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## The Financial Situation.

Few clouds are discernible on the financial horizon and the news developments of the week have been generally favorable. Chief among these is the further substantial increase in the income tax payments on March 15, which are thought to approximate $\$ 600,000,000$, or about $\$ 100,000,000$ more than the payments for March 15 1926. This means, firstly, debt reduction of upwards of $\$ 1,000,000,000$ for the year, including the sinking fund payments, and, secondly, the great likelihood of another tax revision at the December session of Congress with material decreases in income tax rates. The Treasury, it is said, will recommend that the corporation tax be reduced from the present excessive rate of $131 / 2 \%$, while rates on individuals can also be revised downwards. Such reductions in the cost of government to the business community will be heartily welcomed.
Motor car sales by the General Motors Co. in Feb ruary far surpassed those of the corresponding month last year, dealer sales increasing $50 \%$ and sales by dealers to customers even more. The General Motors Corporation, however, stands in a class all by itself and there is uneasiness as to the intentions of Mr. Ford. The United States Steel Corporation reports production of steel ingots proceeding at more than $99 \%$ of capacity, though part of this excellent showing is understood to be due to the stepping up of operations recently as a precaution against the possibility of a coal strike. The Census Bureau announcement of cotton consumption in February also was distinctly favorable, exports exceeding last year's showing in February by 454,322 bales, and home takings increasing 25,339 bales, both consuming branches thus continuing the trend of the last seven months.
Not all of the developments were favorable, the Bureau of Railway Economics announcing that the
net income of the 189 Class 1 railroads of the country in January of this year showed a return of only $4.2 \%$ on the property investment, as against $4.59 \%$ in January last year. Three additional Florida banks failed to open their doors Monday morning, all located in Palm Beach County.
Nevertheless, the developments were sufficiently favorable to stimulate further the wave of speculative activity in the securities markets. Sales on the New York Stock Exchange have been in the neighborhood of $2,000,000$ shares each day this week and in the downward reaction yesterday went above $2,200,000$ shares. Prices were irregular on Monday, with advances more emphatic than declines; on Tuesday the market sagged slightly as a whole. Sharp upswings on Wednesday, attended the reduction on that day of the rate for call money to $31 / 2 \%$, the lowest figure recorded for demand funds since June 17 1926. The rate rose again the following day, but activity continued unchecked, resulting finally in rather sharp declines in individual issues yesterday. The bond market has followed a roughly parallel course, with Treasury $33 / 4 \mathrm{~s}$ and $41 / 4 \mathrm{~s}$ advancing to new high levels. The more important bond issues of the week were offered Wednesday, when $\$ 21,000,000$ in South American bonds and an equal amount in domestic issues were placed on the market.
Loans on stocks and bonds to brokers and dealers by reporting members of the Federal Reserve Bank in New York for the week ending March 9 increased $\$ 6,066,000$ from the previous week. This makes the third successive week in which an increase has occurred and undoubtedly reflects increased public participation in the stock market. The total of such loans reported was $\$ 2,819,111,000$, as against $\$ 2,718$,634,000 for the week of Feb. 16. The highest total of brokers' loans reported by the Reserve Board for New York member banks was $\$ 3,141,125,000$ on Jan. 6 1926 and the low point $\$ 2,408,430,000$, the latter occurring on May 19 1926. It is worthy of note that whereas outstanding credits of this sort three weeks ago were $\$ 420,000,000$ less than at the same date in 1926, they stood last week only $\$ 66,000,000$ below the total of a year ago. In effect, the speculative community has been reversing the corrective operation of a year ago, and this fact will make the thoughtful investor pause. There can be no doubt that Stock Exchange speculation has latterly again been assuming an unhealthy aspect, and the sharp downward reaction of yesterday must, in that sense, be looked upon as a welcome development.

Merchandise exports from the United States last month were valued at $\$ 373,000,000$, these fignes
comparing with $\$ 420,005,000$, the value of exports in January, and with $\$ 352,905,000$ in February of last year. Imports, on the other hand, were valued at only $\$ 312,000,000$, against $\$ 357,268,000$ in January and $\$ 387,306,000$ a year ago. The decline in the value of both exports and imports in Febbruary of this year from the preceding month is due wholly to the fact that February is a short month. There is an increase in the February exports as compared with the corresponding month last year of $\$ 20,000,000$. Of this amount cotton contributed $\$ 10,862,600$ increase. Cotton exports last month were very heavy, totaling $1,010,507$ bales, nearly double the exports of a year ago. Imports, on the other hand, in February of this year were much the lowest in value of any month since November 1924.

The decline in imports from February a year ago is $\$ 75,306,000$, an unusually heavy loss. It is announced that imports of sugar in February of this year were greatly reduced. There was also a sharp decline in sugar imports in January. For that month a year ago the value of sugar imports was $\$ 12,126,100$, while for February 1926 it was $\$ 22,605$,900. Just how much the loss for February this year will be has not yet been announced. Rubber imports a year ago were also exceptionally large, owing to the very high price of rubber at that time, imports of rubber now being only about one-half of the value reported in the early months of 1926. In February of last year rubber imports were $\$ 58,733,000$. The February 1927 figures are not as yet available, but are expected to show a considerable loss.

The balance of trade for February continues on the export side, the amount for that month being $\$ 61,000,000$. For January this year it was $\$ 62,737$,000 , but for February of last year there was a balance on the import side amounting to $\$ 34,401,000$, this having been one of the results of the heavy merchandise imports at that time, which continued for several months. For the eight months of the current fiscal year ending with February, merchandise exports were $\$ 3,394,811,000$ and imports $\$ 2,798,120$,000 , an excess of exports of $\$ 596,691,000$. The corresponding figures for eight months of the preceding fiscal year were exports, $\$ 3,296,269,000$, and imports, $\$ 2,966,891,000$, an excess of exports of $\$ 329,378,000$. Exports have increased in value for the eight months of the current fiscal year $\$ 98,542,000$, while imports for the current year to date show a decline of $\$ 168$, 771,000.

Exports and imports of gold last month diminished considerably, both as compared with the preceding month and with February a year ago. Gold exports in February this year were $\$ 2,414,000$ and imports $\$ 22,302,000$. For eight months of the current fiscal year gold exports have amounted to $\$ 91$,276,000 and imports to $\$ 174,638,000$-an excess of imports of $\$ 83,362,000$. For the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year the excess of imports was $\$ 53,733,000$. Silver exports last month were $\$ 6,233,000$ and exports $\$ 3,853,000$.

Foreigners in China are beginning to bow to the inevitable. In the past week practically all colleges and mission boards have submitted to Chinese control, the foreign administrators generally accepting the situation with good grace. Missionaries from the interior to the number of 800 are said to be in Shanghai. Formal occupation by the Cantonese of
the British concession at Hankow took place March 15, in accordance with the agreement between Eugene Chen, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, and Owen St. C. O'Malley, British Charge d'Affaires. The concession hereafter will be administered jointly by Chinese and British. This was called in a Shanghai dispatch the "first tangible victory in the Chinese struggle with foreign Powers," and it is generally regarded as a forerunner to the relinquishment by the Powers of practically all interior concessions. "China, both North and South," said Ziangling Chang, Chinese Consul-General in New York, "has made up her mind to get back all the sovereign rights vital to her existence as an independent nation and as a respectable member in the family of nations." The depth of this movement is well recognized by experienced observers. Professor Henry K. Norton in a recent article in the New York "Times" said: "The Chinese students have carried the cry of anti-foreignism up and down the land. It has served to arouse the Chinese people as they have seldom been aroused before. It has given them a new sense of national consciousness quite foreign to their own traditions. It has borne in upon them the necessity for internal reorganization if they are to remain an independent nation among the nations of the world. For the first time they have begun to think as Chinese instead of as members of this or that family."

A striking corollary of the determination of the Chinese to oust the foreigners from their privileged positions is the care with which it is being carried out. The persons of foreigners are being respected to an extraordinary degree. The Chinese are, however, employing the boycott with telling effect, particularly against the British. Foreign educated Chinese are directing the movement on both sides; Russian Communists in addition aiding the Southerners. The unanimity in the foreign policies of Eugene Chen and Wellington Koo, Foreign Ministers, respectively, of the Nationalist and the Northern factions, has frequently been commented on. The Jersey City "Journal" summarized it wittily, remarking that though "Italy is the only country shaped like a boot, China is the only country acting like one."

A few unfortunate instances of violence were, however, reported during the past week. The American destroyer "Preble" was fired on early in the week while in the Yangtze near Wuhu. The bridge of the vessel was struck several times and the fire was returned. The Commander of the "Preble" reported that Northern troops did the firing. In Shanghai itself 200 troops of the same faction tried to march across the International Settlement on March 12, but were turned back by British guards. Foreign factories also are subject to strikes and sabotage, some 12,000 Chinese being on strike early in the week, chiefly to show sympathy with the Nationalist cause.

The struggle for Shanghai between the Nationalist and the Northern factions is still in progress, but the movements of the opposing forces are in doubt. Vague and unreliable reports have reached Shanghai of actual fighting in Honan Province between troops of Chang Tso-lin, the Northern Dictator, and semi-independent troops. This is far to the northward of the Yangtze. Close to Shanghai minor con-
tacts have occurred between the opposing troops, but the battle for which Shanghai waits has not yet materialized. Instead, the Southern troops are systematically raiding the trunk railroad northward from Shanghai. They tear up the rails and vanish, seriously disrupting communications. To make transportation additionally difficult for the "defenders" of Shanghai, Chinese railway employees with Southern leanings are deserting their posts. Nor are the actions of the Northern military leaders calculated to make them more acceptable to the native population of the great treaty port. "Chinese financial circles here," says an Associated Press dispatch of March 12 from Shanghai, "are greatly perturbed at Chang Tsung-chang's demand for a large sum of money from the local bankers and Chambers of Commerce to meet his military expenses. The sum demanded is reported to be $10,000,000$ taels, or about $\$ 6,000,000$." On March 13 the same press association reported that "a state of virtual panic prevails among the Chinese shopkeepers of the native city of Shanghai, who are feeling the heavy hand of the Shantung soldiery, whose tactics are believed to be doing much to swing native business men over to the Nationalist cause." The Northern squadron of ancient and ineffective ships lying near Shanghai changed its allegiance early in the week, going over to the Southern side, probably because the crews were no longer being paid by the Northerners. The incident had no effect on the military situation.

The difficult question of the policing of the Sarre Valley was settled at Geneva March 12 just as the forty-fourth session of the Council of the League of Nations drew to a close. French troops are to be withdrawn from the Sarre in three months. The question of policing the area was brought forward last Saturday, when Major George W. Stephens of Canada, President of the Sarre Valley Governing Commission, presented his recommendation that an inter-Allied force of 800 men act as a special railway defense corps. This force would remain in the area until 1935, when a plebiscite will determine whether the Sarre will go under permanent German or French sovereignty. Dr. Gustav Stresemann, the German Foreign Minister, opposed the plan, declaring that the local gendarmerie would give sufficient protection to transport. Foreign Minister Aristide Briand, however, insisted upon adherence to the recommendations of the Commission, and after 9 lengthy debate, this finally was agreed to by the German delegation. The settlement was hailed as another triumph of the League in conciliation, Dr. Stresemann being given due credit for having made it possible. His decision, Dr. Stresemann said, was taken on his own responsibility and not on instructions from his Government. He added that he was acting in the matter "more as a League man than as a German."

A practical solution was also reached by the League Council of the perplexing problem which had arisen over the German minority schools in Polish Upper Silesia. German is taught in these schools and the closing of some of them by the Polish authorities and wholesale expulsions from others had brought about a situation which caused endless friction between Berlin and Warsaw. The League solution supports the German contentions on every point except as to the right of children speaking only the

Polish tongue to enter the minority schools. No account is taken in the League solution of the legal arguments of the Poles, but here again their acceptance is declared in accord with the League spirit, which puts practical solutions above legal niceties.

The concessions made by Dr. Stresemann in Geneva on the policing of the Sarre raised a storm of criticism in Germany. This was quickly dispelled, however, after the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday when, with President von Hindenburg in the chair, unanimous approval of his actions was forthcoming. The Foreign Minister, says a dispatch of March 15 to the New York "Times," showed his colleagues the relative unimportance of last week's Geneva settlements in the general scheme of things. He demonstrated that any attitude other than one of extreme conciliation would have placed a barrier in front of the negotiations with France for the evacuation of the Rhineland that might have required many months to surmount. He asked the Cabinet, in effect, whether it would have preferred to have had him sacrifice highly important future considerations for insignificant matters of the moment. Painting the picture of the international situation as a whole, he stressed the danger of Germany incurring enmity in any quarter at a time when Britain's conflict with Russia is keeping the whole world on tenterhooks. The aim of the Reich, he added, is to free its soil from foreign troops, and to attain that paramount goal his concessions at Geneva were unavoidable.

Premier Poincare, after a debate which occupied eight successive Fridays in the French Chamber of Deputies, received a sweeping vote of confidence from that body on March 11, indicating general satisfaction with his policies. Unemployment and currency stabilization are the main internal problems of France. The only real criticism of the Government, says a dispatch of March 11 to the New York "Times," has come from the stabilizationists, who twice attempted to get the Premier to make a definite promise that he would stabilize the franc legally at something like the present figure within a fairly short period. Such assurances M. Poincare has persistently declined to give. No attempt at legal stabilization, he maintains, should be made until many outside factors, such as the foreign debt situation, have been cleared up. To the business men and importers, however, he gave assurances repeatedly that the Treasury and the Bank of France have enough foreign money on hand to prevent at any time a serious drop in the value of the franc. The rise in the value of the franc has, it is claimed, caused busine:s to slacken, lowering both internal consumption and export trade. The Premier has, nevertheless, been able to point to the general improvement which has taken place since the frane recovered and he maintains stoutly that trade will improve again when prices, which rose when the franc fell last summer, are reduced to their real value. Unfortunately, the reduction process is slow, food prices in particular remaining excessive. The position of the French Treasury has shown great improvement under the Poincare regime, the Premier announcing in the Senate on March 15 that the budget for 1926-27, for the first time since the war, showed a "notable excess" of receipts over expenditures. He remarked further: "When I came into
power we started by obtaining a credit of 930,000 ,000 francs from big concerns, but this was repaid to the last centime by Sept. 30, and to-day the Government has a credit available at the Bank of France of seven and one-half billion francs."

A treaty of amity between Russia and Latvia was signed March 10 and is generally regarded in Europe as a diplomatic victory for the Soviet. Despite emphatic denials by Sir Austen Chamberlain, British Minister for Foreign Affairs, that a British plot is hatching for the encirclement of Russia with a ring of enemies, European Chancelleries persist in believing that such a movement is on foot. The present treaty insures neutrality between the Soviet and Latvia in the event of attack by a third Power, and Russia is considered to have gained by it a slight offset to the recent Italian ratification of the Paris pact of 1920 whereby Rumania receives the former Russian province of Bessarabia. The agreement is similar to the Treaty of Berlin between Germany and Russia, both parties agreeing not to enter any coalition directed against the territorial integrity or political independence of the other. In Geneva it is understood that the document goes so far as to prevent Latvia even joining in an economic blockade. As this is contrary to the letter and spirit of Article XVI of the League Covenant, no little concern was expressed in Geneva over the treaty.

A second treaty, also concluded, provides for an arbitration commission under a neutral president. Differences still exist with the Soviet over Latvia's obligations as a member of the League of Nations. The Latvian Foreign Minister, says a Riga dispatch of March 11 to the New York "Evening Post," advances the view that it is time for an international conference of Northeastern Europe wherein Russia, Germany, France and England would participate with the object of maintaining the status quo in the Baltic by a series of similar treaties.

Rapid progress is being made in the drafting of a permanent commercial treaty between France and Germany, says a report of March 13 to the New York "Times." The first formal session of the resumed negotiations was held last Saturday and on Sunday it was already announced that the delegates were in substantial agreement on the main lines of the accord. The only remaining issue of importance was the question of the admission of French wines into Germany on an equal customs basis with those of Italy and Spain. At present French wines are taxed $80 \%$ in Germany, whereas other wines enter at $15 \%$, to which figure France wants the tax on her own product reduced. The Germans are considering this request and are expected to meet it in a satisfactory manner. The accord is considered somewhat disturbing to American business men in France, as Germany will receive under it the most favored nation treatment; a friendly concession which will permit Germany, it is thought, to sell many of her products in France at much more attractive prices than Americans can. This, coupled with the new French protective tariff, will, it is feared, put a serious handicap upon American commercial interests in that country. The French, adds the "Times" representative, "are frankly hoping these considerations will influence the American Government to seek a Franco-American commercial
treaty. In return for certain concessions for her perfumes, silks and other luxury products, France would gladly extend the most favored nation clause to the United States and thereby remove the disabilities which the new tariff, plus German competition, unquestionably will place on American goods." The new treaty will probably go into effect before August, the time originally set when the negotiations began. A temporary trade arrangement is functioning meanwhile under which every facility has been extended to German salesmen by France, the Germans naturally making full use of the opportunity.

Heavy customs duties on German food importations are foreshadowed in Berlin. Martin Schiele, the Minister of Agriculture in the Reichstag, who is understood to have a free hand in manipulating the duties on food, said Wednesday that increased tariff protection is necessary for the salvation of German agriculture and for the amelioration of the unemployment problem. American agricultural interests will be seriously affected by the increased rates, as Germany now imports yearly $4,000,000,000$ marks worth of food. A Berlin dispatch of March 16 to the New York "Herald Tribune" reports Minister Schiele as saying that "the German economic system could not stand the continued strain of combined reparations payments, interest payments on foreign loans, unemployment doles and the imported food bill." That manufactures will not be neglected in German tariff increases is indicated by a recent customs orders which advances the duty on automobile parts and accessories to the prohibitive level prescribed for completed cars. This, it is pointed out by the New York "World," may make it impossible for American manufacturers of motor cars to operate assembling plants in that country.

The opportunity for a personal investigation of the affairs of Haiti was denied United States Senator William H. King by the Haitian President, Louis Borno, according to Washington dispatches of March 12. The Haitian Minister in Washington had received informal advices that Mr. King intended to proceed to Haiti and communicated with his Government, which promptly replied that it considered Mr. King "undesirable and that access to the territory of Haiti is forbidden to him." Two reasons were given by Haiti for its exclusion of Senator King: "First, Mr. King has publicly uttered in the United States a false and offensive declaration against the President of Haiti and his coadjutors who are faithfully carrying out the treaty of 1915 voted by the Senate of the United States and by the legislative body of Haiti; second, Mr. King has made himself in the United States the agent of the worst element of disorder in Haitian politics. His presence in Haiti would provoke a political agitation on the part of these elements which would create a general feeling of unrest and insecurity the consequence of which would be disastrous to the population which now is accustomed to peace and labor." The particular utterances of Senator King that Haiti objects to are to the effect that "Borno is a mere figurehead, a creature of our Government and that he acts only as General Russell tells him to act. Our Government is now keeping hundreds of marines in Haiti at a cost annually of several millions of dol-
lars to the United States. General Russell is there in control of Haiti and our marines act unde: his orders." Senator King's exclusion is the more noteworthy as he has long championed in Congress the right of Haiti to go along about its own business without the kindly offices of American marines to help it. The American Department of State promptly acquiesced in President Borno's action, maintaining that it could do nothing in the circumstances, and Senator King on Wednesday announced that he would not try further to gain entry into the negro republic. The incident is closed until the Senate reconvenes.

Sanguinary fighting was resumed in Nicaragua during the past week. The Liberal forces under General Moncada having rejected the peace overtures made last week, were attacked at Muy Muy by the Conservatives, nominally in control of the country. The number of men actually engaged in the warfare is uncertain, but an Associated Press report of March 16 gives 8,000 as the strength of the Conservatives against 6,000 Liberals. The Conservatives are being aided by two American aviators. Despite their assistance, the Government forces were repelled from Muy Muy, the Liberals remaining in possession of the village. Casualties were given as 300 in a dispatch of March 15 to the Chicago "Tribune," which adds that "casualties in Central Aınerican revolutions mean mostly deaths." Other than this engagement, the activities consist chiefly of looting and raiding expeditions, a number of these on the part of the Liberal forces being reported.

