

Due Nov.
inclusive.
 ERIE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Erie County, Pa.-BOND OFFERING.until $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. March 15 for $\$ 500,00041 / 4 \%$ school bonds.
ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.-NOTE SALE.-The following to the Merchants' National Bank of Salem: $3.76 \%$ discount basis plus 5,000 premium of $\$ 145$. Waters River bridge bonds on a $3.67 \%$ discount basis plus a Due July 15 pre of $\$ 065$.
FAIRVIEW, Cuyahoga County, O-BOND SALE.- The $\$ 5,76618$ were awarded to Geo. W. York \& Co.; Cleveland. Date Feb. 1.1927.
Due Oct. 1 as follows: $\$ 1,266$ 18, 1928; $\$ 1,000,1929$ to 1931, incl., and $\$ 1,500,1932$.
FAYETTE COUNTY (P. O. Uniontown), Pa.-BOND SALE.$41 \% \%$ impt. bonds. Coupon bonds reasterable as to principal only as to both prin. and int. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable F . E A . 17 , at
the Count Treasurer. office. Legality appoved by Reed. Smith.
the Shaw \& McClay of Pittsburgh. The bonds are being offered at 101.84
and int., to yield about $4.025 \%$.

## Assessed valuat <br> 

Estimated population 200,000 . Percentage of net bonded
FLORENCE Parico County, No. Caro-BOND debt, 1.78 . H. K. Gllbert, Mayor, will receive sealed bids until $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. March 3 for the 250,000 : three issues of not exceeding $5 \%$ coupon bonds, aggregating $\$ 190,000$ water works and sewer extension bonds. Due March 1 as follows: 40,000 storm drainage system bonds. Due March 1 as follows: $\$ 1,000$.
 Date March 1 1927. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Rate of interest to be in mulinples of $1 /$ or $1-10$ of $1 \%$ one rate to apply to the entire issue. Prin. and
int. (M. \& S.) payable at the Chase National Bank. Now York City. A certified check, payable to A. McTaggart, City Treasurer, for $\$ 5,000$,
required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon \& Vandewater of New York City.
FORT MEYERS, Lee County, Fla.-BOND SALE.-The following p 822 -were awarded to a syndicate composed of W. L. Siayton $\dot{\&}$ CO. nn sor 200,000 water system extension bonds
125,000 playgrounds and recreational bonds.
70,000 gas plant extension bonds.
65,000 fire protection bonds.
Dated April 1 1926. Due April 11956
FORT WAYNE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allen County, Ind.-BOND
 D. 954-were awarded to the First National
premium or $\$ 60$, equal to 10.062 a basis or ab
1927. Due $\$ 5,000$ Narch 11928 to 1947 , incl.

FOUNTAIN SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Greenville), of Deeds, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m . March 11 for $\$ 16,000$ not exceeding $6 \%$ coupon or registered school bonds. Date Feb. 11927 . $1 /$ of $1 \%$ Prin. and Int. (F. \& A. payable at the Hanover National Bank,
New York City. A certified check for $2 \%$ of the bid required. Legality
 approved by Reed These are the bonds mentioned in V. 124. p. 1100.
FRANKFORT, Herkimer County, N. Y.-BOND DESCRIPTION.The $\$ 9,000$ fire truck and equipment bonds reported sold to the National Bank of lion as 6 s in $V$. 124, p. 954, were awaraed at par and are described as follows: Date
$\$ 3,000$, July 11927 to 1929 incl. Int. payable J. \& J.
FRANKLIN COUNTY (P, O. Columbus), O. - BOND SALE.-The bonds efered on Feb. 16-V. 124, p. 674 - were awarded to W . L. Sla vton \&o. of Toledo at a premium of \$180, equal to 101,33, a basis of abou 1929 and Date 1930 , and $\$ 1,000$, 1931 to 1938 incl.
FRANKLIN ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Moundsville), Marshall chased an issue of $\$ 50,000$ road bonds at par
GARFIELD HEIGHTS (P. O. Bedford), Cuyahoga County, O.BOND SALE. - The $\$ 53,0735 \%$ street improvement ere awarded to the
 a basis of about $4.57 \%$. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 as Rollows $\$ 3,073,1928 ; \$ 3.000,192$ to 1932 incl: $\$ 4,000$. 193 .
incl.; \$4,000, 1939, and 83,000 , 1940 to 1944 incl.
GARZA COUNTY (P. O, Post), Texas. - BONDS REGISTERED. The State Comptroller of Texas reatly.
$51 / 2 \%$ refunding bonds. Due serially.
GEORGETOWN, Scott County, Ky.-BOND SALE NOT COM PLETED. The sale of $\$ 50,000$. $43, \%$ sewerage bonds to the Security V. 124, p. $955-$ has not been consummated, as there sseems to have irregularity in the proceedings in connection with the sale.
GEORGIA (State of).-NOTE SALE.-The Atlanta Lowry National Bank of Atlanta
Due Dec. 311927 .
GIBBON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Buffalo County, Neb.-On March 7 an election will be held for th
$\$ 16,0004 \% \%$ school bonds.
GLEASON, Weakley County, Tenn.-PRICE PAID-DESCRIPTION. The price paid for the $\$ 30.000$ water works. $\$ 1,250$, equal to 104.16 , a basis of about $5.51 \%$. The bonds bear interest at the rate of $6 \%$ and mature Sept. 1 as follows: $\$ 1.000$
$\$ 2,000,1940$ to 1945 incl., and $\$ 3,000,1946$ and 1947 .
GOODLAND, Sherman County, Kan.-BOND DESCRIPTION.The $\$ 122,05125.5 \%$ coupon paving bonds purchased by the Fidelity
National Bank of Kansas City, Mo. V. 124 , p. 954 , are described as fol

GRAND HAVEN, Ottawa County, Mich.-BOND SALE.-The
S115.000 water works bonds offered on Feb.'21 (V. $124, \mathrm{p}, 822$ ) wereawarded to the security Trust Co. of Detroit as 41/2 at a premip. of $\$ 1,876$. equal to

GREENWOOD, Leflore County, Miss.-BOND OFFERING. -P . B. Dennis, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. March i for $\$ 1,000$ Due $\$ 1.000,1928$ to 1942 , incl. Prin. and int. (F. \& A.) payable at a place designated by the successful bidder.