Damage to the property of foreigners is again being complained of, several British subjects having lodged protests with Harold Patteson, the British Charge d'Affaires at Managua. The injuries complained of were sustained at the hands of the loyal Government troops, according to the correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune." In one case the neutral zone established by the American marines was violated.

Official discount rates at leading European centres have not been changed 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. In London open market discounts were steady and still unchanged, at $43 / 8 @ 47-16 \%$ for short bills and $45-16 @ 43 / 8 \%$ for three months bills, the same as last week. Money on call in London was firmly held and ruled at $4 \%$, though closing lower, at $35 / 8 \%$, against $4 \%$ a week ago. At Paris the open market discount rate has been reduced to $41 / 4$, against $43 / 4 \%$; but at Switzerland the $23 / 4 \%$ rate remains without change.

The Bank of England in its weekly statement of March 16 showed a small decrease in gold holdings, namely $£ 17,005$. Total gold holdings now amount to $£ 150,736,021$, against $£ 145,561,670$ last year, and $£ 128,618,554$ 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). Reserve of gold and notes in the banking department increased $£ 333,000$, there having been a decrease in notes in circulation amounting to $£ 350,000$. The proportion of reserve to liability advanced to $28.29 \%$ from $27.85 \%$, the ratio
last week. Public deposits expanded $£ 3,025,000$, but "other" deposits fell off $£ 1,743,000$. Loans on Government securities increased $£ 1,435,000$, while loans on the "other" securities decreased $£ 459,000$. Note circulation stands at $£ 130,706,000$, against $£ 141,206,640$ in 1926 , and $£ 124,073,935$ in 1925. The Bank's official discount rate of $5 \%$ remains unchanged. Below we give a detailed comparative statement back to 1923 :

a Includes, beginning with April 29 1925, $£ 27.000 .000$ gold coin and butlion previously held as security for currency note issued and which was transferred to the Bank of England on the British Government's decision to return to gold standard. b Beginning with the statement for April 29 1925, includes $£ 27,000.000$ of Bank of England notes issued in return for the same amount of gold coin and bullion held up to that time in redemption account of currency note issue.

The important changes in the Bank of France's weekly statement as of March 16 were the reduction in note circulation of $490,822,030$ francs, carrying the total down to $52,273,350,065$ francs. At the same time a year ago the total notes outstanding stood at $51,698,934,615$ francs, against $40,880,024,375$ francs in 1925. The State repaid $400,000,000$ francs more to the bank, and this brought the total amount down to $28,900,000,000$ francs as compared with $36,250,000,000$ francs last year and $21,800,000,000$ francs in 1925. Gold holdings remained the same at $5,547,828,350$ francs as against $5,548,291,867$ francs and $5,545,904,836$ francs in 1926 and 1925, respectively. Changes that occurred in other items were: Silver holdings increased $57,440,000$ francs and general deposits $535,836,576$ francs. Treasury deposits diminished $37,944,097$ francs, bills discounted $213,401,850$ francs, and trade advances $43,507,328$ 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 German Reichsbank's weekly statement as of March 15 showed a decrease in note circulation of 203,099,000 marks reducing the total amount to $3,143,778,000$ marks against $2,604,506,000$ marks in 1926 and $1,947,732,000$ marks the previous year. Other daily maturing obligations increased 104,492,000 marks, other liabilities $32,074,000$ marks. On the asset side of the account the majority of items showed increases. Gold and bullion holdings rose 46,000 marks and reserve in foreign currencies $22,008,000$ marks. Silver and other coin increased $8,703,000$ marks, notes on other German banks $4,966,000$ marks, other assets $19,459,000$ marks, while investments decreased 35,000 marks. Advances
diminished $26,694,000$ marks, while bills of exchange and checks decreased $94,986,000$ marks. Gold and bullion now stands at $1,834,921,000$ marks against $1,427,936,000$ marks and $985,223,000$ marks in 1926 and 1925 respectively. Below we give a detailed comparative statement back to 1925.

| Assets- Week. |  |  | $\text { Mar. } 141925 .$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gold and bullion....-Inc. 46,000 | 1,834,921,000 | 1,427,936,000 | 985,223,000 |
| Of which dep. abr'd. Unchanged | 93,007,000 | 220,453,000 | 264,369,000 |
| Res've in foreign currencles_-.-.-.--Inc. $22,008,000$ | 224,143,000 | 475,978,000 | 328,407,000 |
| Bills of ex. \& checks_Dec. 94,986,000 | 719,334,000 | 1,167,320,000 | 1,582,892,000 |
| Silver \& other coin..Inc. 8,703,000 | 138,028,000 | 93,969,000 | 63,848,000 |
| Notes on other German banks_-......Inc. $\quad 4,966,000$ | 19,965,000 | 28,040,000 | 18,624,000 |
| Advances_...-....-. Dec. $26,694,000$ | 19,532,000 | 8,230,000 | 8,475,000 |
| Investments_.....-.-Dec. 35,000 | 57,765,000 | 235,391,000 | 111,828,000 |
| Other assets_-.......Inc. $19,459,000$ LYabluties- | 407,314,000 | 908,441,000 | 1,375,248,000 |
| Notes in circulatlon_Dec. 203,099,000 | 3,143,778,000 | 2,604,506,000 | 1,947,732,000 |
| Other daily maturing obligations_....-.-Inc. $104,492,000$ | 628,720,000 | 874,544,000 | 991,989,000 |
| Other liabilities....--Inc. 32,074,000 | 191,711,000 | 557,650,000 | 1,220,327,000 |

The weekly statements of the Federal Reserve Banks' issued on Thursday afternoon, indicated heavy shifting of funds arising out of the large payment $t^{\prime}$ made by the U.S. Treasury and the preparations for meeting the quarterly income tax payment. The outstanding feature of the reports was a sharp reduction in rediscounting operations and also in open market dealing. For the banks as a group there was a decline in rediscounts of all classes of bills of approximately $\$ 85,400,000$, while holdings of bills bought in the open market fell $\$ 45,800,000$. Holdings of Government securities increased $168,400,000$ owing to the issuance by the U. S. Treasury of $\$ 177,000,000$ of temporary certificates pending the collection of the income taxes. Of this amount the Federal Reserve Bank took $\$ 111,000,000$. Total bills and securities (earning assets) were augmented $\$ 37,200,000$, while deposits increased $\$ 62,300,000$. Member bank reserve accounts also increased, $\$ 74,200,000$. Gold holdings registered a gain of $\$ 11,100,000$. At New York a loss in gold of $\$ 14,800,000$ occurred. Here also material reduction was shown in rediscounting. In bills secured by Government obligations there was a drop of $\$ 55,300,000$ and in "other" bills a shrinkage of $\$ 8,300,000$. Bill buying in the open market dropped $\$ 33,700,000$. Expansion took place in each of the following items: Total bills and securities $\$ 19,600,000$, deposits $\$ 2,600,000$ and member bank reserve accounts $\$ 16,500,000$. The amount of Federal reserve notes in actual circulation, however, was reduced locally as well as nationally, the reduction being $\$ 500,000$ and $\$ 12,600,000$, respectively. The additions to deposits were sufficient to bring about decreases in reserve ratios, regardless of the movement of gold. For the System as a whole the ratio of reserve declined $0.7 \%$, to $79.0 \%$, while at New York there was a drop of $1.4 \%$ to $82.8 \%$.

Striking changes were also shown in last Saturday's return of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies. These included an increase in actual surplus of more than $\$ 66,000,000$, in the face of heavy expansion in deposits; an increase in loans and an addition to member bank reserves at the Federal Reserve Bank of well over $\$ 71,000,000$. Loans and discounts increased $\$ 30,446,000$. Net demand deposits rose $\$ 42,176,000$ to $\$ 4,412,944,000$. This total is exclusive of $\$ 22,163,000$ of Government deposits. Time deposits, on the other hand, fell $\$ 2,342,000$ to $\$ 667,397,000$. Cash in own vaults of
members of the Federal Reserve Bank increased \$1,445,000 , but this does not constitute reserve. State banks and trust company reserves in own vaults fell off $\$ 161,000$; in the reserves kept in other depositories there was a nominal increase, namely $\$ 3,000$. As indicated above, member banks added to their reserves in the Federal Reserve Bank no less than $\$ 71,681,000$, which of course was sufficient to offset larger deposits and, after wiping out last week's deficiency in reserve of $\$ 5,909,970$, left excess reserves of $\$ 60,136,790$ - an increase for the week of $\$ 66$,046,760 . The figures here given for surplus are on the basis of legal reserve requirements of $13 \%$ against demand deposits for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but do not include $\$ 43,883,000$ cash in vault held by these members on Satur day last.

An abundance of funds in the money ${ }^{7}$ market brought the call loan rate down to $31 / 2 \%$ last Wednesday, this being the first time the rate has dropped so low since June 17 1926. The rate of $4 \%$ prevailed on Monday and Tuesday, unchanged from the previous week. With the decline on Wednesday speculative activity on the stock market was stimulated, carrying the list into new high ground. The low rate ruled most of the day. Completion of Government financing operations incidental to March 15 payments was said in banking circles to account for the unusual ease in the money market. Demand loans advanced again on Thursday to $4 \%$, where they remained yesterday without further tendency downward. The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement as of March 9 again showed an increase in brokers' loans by New York member banks. The increase was $\$ 6,066,000$ over the preceding week and marked the third successive enhancement. Little attention was paid to it in the stock market. The week's gold movement was very light, the chief item being the receipt of $\$ 1,000,000$ from Canada.
As to specified rates for money ;loans on call have been all but motionless this week. With the exception of Wednesday when there was a decline for a brief period to $31 / 2 \%$, the only figure named during the four other business days of the week, that is, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, was 4\%, this being the high, the low and the renewal basis on each of these days. The range for the week therefore was $31 / 2 @ 4 \%$, which compares with $4 \%$ a week ago.
In time money trading is still inactive, with funds in liberal supply. Toward the latter part of the week easier conditions prevailed and as a result sixty and ninety day money was quoted at $43 / 8 \%$, against $43 / 8 @ 41 / 2 \%$; the longer maturities-four, five and six months-remain at $43 / 8 @ 41 / 2 \%$, the same as last week. Trading was inclined to be listless. According to bankers, the prevailing ease in the money market was surprising, in view of the recent strain of meeting heavy mid-month financing requirements.
Commercial paper was in demand, but offerings of the best names were still restricted; hence trading was only moderately active. Four to six months' names of choice character have not been changed from $4 \%$, with names not so well at $41 / 4 \%$, the same as heretofore. New England mill paper and the shorter choice names continue to pass at $4 \%$.
Banks' and bankers, acceptances were steady ${ }^{7}$ and still unchanged. Trading was quiet, and the week's
turnover again reached moderate proportions with large buyers taking only a limited interest in the acceptance market. 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:


There have been no changes this week in Federal Reserve Bank rates. The following is the schedule of rates now in effect for the various classes of paper at the different Reserve banks:
discount rates of federal reserve banks in effect MARCH 181927.

| FEDERAL RESERVE BANK. | Paper Maturino- |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Wthin 90 Days. |  |  |  | $\|$After 90 <br> Days, but <br> Within 6 <br> Months. | After 6 <br> but <br> Withtn 9 <br> Months. <br>  <br> Agricurl <br> and <br> Livestock <br> Paper. 1 |
|  |  |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Bankers } \\ \text { Accep- } \\ \text { tances. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Trade Acceptances. |  |  |
| Boston-- | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| New York-- | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Cleveland.-- | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Richmond. | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Atlanta--- | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Chicago | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| St. Louls | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Minneapolis | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | $\stackrel{4}{4}$ |
|  | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| San Franclsco | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 4 |

Activity and strength developed in the sterling exchange market this week and trading was liberal in volume and at the highest levels attained in quite some time. Almost from the start a broadening in inquiry was noted, and it was not long before it became evident that the market was shaking off its apparent lethargy and indifference and commencing to function briskly. Persistent buying, accompanied by comparatively light offerings of commercial bills, soon drove prices upward, until demand bills advanced nearly $1 / 2$ of a cent to $4.851-16$. This figure is well above the levels recently prevailing and the advance aroused considerable comment. While it is true that in the ordinary course of events sterling rates should move upward with the turn of the year until well into the spring, the tendency up till a week or so ago had been toward lower levels, so that a sudden shift in direction at this time was looked upon as a development of some importance. According to bankers in close touch with the situation, the rise was not due to any increase in the movement of funds to London, but was largely in response to the inauguration of urgent buying by rubber interests who were said to be making settlement through London for recent purchases of rubber made in India.

It is undoubtedly true that movements in the sterling exchange market during the past few months have defied all attempts at analysis. Depression with declining levels has prevailed at times when normally the market should be advancing, while,
conversely, advances have been recorded when general expectations were of a decline. The explanation for these abnormal tendencies will undoubtedly be found in the British coal strike, which for many months so completely disorganized British industrial conditions and left behind it untoward influences not even yet completely removed. Developments in the Far East had no influence one way or the other on market sentiment and the feeling appeared to be one of confidence, not to say buoyancy, on the ground that the outlook is for improvement in economic and financial affairs generally.

As to quotations in greater detail, sterling exchange on Saturday last was steady and still unchanged, at $4.843 / 4$ (one rate) for demand and $4.851 / 4$ for cable transfers; trading was of the usual half-day session variety, very dull. On Monday rates advanced partly in sympathy with strength in some of the Continental exchanges and partly as a result of improved buying, and the range for demand was 4.843/4@4.8429-32 and for cable transfers 4.851/4@ 4.85 13-32; slightly more activity developed. Brisk buying induced added firmness on Tuesday and prices rose to 4.847/8@4.8431-32 for demand and to 4.853/8@4.85 15-32 for cable transfers; the volume of business transacted was larger than for some time. Wednesday's market was strong and active and there was a further advance that carried demand up to 4.85@4.85 1-16 and cable transfers to 4.85 $1 / 2$ @ 4.85 9-16. Although a slightly reactionary trend set in on Thursday, prices were maintained at 4.85@ 4.85 1-16 for demand and 4.85 $1 / 2 @ 4.85$ 9-16 for cable transfers. On Friday prices were steady; demand bills again ranged between 4.85 and $4.851-16$ and cable transfers at 4.851/2@4.85 9-16. Closing quotations were 4.85 1-16 for demand and 4.85 9-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $4.8415-16$, sixty days at $4.8015-16$, ninety days at 4.78 13-16, documents for payment (sixty days) at $4.813-16$, and seven-day grain bills at 4.84 11-16. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.84 15-16.

No announcements of gold engagements were received, other than the fact that the Japanese Government has shipped another $\$ 2,000,000$ in gold to San Francisco on the SS. Siberia. The Bank of England exported small amounts of the precious metal to Spain and to India. $\$ 1,000,000$ was received from Canada during the week.

The Continental exchanges were strong, excited and higher, and here also good gains were recorded in a number of the leading currencies. As a matter of fact no less than four currencies established new high records for the current year. These were lire, Swedish crowns, pesetas and yen. Trading, though still a trifle irregular, has been quite active with buying generally predominant. Italian lire showed marked strength and the quotation rose to $4.601 / 2$, a gain of 15 points and the highest level since 1923, under the stimulus of a wave of buying which was attributed almost wholly to non-speculative sources. For the past two weeks or more, inquiry for lire has been gathering momentum and the expectation has been of an advance in rates. This buying was said to be due to foreign purchases of Italian stocks, the turning over of the proceeds of Italian loans floated abroad and widespread improvement in Italy's foreign trade position. It is claimed that there is practically no outstanding short account in lire and that the gains shown in the Italian foreign trade balance have been
brought about in large measure by the Fascist program for stimulating exports and reducing imports. An additional factor in the rise is said to be pending Italian financing; in bond circles it is estimated that somewhere around $\$ 100,000,000$ in new loans for Italy are to be floated in this market during the course of the next few weeks, to be utilized primarily for the purpose of strengthening the foreign currency reserve of the Bank of Italy. In the late dealings there was a setback and the close was at 4.59 .
There is very little to report as regards other of the major European currencies. French francs continue steady at or very close to 3.90 , on light trading. Antwerp belgas moved similarly. Reichsmarks, though inactive, are still showing a disposition to firmness and hovered around 23.73 . Greek exchange continued at close to 1.28 , while in the minor Central European group there were no changes of importance.

The London check rates on Paris closed at 124.01 which compares with 124.03 a week ago. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at $3.901 / 2$, against $3.903 / 8$; cable transfers at $3.911 / 2$, against $3.913 / 8$, and commercial sixty days at $3: 891 / 2$, against $3.893 / 8$ last week. Antwerp belgas closed the week at 13.90 for checks and at 13.91 for cable transfers against $13.891 / 2$ and $13.901 / 2$. Final quotations for Reichsmarks were 23.72 for checks and 23.73 for cable transfers, against $23.701 / 4$ and $23.711 / 4$ a week earlier. Austrian schillings have not been changed from $141 / 8$. Italian lire closed at 4.59 for bankers' sight bills and at 4.60 for cable transfers. This compares with $4.441 / 2$ and $4.451-2$ last week. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at $2.963 / 8$, (unchanged); on Bucharest at 0.60, against 0.61; on Poland at 11.50, (unchanged), and on Finland at $2.521 / 2$, (unchanged). Greek drachmae closed at 1.28 for checks and 1.29 for cable transfers, unchanged from the preceding week.

As to the Continental exchanges, formerly designated as the neutral exchanges, considerable activity prevailed and in the main the trend was upward in line with movements at other leading European centres. Attention again centred upon the gyrations in Spanish pesetas, which shot up as a result of active speculative buying to 17.56 , another new high record (the highest figure since 1920), and an advance of 31 points for the week. Later a part of this was lost because of profit taking sales, but the close was at the top. Guilders and Swiss francs were firmly held but not essentially changed. In the Scandinavian division, pronounced strength developed in Swedish krona and there was an advance to 26.77 , a new high point for the year, although there was no particular activity to account therefor. Norwegian krone, on the other hand, opened strong, then receded slightly, with the extremes for the week 26.15 and 26.07. Danish kronen remained at or near 26.64. Trading in all of these was inclined to be erratic and a good deal confused at times owing to the numerous up and down movements in prices.
Bankers' sight bills on Amsterdam finished at $40.001 / 2$ (unchanged); cable transfers, $40.011 / 2$ (unchanged), and commercial sight bills, $39.991 / 2$ (unchanged). Swiss francs closed at 19.23 for bankers' sight bills and 19.24 for cable transfers, against $19.231 / 4$ and $19.241 / 4$ a week ago. Copenhagen checks closed at 26.64 and cable transfers at 26.65 , against 26.63@26.64. Checks on Sweden finished at 26.76 and cable transfers at 26.77, against 26.71@
26.72, while checks on Norway closed at 26.13 and cable transfers at 26.14, against 26.16@26.17 a week earlier. Spanish pesetas finished the week at 17.56 for checks and at 17.57 for cable remittances, which compares with 17.25 and 17.26 last week.
FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922. MARCH 121927 TO MARCH 18 1927. INCLUSIVE.

| Country and Monetary Unst. | Noon Buytno Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Mar. 14. | Mar. 15. | Mar. 16. | Mar. 17 | Mar. 18. |
| EUROPE- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Austria, schilling | . 14075 | . 14074 | . 14071 | . 14069 | . 14073 | . 14081 |
| Belglum, belga | . 1390 | . 1390 | . 13970 | . 1300 | . 13070 | . 1390 |
| Czechoslovakia, krone | . 02724615 | . 00724518 | ${ }^{.007250}$ | . 00206124 | . 0029617 | . 0029619 |
| Denmark, krone. | . 2664 | . 2664 | . 26 | . 2664 | . 2664 | . 2664 |
| ling.. | 85 | 4.8529 | 4.85 | 4.8549 | 4.8547 | 4.8544 |
| nland, ma | . 025203 | . 025201 | . 025199 | . 025203 | . 025202 | . 025203 |
| France, franc | . 0391 | . 0391 | . 0391 | 0391 | . 0391 | . 0391 |
| Germany, relchsmark | . 2371 | . 2372 | . 2373 | 2373 | . 2373 | . 2372 |
| Greece, drachma | . 012872 | . 012879 | . 012884 | . 012895 | . 012894 | . 012898 |
| Holland, gullder | . 4001 | . 4001 | . 4001 | . 4002 | . 4001 | . 4001 |
| Hungary, peng | . 1751 | . 1750 | . 1750 | . 1751 | . 1749 | . 1750 |
| Italy, 11 ra | . 0446 | . 0453 | . 0455 | . 0455 | . 0459 | . 0460 |
| Norway, kro Poland, zloty | .2615 | . 2615 | . 2610 | . 2608 | . 2612 | . 2613 |
| Poland, zloty | . 1140 | . 1134 | . 1134 | . 1133 | . 1138 | . 1134 |
| Portugal, escud | . 0513 | . 0512 | . 0512 | . 0512 | . 0511 | . 0511 |
| Rumania, leu Spain, | . 006040 | . 0066010 | . 005997 | . 006003 | . 006002 | . 005 |
| Sweden, krona | . 2673 | . 2673 | . 2675 | . 2732 | . 27876 | . 2676 |
| Switzerland, franc.. | . 1924 | . 1924 | . 1924 | . 1924 | . 1924 | . 1924 |
| Yugoslavia, dinar... ASIA - | . 017601 | . 017599 | . 017588 | . 017593 | . 017595 | . 017589 |
| Cbina- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chefoo, tael |  |  | . 6208 |  | . 6231 |  |
| Hankow, tael | . 6221 | . 6154 . | . 6121 | . 6154 | . 6138 | . 6171 |
| Shanghai, tae | . 6007 | . 5932 | . 5913 | . 5952 | . 5929 | . 5980 |
| Tlentsin, tael. | . 6354 | . 6275 | . 6246 | . 6279 | . 6273 | . 6296 |
| dollar | 4839 | . 4809 | 4791 | . 4816 | . 4802 | . 4829 |
| Tlentsin or Pelyang | . 4366 | . 4309 | . 431 | . 4350 | . 4325 | . 4363 |
| dollar | 4267 | . 4242 | . 4238 | . 4263 | . 4258 | . 4271 |
| Yuan, dolla | . 4238 | . 4213 | . 4208 | . 4233 | . 4233 | . 4242 |
| India, rupee- | . 3634 | . 3635 | . 3636 | . 3637 | . 3636 | . 3635 |
| Japan, yen-...... | . 4912 | 4919 | . 4918 | . 4925 | . 4925 | . 4920 |
| singapore(S.S.), dolla <br> NORTH AMER - | . 5596 | . 5596 | . 5596 | . 5596 | . 5596 | . 5596 |
| Canada, dollar....- | 998097 | 998074 | . 998056 |  |  | . 998906 |
| Cuba, peso. | 1.000688 | 1.000750 | 1.000594 | 1.000594 | 1.000469 | 1.000531 |
| Mexico, peso .-.... | 470067 | 470100 | . 470067 | . 470067 | . 470067 | . 470067 |
| Newtoundiand, dolla SOUTH AMER. - | . 996250 | . 996000 | . 996000 | . 995813 | . 99618 | . 99656 |
| Argentina, peso (gold | . 9586 | . 9587 | . 9598 |  |  |  |
| Brazil, milrels. | . 1185 | . 1185 | . 1182 | . 1185 | .1183 | 1184 |
| Chlle, peso. | . 1199 | . 1198 | . 1198 | . 1198 | . 1200 | . 1201 |
| Uruguay, peso | . 0088 | 1.0118 | 1.0119 | 1.0112 | 1.0126 | 1.0119 |

Continued firmness attended dealings in the South American exchanges, and Argentine pesos, still the most active feature of the list, were again marked up, this time to 42.36 , with the close at 42.22 for checks and at 42.27 for cable transfers, as against 42.12 and 42.17 last week. Brazilian milreis have evidently fallen into a rut and for the third consecutive week hovered within a range of 2 or 3 points, finishing at 11.80 for checks and at 11.85 for cable transfers, in comparison with 11.83 and 11.88 a week ago. Chilean exchange was strong with the close 11.96, against 11.91 the week previous. Peru ruled firm, closing at 3.68 , the same as last week.

As to the Far Eastern exchanges, Japanese yen came to the front and attracted very favorable attention by reason of the surprising firmness that characterized movements in this currency. Despite earthquake developments the yen finished at 49.20 and 49.25 , against $493-16 @ 493 / 8$ a week ago. All of this led to the belief that the recent lowering in the discount rate of the Bank of Japan was in reality a preliminary to declaration of a return to the gold standard in the very near future. The Chinese currencies displayed uneasiness and some irregularity on a sharp setback in the silver market. Hong Kong closed at 485/8@483/4, against 491/4@ $493 / 8$; Shanghai, 601/4@603/8, against $591 / 4 @ 593 / 8$; Mamila, 4915-16@501/8, against 49.75@50; Singapore, $561 / 8 @ 563 / 8$ (unchanged). Indian exchange was firmly held, presumably on the favorable progress through the Indian Parliament of the gold standard and rupee stabilization bills. The close was $361 / 2 @ 369-16$ for Bombay, against 361/2 @ $365 / 8$, with Calcutta $361 / 2 @ 369-16$, against $361 / 2$ @ $365 / 8$.

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained $\$ 5,120,830$ net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended March 17. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated $\$ 5,914,025$, while the shipments have reached $\$ 793,195$ as per the following table:
CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

| Week Ended March 17. | Into <br> Banks. | Out of <br> Banks. | Gain or Loss <br> to Banks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Banks' interlor movement......... | $\$ 5,914,025$ | $\$ 793,195$ | Gain 5,120,830 |

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

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

| Banks of | March 171927. |  |  | March 181926. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Gold. | Silver. | Total. | Gold. | Silver. | Total. |
|  |  | f | 36,021 | 5.561,670 |  | $\underset{145,561,670}{f}$ |
| England-- | 150, 14780,281 | $13,680,000$ | 161,020.268 | ${ }^{147,358.839}$ | 13.1694.0 | $160.518,839$ <br> $56,206,350$ |
| Germany ${ }_{\text {d }}$ | 87,.093,400 $103,378,000$ |  | 88,088,000 | - $55,211,750$ | ${ }_{26,451,000}^{994,600}$ | 127,926,000 |
|  | 45,741,000 | 4,243,000 | 49,984,000 | 35,687,000 | 3,410,000 | 39,097,000 |
| Netherl ${ }^{-18}$ | 34,912,000 | 2,314,000 | 37,226,000 | 35,870,000 | 2,122,000 | 37,929,000 |
|  | 17,900,000 | $1,138,000$ $3,004,000$ | le, $\begin{aligned} & \text { 20,938,000 } \\ & \text { 2000 }\end{aligned}$ | lo, | $3,658,000$ <br> 3,709000 | 14,612,000 |
|  | 12,589,000 | 3,04,000 | 12,589,000 | 12,763,000 | 3.60,000 | 12,783,000 |
| ${ }_{\text {Denmark }}$ | 11,202,000 | 834,000 | 12,036,000 | 11,623,000 | 842,000 | 12,465,000 |
| Norway - | 8,180,000 |  | 8,180,000 | 8,180,000 |  | 8,180,000 |

 Prev. Week $\mathbf{a}$ Gold holdings of the Bank of France are exclusive of gold held abroad, amounting a Gold holdings of the Bank of France are exclusive of gold held abroad, amounting
the present year to $£ 74,572,866$. b Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany are exclusive of gold held abroad, the amount of which the present year is $14,650,350$. c As of Oct. 71924.

## From Compromise to Encroachment-Some Recent Decisions of the League Council.

The recent meeting of the Council of the League of Nations afforded another illustration of the relative lack of interest in the League and its proceedings when the nationalistic spirit is moving strongly among the member States. Public interest in what was said or done at Geneva was largely overshadowed, save at one or two points, by reports or rumors of alliances and political realignments apparently fraught with important consequences for Europe, at the same time that the increasingly serious situation in China, the preparations for a naval arms conference, and the announcement by France of an elaborate program of military preparedness, naturally cast such routine matters as the regulation of the international drug traffic, the settlement of a land controversy in Hungary, and the arrangements for a loan to the Free City of Danzig, very much into the shade.

The appearance of Dr. Stresemann, the German Foreign Minister, in the capacity of President of the Council, and the delivery of his opening address in German, were of themselves interesting incidents, and Dr. Stresemann himself won deserved commen-
dation by a graceful yielding of a German contention in what seemed at the moment a critical matter. None of the items of the agenda, however, appeared to be of first-rate importance. The most vexatious, considering the truculent attitude of one of the parties, was the question of the German minority schools in Upper Silesia. Out of a maze of legal technicalities, involving the interpretation by the Polish Government of the Geneva Convention relating to the schools, there appeared the broad fact that more than 7,000 German children in the region had been excluded from the minority schools in which the German language was used, some 5,000 of them on the ground that their parents had declared the mother tongue to be either Polish, or German and Polish, and 1,300 others on the ground that no answers to official inquiries had been given by the persons responsible for the children's education. The curious result was accordingly presented of the children in question not attending any school, at the same time that their parents or guardians were being prosecuted by the Polish authorities for disobeying the compulsory school laws. The Council, wisely deciding that a reference of the question to the World Court would only mean indefinite delay, cut the Gordian knot by deciding that the ability of a child to speak a language should determine his right to attend a minority school, and by appointing a Swiss expert to assist the Mixed Commission in determining the status of children whom the Polish authorities had excluded.
A question of more importance, because of the old war bitterness which beset it, concerned the policing of the Sarre Basin, the rich coal area which was taken from Germany by the Treaty of Versailles and placed for fifteen years under the supervision of France, pending its final disposition through a plebiscite. The Treaty provided for the organization in the Sarre of a local gendarmerie, but the organization of the stipulated force, owing to French opposition, has only lately been completed, and in the meantime French troops have occupied the region, ostensibly to guard the railways and the coal trains. The German Government contended that since the organization of the gendarmerie had been accomplished, the French troops should now be withdrawn. The French, in turn, insisted that since the Sarre had been placed under French control, as reparation for the destruction of French coal mines by the Germans during the war, they could not properly be asked to leave the railways unguarded. Confronted by what appeared to be an impasse, Dr. Stresemann yielded the point, and accepted a solution, proposed by the Sarre Commission, under which the French troops will be replaced by an international force of 800 men. It was reported that the acceptance of the compromise was largely due to the interposition of Sir Austen Chamberlain, the British Foreign Secretary, who in this instance had to deal with M. Briand as well as with Dr. Stresemann.
None of these peaceable compromises, however, served to banish the thought of war which hovered about the proceedings of the Council. On Feb. 25, ten days before the Council met, the development by France of "a new flying boat of the monoplane type, with five Jupiter air-cooled engines of a total horsepower of 2,100 ," was announced, the additional information being given that the plane was "said to be the world's largest flying boat, and was built
to carry a gross weight of more than 3,600 pounds, making it the most formidable bomber in the world." The authorization by the French Parliament of a naval program drawn up three years ago, calling, among other things, for the construction of at least two cruisers and other light craft, was announced on March 1 as impending, together with a plan for the complete reconstruction of the frontier defenses from Dunkirk to Belfort. The latter plan, which involves an expenditure of $7,000,000,000$ francs over a period of years, contemplates a line of "strongly fortified positions" equipped with "every modern defense against attack by land and air."

Dr. Stresemann, in an interview which he gave out on March 10, declared that world economics "cannot be brought to normal if $150,000,000$ people entrench themselves in Eastern Europe and reduce consumption." The reference was to Russia, which is not a member of the League, and which has declined to take part in the forthcoming International Economic Conference, on which Dr. Stresemann was about to present a report to the Council. Two days before he spoke, the Italian representative in the Council had announced the ratification by Italy of the Bessarabian Treaty of October 1920, already ratified by Great Britain and France, recognizing the union of Bessarabia with Rumania. It is well known that Russia has consistently refused to recognize the enforced transfer of Bessarabia to Rumania, and the Russian Ambassador at Rome has labored hard to prevent the ratification of the treaty which deprives Russia of territory which it regards as its own, but the treaty is nevertheless now in force. We shall know later the price that Rumania paid, and the effect of the ratification upon the explosive political situation in the Balkans and the ambitions of France for a preponderant political influence in Eastern Europe, but it is clear enough that the transaction will only strengthen Russia in its determination to have nothing to do with the League, at the same time that it emphasizes the serious potentialities of Mussolini's expansion program for Italy.
It was, perhaps, because of the disturbed political situation that the Council, toward the close of its session, turned its attention to the question of League intervention in the case of a threatened war. A committee report which was before it, and to which it gave a second reading, declared that no attempt had been made in the report to classify all the possible events that might arise, or to interpret fully Article XI of the Covenant. Nevertheless, certain practical suggestions were offered, quite the most important being a proposal for the use of naval and air forces in making a demonstration against a recalcitrant Power. The suggestion had something of the effect of a bomb upon the proceedings of the Council. When Viscount Cecil urged that civil airplanes might be used to drop propaganda material within the territory of a recalcitrant State, calling attention to the danger of war if the course of the State were not altered, the Italian representative promptly retorted that civil airplanes, once they cross a frontier, "become military airplanes," and that such action as had been proposed might make the situation worse rather than better; while the Colombia delegate objected that since only the larger States could furnish the means for either a naval or an air demonstration, the League would be dependent upon their co-operation.

The objectionable passage in the report was finally made to read that "it is possible that air demonstrations might, within a reasonable limit, be employed," but the change of language seems neg. ligible. Taken in connection with a further declaration of the report, to the effect that the League may rightfully act in cases between member and non-member States, or even between non-member States, with a view to preserving peace, the incident affords further proof of the wisdom of the United States in avoiding membership in the League. If the League, in its zeal for enforcing peace, is to mix at its discretion in the internal affairs of member and non-member States alike, attacking public opinion in a country by scattering from airplanes propaganda material directed against the Government, or mobilizing naval and air forces for a so-called demonstration, it is well that such an encroachment upon the sovereign rights of a State should be challenced at once, and that such an assumption of authority as the report before the Council seems to contemplate should be repudiated. The League has already had to contend, on the whole unsuccessfully, with the dominating influence exercised by the Great Powers over its policies and acts. It has now to contend, apparently, with a proposed policy of meddling.
The high aim of the League to preserve peace is worthy of all commendation, and every reasonable effort which it may make in that direction is entitled to support. One would gladly believe, too, that such elaborate proposals as those for the defense of the French frontier are, as the Minister of War, M. Painleve, has declared them to be, nothing more than reasonable measures of national protection, and carry no aggressive intent. It is clear enough, however, that between the large plans of the League for universal peace, and the nationalistic fears and ambitions of particular Powers, there is still a wide gulf, and that the "moral disarmament" which M. Painleve hoped would continue to go on is still far from its goal. As long as such opposition of interests exists, any decisions or acts of the League looking to direct intervention in the political affairs of a State, especially if the State happen to be one too small or weak to resist, would seem almost certain to aggravate the danger rather than allay it. It would be well if that part of the committee's report which appears to contemplate such intervention were quietly allowed to be forgotten.

## Compulsory Voting.

Senator Capper of Kansas proposes, through an amendment to be offered to the tax-revision bill, to provide "that citizens of the United States who are legally qualified to vote shall pay an additional tax of $1 \%$ of their gross yearly incomes after 1927 unless it can be shown that they have voted in the last preceding election of President, Congressmen or United States Senator or were prevented from doing so by unavoidable absence from their homes, by sickness or by other serious disability." In summing up reasons and benefits the Senator says: "Just as the imposition of unjust taxes gave impetus to the birth of our nation, it is likely that Mr. Average Citizen, compelled to vote or to pay an additional tax of $1 \%$ of his total yearly income, will suddenly realize he is an integral part of the Government and must do his duty at the ballot box. Not only will he vote,
but he probably will insist upon a shorter ballot, and less frequent elections. And when the politicians know there will be a full vote they will have to discuss real issues, not mere vote-getting ones; they will have to drop personalities and discuss principles. Less money will be required to "bring out the vote," and there will be less need to solicit or to accept corrupting cash donations from those seeking unjust advantages. These would be great steps toward clean, honest and more intelligent elections."
We would like to think that good would flow from a law of this kind, if it can constitutionally be enacted, but we have grave doubts in the matter. In the first place it is in contradiction to our theory of government. A forced vote is not a free vote. Only the latter can erect a free government out of the exercise of a civic right. The lash of the law cannot be construed as a means to the taking of a proper interest in government. Such a vote, without the voluntary study of principles, parties and candidates must be a perfunctory one. If the casting of a ballot be not done through a sense of responsibility and duty, it will be an empty form, and therefore can have no real determining value. Done through fear of the penalty it will be irksome, haphazard and distasteful. It is truly unfortunate and depiorable that only about half of those entitled to vote go to the polls. But if democracy on trial proves itself merely an inert mass, incapable of sufficient interest in the perpetuity and perfection of government, what, then, shall we say of the value of liberty? Compulsory voting by its very nature creates an autocracy-the law is stronger than the law-maker. If an individual becomes an actual and active citizen by the exercise of suffrage, he becomes a sivic slave when he is made to vote. Government, free, sustains itself by force. Driven to the polls by tax penalties, the freeman loses respect for freedom.

You can lead a horse to water but you cannot make him drink. You can lead a man to the polls but you cannot make him take an interest in the election. Casting a ballot is a solemn obligation. He is truly a slacker who will not vote, under proper circumstances. But a vote with no thought, study, patriotism, or devotion back of it must increase the dangers that already beset free Governments. Ignorance is not banished by fear. Love of law and liberty under law are not increased by a fine. Will compulsion turn the slacker into a patriot? It is too true that disgust with politics and despair of administration rule does drive some good men away from the polls. They say, and it is not a valid excuse, that the one vote counts little against the eager suffrage of thousands who are after the loaves and fishes. But before we can count upon the final effect of compulsory voting we must separate the wise and patriotic among the non-voters from the ignorant and indifferent. It is by no means certain that of the half who do not vote a majority are fit to vote. We are apt to think of the busy business man as the one who would swell the intelligence of republican rule, but women now vote and it is no disrespect to say that many of them are so far unlearned in politics and civics. Is government, then, to be advantaged by a mere increase of the unprepared voters?

There are so many objections to the form in which this proposal is put that we can only mention some of them without discussion. What is the connection
between a penalty added to an income tax and a system of voting that is not based on a property qualification that they should thus be linked together? Can there be justice in fining the "under five thousand" class the same percentage as the million class in the upper brackets while the gradations continue? Or to turn the proposition around since a man can cast but one vote, should the man with a million be fined more heavily than one with ten thousand? And can real, patriotic interest be brought about by the weight of the penalty? If "big business" votes because of a fine will little business vote that has no fine to fear? Penalties are usually in proportion to the offense, or at least that is the theory of the law; does a man with a huge gross income commit a greater offense by not voting than one with a small income? Since parties strive primarily for self-interest in "getting out the vote" and only secondarily for the good of government, that, of course, being the belief and hope of party principles advocated, will compulsory voting relieve them from this custom or merely increase the burden? And since the baneful use of money in primaries is for the purpose of nominating certain candidates for office, and the infamous use of money in buying votes at elections is for the purpose of electing candidates and ensuring party success, will a full electorate prevent this nefarious practice or merely make it more costly? And what has a long or short ballot to do with the number of voters?
There may be something in the effect of a "full vote" upon the politicians. And anything that will put the fear of God in their hearts is a good thing. But that they will necessarily discuss "real issues" is only upon the presumption that the non-voters are wise and patriotic. And that they will "drop personalities and discuss principles" can only be predicated on the belief that a full vote will free elections from the personal fitness of opposing candidates and present a front by each party in which there will be no choice between men. Under this law, if as asserted it is constitutional, a man fearing a fine could vote for candidates for Congress and refuse to vote for candidates for the State Legislature. A clash between State and nation is sure to occur. And what a beautiful bureau will be created to look after the recalcitrant voters! A census of the population will have to be taken every four years, before the election, if not every two years. Registration will become as important as the election. The "round up" at branding time will employ many men -records of births and deaths will have to be carefully consulted. All the records of the internal revenue tax bureau will have to be open for inspection, for a fine based on gross income must be accurately assessed, and the overcrowded dockets of the Federal courts will have a new grist to grind. A man without income can now vote-but it will cost as much per capita to run him down as it will to snare a million-dollar income-only there will be profit to the Government that in the latter case no guilty man escape.