HAMDEN (P. O. New Haven), New Haven County, Conn.-BOND until 10 a . m . March 28 for $\$ 10000041 / 2 \%$ school, series of 1927 , coupon
or registered bonds. Dated April 1927 . Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due $\$ 5,000$. April 11930 to 1949 incl. Prin. and int. (A. \& on .). payable at the Hamden
Bank \& Trust Co. The bonds will be prepared under the super Bank \& Trunt Co. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of
the Hamden Bank \& Trust Co. Legality will be approved by Watrous,
Hewitt dheldon \& Gumbart, Hewitt, Sheldon \& Gumbart, New Haven. A certified check for $\$ 2,000$,
payable to the Town, is required. HAMILTON, Butler County, O.-BOND ofFERING.-Harry H
Schuster, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m . March is for Schuster, City, Auditor, Wiil recerve $5 \%$ Fordson Heights special assessment bonds. Dated Feb. 15 for
192700 Denom. Prin. and int. (A. \& O.) parchableer. the otity Treasurer.'s office. A A certifled.
check for $5 \%$ of the amount of the bid, payable to the City Treasurer, is
required.

HASTINGS, Adams County, Neb.-BOND SALE.- The United States
Trust Co. of Omaha purchased on Jan. 10 the following two issues of bonds Trust Co. of Omaha purchased on
agreeating $\$ 83000$.
$\$ 50,0005 \%$ paving district bonds.
$33,000{ }^{439}$ intersection paving bonds.
Dated Feb. 1 1 927 .
TIOENDERSON COUNTY (P. O. Henderson), Ky.-BOND ELEC TION.-An election will be held on March 15 for the purpose of voting on
the question of issuing $\$ 1,000,000$ road bonds.
HIGHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Hillsboro), Ohio-BONDS NOT SOLD
 Auditor.
HOOPESTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Vermilion County, III. BOND DESSCRIPTION. - The $\$ 115,000$ coupon school building bonds re-
 HUNNEWALL, Sumner County, Kan-PRICE PAID.-The price paid for the $85, \mathrm{Co0} 5 \%$ electric light bonds awarded to the Farmers. State
Bank of Humnevall V . 124, p. 953 --was par. The bonds mature $\$ 500$,
1927 to 1936 inclusive. HURDSFIELD, Wells County, No. Dak.-BOND OFFERING.-

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY (P. O. Vero Beach), Fla.-BOND OF-


 $\$ 675,1928 ; \$ 50,192$ to 1931 , incl., $\$ 1,000,1932$ and $\$ 500,1933$ to 1936
incl. A certified check for $5 \%$, of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to
the City Treasure is required. JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 4 (P. O. Marianna), 19 (V. 124, p. 675) were awarded to George M. Thomas of Marianed on Feb.
Dated July 1926 . Due serially 1927 to 195 incl. JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO
Fla.-BOND SALENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 915.000 (P. O. Marianna), 19 V. 124, p. 675 w. were awarded to George $M$. Thomas of Marfered on Feb.
Dated Jan. 1927 . Due serially 1928 to 197 incl JACK
JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 118 (P. O. Marion Feb. 19 (V. 124, p. 675 ). Were a warded to G . M. Thomas of Marianna at
95 . Dated July 1 . 1926 . Due serially.
JACKSONVILLE, Cherokee County, Tex.-BONDS REGISTERED. $51 / 2 \%$ sewer bonds. Due serially. JACK
$t_{\text {two }}$ issues of $5 \%$ coupon bonds, anty, Fla.- BOND SALE.-The following vilie at a p. 1098) were awarded to the Florida Nationar Bank of Jackson$\$ 660,000$ water works and impt. bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: $\$ 100,000$, 100,000 water works and, improvernent, bonds (third series 1926). Due Date Jan. 11927 . 11935 and 1936.
JAMESTOWN, Chautauqua County, N. Y.-BOND OFFERING.March 10 for $\$ 750,0004$ or $415 \%$ school coupon or registered bond.
 194 incl. Prin. and int. A. \& 4 . payable in N. N. Nity. Lerality
will be approved by Thomson, Wood \& Hofman, N. Y. City. A certified
check for $\$ 15,000$, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

JASPER COUNTY (P, O. Rensselaer) Ind - BOND
The County Treasurer wiil receive sealed bids until 2 p . m. March 5 . for
$\$ 11,600$ road bonds.
JERSEY CITY, Hudson County, N. J.-BOND DESCRIPTION.The $\$ 5,100,000$ tax revenue bonds offered on Feb. 18 and reported sold in
V. 124.10 . 1098 were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Guaranty
Co. of New Bro. \& Hutzler, Barr Bros. \& Co.. R. W. . Pressprich \& © Co. Hal, Salomon
\& Oo, and J. bonds asd 41 S A. Ad Camp, \& Coo, all of New York City, taking $\$ 2,900,000$
100.00003 , a basis 200,000 bonds as 4 s at a premium of $\$ 153$, equal to in denom, ar basis of about $4.14 \%$ Date Feb. 11927 . Coupon bonds
and interest 1.000 , registerabie as to principal only or as to both princids
 Bankers Trust Co., National City Co. and Harris, Forbes \& Co., Rate Bid. Guaranty Co. of New York, with associates, for $\$ 1,451,000100.00003$ Trust Oo. of New Jersey, for $\$ 3,000,000$ bonds as $41 / \mathrm{s}$ and $\$ 2,-100.00003$

First National Bank. Eldredge \& Co, Hallgarten \& Co. and ${ }^{100.01}$
bonds as $4 \mathrm{ss} \$ 8875,000$ bor $\$ 430,000$ bonds as $6 \mathrm{~s}, \$ 4,670,000$
$\$ 3,610,000$ bonds 5 s. $\$ 41,225,000$ bonds as 4 s ,
Equitable Trust Co., Lehman Bros., E. H. Rollins \& Sons, 100
Ames, Emerich \& Co, B. J. Van Ingen \& Co. and Phelps,
Fenn, \& Coi., for $\$ 4,090,000$ bonds as $41 / \mathrm{s}$ and $\$ 1,010,000$
bonds as 4 s ..
KOALAMAZOO TOWNSHIP FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

 KENMORE, Summit County, Ohio,-BOND p. 675 -were awarded to W impt, bonds offered on Feb. $23-\mathrm{V} .124$,


Due Sept. ${ }^{1}$ as follows: $\$ \$ 6,000,1928$ to 1947 incl.; $\$ 3,000,1948$, and
$\$ 2,700,1949 . \quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Other bidders were: }\end{aligned}$