Senator Capper says: "Failure to vote might not constitute a serious menace were it not that citizens who should be best informed to vote intelligently, and best circumstanced to vote unselfishly, are the very ones who abstain from voting. The gang wards in any large city always cast the highest percentage of votes. It is in the sections where the middle class
and wealthy live that votes are scarcest." This may be true in cities, is it true in farming districts? Unfortunately for the efficiency of democracy, perhaps, the gangster is entitled to vote, though he is a negligible quantity as a revenue producer in fines. And if the object is quantity votes regardless of quality the gangster and the illiterate must be forced to the polls or we shall have a Government based on the property of those who vote to escape a fine, in so far as this proposed law affects results. Thus in trying to sustain democracy by forcing out a full vote we shall only thwart democracy by an oligarchy of the rich.

This is a very grave problem. Political economists of all shades would be glad to see it solved. But it will seem to many that it can only be solved by popular adult education in patriotism and not by law. If the old New England town meeting could be invoked during our campaigns, bi-partisan and non-partisan meetings, for the purpose of arousing citizens to their duty, much good might be accomplished. The party workers themselves might aid by pre-election drives to bring out the full vote were it not for the fact that next to securing a vote for the one party, is the fact that a vote known to favor the other side which does not reach the ballot box is that much gain. Above all, the perpetuity of the Republic in the end must rest upon an intelligent and an honest vote. The "very rich," who, as alleged, do not vote, are not thereby without influence in civic affairs, but the ignorant man who has nothing but his vote is a menace before and after voting.

## 讳 The Annual Report of the United States Steel Corporation.

The present is the twenty-fifth annual report of this great industrial corporation-"great" not merely as concerns the size of the company and the magnitude of its operations, but great in many other respects, more particularly as regards the sound and broad-minded policy pursued in its management. The policy referred to has been a distinctive feature of the Steel Corporation, and as applier to industrial corporations, had in the first instance an element of novelty in it, which, however, from the standpoint of novelty alone does not signify as much as might be supposed, since when the Steel Corporation was organized, over a quarter of a century ago, industrial organizations of the huge size which have now become quite common, were then unknown.

It is a mistake, though, to term this policy the Gary policy, as Ida Tarbell does in her panegyric of Judge Elbert H. Gary, who has been Executive Chairman during the whole term of existence of the company. The Steel Corporation was the creation of the late J. P. Morgan, though Mr. Gary was very helpful and played a prominent part in its organization. And in the administration of the property Mr. Morgan insisted upon the application of the same methods and principles which he had always applied with such pre-eminent success in the reor ganizations of the railroads, with which the house of Morgan was so prominently identified during the last quarter of the Nineteenth century. The Morgan name has always been the synonym for sound finance and it has been no less the token for the fullest pub licity regarding corporation affairs. Mr. Morgan always made that an imperative requirement. Con-
cealment was foreign to his nature. He insisted on full and comprehensive reports and he may be said to have set the standard in that respect for the railroads.

And Mr. Morgan in his identification with the railroads did not rest satisfied by giving security holders merely a report once a year, but saw to it that the management gave out monthly reports and even weekly reports of estimated gross earnings where he was in absolute control and could enforce compliance with a requirement of that kind. The Southern Railway Company furnishes a case in point. The Southern Railway was the creation of the late J. P. Morgan, just as the United States Steei Corporation was. It represented the reorganization of a lot of bankrupt roads scattered over the South, the leading links in the system having been the Richmond \& Danville, the East Tennessee, Virginia \& Georgia and the Richmond \& West Point Terminal -a task which he assumed when one reorganization committee after another had failed in the undertaking and had given up the job as hopeless. This prominent railroad has given out weekly reports $\mathrm{o}^{\text {e }}$ earnings for all the roads in the system uninterruptedly since the day of its organization. And these reports were continued even during the period of the war, when the roads were under Government control, the Southern Railway being one of the very few companies that kept up the practice at that time. Mr. Morgan was dead then, but the practice he had initiated was maintained.

The Steel Corporation by giving out quarterly reports of income and monthly returns of unfilled orders undertook to carry the same enlightened methods into the industrial field. Mr. Morgan in his control of the railroads also always insisted that large amounts of earnings should be turned back into the properties for their improvement and development, just as has been done in the case of the Steel Corporation, and the Southern Railway has achieved success through the application of these principles no less than the Steel Corporation.

Both these great properties-one in the railway world and the other in the industrial field of enter-prise-are monuments to the genius and the wisdom of Mr. Morgan. Mr. Gary could never have gained the favor and the confidence of Mr. Morgan if he had not given undeviating adherence to these methods and principles. The policy originated with Mr. Morgan, not with Judge Gary, as Miss Tarbell would have us believe. The policy, indeed, might be called the Morgan-Baker policy, for George F. Baker of the First National Bank has always been associated with the Morgan house in all its great enterprises and the two men always acted together in full accord. It does not detract in any way from the fame of Judge Gary that he made the Morgan-Baker policy almost a part of his being and carried it loyally and faithfully into execution, but simple justice to the dead requires that this statement should be made here, since Miss Tarbell in her exuberance gives credit to Judge Gary for everything and conveys the impression that Mr. Morgan had nothing to do with the development and success of this great industrial concern except to exercise the function of the banker in connection with it.
The Steel Corporation, having in 1926 completed a quarter century of existence-its organization actually dates from April 1 1901-the board of direc-
tors, as if to signalize the occasion, voted on Dec. 16 last to recommend to the stockholders at the annual meeting of the Corporation to be held on Monday, April 18, the distribution to the common stock holders of a $40 \%$ stock dividend. The annual report will be studied with particular reference to that fact. The report furnishes some figures with reference to the subject that bear striking testimony to the wonderful success and prosperity which the company has achieved. We might note at the outset that the balance sheet shows accumulated surplus for the period from April 11901 to Dec. 311926 of no less than $\$ 528,502,399$, after the appropriation of $\$ 270$,000,000 to cover capital expenditures set aside for investment in the property. But that, after all, tells only part of the story.

From the special statement now inserted in the report to elucidate the subject, it appears that the surplus actually earned during the 25 years and 9 months of the company's existence to Dec. 311926 really exceeded a full billion dollars, the exact amount being $\$ 1,005,254,086$. And this surplus remains, be it remembered, after the distribution of cash dividends aggregating $1801 / 4 \%$ on the preferred stock and $1311 / 4 \%$ on the common stock. This immense surplus, we are told, has been largely reinvested in fixed property of the organization, the amount so applied having been $\$ 705,353,624$, consisting (1) of $\$ 476,751,687$ formally appropriated to finance net expenditures for extensions, additions, improvements and permanent investments, and (2) of $\$ 228,601,937$ similarly applied but still carried in undivided surplus account. After deducting this $\$ 705,353,624$ there still remained $\$ 299,900,462$ of undivided surplus represented by increases in net working assets, $\$ 84,488,101$ of the increase being found in actual cash and $\$ 209,403,022$ in inventories.

In the relation of current liabilities to current assets, the company shows the same position of impregnable strength as in all the recent past-reenforced, of course, by the additional amounts added to surplus during 1926. In other words, current liabilities Dec. 311926 (including $\$ 6,304,919$ for the preferred stock dividend payable Feb. 261927 and $\$ 8,895,294$ for the common stock dividend payable March 30 1927) were only $\$ 121,121,925$, while, as against this, the current assets at the same date stood at the huge figure of $\$ 589,598,166$. In this latter amount is included $\$ 132,536,950$ of actual cash in hand and on deposit with banks, bankers and trust companies subject to check; also time and other special bank deposits of $\$ 8,072,745$, besides $\$ 72,615,282$ of what are called "sundry marketable securities" (including part of United States Government securities owned), the use of the word "part" here having reference to a change made in the balance sheet in 1922 by the transfer of $\$ 75,000$,000 (par) of United States Liberty Loan bonds from current assets to the group of assets termed "sinking and reserve fund assets." The inventories included in the $\$ 589,598,166$ of current assets are $\$ 281$,255,461 ; the other items included are accounts receivable, $\$ 86,428,934$; bills receivable, $\$ 7,341,120$, and agents' balances, $\$ 1,347,674$.

There is one other feature of great strength in the company's condition to which we have made repeated allusion in the past, but which deserves additional emphasis now. We allude to the fact that new capital expenditures are continued year after
year, while at the same time the aggregate indebtedness of the corporation and its subsidiaries is being steadily reduced. In 1926 the record in that particular was carried a step further. In other words, during 1926 the capital expenditures by all companies for the acquisition of additional property, new plant, extensions and improvements, including stripping and development expense at mines, aggregated no less than $\$ 76,080,520$. Yet there was a net decrease of $\$ 16,776,225$ during the year in the bonded and mortgage debt of the Steel Corporation and its subsidiaries through sinking fund operations and other processes for retiring debt. In 1925 the capital expenditures reached $\$ 70$,893,944 while net debt was reduced $\$ 1,774,852$. In 1924 the capital expenditures amounted to $\$ 79,619$, 986 and were coincident with a debt reduction of $\$ 15,886,800$. Similarly in 1923 the new capital outlays were $\$ 60,762,920$, while indebtedness diminished $\$ 12,580,538$. In 1922 with new capital expenditures of $\$ 29,571,662$, the net decrease in debt was $\$ 1,124$,500 . In 1921, in face of new capital expenditures of $\$ 70,091,866$, the net indebtedness was reduced in the sum of $\$ 14,163,865$. In 1920 , when the capital expenditures amounted to $\$ 102,956,133$, there was a decrease in net debt of $\$ 13,870,450$. And in 1919, when the capital expenditures aggregated $\$ 87,091$,515 net debt diminished $\$ 13,921,885$. The balance sheet, as already stated, shows an undivided surplus Dec. 311926 of $\$ 553,502,399$ (including $\$ 25,000,000$ of capital surplus provided at the time of organization) after the appropriation of no less than $\$ 476$,751,687 for payment of capital expenditures and special charges during the period of the Corporation's existence since April 11901.

As to the income account for the year, this, of course, has been accurately foreshadowed in the company's quarterly statement. The net earnings of the Corporation and its subsidiaries after full allowance for all expenses of operations and for repairs and maintenance as well as for taxes (including in the latter item the Federal income tax on corporations) amounted in 1926 to $\$ 207,345,153$, which compares with $\$ 173,783,424$ in 1925 , $\$ 161,183,467$ in 1924 and $\$ 187,953,667$ in 1923 . After deducting in 1926 all interest and other fixed charges and setting aside no less than $\$ 53,171,075$ for depletion and depreciation and $\$ 11,049,835$ for sinking funds on the bonds of the United States Steel Corporation there remained available for distribution no less than $\$ 116,667,404$. The requirements for dividends at the rate of $7 \%$ on both classes of stock were only a little more than half of this, taking $\$ 60,800$,852 and leaving a surplus on the operations of the year over and above dividends and everything else in the large sum of $\$ 55,866,552$. After the distribution of the $40 \%$ stock dividend there will be $\$ 200,332,100$ more of common stock outstanding, but $7 \%$ dividends on this would call for only a little more than $\$ 14,000,000$ per annum. Out of the surplus net income for 1926 of $\$ 55,866,552$ after the payment of dividends the company appropriated $\$ 30,000,000$ on account of additions, improvements and betterments to plant and property, leaving even then a surplus of $\$ 25,866,552$.
During 1926 the company did the largest business it has ever done in peace time, though gross receipts (because of lower prices) did not come fully up to those reached in 1923. Gross sales and earn-
ings for the twelve months of 1926 aggregated $\$ 1,508,076,090$, which compares with $\$ 1,406,505,195$ for the twelve months of 1925 and with only $\$ 1,263$,711,469 for the twelve months of 1924, but with $\$ 1,571,414,483$ for the twelve months of 1923 , this latter having been an exceptionally active and prosperous period. The report tells us that the very favorable conditions which prevailed in the steel industry in the opening quarter of 1926, mentioned in the previous year's annual report, were not wholly maintained during the entire year. The volume was, however, of such sufficient proportions of total capacity to admit of economical operations and to produce generally satisfactory results for the year. In the first quarter the operations of the subsidiary companies, as reflected by their tonnage output of rolled and finished products for sale, was $94 \%$ of capacity, while for the entire year the average was $88 \%$, compared with $78.4 \%$ in 1925 . The increase in output compared with 1925 fluctuated widely, it is stated, with respect of the different classes of finished products for sale, very large increases being shown for rails, track fittings and car wheels, tubing and pipe, sheets and tin plate and finished structural work, while in the other classes of output the increases were relatively small or nominal.
Gross shipments of all classes of products and materials except cement in 1926 were $14,434,629$ tons, against $13,439,184$ tons in 1925 and $11,172,762$ tons in 1924, but comparing with $14,019,613$ tons in 1923. Shipments of cement reached $15,101,788$ bbls. in 1926, against $14,753,487$ bbls. in 1925; 14,941,143 bbls. in 1924 and $14,329,295 \mathrm{bbls}$. in 1923 . The foregoing has reference to the domestic shipments. The export business was the largest in any year since 1920, as far as tonnage is concerned, amounting to $1,473,339$ tons, against $1,184,368$ tons in 1925, 1,152 ,018 tons in 1924 and 1,286,264 tons in 1923. The aggregate tonnage of rolled and finished steel products shipped to both domestic and export trade was $14,297,929$ tons in 1926, against $13,388,846$ tons in 1925; 11,526,890 tons in 1924 and 14,373,822 tons in 1923.

Prices in 1926 were fairly stable but not altogether satisfactory, the trend towards lower levels experienced in previous years continuing. The report states that average prices received for the total tonnages of rolled and other finished products shipped, netted on the domestic shipments $\$ 1.12$ per ton less than the average received per ton for an equal tonnage of similar products respectively shipped in 1925; and as to export shipments, the per ton price netted $\$ 2.82$ less than the average secured in the preceding year. The average price received for domestic and export tonnage combined was $\$ 1.28$ per ton less than in 1925 . These declines in 1926 must be considered in connection with the antecedent declines in order to get the full measure of their significance. In 1925 the statement was that average prices on rolled and finished steel products shipped to the domestic trade had been $\$ 3.80$ per ton less than in 1924 and in respect of export shipments $\$ 4.38$ per ton less. It was then pointed out that these reductions when extended against the total tonnage shipped in 1925 represented an aggregate decrease in gross sales proceeds of approximately $\$ 51,500,000$.

Carrying the comparisons further back we find that for 1924 it was stated that prices received for
the total tonnage of rolled and finished steel products shipped to the domestic trade had netted $\$ 3.17$ per ton more than the average price received in 1923 for an equivalent tonnage of similar products, though in the case of the export business the average price received was $\$ 0.74$ less per ton than the 1923 average for a similar tonnage of the respective products shipped in 1924. For 1923 the statement was that "the prices received in 1923 for the $13,196,298$ tons of rolled and other steel products shipped to the domestic trade netted an average of $\$ 8.87$ more per ton than the average price received per ton in 1922 on an equivalent tonnage of similar products shipped; and in respect of the $1,177,524$ tons of export shipments the 1923 prices received netted $\$ 10.13$ more per ton than the average price obtained in the previous year." This last, however, followed huge declines the preceding year and in presenting the 1922 results the report was obliged to note that the prices received in that year for rolled and other finished steel had netted $\$ 30.52$ less per ton than in 1921 on domestic business and $\$ 19.70$ less on export business. It is thus apparent that the big loss sustained in 1922 in the matter of prices was never more than partially recovered in the immediately succeeding years and in 1925 and 1926 was followed by new dips downward.
The experience of the wage earners in the employment of the corporation and its subsidiaries has been quite the reverse of this and that certainly is a point worth noting. The average earnings per employee per day for the year 1926 in the case of the entire body of employees (including the general administrative and selling force) was 5.94 , which compares with $\$ 5.88$ the average in 1925 and $\$ 5.85$ the average in 1924. There were no general changes in wage rates in either of these three years. On the other hand, on April 61923 an increase of about $11 \%$ was made in the wage rate paid employees of the subsidiary manufacturing and iron ore mining companies. This was on top of an increase of about $20 \%$ in wage rates made the previous Sept. 1 (1922). Not only that, but a further increase in the labor outlay to the company was occasioned during 1923 and 1924 through the elimination of the twelve-hour day. The revision was put into effect Aug. 161923 and Chairman Gary in the report for 1923 said that rapid progress had been made in effecting the change and that by Dec. 11923 the twelve-hour turn had been, broadly speaking, totally eliminated by all the subsidiary companies except one and in the last instance the change was inaugurated in February 1924. In 1923 the average salary or wage per employee per day was $\$ 5.83$ and in 1922 only $\$ 4.91$. Thus the employees have had the double advantage of a shorter workday and a concurrent increase in their wages per day. From every standpoint, therefore, the record of the Steel Corporation is a notable one. It should be added that the average number of employees in the service of all companies in 1926 was 253,199 , against 249,833 in $1925,246,753$ in 1924, 216,786 in 1923 and 214,931 in 1922.

## The Inherent Rights of the Citizen.

Yale University is publishing a series of lectures on the various aspects of citizenship of which the latest, just issued by the University Press," is by Professor Carl Brinkmann of Heidelberg.
""Recent Theories of Citizenship," by Carl Brinkmann. Yale University
Press.

Its primary aim is to secure for political science the same thorough study which prevails in physical science and also to show how national differences may make for international harmony and at the same time leave ample place for national characteristics. The recent conversion of General Herzog, the inveterate advocate of Boer independence, to loyal acceptance of union with the British Empire may be set alongside the unexpected return of the world to a patriotic nationalism, as significant of the com plex political situation.

Turning, then, to our author, he gives America the credit of restoring the conception of a science of politics. Europe has developed separate departments of study of public law and history, and a new group of social sciences, but has made no effort to unite them in relation to the State as the central fact. American democracy has produced a body of rules and practice which are united in what he calls the "mother discipline of America." He holds that the conception of the State as a giant, superhuman and super-moral, which led to the German Empire of Bismarck, has been overthrown. Democracy, on the other hand, has gained a truer interpretation Equality is seen to mean absence of legal privilege and the reality of co-operation which constitutes citizenship. Equality involves liberty of the indi vidual in the exercise and enjoyment of all that pertains to himself.

The revolt of the American colonies in 1776 was in support of the idea of the citizen versus the subject, against autocratic government, which has been the common tradition of Europe leading to the main principles of modern democracy. It appears in the long series of revolutions undertaken by the Puritans, the Huguenots and the Spanish Catholics, and was the starting point of the teaching of great political philosophers like Calvin, Grotius and Rousseau. It was the old principle of Comradeship as opposed to the Roman autocratic corporative government; and is represented in the pride of the religious com munities, Protestant, Independent and Catholic, which have taken root in America. Out of it has come the modern conception of the mutually active and responsible social and political Combination rather than a mere Community. It has created the stream of living influence that produces political intelligence, the education of the masses and political liberty, as the safeguard of the State

Long experience of certain individual rights which have come down through the ages has established their place. They carry their own validity, whether found in the Bill of Rights or the unwritten law. The consciousness of their existence gives democracy its vogue to-day. Liberty of association, the right of property, freedom of speech and of the press, are examples. Restriction of their use continually occurs as circumstances change and new evils arise against which there is need of protection. The discipline of the army and the emphasized system of the great corporation or manufactory instance the one, as legislation against any prevailing vice does the other. Strenuously maintained rights of the individual are at times optimistically interfered with in behalf of the public welfare. This is not new; it may be found in European legislation of a century ago. Mutual limitation of opposing interests has long been found necessary in the development of political society. Checks and balances of various kinds
have been devised. America presents it in the high place given to the judiciary; while Europe has set up for finance and economics courts of final authority.