 Bred, Elinot $\&$ Harrison,
Cincinnati Weil, Roth \& Irving, Oin-
cinnati-.............. 58188 Continental Co., Tomedo 3.21100 KENNARD, Washington County, Neb. BOND SALEE.-The Omaha
Trust Co. of Omaha has purchased an issue of $\$ 10,0005 \%$ refunding elec-
tric light and transmission line bonds. tric
KERENS, Navarro County, Texas.-WARRANT SALE.-An issue
of $\$ 30.000$, city hall and fire station building warrants has been disposed
of recently.
KERNERSVILLE, Forsyth County, No. Caro.-BOND SALEF-The




#### Abstract

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 Premium
$\$ 1,040$
3200
1,16300
1,26150
1,1500
1,03000
KOSCIUSKO COUNTY (P. O. Warsaw) Ind.-BOND OFFERING.-
The County Treasurer will receive sealed bids until $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Feb. 28 for
$\$ 43,920$ road bonds. ,
 p. 954-were awarded to the La Grange County Trust Cob. of La Grane
at a premium of $\$ 21880$ equal to 101.76 , a basis of about $4.16 \%$. Date
Feb. 151927 . Due $\$ 820$ May and Nov. 151928 to 1937 incl. (P. LAKE COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 3
 LEXINGTON, Holmes County, Miss.- BOND SALE.-The Bank of purchased an issue of $\$ 41,30051 / 2 \%$ special street impt. bonds at par.
Dated oct. 1926 Due serially 1927 to 1936 incl. Legality approved
by Charles \& Rutherford of St. Louis.
LINCOLN PARK (P. O. Dearborn, R. F. D.), Wayne County, Mich. on July $29-\mathrm{V}$. 123 p . 482 - were awaraded to a syndicate composed or
Bumpus \& Co., Whittlesey, McLean \& Co. and Watling, Lerchen Bumpus \& Co., Whittlesey, McLean \& Co, and Watling, .
all of Detroit, at a premium of $\$ 10,650$, equal to 106.87 .
LONG BEACH, Los Angeles County, Calif.-BOND SALE.-The awarded ta a s.sndicate composed of the First Nationai Bank a. 955 -were Francisco at par, taking $\$ 45,00$ as 41 /s and $\$ 45,000$ as 5 s . Dated Ang. 1 .
1924. Due Aug. a s follows: $\$ 75,000,1951 ; \$ 125,000,1952$ to 1954 incl., and $\$ 50,000,195$

The LUZRNE COUNTY (P. O. Wilkes Barre), Pa.-BOND SALE.-
 LYNN, Essex County, Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN.-The $\$ 200,000$
temporary loan offered on Teb. 18-V. 124, p. 1099 -was awarded to the temporary loan offered on Feb. $18-\mathrm{V}$. 124, D. 1099 -was awarded to the
Security Trust Co. of Lynn on a $3.56 \%$ discount basis. Due Nov. 11927 . McKesport SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa, BOND
ELECTONV.The proposition of issuin $\$ 1,500,000$ school bonds will be F MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Madison), Fla.-BOND OFFERING. bids until March 23 for $\$ 241,0005 \%$ coupon road bonds. Date Denom. $\$^{500}$. Due July 1 1952. Prin. and int. payable at the National for $5 \%$ of the bid, payable to the Board of County Commissioners, required. Legality approved by John C. Thomson of New York City. Thers, required.
bonds originally offered for sale on Aug. 9 V. 123 , p. 483. The are the
MAHASKA COUNTY (P. O. Oskaloosa), Iowa.-BOND OFFERING Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk Board of Supervisors, until
$10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. March 10 , for $\$ 35,000$ ditch drainage bonds.
MALDEN, Middlesex County, Mass.-TEMPOR
$\$ 500,000$ temporary $10 a n$ offered on'Feb. 18-V. 124 PORARY LOAN.-The to the First National Bank of Boston on a $3.54 \%$ discount basis plus a
premium of $\$ 1$. Due Nov. 1927 .
MANATEE, Manatee County, Fla.-BOND offering,-Charles J Majory, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids sutill $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. March 4 for the
following two issues of bonds aggregating $\$ 115,000:$ Charle $\$ 100,0006 \%$ street impt. bonds. Due over a period of 10 years.

Mriz.-BOND OFOUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Phoenix), will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. March 7 for $\$ 200,0005 \%$ school bonds (M. \& S.) payable at the City Treasurer's office, or at the Bankers Trust
Co., New York City. A certified check for $5 \%$ of MAYFIELD
town), R. F. D. No. 1), Fulton County, N. Y. NO. 10 (P. O. Johns Morton C. Putnam, trustee, will receive sealed bids until 12 m March 15 for $\$ 3,600$, not exceeding $6 \%$ school bonds. Date April 1 1927. Denom.
$\$ 2200$. Due $\$ 200$ Oct. 1927 to 1944 , incl. Prin at the City National Bank, Gloversville. A certified check for $10 \%$ of the
bid is required.

METCALFE COUNTY (P. O. Edmonton), Ky.-BOND OFFERING.Sealed bars will be received by the Clerk
until March 22 for $\$ 60,000$ county bonds.
METZ SCHOOL. D'STR'CT, Vernon County, Mo.-BOND SALE.
An issue of $\$ 30,000$ school bonds has been disposed of recently. MEXICO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, ${ }^{7}$, Oswego

 City Bank, New Yrincipal. Prin, and int, (A. \& O. O.) payable at the National payable to the Treasurer is required.
MIDLAND, Midland County Tex.-BOND SALE.-The $830,00053 / 2 \%$
paving and lighting bonds offered on Feb. 10 (v 124, p. 955) ware a warded
to Garrett to Garrett \& Co. of Dallas at a premium of $\$ 600$, equal to 102. Dated Feb. 11927 . Denoo. $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500$. Due serially 1928 to 1967 , inclus-
ive. Interest payable E. \& A. 15 .

MIDLAND TOWNSHIP (P. O. Rochelle Park), Bergen County, N. J.-NOTE DESCRIPTION.-The $\$ 2,000$ sanitary sewer system notes
reported sold on Jan. 7 V. 124, p. 1099 Wer awarded at par to the City
National Bank of Hackensack as $51 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$. Date Dec. 18 1926. Due Dec. National 181927 .
MILL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles $51 / \%$ school bonds awarded to Dean Witter \& Co. of San FranciscoV. 124 , .955 -was 101.86 , a basis of
Due $\$ 1,000$ Nov. 11927 to 1936 incl.

MILLBURN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Millburn), Essex County, N. J. $\stackrel{-}{\text { Mil }}$ BOND SALEE.-The First National Bank of Mill the follow
$\$ 40,000$ :
$\$ 25.000$
: Sagamore Road bonds
MONTEREY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Salinas), Calif PRICE PAID.-The price paid for the following two issues of 5 5 bond -V. 124 . p. 973 and 955 -was 105.35 a a basis of about $4.46 \%$. 7,500 1928 to 1957 inclusive. 19 . MOUNT VERNON, Westchester County. N. Y.-BONDS OFFERED

 MOUNTAIN VIEW UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Jose), Santa Clara County, Calif.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids
will be received by the County Clerk until March 7 for $\$ 80,0005 \%$ school will be received by the County clerk until Ma
bonds. Due serially 1928 to 1947 , inclusive.
NEVADA, Story County. Yowa.-BOND OFFERING.-R. A. Davis,
 the bonds, and attorney's opinion as to the legality of same.
NEW CASTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lawrence County, Pa.-BOND
OFFERING -H. M. Marauis, Secretary Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 8 p m. March 8 for $\$ 600,00041 / \%$ school, series B
 Prin. and int. payable at the ofrice or the Treasurer of the School District.
A certified check for $1 \%$ of the bid, payable to the Treasurer of the School District is required
NOBLE COUNTY (P. O. Albion), Ind.-BOND SALE.-The Farmers State Bank of Albion has purchased an issue of $\$ 5,378106 \%$ drainage
bonds at par. Date Nov. 11926 . Due $\$ 53781$ Nov. 11927 to 1936 incl. NORTHBRIDGE, Worcester County, Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN porary loan on a $3.71 \%$ discount basis.
NORTH WILDWOOD (P. O. Wildwood), Cape May County, N, J.-BOND OFFERING.- 1 iliam C. Epler, City Clerk, will recelve seade coupon or reqistered bonds not to exceed s400,000, no more bonds to be
awarded than will produce a premium of $\$ 1.000$ over $\$ 400.000$. Dated

 be approved by Caldwell \& Raymond, New York City. A certified check
for $2 \%$ of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.
NUTLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Essex County, N. J.-BOND OFFERING. Colin Linn, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. $\$ 650,000$ school bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: $\$ 17,000,1929$ to 1955 incl.:
 Dated Feb. 1 1927. Prin. and int. (F. \& A.) payable in gold in Nutley. Dated Feb. 1 1927. Prin, and int. (I. \& A.) payable in gold in Nutiey.
No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of $\$ 1,000$ over
ender each of the above issues. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision
of the United States Mortgage \& Trust Co. New York City. Legality or the United States Mortgage \& Trust Co. New York City.
will be approved by Thomson, Wood \& Hoffman, New York
certified check for $2 \%$ of the amount of bonds bid for is required.

Financial Statement.
Assessed valuation of the Town of Nutley, N. J., 1926....- $\$ 17,524,41200$ Total indebtedness, including this issue-
School debt included in the above amount
Total sinking funds Sinking funds for school debt included in the above amountTotal deductions--

Population, Federal census, 1920, 9,421.
OAKLAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Gibson County, Ind.BOND SALE.-The People's State Bank of Indianapolis has purchased an
issue of $\$ 90,0006 \%$ college bonds. Date Jan. 20 1927. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ issue of $\$ 90,0006 \%$ college bonds. 0 .
OGDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Weber County, Utah. - BOND OF
 $\$ 1.000$. Bids are requested for either serial or amortization bonds. maturing incl., and $\$ 13.000$ 1947. Prin. and int. payabie at the National Park
in incl.., and $\$ 13,000$ 1947. Prin, and int. payable at the National
Bank, New York City. A certified check for $5 \%$ of the bid required.
OHIO COUNTY (P. O. Rising Sun), Ind. - BOND OFFERING.James F . Detmer, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a . m .
March 5 for the following two issues of $41 / 4 \%$ coupon bonds aggregating $\$ 14,94490$ :
6.02290 road bonds.
Dated March 11927 . Due semi-annually in 1 to 10 years.

ORION TOWNSHIP FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Orion), Oakland County, Mich-Curtis; Secretary Boardin E4ucation, recenved seate Air 411927 . Due March 1 as follows: $\$ 5,000$. 1928 to 1942 incl.; $\$ 6,000,1943$ to 1952 incl.,
OSSINING, Westchester County, N. Y.-BOND OFFERING.ra $\$ 1,000$. Due $\$ 4,000$. Mar. 11932 to 1956 incl. Legality will be approved Sy Clay, Dillon \& Vandilater, New More ine ity.
OTTAWA HILLS. Lucas County, Ohio-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 6.500$
 a basis of
1940 , incl.
OTTAWA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Franklin County, Kan-PRIICE AID-BASYS. The price paid for the $\$ 210,000$. $41 / 2$ school building Chicano, jointly (V. 124, D. 1100 ), was a premium, of $\$ 2,715$, equal to
10129 a basis of about 4.34\% Dated Jan. 1927 . Dnes semi-annually

PAINESVILLE RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lake County Ohio--
sealed bids until 8 p. m.. March 14 , for $\$ 82,4495 \%$ school bonds. Date
 1931 to 19 . incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Cleveland Trust, PainesPASS CHRISTIAN, Harrison County, Miss.-BOND SALE.-The $51 / \%$ impt. bonds. Date Sept. 11926 . Denom. $\$ 1.000$ Due $\$ 6,000$
Sept. 11927 to 1936 incl. Prin. and int. (M. S S.) payable at the Chemical Sept. 11927 to 1936 incl. Prin. and int. (M. \& S.) payable at the Chemical
National Bank. N. Y. City. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood \& Actual value taxable property (estimated)
------------- $\$ 5.000,000$
 Population (estimated), 3,200 .
PERTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.-BOND SALE.-The issue
 taking $\$ 1,194,000(\$ 1,200,000$ offered) at 100.503 , a basis
Assessed valuation for taxation. $\$ 1926$--
Total indebtedmes. including this issue
Less Water Debt. $\qquad$ $\$ 44,890,056$
Less sinking fund
$2.664,000$
458,141
et debt
Population, 1920 census, 41,707 .- Population, 1926 (estimated), ${ }^{5}, 487,359$
48
PHARR. Hidalgo County, Texas. - BONDS REGISTERED. - The funding bonds. Due serially
PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Philadelphia County, Pa.-offered on Feb. 23 (V. 124, p. 824 . were a warded to Harris. Forbes \& Co Due $\$ 150,000$ Sept 1 1937 to 1956 , inclusive
Eidder- Rate Bid. Equitable Trust Co. Chase Securities Corp. Lehman Bros. \&
Co. and Guardian Detroit Coo, all of Now Cork City-....... 100.609 Drexel \& Co., Phila.i. and Prown Bros. \& Co.. Guarantr Co. of
New York, both of New York City, and the Union Trust Co..
Yattsburgh - philadelphia
Newbold's Son \& Co., both of Philadelphia aney \& Co. and W. H. 100.4599
Bankers Then Bankers Trust Co.. New York City, and Biddie \& Henry and Bank
of North America \& Trust Co. both of Philadelphia_-....... 100.315 and Harriman \& Co., Inc., N. Y. City, and the Manufacturer
\& Traders T
Edwin Wolf Phila. \$30.0.00 of 1942 or 1993 issue at
Land Title \& Trust Co.. Phila.. $\$ 25.000$ of 1947 issue at
100.1432
100.50