The fact is that even with the recognition of inherent rights and established precedent political realities must ever be faced as resulting from the counterplay of institutions and the human will. The remedy for abuse is always within reach if citizens will learn that the highest of their rights is cooperation in a united whole of which they cannot cease to be parts.

It must therefore be pressed with constant energy that the citizens are not only bound to obey the law, but that the State by enacting it is assumed to have promised legally to execute this and no other law. In dealing with other States it must also be regarded as able to enter into legal engagements in the same way as its own citizens do among themselves. The State therefore must be recognized as something beyond and other than the person or persons forming its Government at any particular time. It must have a continuous existence which embodies the historic life of its citizens and which is of necessity to be seen in those who exercise its functions.

In this sense the United States, for example, is a great moral and political fact. It gathers up in itself the history of its people living together and co-operating for their common good; it embodies their line of action and their hopes and prospects for the future. It cannot avoid binding those who may succeed to its administration in the future, for it transmits to them its inheritance of principles and rights and possessions as affected by what itself may do from time to time. This is the inevitable condition of its growth and usefulness. It is in fact organic ; to live it must take up and use such productive and contributive material as comes within its reach. It is something more than an accident, and far more than the result of a struggle of classes, as the Socialists would have it. The instruction of its children in the nation's history, the salute of the flag, or certain fixed requirements for citizenship and the assumption of office, are witness to the underlying political and social realities existing in the State which are readily recognized by its citizens. These have produced the mores on which Professor Sumner laid such emphasis and which are the peculiar possessions of nations.

We are equally bound, therefore, to pay similar regard to similar existences as they appear in other nations, even when we may have the habit or disposition to show small respect for them when we come in contact with outside communities. Because their ways differ from ours is no reason for overlooking what these may mean to their own people and in their historic life. We are certainly justified, on the contrary, in restricting our official recognition to the existence of "constitutional government," or that form which represents the historic life of a people, over against what may be only a revolutionary outbreak. All this does not imply that the institutions and underlying conceptions of our nation may not be better than those of another, and that this may be reason for the desire of mutual adjustment. The conception of a common humanity implies progressive growth toward unity of life and interest. But that unity will come only by recognition of the individual nation, and the existence in all
of what in each group are their own fundamental features. This applies to-day to our relations to China, to Mexico, to the Central American States and even to Turkey and Soviet Russia. These, whether more or less, will be in fact their contribution to the whole developing humanity.

A common speech, which is the visible bond in a nation, is more than a convenient and useful instrument in the common life of its inhabitants, it is the preserver of those historical recollections and traditions which enter largely into the composition of the nation. It makes possible, as diversity of speech prevents, the intercourse of the people and is inevitably required as the national language in use by the authorities of the State. It has long been recognized in connection with common traditions, a common religion and the occupancy of a definite territory, as the distinctive marks of a nation, and nationality is what with surprising emphasis we are to-day discovering may not only be preserved in the new internationalism, but may prove a vital and constructive part in any new union with others which may be reached for the peace of the world.

The question of international citizenship and of international law lie outside of our immediate purpose. For these as for a fuller setting forth of the whole subject we must refer our readers to the book itself, which is a splendid contribution to the public discussion and understanding of the chief political questions of to-day, in the intelligent solution of which lie all the good hopes of the future.

## The Country's Foreign Trade in 1926.

There are only two years in the history of the United States when the aggregate value of the foreign commerce of the United States was in excess of that for last year. These two years were 1919 and 1920, when prices were so enormously inflated. It is doubtful, however, whether in any year prior to 1926 , merchandise exports and imports, measured in quantities, were equal to the volume of our foreign shipments in the year just closed. Prior to the war in Europe, the value of merchandise exports and imports was less than one-half of that reported for last year. Perhaps 1910 or 1911 may be considered the latest years affected in no material way by preparations for that great calamity. In no year prior to 1911 was the total value of the foreign trade of the United States as high as it was in that year. In 1926 its value was more than $150 \%$ higher than it was in 1911. The after effects of the war were chiefly responsible for the excessively high prices prevailing in 1919 and 1920, and it was chiefly due to these high prices that the value of the foreign commerce of the United States was swollen to such an unusual amount as it was in those two years. Measured by quantities, the merchandise movement to and from the United States last year was larger than in 1919 and 1920, and both as to quantity and value of last year's foreign trade was in excess of any year since 1920 .
Exports of merchandise from the United States for 1926 were valued at $\$ 4,808,465,005$. This compares with $4,909,847,511$ for the preceding year, a decline in yalue last year of $\$ 100382$, an16. This loss was entirely due to the greatly reduced value of exports of raw cotton. The actual exports of cotton last year were larger than in 1925 -in fact, they were in excess of any year back to 1913. Further-
more, most of the other leading articles that contribute heavily to our export trade also increased last year over the preceding year, both in value and quantity. Merchandise imports in 1926 were valued at $\$ 4,430,890,381$, as against $\$ 4,226,589,263$ for 1925. The value last year was in excess of any preceding year in the country's history excepting only the year 1920, to which reference has already been made.
U. S. MERCHANDISE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS (CALENDAR YEARS).

| Cal. Year. | Exports. | Imports. | Excess. | Total Trade. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 190 | 1,360,685,933 | 969,316,870 | Exp. 391,369,063 |  |
| 1903 |  |  |  | 2,330,002 |
|  | 1,451,318,740 | 1,035,909,190 | Exp. 415,409,550 | 2,487,227,930 |
| 190 | 1,626,990,795 | $1,179,144,550$ | Ezp. $447,846,245$ | 2,806,135,345 |
| 1906 | 1,798,243,434 | 1,320,501,572 | Exp. 477,741,862 | 3,118,745,000 |
| 1907 | 1,923,426,205 | 1,423,169,820 | Exp. 500,256,385 | 3,346,596,025 |
| 1908 | 1,752,835,447 | 1,116,374,087 | Exp. 636,461,360 | 2,869,209,534 |
| 1909 | 1,728,198,645 | 1,475,520,724 | Exp. 252,677,921 | 3,203,719,369 |
| 1910 | 1,866,258,904 | 1,562,904,151 | Exp. 303,354,753 | 3,429,163,055 |
| 1911 | 2,092,526,746 | 1,532,359,160 | Exp. 560,167,586 | 3,624,885,906 |
| 1912 | 2,399,217,993 | 1,818,073,055 | Exp. $581,144,938$ | 4,217,291,048 |
| 1913 | 2,484,018,292 | 1,792,596.480 | Exp. $891,421,812$ | 4,276,614,772 |
| 1914 | 2,113,624,050 | 1,789,276,001 | Exp. $324,348,049$ | 3,902,900,051 |
| 1915 | 3,554,670,847 | 1,778,596,695 | Exp.1,776,074,152 | 5,333,267,542 |
| 1916 | 5,482,641,101 | 2,391,635,335 | Exp,3,091,005,766 | 7,874,276,436 |
| 191 | 6,233,512,597 | 2,952,467,955 | Exp 3, 281,044,642 | 9,185,980,552 |
| 19 | 6,149,087,545 | 3,031,212,710 | Exp.3,117,874,835 | 9,180,300,255 |
| 1919 | 7,920,425,990 | 3,904,364,932 | Exp.4,016,061,058 | 11,824,790,922 |
| 1920 | 8,228,016,307 | 5,278,481,490 | Exp .2,949,534,817 | 13,506,497,797 |
| 1921 | 4,485,031,536 | 2,509.147,570 | Exp $1,975,883,786$ | 6,994,179,106 |
| 1922 | 3,831,777,469 | 3,112,746,833 | Exp. 719,030,636 | 6,944,524,302 |
| 1923 | 4,167,493,080 | 3,792,065,963 | Exp. 375,427,117 | 7,959,559,043 |
| 192 | 4,590,983,845 | 3,609,962,579 | Exp. 981,021,266 | 8,200,946,424 |
| 192 | 4,909,874,511 | 4,226,589,23 | Exp. 683,258,248 | 9,136,435,774 |
| 1026 | 4,808,465,005 | 4,430,890,381 | Exp. 377,574,624 | 9,239,355,386 |

The cotton movement dominates in a very marked way our export trade. Last year cotton exports were $9,048,312$ bales; these figures compare with $8,532,243$ bales in 1925, an increase in the quantity exported of $6.0 \%$. In value, last year's cotton exports totaled $\$ 814,429,305$, and for the preceding year $\$ 1,059$, 751,151 , a decrease for 1926 of $\$ 245,321,846$, or $23.2 \%$. Deducting the value of cotton exports, all other merchandise exports in 1926 amounted to $\$ 3,994,035,700$ and in 1925 to $\$ 3,850,096,360$, an increase of $\$ 143,939,340$, or $3.7 \%$. With an actual increase in exports of raw cotton last year over 1925 of $6.0 \%$ and for all other merchandise exports a gain of $3.7 \%$, it is apparent that the steady gain in exports, which has characterized the returns of export trade in recent periods, was not interrupted in 1926.

In other important respects the value of merchandise exports in 1926 does not represent the increase in the actual movement of commodities for that period. Exports of breadstuffs in 1926 were slightly larger in value than in 1925. Exports of wheat and corn constitute more than $60 \%$ of the total of all breadstuffs. The value of the exports of these two important products in 1926 exceeded the value shown for the preceding year by $36 \%$; in quantity the increase last year over 1925 was $62.5 \%$. Petroleum products have become more and more important in our export trade. Refined petroleum, which constitutes $90 \%$ of the total value of all exports of petroleum products, shows a gain of $15.4 \%$ last year over 1925, as to quantity. In machinery lines, including vehicles, automobiles, etc., exports last year were considerably larger than in the preceding year; also in chemicals. Coal exports were very much larger last year, due mainly to the great foreign demand for coal caused by the coal miners' strike in Great Britain. The value of bituminous coal exports in 1926 was no less than $\$ 155,838,572$, as compared with but $\$ 68,402,668$ in 1925. Anthracite exports were also heavier, the value of these exports being $\$ 41,085,593$ in 1926 , as against $\$ 31,760$,627 in 1925. These various classifications, including cotton, breadstuffs, petroleum, machinery and chemicals constitute more than one-half the total export trade of the United States, and the movement abroad last year was considerably larger than
in the preceding year. There is a miscellaneous division, embracing about $30 \%$ of the value of all merchandise exports, in which the movement abroad last year, measured in value, was nearly $5 \%$ larger than in the preceding year. Exports of provisions show a reduction in value last year as compared with 1925 and the same is true of minerals and ores. The three sections last mentioned cover many different classifications. As to quite a number of these, exports are not large, but in the aggregate the totals are heavy, and as to most of them the movement abroad last year was in excess of that of the preceding year.

In the following table the changes from year to year in a number of leading staple articles of export such as cotton, breadstuffs, provisions, petroleum, ores, machinery and chemicals are shown, also the relation that each of these articles bears to the total movement from this country to foreign ports. The compilation covers four years:

Notwithstanding the larger movement in our exports covering the past six years, breadstuffs and provisions have shown a declining tendency. Exports of breadstuffs in 1922 were considerably larger than in either of the four succeeding years. As to provisions, the total value shows a constant decline each year from 1923 on. In 1923 the ratio of the value of exports of provisions to the total of all exports was $8.7 \%$, whereas in 1926 it was only $5.9 \%$. In these three years total exports have increased fully $15 \%$. Exports of wheat and corn last year were larger than in 1925 ; of wheat the quantity was $138,165,000$ bushels, against $86,526,000$ bushels, and of corn $23,064,000$ bushels, against only $12,762,000$ bushels in the preceding year. As to the value of our exports of these two commodities, the amount for each was higher than in the preceding year, but owing to a lower range of prices in 1926 than for 1925, the percentage of increase was lower than appears in the statement of quantities. The value of wheat exports in 1926 was $\$ 201,739,000$, against $\$ 148,717,000$ in 1925 , and for corn $\$ 19,840,000$ in 1926, against $\$ 14,253,000$ the preceding year. For wheat flour there was a decline in the value of exports last year, but the quantity in 1926 shows an increase- $11,850,000$ barrels in 1926 comparing with $11,119,000$ barrels in 1925.

There was a heavy loss in exports of meats last year; also of hams and of bacon. The total quantity of these three divisions was $812,604,000$ pounds in 1926, against $1,040,128,000$ pounds in 1925, a decrease last year of nearly $22 \%$. The loss in value is nearly as great. Dairy products show a loss, while animal oils and fats and exports of lard were slightly larger last year than in the preceding year, though the value was less in 1926 than it was in 1925. Exports of fruits were $10 \%$ higher in value last year than in the preceding year, and the same is true of rubber goods. There was a small increase
last year in the exports of tobacco, but the value was less in :326 than in the preceding year, $\$ 157,422,000$ for 1926 comparing with $\$ 171,303,000$ for 1925 . Quite a decline appears in the exports of copper for 1926, both in quantity and value; for the former 856,125 , 000 pounds in 1926 compares with $968,065,000$ pounds in 1925, while the value for these two years was, respectively, $\$ 121,231,000$ in 1926 and $\$ 140,221$,000 for the preceding year.

There are a number of divisions in the exports of manufactures which show marked gains in 1926. Among them are various machinery lines. In in dustrial machines, exports last year were valued at $\$ 179,669,000$ and in 1925 at $\$ 172,912,000$. Electrical machinery exported last year was valued at $\$ 84$, 226,000 and in the preceding year $\$ 73,790,000$. There was also an increase in exports of agricultural machinery in 1926 , the value being $\$ 28,282,000$, as against $\$ 26,142,000$ the year before. Exports of automobiles and parts were valued last year at $\$ 320,166,000$, against $\$ 318,386,000$ in 1925 . The iron and steel division figured in last year's exports at $253,175,000$ and in 1925 at $\$ 222,713,000$. In paper and manufactures there were exports last year of $\$ 26,829,000$ and in 1925 of $\$ 23,844,000$. Exports of woods and manufactures in 1926 were valued at $\$ 146,408,000$ and in the preceding year at $\$ 114,942$, 000.

Merchandise imports last year exceeded those of the preceding year in many different groups. The leading division, textiles, however, shows a decline - $\$ 999,647,000$ for 1926, comparing with $\$ 1,049,635$, 000 for 1925 , a decline of $\$ 50,000,000$. This is the only group of the eleven into which imports are segregated where a loss appears. The largest single item of the textile group is raw silk, and while the value of the latter was slightly lower last year than in the preceding year, the quantity shows a gain. Imports of raw silk in 1926 were $66,422,000$ pounds, against $63,764,000$ pounds in 1925. The second largest group of imports includes vegetable food products. Total imports for this classification in 1926 were valued at $\$ 841,133,000$ and in 1925 at $\$ 823,576,000$. Coffee and sugar are in this group and the value of these two commodities makes up about two-thirds of the total value for the entire group. Both commodities show larger imports in 1926 than in 1925, as to quantity, but owing to the lower range of prices in 1926 for raw sugar, the value of the imports of that product last year was less than in the preceding year. Coffee imports in 1926 were $1,493,316,000$ pounds, as against 1,283 , 695,000 pounds in 1925, and imports of sugar 9,420, 078,000 pounds, against $8,919,533,000$ pounds. The increase in imports of coffee last year over 1925 was $16.3 \%$ and the gain in value nearly as great, but the increase in imports of sugar of $5.6 \%$ was attended by a loss of $5.5 \%$ in value.
Crude rubber again holds first place in value of imports for 1926, as it did in 1925, taking precedence over the three commodities just mentioned. The high price for rubber last year raised the total value of the importations of that product to $\$ 505,818,000$, as against $\$ 429,705,000$ for 1925 , an increase of $17.7 \%$. The gain in quantity, however, was very much less, importations of $925,828,000$ pounds of rubber in 1926 comparing with $888,478,000$ pounds in the preceding year, or $4.2 \%$ gain. These four commodities, all of which show larger imports last year
than in the preceding year, constitute about one third of the total value of all merchandise imports. In the aggregate, the increase in value last year for these important products was $7 \%$ over the value for the same products in 1925. In the rest of our import trade in 1926 there was a gain of $3.9 \%$ in value, as compared with the corresponding figures for 1925. Imports of dairy products were quite a little larger last year than in the preceding year; also of fish. Hides and skins show an increase; likewise leather. Very little change appears in the importation of fruits and nuts. Both wood pulp and newsprint paper show larger totals for 1926 than for 1925.
Importations of coal and of petroleum were substantially larger last year than in 1925 . There was a considerable gain in imports of metals and manufactures in 1926; particularly in iron and steel; copper, both for the ore and the refined product, and for tin. Reference has been made to the loss in 1926 in the textile division, of which raw silk is the leading item. Quite a decline is shown in importations last year of cotton manufactures, which are also included in the textile group, as well as for wool and woolen goods, and for burlaps. These products figure quite heavily in our import trade. Imports of chemicals were larger last year than in the preceding year, but fertilizers show a decrease both in quantity and value. Importations of clocks, watches and jewelry were larger in 1926 than in the preceding year and the same is true of diamonds and other precious stones.

There was a decline in the value of our exports to European countries last year, as compared with the preceding year. Fully one-half of our exports go to Europe. The loss last year, however, was due, practically all of it, to the decline in the value of cotton exports. European countries take four-fifths of all of the cotton exported from the United States. In 1926 the quantity shipped to Europe was $7,292,894$ bales, or $80.6 \%$ of our total exports of raw cotton; in 1925 the amount was $7,240,080$ bales. The increase for 1926 was less than $1 \%$. In value, the decline in cotton exports to European countries in 1926, in comparison with the preceding year, was $33.8 \%$-hence the loss that appears in the statement for all exports to Europe. Omitting cotton, other exports to Europe show a small gain. The heavy loss in the value of cotton shipments in 1926 is reflected in a large decline in the value of total exports last year to Great Britain, to Germany, to France and to Italy. Total exports to Canada are very heavy and last year the value was in excess of the amount for the preceding year. To Mexico and to Cuba, however, a considerable loss occurred in 1926 compared with 1925. Argentina also took less of our exports, but shipments to Brazil, Chili and Colombia were considerably larger than in the preceding year. There was also an increase in shipments from the United States to China, Japan and Australia, as well as to South Africa and Egypt.
Merchandise imports last year from Great Britain into the United States were considerably reduced in value as compared with the preceding year. This was probably a reflection of the coal strike in England. There was also a reduction last year in imports from France. Germany, Italy and Holland, however, increased the value of their shipments to the United States in 1926. Imports from Japan were likewise larger. Imports from the East Indies
show a large gain in 1926, owing to the heavier shipments of rubber. On the other hand, quite a reduction appears as to the Chinese trade, due to political conditions in China. There was also a decrease in importations from the Philippine Islands. Imports from Canada show a marked gain, while from Mexico they were reduced, owing to unsettled conditions there. Imports from Cuba were less in 1926 than in the preceding year, reflecting the decline in the value of raw sugar shipped to the United States. Imports from Brazil exceeded in value those of the preceding year and the same applies to most other South American countries.
Reference has been made to the decline in the export price of cotton during the year just closed as well as the import price of crude rubber, and the effect in both instances on values of our foreign trade. The average export price of cotton for December 1925 had been 21.8 cents; for the closing month of 1926 it was 13.7 cents. The import prices of rubber were 72 cents in December 1925 and 39.3 cents in December 1926. In the main the tendency of prices of other leading products was also downward. This was true of wheat and other grains and of wheat flour, naval stores, tobacco and practically all classes of manufactured cotton goods; of iron and steel ingots; of copper; hides and skins; of coffee; of jute, hemp and manila, and various classes of wool. An exception was coal, both anthracite and bituminous, for which the average export price was higher in 1926 than in 1925, owing to the active foreign demand for coal because of the strike at the British coal mines. But in no instance was the change in prices as marked as in cotton and rubber.