James C. Ryan. Philadielphis, 55.000 of any maturity a $\qquad$
PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 1 Springs), Fla - BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids wili be received by th Superintendent Board of Public Instruction until 11 a.m. March 1 for $\$ 10--$
noo schol bonds. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike. Palmer \& Dodge of Boston.
PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Dunedin), Fla. - BOND OFFFRING. - Sealed bids will be received by the Superin-
tendent Board of Public Instruction until 11 a. M. March for $\$ 35,000$ school bonds. Legality approved by Storey Thorndike, Palmer \& Dodge
PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P, O. Lealman)解 bids will be received by the SuperinFta. -ent Board of Publici Instruction until 11 a a. m . March 1 for $\$ 185,000$
tenool bonds. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer \& Dodge school bond
PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Gulf. port). Fla.-BOND OFFERING. Sealed bids will be received by the $\$ 200,000$ school boards. Dodge of Boston.
PITTSBURGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Martinez), Contra Costa County, ${ }^{\text {Calin }}$, 543 -were awarded to the Central National Bank of Oakland, at a premium of $\$ 15,77777$, equal to 107.01 . Date Feb. 11927
PLANT CITY, Hillsborough County, Fla.-BOND SALE.-The Following two issues of $6 \%$ bonds aggrecating $\$ 318,000$ offered on Fity. 24 and Wricht. Warlow \& Co. of Orlando, jointly, at 10. a basis of about $5.58 \%$. S260,000 1929 to 1938 . inclusive.
58,000 sidewalk bonds. Date March 1 1927. Due March 1 as follows: 58,000 sidewalk bonds. Date March 1 1927. Due
$\$ 19,000,1929$ and 1930 , and $\$ 20,000$, 1931 .
PLYMOUTH AND NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIPS FRACTIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. OLIYMOHth, WAYne County, O.

 1956 incl. Legallty approved by Mitler. Canfield. Paddock \& stone Savinss Bank or any Detroit bank desimnated by the purchaser. A cer-
tified check for $2 \%$ of the bonds, payable to the Treasurer of the School District, is recuired
POLK COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Bartow, Fla. - BOND of Public Instrutetion untill 2 o. m. March 23 for
 at the National Park Banki New approved by
of the bid
York City.
POLK COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Superintendent Board of Public Instruction until 2 p . m . March 23 for $\$ 13.0006 \%$ coupon schoor bonds. Dated Prin. and int. (M. \& S.) payable Due $\$ 1,000$ March 11930 to New York Oity. A certified check for $21 / 2 \%$
at the National Park Bank inew at the bid
or Cork. City.
PONTIAC TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, Oakland County, Mich. - BOND
of Education, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. M. March 1 for $\$ 1.0000$
. Mar $5 \%$ school bonds. Date
1938 incl. A certified check for $\$ 500$ is required.
PORT OF BELLINGHAM (P. O. Bellingham), Whatcom County, Wash,-Miate composed of Peirce. Fair \& Co.. William P. Harper \& Son to a synilareon. Winslow \& Co., ail of Seattle. at $100.11-\mathrm{V}$. 124 , p. $824-1$
 1948; $\$ 11,000,1949$ and 1950; $\$ 12,000,1951$ and 1952; $\$ 13.000$. 1953 and
1954; $\$ 14,000$, 1955 and 1956, and $\$ 15,000,1957$. Dated Feb. 11927.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Greencastle), Ind.-BOND SALE.-The following thre issues of $41 / 2 \%$ coupon road bonds, aggregating $\$ 123,200$,
offered on Feb. 21 (V. 124, p. 1100 ) were awarden to a syndicate composed
 basis of about 4.12
$\$ 44,800$ Greencastle Township bonds. Due $\$ 2,240$ May and Nov. 15
 40,000 Greatencastle 1937 inclusisive. 1928 to 1937 incluship. bonds. Due $\$ 2,000 \mathrm{May}$ and Nov. 15 1927.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Brewster), N. Y.-BOND SALE.-The Vity 124, D. 956 were awarded to Eastman. Dillon \& Co.. Neve York
 REDLANDS HIGH SCHOOL DISTRRICT (PA O. San Bernardino),
San Bernardino County, Calif. BOND OFFRING.- Sealed bids will San Bernardino Count, Calif. - BOND OFFERING,- Sealed bids will
bereceived by the County Clerk on Feb. 26 (to-day) for $\$ 250,060$ school
bonds. Due serially 1928 to 1947 inclusive.
RENSSELAER, Rensselaer County, N. Y.-BOND OFFERING.12 m . March. 4 for $\$ 34,50041 / 5 \%$ Washington St. paving coupon or regis tered bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1927. Denom. $\$ 1.000$ execot onen or regis-
Due Jan. 1 as follows: $\$ 2,000,1927$ to 1945 incl., and $\$ 500$, 1956 . Proo and int. (J. \& J.) payable at the ity Treasurer's office. Legatity wilin. be
approved by Ciay, Dillon \& Vandewater, New York City. A certified approved by co of the par value of the bonds bid for, payabie to certified
check for $2 \%$ or
Treasfrer, is required.

RICE LANDING, Greene County, Pa.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 28,000$ 4. \% coupon or reristered improvement and reftunding bonds offered on delphia at a premium of $\$ 1,133$ 2, equal to 104.06 a basis of about $4.39 \%$.
RIVERSIDE, Burlington County, N. J.-NOTE SALE.-The People's Trust \& Guaranty Co. of Hackensack has purchased the following seven
issues of $5 \%$ temporary improvement notes aggregating $\$ 27,500$ at par:
$\$ 500$ TTenny Ave, sidewalk notes. $\$ 500$ Tenny Ave. sidewalk notes.
1.000 land purchase notes.
${ }_{4}^{1,000}$ laire purchase notes.
13,500 Webb Ave. water main notes.
1,700 Grand Ave. water main
1,700 Grand Ave. water main notes
2,800 water main notes.
${ }_{4}^{2,000}$ water main notes.
RUSH COUNTY ( $\mathbf{P}$. O. Rushville), Ind--BOND SALE.-The

ST, CLOUD, Osceola County, Fla.-BOND ofFERING.-George M.
Mitchell, City Manager, will receive sealed bids until $\$ 120.00066 \%$ street impt, bondse sealed bids until 2 p . M. March 12 for
Due $\$ 12,000$ Feb. 11928 to bated Feb. 1937 incl. 1937 Denom. $\$ 500$. Due $\$ 12.000$ Feb. 11928 to 1937 incl. A certified check for $5 \%$ of the bid
required. These are the bonds originally scheduled for sale on March 2
-V. 124 , p. 1100 .

SABETHA, Nemaha County, Kan.-BOND ofFERING.-Gladys 4ot, City Cerk, will receive sealed bids until $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. March 1 for $\$ 12.000$
1937 incl. Prtension bonds. Dated Jan. 11927 . Due $\$ 1,200.1928$ to 1937 incl. Prin and int. (J. \& J. J. payable at the State Treasurer.s office.
A certified check for $2 \%$ of the bid required. SALT RIVER VALLEY WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, Ariz.by a syndicate composed of the Valley Bank of Phoenix, the First Surchasited isco, Rutter \& Co. of New York City and the Harris Trust \& \& San Fran-

 Trust Co, New York Citrust Legality to be approved by Gibson, Dunn Financial Statement as of Sept. 301926 (After Giving Effect to This Financing) Subsequent expenditures by association-.-..........- ${ }^{*} 111,28,624,251$

$6 \%$ funding bonds due 1929 to 1931 (this issue)
$6 \%$ gold bonds, due 1938 to 1947 (Mormon Flat $1,000,000$
$6 \%$ gold bonds, due 1938 to 1913 (Horse Mesa $1,800,000$
$6 \%$ district bonds guaranteed by association, due 2,500,000 2,368,000
 namely, $\$ 10,166,022$
SALUDA, Polk County, No. Caro--BOND SALE.-The $\$ 60,000$ water
 SCAPPOOSE, Columbia County, Ore--BOND SALE.-The $\$ 18.000$ $51 \%$ water bonds offered on Feb. 11-V. 124 , p. 956 -wero awarded to
Perrce, Fair \& Co. of Seattle at 100.61 , a basis of labout $5.44 \%$. Due
$\$ 6,000$. 1941 to
SCARSDALE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ${ }^{1}$ (P. O.
Scarsdale), Westehester County, N. Y.-BOND SALE.-The 832.50 on
 V. 124 . P. 956 -were a warded to the Scarsdale National Bank \& Trust Co.
at a premium of $\$ 517$ equal to 101.59, a basis of about $4.28 \%$. Date
in March 1 1927. Due March 1 as follows: $\$ 500,1928$, and $\$ 2.000$, Date 1929
to 1944 incl. SEATTLE, King County, Wash.-BOND OFFERING-E. W. Carroll
City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m . March 11 for the fol lowing two issues of bonds ageregating $\$ 1,020,000$ : March il for the fol $\$ 520,0006 \%$ general impt. bonds. Due serially in 2 to 30 years.
500.000 not exceeding $6 \%$ water extension bonds.
Denom. $\$ 1,000$. A certified
Died check for $5 \%$ of the bid required. 11927 .
SHAKER HEIGHTS (P. O. Cleveland), O.-BOND OFFERING.-
E. P. Rudolph. Vilage Olerk, will recelve sealed bids until 12 m. March. E. P. Rudolph, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m . March.
for $\$ 98,27043 \%$ street impt. special assessment bonds. Dated April
and


SHEBOYGAN FALLS, Sheboygan County, Wis.- BOND OFFERMarch 3 for $\$ 25.0005 \%$ water Corks , wimpteceive sealed bids until $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. $\$ 250$. Due $\$ 1,250$ Sept. 11927 to 1946 incl. A certified check for $15 \%$
of the bid required.
SOMERSET, Bristol County, Mass.-BOND OFFERING.-G. Walter

 vision of and certified as to enuineness by the First National Bank of Bos-
ton. Lealility approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer \& Dodge of Boston.

Assessed valuation, Financial Statement Jan. 11927.
Debst limit_
Total debt-
Exempted debt (school bonds)
85.500

## $\xrightarrow[\text { Net debt }]{\text { Borrowina }}$

$\$ 33.500$
157,945
STARKE COUNTY (P. O. Knox), Ind--BOND SALE.-The $\$ 2$,-
$582816 \%$ ditch coupon bonds offered on Feb. $10-\mathrm{V}$. 124 p. 6788 - wer $58816 \%$ ditch coupon bonds offered on Feb $10-$ V. 124 , p. 678 - were
awarded to a local investor at par Date Feb. 1927 . Due Dec. 1 as
follows: $\$ 28781,1928$, and $\$ 255$, 1929 to 1937 incl. STERRLING, Logan County, Colo--BOND SALE.-Gray, Emery,
Vascorcells \& Co. of Denver, have purchased an issue of $\$ 50,000$ water extension bonds.
SYLVA, Jackson County, No. Caro- PRICE PAID. - The price paid
for the $850.0006 \%$ street improvement bonds purchased by Ryan, Suther-
and \& Co. of Toledo- $V$ R 124 .