The movement of the precious metals last year showed some variation from the preceding year. Gold exports were not so large as in 1925, while imports heavily increased. The latter amounted to $\$ 213,504,020$, while gold exports were $\$ 115,707,815$, an excess of imports of $\$ 97,796,205$. For 1925 there was an excess of exports of gold amounting to \$134,366,618 . Prior to 1925 there had not been an excess of exports of gold since the year 1919. Exports of silver last year were slightly less than in the preceding year, the amount for 1926, nevertheless, having been $\$ 92,257,564$, while imports of silver at $\$ 69,595$,936 showed a small increase over the preceding year. The excess of silver exports in 1926 was $\$ 22,661,628$, as against an excess in 1925 on the same side of the account of $\$ 34,532,167$.

In the following table the annual movement of gold and silver for many years is shown, together with the net movement for each year:

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Year } \\ \text { ending } \\ \text { Dec. } 31 \end{gathered}$ | GOLD. |  |  | SILVER. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Exports. | Imports. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Excess of } \\ \text { Exports }(+) \\ \text { Imports }(-) \end{array}\right\|$ | Exports. | Imports. | $\|$Excess of <br> Exports $(+)$ or <br> Imports $(-)$. |
|  |  |  |  |  | 26.402035 |  |
| 1903 | 36,030,591 | 44,193,317 | - ${ }^{80,1620,726}$ | $49,272,954$ $40,610,342$ | 26,402,935 $23,974,508$ | $+22,870,019$ $+16,635,834$ |
| 1904 | 121,211,827 | 84, 803,234 | - ${ }^{20.9408,593}$ | 50,135,245 | 26,087,042 | $+16,635,834$ $+24,048,203$ |
| 1905 | 46,794,467 | 50,293,406 | -3,498,938 | 57,513,102 | 35,939,135 | 573,967 |
| 1906 | 46,709,158 | 155,579,380 | -108,870,222 | 60,597,091 | 44,227,841 | +16,729,250 |
| 1907 | 55,215,681 | 143,398,072 | -88,122,391 | 61,625,866 | 45,912,350 | +15,713,506 |
| 1909 | $81,215,456$ $132,880,821$ | $50,276,293$ $44,086,966$ | $+30,939,163$ $+88,793$ | 51,837,671 $57,592,309$ | $42,224,136$ <br> 46,187 | $+9,613,541$ $+11,404,607$ |
| 1910 | 58,774,822 | 59,222,518 | -447,696 | 57,360,973 | 45,878,168 |  |
| 1911 | 37,183,074 | 57,445,184 | $-20,262,110$ | 65,664,646 | 43,746,571 | +21,918,075 |
| 1912 | 47,424,842 | 66,548,772 | -19,123,930 | 71,961,755 | 48,401,086 | +23,560,669 |
| 1913 | 91,698,610 | 63,704,832 | +28,093,778 | 62,776,631 | 35,867,819 | +26,908,812 |
| 1915 | 222,616,156 | 57,387,741 | +165,228,415 | 51,603,060 | 25,959,187 | +25,643,873 |
| 1916 | 155,792,927 | 685,990,234 | 530,197,307 | 70,595,037 | 34,483,954 | $+19,114,930$ $+89,331,748$ |
| 1917 | 371,883,884 | 552,454,374 | -180,570,490 | 84,130,876 | 53,340,477 | $+89,331,748$ $+30,790,399$ |
| 1918 | 41,069,818 | 62,042,748 | -20,972,930 | 252,846,464 | 71,375,699 | +181,470,765 |
| 1919 | 368,185,248 | 76,534,046 | +291,651,202 | 239,021,051 | 89,410,018 | +149,611,033 |
| 1920 | 322,091,208 | 417,068,273 | -94,977,065 1 | 113,616,224 | 88,060,041 | +25,556,183 |
| 1921 | 23,891,377 | 691,248,297 | 667,356,920 | 51,575,399 | 63,242,671 | -11,667,272 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1922 \\ & 1923 \end{aligned}$ | 36,874,894 | 275.169.785 | $-238,294,891$ | 61,807,286 | 70,806,653 | 7,999,367 |
| 1924 | 61,648,313 |  | ${ }_{-258,072} \mathbf{2 9 4 ,}$ | 72,468.789 | $74,453,530$ $73,944,902$ |  |
| 1925 | 262,639.790 | 128,273,172 | +134.366.618 | 99,127,585 | 64,595.418 | +34.532.167 |
| 1926-1 | 115,707,815 | 213,504,020 | -97,796,205 | 92,257,564 | 69,595,936 | +22,661,628 |

The final trade balance, taking into account not only the merchandise movement but the receipts and shipments of the precious metals, the balance continues on the export side. The balance in 1926, however, was heavily reduced. In the past five years there has been only one year, namely 1923 , which showed a smaller net balance than did the year just closed. In the following table we indicate the balance under each of the different heads, as well as the final balance, for each of the last five years:
trade balances for calendar years for merchandise, GOLD AND SILVER COMBINED.

| Excess of - | 1926. | 1925. | 1924. | 1923. | 1922. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mdse. $\exp$. Sllver exp Total Gold imp | $\begin{aligned} & 377,574,624 \\ & \mathbf{b 2 2 , 6 1 , 6 2 8} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 681,400,441 \\ & \mathbf{b} 34,532,167 \end{aligned}$ | $981,021,266$ b35,946,131 | $376,008.305$ a1, 984,741 | $\begin{array}{r} 719,030,636 \\ \mathrm{a} 7,999,367 \end{array}$ |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 400,236,252 \\ 97,796,205 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 715,932,608 \\ \text { b } 134,366.618 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,016,967,397 \\ 258,072,605 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 374,003,564 \\ & 294,072,395 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 711,031,269 \\ & 238,294,891 \end{aligned}$ |
| Net exp. | 302,440,047 | 850,299,226 | 758,894,792 | 79,951,169 | 472,736,378 |

## Railways in Jugoslavia-Second Article.

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The great task, in the matter of communications, which faces the Government of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, is the creation of a trans-Balkan trunk line such as will open up communications with a seaport capable of handling the ever-growing sea-borne commerce of Jugoslavia

At present Jugoslavia has to rely on four ports, Sushak, Shibenie (Sibenik), Split (Spalato) and Gruz (Gravosa). Of these the most important is Split, a town of over 30,000 inhabitants. About a year ago the construction of the Ogulin-Knin section completed the direct connection of Split with Belgrade and Zagreb (Agram) by a normal gauge line. This has done much to improve the communications of the northern section of the Kingdom, that is to say North Serbia, Croatia and the trans-Danubian territories (the Baranya, the Batchka and the Banat of Temesvar) with the sea.

The economic conditions under which the whole of Serbia formerly lived have been completely revolutionized by the new situation created by the World War. Pre-war Serbia was a land-locked State without access to the sea and surrounded by Austria-Hungary, Turkey, Bulgaria and Rumania, that is to say by countries all of which, with the exception of the last named, were opposed to her economic development.

As an agricultural country, Serbia's natural customers were the industrial States of Central Europe with Vienna as practically the sole intermediary. In this direction her commerce might have developed extensively, as the railway communications with Austria-Hungary were good, besides which there was the Danube waterway. This was such a natural line of development for Serbian trade, both as regards production and communication, that for decades Serbian statesmen were convinced that this was the only way to the only markets for their country's goods, and that if, for any reason, this route should be blocked, Serbia would be economically strangled.

The commercial policy of Austria-Hungary took advantage of this point of view as it did of all Serbia's difficulties. The men in power in Vienna succeeded in convincing the Belgrade Government that without the good-will of her great neighbor Serbia could not live. Treaties of commerce and other conventions were only observed by Austria-Hungary so long as it was in her interest to do so. Otherwise she violated them without compunction.

No protest or other action on Serbia's part could improve this state of affairs, for such a small country could not make its voice heard, while the powerful press of Budapest and Vienna represented these protests against the violation of treaties as revolutionary. This method of exercising arbi-
trary pressure on land-locked Serbia finally culminated in the complete closing of the frontier by Austria-Hungary in 1906.

Serbian statesmen were face to face with a dilemma; they must either force open other routes for Serbian commerce or let the country be strangled by the iron grip of the Dual Monarchy. Providing that the neighboring States made no transit difficulties, there were three possible routes. One was via the Danube to Braila, the great Rumania wheat port, another was via Bulgaria to Varna on the Black Sea, and the third through Turkish territory, along the valley of the Vardar, to Salonica.
Then a real miracle happened. In three months Serbia succeeded in opening up to her commerce a route to the South, that is to say, directly opposite to the one it had followed till then. Of the three routes mentioned the only one really utilized was the most natural one, that to Salonica, through which communications were established with Italy, France, Algeria, Egypt and Asia Minor.

In spite of the fact that the closing of the frontiers in 1906 was carried out suddenly, practically without warning, the trade balance that year was no worse than in the preceding years, while on the other hand, the receipts from the railways and waterways were considerably larger. The development of trade via Salonica was such that in 1910 Serbia exported by that route 11,000 truckloads of goods, an amount which the new Kingdom, in spite of its much greater size, has not yet attained by this route. Austria-Hungary had never been a consumer of Serbian products, but merely an intermediary for their sale. Of the total imports from Serbia in the first eight months of 1906, that is to say till the closing of the frontier, Austria-Hungary consumed only $14 \%$, while the rest were re-exported, chiefly to Germany and Belgium.

This economic pressure which weighed so disastrously on Serbia and prevented her development, caused her statesmen to seek for means of emancipating the country from it. Before the customs war broke out it had been suggested that she should assure herself of an outlet to the sea by a transverse line of railway not touching Austro-Hungarian territory. A line was planned which would run from the lower Danube (where direct communication with Rumania and Russia would be effected) at Prahovo to Nish, Kossovo, Metohia, the Drin Valley and Scutari, to the port of San Giovanni di Medua. This trans-Balkan scheme interested Italy, Rumania and Russia and was regarded as an international route whose importance was self-evident.

Before the World War Serbia had begun to construct the section crossing her territory and up to the present time the line has been completed on a distance of 200 kilometres from Prahovo to Prokuplje. A convention has also been signed with Rumania for the construction of a bridge at Prahovo to link up the line with the Rumania railway system. The question now is as to whether or not the line has lost its further importance as the result of the World War. Pre-war Serbia, the Sandjak of Novi Pazar, Montenegro and a large part of the trans-Danubian Voivodina have no direct outlet to the sea, the existing normal gauge line from Belgrade to Sushak and Split making a long and expensive detour.

Since the signing of the convention with Greece a few weeks ago the prospects of transit by Salonica have much improved, but when all is said and done, a part of this line lies over foreign terfitory and the commerce by this route is always dependent on the good-will of the Greek Government. It does not, therefore, furnish an absolute guarantee of free transit at all times.
But national commerce calls for direct communication and absolute security. For this reason Serbia and the adjacent provinces must have an outlet on the Adriatic on Jugoslav territory. The trans-Balkan scheme has, therefore, lost none of its pre-war importance; on the contrary, its present
sphere of action-at least that part of it lying between the Danube and the sea-is twice as important as it formerly was on account of the inclusion of the new territorial acquisitions resulting from the break-up of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. In the creation of this line and its branches lies the solution of an important problem, that of making possible the economic development of the eastern half of the Kingdom by the development of one of the richest regions, that including Serbia and part of the Voivodina.

One of the first results of the new state of affairs has been the abandonment of the idea of a railway line having its terminus at San Giovanni di Medua, on Albanian soil. For this has been substituted the plan of a line having its terminus at the Kotor estuary (Bocche di Cattaro), reaching the Tara and Moracha valley by way of Petch and thence proceeding via Podgoritza to Kotor. The original idea had been to make the line follow the valleys of the Lim and Cijevna, but in the peace negotiations, after the war in 1912 between the Balkan Confederation and Turkey, Austria insisted on the Albanian frontier being pushed over the Lim. During the peace negotiations after the World War Serbia tried to induce the Allies to consent to this territory being given to Montenegro. In this they were supported by the inhabitants, who desired to be united with Jugoslavia, but the Peace Conference did not consent to this. The necessity of passing by the valleys of the Tara and Moracha, instead of by that of the Lim, will lengthen the line by 40 kilometres and increase the cost of construction by three to four million dollars.

The distance of the section still to be constructed from Prokuplje to Kotor is 450 kilometres and is estimated to cost, without counting rails or rolling stock, $\$ 31,000,000$. As feeders to this main line there will have to be constructed the following branch lines: Kragujevatz-Kraljevo-KossovoMitrovitza ( 200 kilometres, costing $\$ 7,000,000$ ) ; Krushevatz-Tulare-junction with the trans-Balkan line- ( 60 kilometres, costing $\$ 1,500,000$ ) and Uvac-Andrijevitza (141 kilometres, costing $\$ 4,000,000$ ). Rolling stock is not lacking; what is chiefly required is workshops to keep it in repair.
These 852 kilometres of new normal gauge lines, involving an expenditure of about $\$ 43,500,000$, would solve the problem of the communications of the eastern half of the

Kingdom. The line crosses the plains of Kossovo and Metohia, which are very rich in wheat and fruits. These plains have an area of about 750,000 acres, which have, so far, never been properly cultivated. In addition, the line would pass through forest regions which have hitherto been inaccessible and regions rich in mineral resources, such as the Novo-Grodo district, which has deposits of gold and silver, and the Passyatcha district, rich in iron and other ores.

Besides its great economic importance in tapping the rich agricultural districts of Kossovo and Metohia, the granaries of Serbia, the line would open up the exploitation of vast stretches of forest in the valley of the Ibar and in Montenegro and could establish commercial relations with Albania by means of a branch line running to Scutari, Alessio and San Giovanni di Medua.
The commerce of Jugoslavia is being more and more directed towards the Mediterranean countries which are most accessible by sea. Exports via the Adriatic ports have grown as follows: 1921, $32.86 \%$ of the total exports; 1922, $43.90 \%$; $1923,46.28 ; 1924,45 \%$, and for the first quarter of 1925 , $46.75 \%$. At the same time the exports by land to Central Europe have constantly fallen off. These were in 1921, $64.19 \%$ of the total exports; in 1922, $52.30 \%$; in 1923 , $52.19 \%$; in $1924,50.54 \%$, and in the first quarter of 1925 , 45.82\%.

Of the total export tonnage (in $19243,915,700$ tons) the amount which went to the Mediterranean States and other countries easily reached by sea was $2,064,735$ tons, or more than half. Scarcely one-half of this quantity was exported through Jugoslav ports, the rest going through foreign ports for the simple reason that the Jugoslav ports are as yet insufficiently equipped. The tonnage of Jugoslav exports to Italy (in $19241,530,878$ tons) is larger than the total exports to Hungary, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Germany and Switzerland. The annual increase of the exports to Italy is 280,000 tons.
It can easily be imagined what the increase would be after the construction of the trans-Balkan line. As Jugoslavia is now completely stabilized internally the country can now devote all its energies to constructive work, of which the most important part is the building of railways.
(To be continued.)

## The New Capital Flotations During the Month of February and for the Two Months to February 28.

Though February is a short month, it has achieved the distinction the present year of having placed to its credit the largest total of new financing ever recorded in any month in the country's history. The aggregate of the new flotations for January was considered large, but that for February surpasses it by over $\$ 60,000,000$. Our tabulations, as always, include the stock, bond and note issues by corporations and by States and municipalities, foreign and domestic, and also Farm Loan emissions. The grand total of the offerings of new securities under these various heads for February runs far in excess of $\$ 900,000,000$, reaching, in fact, $\$ 938,363,993$. This compares with $\$ 877,075,418$ in January, 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 and with $\$ 652,778,436$ in March.

At $\$ 938,363,993$ for February the present year, the amount is $50 \%$ in excess of that for the same month last year, when the total of the new issues was only $\$ 609,153,480$. Moreover, for January and February combined the aggregate of the new financing the present year exceeds that of the two months last year by over $\$ 469,000,000$, the total for 1927 be-
ing $\$ 1,810,146,728$, as against $\$ 1,340,164,912$ for 1926. A qualifying feature is that an unusually large proportion of the new issues the present year represents refunding operations, that is, taking up of existing issues-at least in the case of the month of February, when out of a grand total of $\$ 938,363,998$ of new financing no less than $\$ 245,577,717$ was for refunding, leaving $\$ 692,786,276$ as distinctively new capital. The February total of financing (including refunding) runs so largely in excess of that of all other past months mainly because of the magnitude of the corporate flotations, though the amount of foreign Government issues was also fairly large. The total of the corporate issues for February 1927 is $\$ 785,648,715$, which compares with only $\$ 414,188,420$ for February 1926. But here, again, refunding financing has come in to swell the total, inasmuch as $\$ 245$,061,060 out of the $\$ 785,648,715$ was for refunding, the details of which appear further below.

Public utility offerings during February amounted to $\$ 374,774,615$, of which nearly half, or $\$ 163,200,000$, consisted of two stock issues on behalf of the Consolidated Gas Co. of New York. This public utility total is the largest of any month on record, exceeding the new high record figure of $\$ 309,084,425$ made in January this year by more than 65 millions and being almost 100 millions greater than the pre-
vious record of $\$ 278,639,000$ established in May 1924. Industrial offerings ranked second in volume, the total for February being no less than $\$ 279,002,100$, which, while showing a decrease from the previous month's total of \$291,604,475 , leaves the month nevertheless as one of the largest on record. Railroad financing aggregated $\$ 131,872,000$ during February, being the largest monthly railroad total since January 1922, where such issues footed up $\$ 133,224,400$. January of this year railroad issues totaled only $\$ 9,346,000$.

Total corporate offerings in February were, as already stated, $\$ 785,648,715$, and of this amount long-term issues accounted for no less than $\$ 488,421,000$, short-term issues comprised only $\$ 19,250,000$, while stock issues totaled $\$ 277$,977,715 . The portion used for refunding purposes was no less than $\$ 245,061,060$, or over $31 \%$ of the total, this being the second largest refunding total on record, November 1926 with $\$ 264,542,925$ comprising the largest. In January this year $\$ 102,531,800$, or almost $17 \%$ of the total, was for refunding, while in February last year $\$ 33,095,000$, or only $8 \%$, was for this purpose. The more prominent issues brought out during February entirely or mainly for refunding were: $\$ 69,331,260$ out of $\$ 95,000,000$ Missouri Pacific RR. 1st \& ref. 5s, "F," 1977; $\$ 24,000,000$ Standard Power \& Light Corp. deb. $6 \mathrm{~s}, 1957$, entire amount of which was for refunding; $\$ 23,000,000$ out of the $\$ 60,000,000$ Aluminum Co. of America deb. $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1952 ; \$ 20,000,000$ out of the $\$ 40,000,000$ Associated Gas \& Electric Co. conv. deb. $51 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 1977 ; \$ 15,000,000$ Cities Service Co. ref. deb. 5s, 1966, to be used entirely for refunding; $\$ 15,000,000$ out of the two stock issues put out by the Consolidated Gas Co. of N. Y. involving $\$ 163,200,000$.

The total of $\$ 245,061,060$ used for refunding in February this year comprised $\$ 179,386,660$ new long-term to refun 1 existing long-term; $\$ 31,000,000$ new long-term to refund existing short-term; $\$ 8,991,100$ new long-term to replace existing stock; $\$ 6,500,000$ new short-term to refund existing short-term; $\$ 1,608,900$ new stock to replace existing longterm and $\$ 17,574,400$ new stock to replace existing stock.