STONE COUNTY (P. O. Wiggins), Miss.-BOND SALE - Price Green
bonds.
STRUTHERS, Mahoning County, O.-BOND OFFERING.-Albert

 SULLIVAN COUNTY (P. O. Sullivan), Ind.-BOND OFFERING 12 m . March 10 for $\$ 10,1036 \%$ dith impt. coupon bonds. sealed bated Matil
1927. Denom. $\$ 50515$. Due $\$ 1,01030$ Nov. 1927 to 1936 incl May 2 TAYLORS SCHOOL DISTRICT 9-B (P. O. Greenville), Greenville County, So. Caro- BOND ELECTION.-An election will be held in
March for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing $\$ 30,000$ school

TEXARKANA PAVING DISTRICT NO. 45, Miller County, Ark. BOND SALE.-M. W. Elkins \& Co. of Little Rock have purchased. an
issue of $\$ 92.0006 \%$ paving bonds at 101.79 . Due serially in 1 to 20 years. THREE RIVERS, Iive Oak County, Texas.- BONDS REGISTERED. $51,2 \%$ water works bonds. The Texas registered on Feb. 15 an issue of $\$ 51,000$ TISKILWA, Bureau County, III.-BOND SALE.-The city sold
during January an issue of $\$ 2,00051 / 2 \%$ improvement bonds. Due serially 1928 to 1931 inclusive. County, Kan.-BOND SALE-The $\$ 70,00$ TOPEKA, Shawnee County, Kan. - BOND SALE.-The $\$ 70.000$
$1 / 2 \%$ viaduct bonds offered on Feb. $15-\mathrm{V} .124$, p. 1100 -were awarded to the state Fund Commission at par. Due serially in 1 to 10 years. TORONTO, Jefferson County, Ohio-BOND SALE-The following p. 406 were awarded to Otis \& Co. or Oleveland at a premium of $\$ 3,433$,
pequal to 105.28 , a basis of about 4.80 . equal to
$\$ 47,335$
85
special assessment street improvement bonds. Date Sept.
1926 . Due Sept. 1 as follows: $\$ 5,335851928$ and $\$ 6,0001929$
12,496 47 Riltmore Ave. improvement special assessment bonds
5,139 is Bell Ave. improvement special assessment bonds Bell Ave. improvement special assessment bonds. Due Sept, 1
as follows $\$ 639181928$. 19500192 to 1932 , incl.; $\$ 1,0001933$,
$\$ 5001934$ and $\$ 1,000$ 1955.
TRUMBULL COUNTY (P. O. Warren), O.-BOND OFFERING--

 and int. (A. \& O.) payable at the County Treasurer orfice. A A Pertifin.
check for $\$ 1,000$, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.
TRUMBULL COUNTY (P. O. Warren), O--BOND ofFERING:-

 TULSA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tulsa County, Okla.-BOND OF-

 National Bank \& Trust Co, New York City. A certified check for $2 \%$
of the bid reauired. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer \&
Dodge of Boston.
UTICA, Oneida County, N. Y.-BONDS OFFERED. - Sealed bids
were received by William S. Pugh, City Comptroller. Feb. 25 for the fol lowing 9 issues of not exceeding 4,1, bonds 1 $\$ 180,000$ incinerator lant bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due $\$ 9,000$, Feb. 15
1928 to 1947, incl. 160,000 paring bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due $\$ 8,000$, Feb. 151928 to 81,034.43 deferred assessment bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and one for
s10.0343.
$\$ 14,040$, i 929 to 1933 , incl. as follows: $\$ 11,034.43,1928$, and 75,000 storm water sewer construction bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and
$\$ 750.000$ Due $\$ 3,750$, Feb. 15 1928 to 1947, incl. 50,000 waterways improvement bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500$. Due
$\$ 2,500 \mathrm{Feb} .151928$ to 1947 , incl. Den 50,000 sewerage disposal plant bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500$. Due
$\$ 2.500$. Feb. 151928 to 1947 , incl 45,000 automatic traffic signal ssstem bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 250$.
 25,000 city lines property and streets monumenting bonds, Denoms. Dated Feb. 15 1527. Excepting the, Feferred assessment bonds which
are registered, the bonds are in coupon form. Bidders interest rate for all the bonds and are not permitted to bid different rates of interest for separate issues or portions of any issue. Legality approved
by Olay, Dillon \& Vandewater of New Yorks City VALLEY STREAM, Nassau County, N. Y.-BOND SALE.-The
$\$ 110,000$ coupon incinerator bonds
 $\$ 6.0001928$ to 1945 , incl., and $\$ 2,0001946$.
VERMILION PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Abbeville),
La. BOND SALE
Che The Hibernia Securities Co. of New Orleans has pur $\$ 1,000$ is isue or $\$ 80,00051 / \% \%$ road bonds. Dated Oct. 11926 . Denom.
 Bank of Commerce. New York City. Legality payaroved by Ohapman.
Cutler \& Parker of Chicayo These are the bonds offered on Sept. 18 (V).
123, p. 880 ), on which date all
VIGO COUNTY (P. O. Terre Haute), Ind. - BOND OFFERING.-
The County Treasurer wiil receive sealed bids for $\$ 2,700$ road bonds until
$10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Feb.
WAUNETA, Chase County, Neb-BOND SALE.-C. E. Lawrence
of Lincoln has purchased an issue of $\$ 7,000$ water main extension bords.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Goldsboro), No. Caro,-NOTE SALE--
Curtis \& Sanger of New York City, purchased on Feb. 2 , an issue of \$450Curtis \& Sanger of New York City, , prarchased on Feb. 21, an issue of $\$ 450$,
$00041 / 2 \%$ road notes at a premium of $\$ 125$, equal to 100.02 , a basis of about $00041 / 2 \%$ road notes at a premium of $\$ 125$, equal to
$4.49 \%$. Date March 21827 . Due March 21928.
WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37 (P. O. Eaton), Colo--PRE-ELECTION SALE.-A syndicate composed or Boswor nited States
 school bonds, subje
1930 to 1950 incl.
WEEHAWKEN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hudson County, N. J.-BOND OFFERING.- Thomas Carroll, Township clerk, will receive sealed bids until $8.3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. March 9 for an issue of $41 / 2 \%$ school, coupon seated bisered bonds not exceeding $\$ 410,000$, No more bonds to be awarded
or regis
than will produce a premium or $\$ 1,000$ over $\$ 410.000$ Date 15
Nate 1927. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due March 15 as follows: 10,0001929 and 1930 in gold at the Hamilton National Bank, Weehawken, Legality approved
by Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt \& Washburn, New York City. A certified by Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt \& Washburn, New York City. A certinied
check for $2 \%$ of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Township, is required.
WELLSVILLE, Columbiana County, Ohio-BOND SALE.-The
 \$151, equal to 101.20, a basis of abo
$\$ 1,250$ Jan. 11928 to 1937 inclusive.
WEST FELICIANA CONSOLIDATED ROAD DISTRICT A (P. O St. Francisville), La.-MATURITY.-The $\$ 110.0005 \%$ public impt.
binds awarded to the Hibernia Securities Co. of New Orleans at 100.11

 194.000 . 1956 to 1959 incl. 1926.
1966 incl. Dated Dec. 192.
Financial Statement.

Fina
Assessed valuation (19266)-1.
Total bonded debt (this issue)
Total bonded debt (this issue)-
Population ( 1920 Census),
WESTPORT, Pope County, Minn.-BOND ELECTION.-On Mar. 1 an election will be held to vote on the question of issuing the follow. an eli, bonds, aggregating $\$ 6,000$ :
$\$ 4,000$ electric light bonds.
$\$ 4,000$ electric 1 light bonds.
WESTVILLE, Gloucester County, N. J.-BOND SALE.-The following three issues of bonds aggregating $\$ 27,200$ have been sold to a loca
$\$ 15,000$ sewer bonds.
6.500 borough hall bonds.
5.700 land purchase bonds.

WILDWOOD CREST (P. O. Wildwood), Cape May County, N. J.-


$\$ \$ 0,000$ sewer bonds. Due Fen. 15 as follows: $\$ 1,000,1928$ to 1947 incl., 14,000 and fire apparatus bonds. Due Feb. 15 as follows: $\$ 1,000,1928$ and
 awarded than will produce a premium or $\$ 1,000$ over each of the above issues.
Prin. and int. (F. A.) payable in gold at the Wildwood Titie \& Trust Co Prin, and int. (F. \& A.) payable in gold at the wildwood
Wildwood, in New York exchange. Leegality will be approved by Caldweil $\&$ Raymond, New York City. A Arertified check for $2 \%$ of the par value
of the bonds bid for, payable to the borough, is required. ND CAMERON COUNTIES R -BONDS REGISTERED.-TON COUNTIES (P. O. Raymondville), Tex. $\overrightarrow{F e b} .15$ an issue of $\$ 30,0005 \%$ school house bonds. Due serially.
WINCHESTER, Jefferson County, Kan--BOND SALE.-An issue of $\$ 32,0004 \% \%$ water works bonds was recently sold.
WRIGHT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 34 (P, O. Delano, Minn.BAND SALE. - The State of Minnesota has purchased an issue of
S60,000 $41 \% \%$ school bonds at par. YORK, York County, Neb.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 16,895$ coupon



BOND SALE. The above-mentioned bank also p
$\$ 23,120$ paving bonds. Due $\$ 2,312$ in 1 to 10 years. YUMA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25 (P. O. Yuma), Ariz. ${ }_{\$ 3,0005 \%} 5$ school bonds at par. Date Jan. 41927 . Due in 1937.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities. FORT FRANCES, Ont.- BOND SALE.-The $\$ 25,00051 / \%$ telephone bonds offered on Feb. 14-V. 124, p. 826 -were awarded to Harris, Mac- Miall
keen \& Co. of Toronto at 101.20 , a basis of about $5.35 \%$. Due serially in 15 years.
KING TOWNSHIP (P. O. King City), Ont.-BOND SALE.-The \$warded to Dyment, Anderson \& Co. of Toronto at 105.81, a basis of about awarded Date Jan. 11 1927. Due in equal annual installments of principal
$4.92 \%$ Dat
Dollowing is a list of other bidders: and interest in 1 Royal Securities Corp...
Wood, Gundy
A. E, Ames \& \& Co Co-.....
A.
Dominion Securities Corp

Dominion Securities Corp-
Brouse, Mitchell \& Co
 list of the bids for the $\$ 640,00043 / 4 \%$ provincial bonds awarded on Feb. 8 ( $\mathrm{V}, 124, \mathrm{p} .958$ ):


Bank of Nova scotia

Royal Securities Corp-- Wood, Gundy \& Co., and
Royal Bank of Canada: Worn
Eastern Securities Co
 Bank of Montreal and A. E. Ames \& Co......------
Hanson Bros, and Johnston \& Ward, Hanson Bros, and Johnston \& Ward, Anderson \& Co.-
Bell, Gouinlock \& Co., and Dyment,
Guaranty Company of N. Y. and Bankers Trust Co_-

NORTH VANCOUVER DISTRICT, B. C.-BOND SALE.- The Royal Financial Corp. of Vancouver has been awarded an issue of $\$ 35,0005 \%$
20 -year impt. bonds at 98.13 , a basis of about $5.15 \%$. Other bidders were Bidder- Rate Bid. Bidder- Rate Bid. Bidder-
Mead Bros


ONTARIO COUNTY (P. O. Whitby), Ont.-BOND OFFERING.Sealed bids will be received iny E. A, Monds.
March 1 for $\$ 25,5005 \%$ 20-installment bonds.
PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man.-BIDS.-The following is a complete list of the bids received for tome of Toronto at $104.80(\mathrm{~V} .124$, p. 1101): H. Jider \& $\quad$ Rate Bid.



STAYNER, Ont.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 23,40051 / 2 \%$ local improvement bonds offered on Feb. 12 . at 103.187 , a basis of about $5.04 \%$. Due in 15 equal annual gess \& Co. at
installments.
WEST VANCOUVER DISTRICT, B. C.-BIDS.-The following is a complete ist of the bids received for the $\$ 115,0005 \%$ bonds purchased by Pemberton \& Son of Vancouver at 98.45 (V. 124, p. 1101): Rate Bid.
BidderWood, Gundy \& Co. and Pemberton \& Son.
Royal Financial Corporation Royal Financial Corporation-
Gillespie, Hart \& Todd, Ltd.,
Read Bros..................
British Columbia Bond Corp.
Bell, Gouinloch \& Co

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[^0]:    No par value.

[^1]:    a No longer report elearings．b Do not respond to requests for rigures．c week
    ended Feb．16．d Week endid Feb．17．e Week ended Feb．18．${ }^{\text {Estimated．}}$

[^2]:    - Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.

[^3]:    - Revised figures.

[^4]:    

[^5]:    Net deficit _..........-sur. $\$ 48,610 \quad \$ 210,355 \quad \$ 666,513 \quad$ b1,027,238

[^6]:    a Consisting of 48,657 shares of no par value.
    Arms. H. Booth was recently elected Chairman to succeed the late M. I .