Foreign corporate issues sold in this country during February amounted to only $\$ 14,700,000$, as against $\$ 66,912,500$ in January. The February issues were as follows: Canadian: $\$ 2,000,000$ Abitibi Fibre Co., Ltd., 1st mtge. 6s, "A," 1947, offered at 99 , to yield $6.09 \%$. Other foreign: $\$ 7,500$, 000 International Railways of Central America 1st lien \& ref. mtge. $61 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 1947$, issued at 92 , yielding $7.25 \% ; \$ 3,000,000$ Agricultural Mortgage Bank (Rep. of Colombia) 7s, 1947, sold at $973 / 1 /$, yielding $7.20 \%$; $\$ 1,500,000$ First Bohemian Glass Works, Ltd., 1st (c) mtge. sec. 7s, 1957, offered at $971 / 4$, yielding $7.20 \%$, and 200,000 shares of no par value capital stock of Bolivian Petroleum Co., offered at $\$ 31 / 2$ per share, involving $\$ 700,000$.

The outstanding feature of the month's new issues was, of course, the financing of the Consolidated Gas Co. of N. Y., consisting of $1,200,000$ shares of $\$ 5$ cum. pref. stock, offered at $\$ 91$ per share, and 720,000 shares of common stock, offered at $\$ 75$ per share, the two issues involving a total of $\$ 163,200,000$. Other large public utility issues were: $\$ 40,-$ 000,000 Associated Gas \& Electric Co. conv. deb. 51/ s 1977 , brought out at $95 \frac{3}{4}$, yielding $5.75 \% ; \$ 20,000,000$ Interstate Power Co. (Del.) 1st mtge. 5s, 1957, offered at $971 / 2$, yielding $5.16 \%$, and $\$ 7,500,000$ deb. 6 s , 1952 , of the same company, offered at $981 / 2$, yielding $6.10 \% ; \$ 24,000,000$ Standard Power \& Light Corp. deb. 6s, 1957, issued at $991 / 2$, yielding $6.03 \%$; $\$ 15,000,000$ Cities Service Co. ref. deb. 5s, 1966, sold at $913 / 4$, yielding $5.52 \% ; 500,000$ shares of the Rhode Island Public Service Co. pref. stock (cum. $\$ 2$ per share), of $f$ sed at $\$ 30$ per share and involving a total of $\$ 15,000,000 ; \$ 13$,279,000 capital stock of Philadelphia Electric Co., offered at par ( $\$ 25$ ) ; $\$ 11,500,000$ Milwaukee Gas Light Co. 1st mtge. $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 1967$, issued at $93 \%$, yielding $4.85 \%$, and $\$ 11,000,000$ Community Power \& Light Co. 1st mtge. coll. 5s, 1957, brought out at $951 / 2$, yielding $5.30 \%$.

The principal industrial offerings during February were as follows: $\$ 60,000,000$ Aluminum Co. of America deb. 5 s, 1952, issued at par; $\$ 25,000,000$ General Motors Corp. $7 \%$ pref. stock, sold at $\$ 120$ per share, yielding $5.80 \%$; $\$ 10,000$,000 L . Bamberger \& Co. (N. J.) $61 / 2 \%$ cum. pref., offered at $\$ 104$ per share, vielding $6.25 \% ; \$ 10,000,000$ the J. L. Hudson

Co. $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1930-36$, offered at prices ranging from 100.42 to 99.86 , yielding from $4.85 \%$ to $5.02 \%$, and $\$ 8,000,000$ Fairbanks, Morse \& Co. deb. 5s, 1942, sold at $971 / 2$, yielding $5.25 \%$.

The railroad issues of importance were: $\$ 95,000,000$ Missouri Pacific RR. Co. 1st \& ref. mtge. 5s, "F," 1977, issued at par; $\$ 20,572,000$ Chicago \& North Western Ry. Co. 1st \& ref. mtge. $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 2037$, offered at 95 , yielding $4.74 \%$, and $\$ 5,000$,000 Seaboard Air Line Ry. Co. 1st \& cons. mtge. 6s, "A," 1945 , brought out at $98 \%$, yielding $6.10 \%$.
Six foreign Government loans were sold in our markets during February. They aggregated $\$ 74,669,500$ and were as follows: $\$ 27,500,000$ Republic of Chile 6 s .1961 , offered at $931 / 4$, yielding $6.50 \% ; \$ 25,000,000$ State of New South Wales (Australia) 5s, 1957, sold at $961 / 4$, yielding $5.25 \%$; $\$ 14,000,000$ Republic of Bolivia $7 \mathrm{~s}, 1958$, issued at $981 \%$, yielding $7.12 \%$; $\$ 4,669,500$ City of Cordoba (Argentine Republic) $7 \mathrm{~s}, 1957$, offered at $983 / 4$, yielding $7.10 \%$; $\$ 2,500,000$ Dept. of Antioquia (Republic of Colombia) 7s, "C," 1945, ofered at $961 / 2$, yielding $7.35 \%$, and $\$ 1,000,000$ City of Santiago (Republic of Chile) 1-year 6s, Jan. 1 1928, offered a) a price to yield $5.50 \%$.
There were six farm loan offerings during February, but for a total of only $\$ 4,450,000$. The yields on these issues ranged from $4.55 \%$ to $4.62 \%$.

Offerings of various securities made during the month, which did not iepresent new financing by the companies whose securities were offered and which therefore are not included in ou: totals, embraced the following: $\$ 3,795,000$ Oklahoma Natural Gas Corp. 1st mtge. 6s, "A," 1946, offered at par; $\$ 2,500,000$ Wilson \& Co., Inc. 6s, March 1 1931, offered at a price to yield $61 / 8 \%$ and 48,000 shares of $n$. par value conv. preference stock (cum. $\$ 3.60$ per share) of Thatcher Manufacturing Co., offered at $\$ 45$ per share, to yield $8 \%$, and involving a total of $\$ 2,160,000$. There was also an offering of a block of Tubize Artificial Silk Co. of America, class "B" common stock, at $\$ 175$ 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 February and for the two months ending with February. 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.

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE, FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, FARM LOAN AND MUNICIPAL FINANCING FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY FOR FIVE YEARS.


SUMMARY OF CORPORATE, FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, FARM LOAN AND MUNICIPAL FINANCING FOR THE TWO MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 28 FOR FIVE YEARS.


DETAILS OF NEW CAPITAL FLOTATIONS DURING FEBRUARY 1927
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| 2,500,000 |  |  |  | Woodward (Ala.) Iron Co. 1st M. Lien Coll. Tr. 6s, 1937. Offered by Kidder, Peabody \& Co., Caldwell \& Co. and American National Co., Nashville, Tenn. |
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| 8,000,000 |  |  |  | Fairbanks, Morse \& Co. Deb. 5s, 1942. Offered by Lee, Higginson \& Co., Clark, Dodge \& Co.; First Trust \& Savings Bank, Chicago, and Harris, Forbes \& Co. |
| 1,500,000 |  |  | 7.20 | First Bohemian Glass Works, Ltd., 1st (C.) M. Sec. 7s, 1957. Offered by J. F. Lisman \& Co. <br> and First Federal Foreign Investment Trust. <br> Hart Mfg. Co. 1st (C.) M. 61/3s, 1928-37. Offered by the Bankers Bond Co., Inc., Loulsville, Ky <br> (Julius) Kayser \& Co. Conv. Deb. 51/2, 1947. Otfered by company to stockholders; underwritten <br> by Blair \& Co., Inc. |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 6.50 \\ & 5.80 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Working | $\begin{aligned} & 1003 / 2-100 \\ & 100 \\ & 97 / 3 \end{aligned}$ | $51 / 26$7.006.30 | Koehring Co. (Milwaukee) 68, 1928-37. Offered by Second Ward Securities Co., Milwaukee. Los Angeles Mfg. Co. 1st M. 7s, 1929-40. Offered by the Citizens National Co, Los Angeles.Nichols \& Shepard Co. Conv. 6s, 1937. Offered by Eastman, Dillon \& Co. and Taylor, Ewart |
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|  |  |  | ${ }_{6}^{6.35}$ | Nixon Nitration Works, Inc., 1st M. $61 / \mathrm{s}$, 1937. Offered by Townsend Scott \& Son, Baltimore. Sayre \& Fisher Brick Co. 1st M. 6 s , 1947. Oftered by Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Ine.; West \& Co., and Graham, Parsons \& Co <br> Western Tablet \& Stationery Corp. 1st M. 6s, 1941. Offered by Federal Securitles Corp.; West <br> \& Co.; Illinois Merchants Trust Co., and A. B. Leach \& Co., Inc. |
| 2,000 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1,800,000 |  | 981/4 |  | Tide Water Associated Transport Corp. 1st Lien Marine Equip. 5s, 1937. Offered by Blair \& Co., Inc. |
| 2,000,000 |  |  |  | Allerton Corp. Conv. Deb. 6s, 1942. Offered by Parsly Bros. \& Co., Philadelphla; Brokaw \& Co., Chicago: J. A Ritchie \& Co., Inc., New York, and Banks, Huntley \& Co. <br> (Wm. H.) Anderson, Inc. (Los Angeles) 1st (closed) M. $61 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 1930-42$. Offered by Callfornia Securities Co. and Citizens National Co., Los Angeles. <br> Arcade Bldg. \& Realty Co. (Seattle) 1st M. Leasehold 6s, 1947. Offered by Blyth, Witter \& Co. and John E. Price \& Co. |
| 500,000 |  |  |  |  |
| 1,200,000 | , | 100 | 6.00 |  |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \\ & 100 \\ & 100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6.50 \\ & 6.25 \\ & 5.00 \end{aligned}$ | Broadway \& Gary Bldg. (Chicago) 1st M. 61/3s, 1928-34. Offered by Huszagh, Musson \& Co., Chi.Offered by S. W. Straus \& Co., Inc. Cathedral Apts. (San Francisco) 1st M. 614s, 1929-38. Offered by S. W. Straus \& Co, Inc. Joseph Chartrand, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Indianapolis, ist M. 5s, |
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| $2,500,000$ 250000 | ${ }_{\text {Addi }}^{\text {Real }}$ | 100 | $\begin{gathered} 6.00 \\ 6-6 / 2 \end{gathered}$ | City State Bank Bldg. (Chicago) 1st (closed) M. 6 s. 1947 . Offered by P. W. Chapman \& Co., Inc. Comicago. <br> ) 1st M. 6s, 1927-37. Offered by Central Trust Co. of Ilifinois, Chicago |
|  | Real | 100 |  |  |
|  |  | 100100 | ${ }_{5}^{6.50}$ | Drexel-Midway Apts. (Chicago) 1st M. $61 / \mathrm{s}$ s, 1929-37. Offered by Garard Trust Co., Chicago. Eleventh Street Annex Post Office (Chicago) 1st (closed) M. $51 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$, 1937. Offered by P. W. Chapman \& Co., Inc. |
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|  | Fina | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \\ & 100 \\ & 100 \\ & 100 \end{aligned}$ | 6.50 <br> 6.50 <br> 6.50 <br> 6.00 |  |
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|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \\ & 100 \\ & 100 \\ & 100 \\ & 100 \\ & 100 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 6.00 Fox Office Bldg. (N. Y. City) 1st M. 6s, 1942 . Offered by Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Inc. <br> 6.25 Garden Foundation, Inc. (Los Angeles) 1 st M. M . $1 / \mathrm{ss}, 1937$. Offered by Blyth, Witter \& Co. 6.50 The Helene Apts. (Chicago) 1st M. 61/sis, 1928-33. Offered by Ritchle Bond \& Mtge. Co., Chicago. <br> 6.50 The Helene Apts. (Chicago) 1st M. 61/5s, 1928-33. Offered by Ritchie Bond \& Mtge. Co., Chicago. 6.50 Hillsboro Hotel Co. (Tampa, Fla.) 1st \& Ref. M. 61/2s, 1928-38. Offered by Mortgage \& Securities <br> Cor 5.00 Co. Now Orleans. Ininom <br>  |  |
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| 2,000 |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Amount. | Purpose of Issue. | Price. | To Yield About. | Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered. |
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| $\underset{200,000}{\$}$ | Land, Buildings, \&c. (Concl.) Improvements; other corp. purp- | 100 | 6.50 | George F.) Koppin Co. (Detroit) 1st M. 61/2s, 1936. Offered by Joel Stockard \& Co., Detrolt. |
| 700,000 | Finance construction of apartment |  | 6.08-6.50 | Lakewood-Pratt Apts. (Chicago) 1st M. $61 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 1930-39.0$ Offered by Greenebaum Sons Investment |
| 750,000 | Addition to bu |  | 4.57-5.87 | The Lasalle \& Koch Co. Toledo, (Ohio) 1st (closed) M. Leasehold 6s, 1928-42. Offered by Bell |
| 175,000 | Finance construction of hotel. | 100 | 7.00 | Lewis \& Clark Hotel 1st M. 7s, 1930-40. Offered by |
| 123,000 | Finance construction of building -- |  | 6.50-7.00 | (Chas. S.) Mabrey, Inc. (Redding, Calif.) 1st (closed) M. 7s, 1927-36. Offered by Edw. R. Eliott, Inc., San Francisco. |
| 120,000 | Real estate m |  | 5.50-6.00 | Manor Apts. (Chicago) 1st M. 6s, 1928-33. Offered by H. O. Stone \& Co., Chieago. |
| 100,000 | Provide funds for loan purposes | 100 | 6.00 | Marine Mortgage Co., Inc. (New Orleans) 1st Coll. 6s, "B," 1930-37. Offered by Marine Bank \& Trust Co., New Orleans. |
| 275,000 | Real estate mortga |  | 6.00-6.50 | The Martinique (Chicago) 1st M. $61 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$, "A," 1929-36. Offered by American Bond \& Mortgage |
| 1,800,000 | Acquisition of property, \&c. | 99 | 6.59 | Meco Realty Co. (Pa.) 1st (closed) M. 61/2s, 1947. Offered by J. H. Brooks \& Co., Scranton, Pa. |
| 105,000 | Finance construction of apartment | 100 | 0 | Metropolitan Apt. (Detroit) 1st M. 6s, 1929-36. Offered by Guaranty Co. of Detroit. |
| 2,000,000 | Acquisitions; other corp. purposes_ | 100 | 50 | Michigan Theatre Bldg. (Detroit) 1st (closed) M. Leasehold 61/2s, 1942. Offered by Union Trust Co.; Wm. L. Davis \& Co.; National Bank of Commerce; Fidelity Trust Co.; Benjamin Dansard \& Co. and Livinstone \& Co., Detroit, and A. E. Kusterer \& Co., Grand Rapids. |
| 100,000 | Provide funds for loan purposes |  | 00 | Mortgage Bond \& Trust Co. (Atlanta, Ga.) 1 st M. $51 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 1932-37-42$. Offered by C. T. Williams |
| 500,000 | Provide funds for loan purposes.-- | 100 | 5.50 | Mortgage Co. of Maryland, Inc., 1st $5 \frac{1}{2} \%$ certificates, Series 5, due 1932-37-42. Offered by Robert Garrett \& Sons, Baltimore |
| 500,000 | Provide funds for loan purposes_ Real estate mortgage. | 1005 | $5.50-6.00$ 6.00 | Mortgage Insurance Corp. (Los Angeles) Insured 1st M. 6s, 1927-38. Offered by company. Newberry College (Newberry, So. Caro.) 1st M. 6s, 1929-42. Offered Whitney-Central Bank; |
| 2,100,000 | Finance construction of building -- | 100 | 5.50 | New York Postal Service Stations, Inc., 1st M. $51 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$, 1937. Offered by P. W. Chapman \& Co.; Inc., New York. |
| $\begin{aligned} & 120,000 \\ & 175,000 \end{aligned}$ | Retire debt: additions, \&e. Finance construction of building.- | 1005 | $\begin{array}{r} 5.50-6.00 \\ 5.50 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | (Horbard) Payne Baptist College 1st M. 6s, 1928-37. Offered by Lorenzo E. Anderson \& Co., St. L. Postal Service Station Corp. (1st (closed) M. 51/2s, 1928-37. Offered by the Peoples State Bank; |
| 1,000,000 | Acquisition of proper | 100 | 6.00 | Realty Investments, Inc. (Detroit) 1st M. 6s, 1937. Offered by Security Trust Co.; Nicol, Ford |
| 165,000 | Real estate m |  | 6.00-6.50 | Rockhill Theatre, Store \& Office Bldg. (Kansas City, Mo.) 1st M. 61/6s, 1928-36. Offered by |
| 5,500,000 | Refunding | 99 | 6.0 |  |
| 250,000 | Real estate mortga | 100 | 5.00 | St. Stanislaus Seminary (Florrisant, Mo.) 1st M. 5 s , 1931-41. Offered by Federal Commerce |
| 115,000 | Finance construction of building .- | 100 | 6.50 | San Pedro Street Realty Corp. 1st (closed) M. $61 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 1930-41$. Offered by the John M. C. Marble |
| 1,195,000 | Finance construction of building.- | 101-100 | 5.45-6 | 60 Broad Street Bldg. (N. Y. City) 1 st M. Participation $6 \%$ Certificates 1929-39. Offered by |
| 3,500,000 | Acquisitions \& improvemen | $991 / 2$ | 5.04 | Stone \& Webster Bldg. (Boston) 1st M 5s, 1947. Offered by White, Weld \& Co., Stone \& Webster and Blodget, Inc., N. Y., and First Nat'l Corp. and Atlantic Corp., Boston. |
| 700,000 | Finance construction of apartment | 100 | 6.50 | Thornycroft Apt. Bldg. (Scarsdate, N. Y.) 1st. M.61/5s, 1936. Offered by S. W. Straus \& Co., Inc. |
| 1,350,000 | Financial construction of building | 981/2 |  | 250 West 39th St. Bldg. (N. Y. City) 1st M. 6s, 1937. Offered by Peabody, Houghteling \& Co.; |
| 2,700,000 | Financial construction of building |  | 5-6 | Wabash-Monroe Bldg. Corp. (Chicago) 1st M. Leasehold 6s, 1928-53. Offered by Federal |
| 2,200,000 | Real estate mortga | 100 | 5.50 | Walter Arms ( 2650 Broadway, N. Y. Gity) 1st M. $51 / 2 \%$ Certificates 1927-36. Offered by New |
| 800,000 | Finance construction of building. | 100 | 6.50 | Warner Bros. Hollywood Theatre Corp. (Los Angeles) 1st M. Leasehold 61/2s, 1929-41. Offered by S. W. Straus \& Co., Inc. |
| 175,000 | Real estate mortga | 100 | 50 | Wilson-Kedzie Bldg. (Chicago) 1st M. $61 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 1928-33$. Offered by Sheridan Trust \& Savings Bank; |
| 100,000 | Real estate mortgage | 100 | 6.50 | Woodland Apts. (Chicago) 1st M. 61/2s, 1928-33. Offered by Sheridan Trust \& Savings Bank; |
| 48,798,000 |  |  |  |  |
| 3,000,000 | Provide funds for loan purposes.. | 973/4 | 7.20 | Agricultural Mortgage Bank (Rep. of Colombia) $20-\mathrm{yr}$. $7 \mathrm{~s}, 1947$. Offered by Hallgarten \& Co.; Kissel, Kinnicutt \& Co., Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Inc., Lehman Bros., Cassatt \& Co. and Wm. R. Compton Co . |
| 80,000 | Finance constr. of toll bridge | 100 | 7.00 | Airline Toll Bridge Co. of Oklahoma 1st M. 7s, 1936. Offered by Lorenzo E. Anderson \& Co.; St. Louis. |
| $\begin{aligned} & 275,000 \\ & 100,000 \end{aligned}$ | Additions; working capital, \&o-.-- Acquisitions; other corp. purposes | 100 | $\begin{array}{r} 6.00 \\ 5.79-6.67 \end{array}$ | Columbia Ice \& Ice Gream Co. (Chicago) 1st M. 6s, 1928-36. Offered by Hitchcock \& Co., Chicago. Fisher Lumber Co. (Marcola, Ore.) 1st M. $61 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$, 1928-34. Offered by Freeman, Smith \& Camp Co., |
| 10,000,000 |  |  |  | Portland, Ore. The J. L. Hudson Co. 5s, 1930-36. Offered by Goldman, Sachs \& Co. and E. Naumberg \& Co. |
| 600,000 | Acquisitions, development, \&c | 100713-100 | 0 5.87-6 | (W. F.) Ingham (K. C., Mo.) 1st M. 6s, 1929-36. Offered by Baker Feutress \& Co., Chicago. |
| 925,000 | Fund timber debt; working cap.,\&e | 1001/4-100 | - 5.75-6 |  |
| 3,500,000 | Refunding; Improvements, | 100 | 6.00 | (Chas. R.) McGormick Lumber Co. (Del.) 1st M. 6s "A," 1941. Offered by Harris, Forbes \& Co.; |
| $\begin{array}{r} 1,000,000 \\ 550,000 \end{array}$ | New mill; working capital.. Acquisitions; working capita | $100.45-100$ 100 | 51/2-51/2 | Lacey Securities Corp., Lumbermen's Tr. Co. and Minnesota Loan a <br> Putnam Lumber Co. 51/5s, 1929-37. Offered by Merchants Trust Co., st. Paul Ross Island Sand \& Gravel Co. 1st and Coll. Sec. 7s, 1937. Offered by Ralph Schneeloch Co.; |
| 1,000,000 | Refunding | 00 | 6.00 | Portland, Ore. <br> St. Louis Refrigerating \& Cold Storage Co. 1st (e) M. 6s, 1942. Offrered by Equitable Tr. Co. |
| 2,500,000 | Provide funds for investment purp. | 100b | 4.50 | Shawmut Bank Investment Trust Deb. $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 1942$. Offered by the Shawmut Corp. of Boston |
| 2,500,000 | Provide funds for investment purp. | 100 c | 5.00 | Shawmut Bank Investment Trust Deb. 5 s , 1952. Offered by the Shawmut Corp. of Boston. |
| 2,300,000 | Acquire constituent companies.-- | 991/2 | . 55 | The Southern New England Ice Co. 1st M. $63 / 2$ "A," 1942. Offered by Taylor, Ewart \& Co.; Inc., C. D. Parker \& Co., Inc., Goddard \& Co., Inc., and Hincks Bros \& Co., Bridgeport. |
| 900,000 | Acquisition of propert | 991/2 | 6.55 | Southwest Public Service Co. 1st M. $61 / \mathrm{s}$ s "Ȧ," 1937. Offered by Hoagland, Allum \& Co.; |
| 4,500,000 | Provide funds for investment purp. | 100 | 5.00 | Standard Investing Corp. Deb. 5s, 1937. Offered by Brown Bros. \& Co. and Stone \& Webster |
| 5,500,000 | Refunding | 981/2 | 6.65 | Maid Raisin Growers Assn. (De1.) 1st M. 61/2s, 1942. Offered by Dillon, Read \& Co., Anglo |
| $\begin{aligned} & 194,000 \\ & 750,000 \end{aligned}$ | General corporate purposes....--- Refunding other corporate purposes | ${ }_{971 / 2}$ | $5.50$ |  |
| 40,174,000 |  |  |  |  |


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| $\underset{2,500,000}{\mathrm{~s}}$ | Pubilic Utilit Retire floating | 993/3 | 5.65 |  |
| ,00 |  |  |  | $\&$ Co., Inc. and Nat'l City Co. <br> Union Water Works Co. (Kentucky) 1-yr. Deb. 5s, Feb. 1 1928. Offered by Aylward \& Co.; Chicago. United Railways \& Electric Co. of Balt. 3-yr. 6s, March 1 1930. Offered by Alex Brown \& Sons, Balt. |
| 2,500, | Refunding $\qquad$ <br> Iron, Steel, Coal, Copper, \&c. Acquisitions; addns., wkg. cap. | 991/4 | 6.28 |  |
| 5,5 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Interstate Zinc \& Lead Co. 5-yr. Deb. 7s "A," Jan. 1 1932. Offered by Taylor, Ewart \& Co. and West \& Co. |
|  |  | 100 | 7.00 |  |
| 1,200,000 | Equipment Manufactur Finance lease of equipment | 4.00-4.73 |  | General American Tank Car Corp. Eq. Tr. 5s "D" 1927-30. Offered by Chatham Phenix Nat Bank \& Trust Co., N. Y. |
| 2,000,000 | Other Industrial Mf Acquisition of securities | ${ }^{99} 93 / 4$ |  | Oil Well Supply Investment Co. 5 -yr. Coll $5 \frac{1}{2}$ s, March 11932 . Offered by Dillon, Read \& Co.; <br> Blair \& Co., Inc. and Peoples Savings \& Tr. Co. of Pittsburgh <br> Remington Arms Co. Inc. 3 -yr. $51 / \mathrm{s}$, March 1930 . Offered by Lee Higginson \& Co. |
| 4,000,000 | Refunding. $\qquad$ <br> Oil- <br> Additional capital <br> .............. |  |  |  |
| 6,000,000 |  |  |  |  |
| 200,000 |  | 100 |  | Rock Island Refining Co. (Duncan, Okla.) 1st M. Conv. 7s, 1928-32. Offered by Harris George and Lawrence McBride, Dallas, Texas. |
| 70,000 | Land, Buildings, \&c. Finance construction of bu | Price on application |  | Baltis Bldg. (Kansas City, Mo.) 1st M. 6s, 1927-31. Offered by Real Estate Mtge. Trust Co.j St. Louls. |
| 650,000 | Real | Price on application |  |  |
| 600, | Retire mtge. debt; oth. | 993/2 | 5.60 | Broadway \& Lawrence Block "Uptown Square" (Chicago) 1st M. 61/8s, Nov. 15 1929. Offered by Huszagh, Musson \& Co... Chteago. Duncan Hotels Corp. 1 -year Mtge. Lien 5s, Dec. 1 1927. Offered by First Illinois Co., Chicago, |
| $\begin{array}{r} 80,000 \\ 500,000 \\ 50 \end{array}$ | Real estate mortgage..General corporate purpos | $\begin{array}{cc}100 & 6.00 \\ \cdots\end{array}$ |  | and Link, Petter \& Co., Grand Rapids. Neighborhood Association (St. Louis) 11st M. 6s, Feb. 11929. offered by Bitting \& Co., St. L. TPark Royal Hotel (N. Y. City) Mtge. Participation ctts. due Aprill 1930. Offered by Spear Securl- |
| 200,000 | Fina | 100 | 6.50 | ties Corp., New York. <br> The Scottsdale Land Co. (Cleveland) 1st M. \& Coll. Tr. 63/2s, 1928-32. Offered by S. Ulmer \& Sons. Inc., Cleveland. 229-239 West 36th St. (N. Y. City) Mtge. Participation ctfs. due Feb. 1 1929. Offered by Spear Securities Corp., N. Y. <br> (John H.) Walsh (Detroit) 1st M. 6s, Jan. 1 1932. Offered by Benjamin Dansard \& Co., Detrolt. |
| 300,000 | Rea |  |  |  |
| 200,000 | Finance sale of | 100 |  |  |
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| \$ |  |  | \% |  |
| 1,400,000 | Acquisition of properties. | 99 | 5.28 | Child's Dining Hall Co. 4-Yr. 5s, Mar. 1 |
| 300,000 | Additlonal capital | 100 |  | Anthony \& Co. <br> (R. J.) Darnell, Inc. (Darnell, La.) 1st M. 6s, 1929-31. Offered by Commerce Securities Co.; |
| 1,000,000 | General corporate purposes |  | 5.50 | Salt Wemphis, Tenn. ${ }^{\text {Malley Water Users' Assn. } 68,1929-31.0 f f e r e d ~ b y ~ F i r s t ~ S e c u r i t l e s ~ C o ., ~ A n g l o-L o n d o n-~}$ |
| 2,700,000 |  |  |  | Paris Co., Harris Trust \& Sav. Bank, Rutter \& Co, and Valley Bank, Phoenix, Ariz. |

STOCKS.

| ${ }^{2}=1$ No.of Shares | Purpose of Issue. | a Amount Involved. | Price Per Share. | To Yiel About | Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered. |
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| \$ | Public Utilities- | \$ |  | \% | Associated Gas \& Electric Co, Class " ${ }^{\text {" }}$, |
| ${ }^{* 100,000 s h s ~}$ | Acquisitions; new construction | 4,050,000 |  |  |  |
| $1,299,350$ 200,000 | Additions .................- | 1,299,350 | ${ }^{50}$ (par) |  | Blackstone Valley Gas \& Elec. Co. common. Offered by company to stockholders. Gape \& Vineyard Electric Co. $6 \%$ Cum. Pref. Offered by Brown Bros. \& Co., Boston. Consolidated Ga |
| ${ }^{*} 720,000 \mathrm{shs}$ | Refunding; capital expend | - 200,000 | ${ }_{91}^{99}$ | 5.06 |  |
|  | Ref |  |  |  | Consolidated Gas Co. of N. Y. \$5 Cum. Pret. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten by National City Co. |
|  |  |  |  |  | Consolidated Gas Co. of N. Y. Common stock. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten |
| 2,000,000 | Extensio | 2,000,000 | 105 | 5.71 |  |
| 1,200,000 | General corporate purp | 1,200,000 | 100 | 7.00 | Diversified Investments, Inc., 7\% Cum. 1st Pref. Offered by Theodore Gary \& Co., |
| *3,000shs | Acquisitions; other cord. purposes_ | 300,0 | 100 |  | Kastern Gas \& Electric Securities Corp. $\$ 7$ Pref. Offered by Hincks Bros. \& Co.; |
| 100,000 | C |  |  |  | Minot Gas Co. $7 \%$ Cum. Pref. Offered by Drake-Jones Co., Minneapolls. Philadelphia Electric Co. capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders. The Rhode Island Public Service Co. Pref. Cum. \$2 per share. Offered by Bodell \& Co., F. L. Carlisle \& Co., Stone \& Webster \& Blodget, Inc., Baker, Young \& Co. Bond \& Goodwin, Inc., and Hornblower \& Weeks. |
| *500,279,000 | Capital expendit | 13,279,000 |  |  |  |
| *500,000shs | Acquisitions. | 15,000,000 |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 647,925 \\ & 180 \end{aligned}$ | Additions, extensions, \&c | 1,166,265 |  |  | Springfield (Mass.) Gas Light Co. capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders. Telephone Investment Corp. (Reno, Nev.) capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders. |
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| 150,000 | Iron, Steel, Coal, Copper, \&c. Additional capital | 150,000 | 50 (par) |  |  |
| 25,000,000 | Motors and Accessories Capital expenditures. | 25,000,000 | 120 |  | General Motors Corp. 7\% Preferred. Offered by J. P. Morgan \& Co. |
| *50,000shs | Other Industrial \& Mfg. Acquire predecessor company. | 1,550,000 | 31 |  | Bessemer Limestone \& Cement Co. Class "A" stock. Offered by Otis \& Co., N. Y.; and Wick \& Co., Youngstown, Ohio. |
| 300,000 | Expansion | 0 |  |  |  |
| *10,000shs | Expansion of | 625,000 | 5 shs. com. | $\text { a. } 2121 / 2$ | Cincinnati. |
| *25,000shs | Wkg capital; acq. 1 |  | 25 ) 8.00 |  | The Burger Bros. Co. (Ohio) Common stock. Offered by W. E. Fox \& Co., Cincinnati. Chicago Electric Mfg. Co. (II1.) Class "A" stock cum. $\$ 2$ per share. Offered by Davis, |
| 500,000 | Working caplt | 500,0 | $100 \quad 7.00$ |  | Graddock-Terry Co. (Lynchburg, Va.) Class "C" $7 \%$ Pref. Offered by company to |
| $\begin{aligned} & * 30,000 \mathrm{shs} \\ & * 81,666 \mathrm{shs} \end{aligned}$ | Acquire predecessor Refunding | 855,000 $4,083,300$ | 281/2 |  | Fashion Park Inc. (Rochester, N. Y.) Common. Offered by A. G. Becker \& Co. (Julius) Kayser \& Co. Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten by <br> Blair \& Co. Ine. |
| $\begin{gathered} * 5,000 \mathrm{shs} \\ 1,000,000 \end{gathered}$ | Expansion of busin Additional capital. | $\begin{array}{r} 500,000 \\ 1,000,000 \end{array}$ | 100 |  | Knox Hat Co., Inc., Common stock. Offered by company to stockholders. New England Furniture \& Carpet Co. $7 \%$ Cum. Pref. Offered by W. B. Foshay Co.; |
| *83,592shs |  |  | $25$ |  |  |
|  |  | 089,800 | $\begin{array}{ll} 100 & 7.00 \end{array}$ |  | H. Murch \& Co., Cleveland, and H. W. Noble \& Co., Detrolt. <br> Oll Well Supply Investment Co. $7 \%$ Cum. Pref. Offered by J. H. Holmes \& Co., and |
| 1,600,000 | Aequisit |  |  |  |  |
| 6,000sh | Wor | 1,960,000 | $10$ |  | Hill, Wright \& Frew, Pittsburgh. <br> Servel Corp. (Del.) Capital Stock. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten |
| *67,000 shs. | Reti | 1,005,000 | 15 |  | itdorf-Bethlehem Electric Co. Capital Stock. Offered by company to stockholders; |
| 100,000 | Add | 110,000 | 11 |  | (John C.) Stalfort \& Sons, Inc., Common "A" Stock. Offered by Dobson \& Co.; |
| *12,000 shs. | Retire | 540,000 | 45 |  | Thatcher Manufacturing Co. Convertible Preference Stock, Cum. $\$ 3.60$ per share. Offered by Hemphill, Noyes \& Co.., Lage \& Co. and Hale, Waters \& Co, <br> Wright Refrigerating Corp. Class "A" Stock. Offered by Smith, Brady \& Co., N. Y. |
| *50,000 shs. | Expanston | 1,375,000 | 273/2 |  |  |
|  |  | 18,218,100 |  |  |  |
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| 100,000 | Finance construction | 100,000 | $100 \quad 6.00$ |  | The Puritan Securities Co. (Indianapolis) $6 \%$ Pref., due May 15 1937. Offered |
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d Bonus of 1 share of common stock given with each share of preferred.

## Report of British Committee Headed by Lord Colwyn-British Capital Levy Proposal Rejected by Majority-Debt Redemption and Taxation-Proposed Gradual Increase of Sinking Fund

In our issue of Saturday last (March 12 page 1429) we published an article by Hartley Withers discussing features of the report of the British Committee on National Debt and Taxation presided over by Lord Colwyn. A comprehensive presentation of the conclusions of the committee appears in the London "Financial News" of Feb. 23, which has just come to hand; besides the main report, there is a minority report with a reservation by one of the minority. The majority report is signed by the Chairman, Lord Colwyn, Sir Charles S. Addis, Sir Alan G. Anderson, Sir Arthur Balfour, Mr. Henry Bell, Mr. W. L. Hichens, Sir William McLintock and Sir Josiah C. Stamp. The minority report is signed by Mr. J. W. Bowen, Professor Frederick Hall, Mr. H. B. Lees-Smith and Mrs. Barbara Wootton; to this report there is a signed reservation by Professor Hall. The committee was appointed by Mr. Snowden on March 20 1924. The entire report, comprising the three parts, consists of 448 pages. It was issued on Feb. 22. The committee was appointed to study the national debt and "the incidence of existing taxation," with special reference to their effect on trade, industry, employment and national credit. The committee, which held 48 sittings, reviews taxation from every standpoint, its burden and effect on income, the effect of income tax, stamp duties, entertainment tax, a capital levy, and schemes of taxation and debt payment. The "Financial News" notes that so far as concerns taxation for the service of the debt, the two terms stand for aspects of a single subject. Questions of debt policy arise independently of taxation, and therefore the debt and taxation have been treated separately as well as in conjunction. From the same source we quote as follows the main conclusions of the committee:

1. That income tax is not passed directly into the price of goods and services.
2. Private savings have been discouraged.
3. Estate duty is more prejudicial to savings than income tax.
4. Stamp duties are one of the least satisfactory parts of the tax system.
5. A capital levy is rejected as a remedy.
6. The sinking fund should be raised to $£ 75,000,000$ per annum.
7. Present taxation is not one of the main causes of industrial difficulty.

## Recommendations

According to the "Financial News," the committee concludes that with unimportant exceptions the income tax is not passed directly into the price of goods and services. Whether prices are indirectly affected is another question depending on the total effect of the tax on saving and enterprise. Saving and enterprise are undoubtedly diminished to some extent as a result of the physical transfer under progressive taxation from the larger to the smaller income. The "News" goes on to state that the committee in its comment says: "We are satisfied that when the application of the tax revenue is taken into account, the higher level of post-war income taxation has not had anything approaching a commensurate effect on the level of prices. It appears to
us that over the whole field its influence on prices has been of little relative importance, and that it has not in this aspect tended to reduce materially the power of the public to purchase consumable goods.

Standard of Living.
"The general effect on the income tax paying class has been to reduce consumption to some extent, although to a less extent since the rates of tax have been lowered.
"We see no reason to think that on balance, luxury expenditure has been very materially checked-in some cases the reaction has undoubtedly been towards extravagance.
"Reduced expenditure in the middle class of income together with the proportionate application of income tax revenue to social expenditure may go some slight way towards explaining how the worker's average standard of living has been maintained as appears to be the case-in spite of a decrease in total production and in spite of any adverse effect of increased indirect taxation.

Savings by Industry.
On the question of savings, the committee says: "National savings and national production are alike dependent on two factors-saving or economy on the one side, work and enterprise on the other. A substantial part of the national saving is done by industry on its own account. Public joint stock companies, while they look to the investing public for a continuous stream of capital, supply a large part of their own needs by placing sums to reserve out of profit. To judge from figures supplied by the Board of Inland Revenue, it appears that in spite of the income tax, aggregate reserves had been maintained at about the pre-war level, after allowance for the different purchasing power of money."

## Stamp Duties.

The incident and the effects of the stamp duties have come under review, and the committee thinks (we are continuing to quote from the account in the "Financial News") that the effects of the 2 d . stamp on checks is a good deal exaggerated, although they have no doubt that a reduction to 1d. would do something to encourage the freer use of checks and banking facilities. They come to the conclusion that the stamp duties are the cause of occasional irritation to the citizen, "and of some recurrent friction in business, and particularly in finance. While they are open to many objections, they do not seem in practice to meet with much opposition from the general taxpayer, and they may be held to illustrate the saying that 'an old tax is a good tax.'
"Nevertheless, in relation to their moderate yield, we are disposed to think them one of the least satisfactory parts of the British tax system."

## Capital Levy.

Fifty pages of the report, the "Financial News" says, are devoted to the consideration of the capital levy, and the committee's conclusion is summed up in the following few lines:
"We conclude that, even if there were a prospect of a capital levy being well received, the relief from debt which it offers would be insufficient to justify an experiment so
large, difficult and full of hazard; this would hold good in any circumstances not differing widely from those of the present time. Further, unless a levy were accepted with more good-will than it would be possible to anticipate under present conditions, it would be highly injurious to the social and industrial life of the community."

## Sinking Fund.

The committee has reached the conclusion, notes the "Financial News," that as a more permanent contribution for the reduction of debt the present provision of $£ 50,000,000$ a year out of revenue for debt redemption is insufficient.
They recommend that steps should be taken to increase the sinking fund as early as possible to $£ 75,000,000$ a year
With the aid of additional Allied loan repayments, reductions in interest charged from conversions, and repayments and expanding revenue, this would become possible within a period of five years without the imposition of additional taxation. The aim should be to increase the sinking fund by degrees to $£ 100,000,000$ a year. It is contemplated that this should be possible without additional taxation by applying the major part of the interest saving over a period of, say, from seven to ten years.
The committee do not recommend any extension in the practice of hypothecating sinking funds to particular taxes.

## Minority Report.

The "Financial News" observes that the signatories to the minority report conclude that a considerable part of the wage-earning population must be seriously over-taxed, but existing direct taxation does not reduce aggregate purchasing power, nor does it raise prices or materially reduce the national output of work, or of saving or of enterprise
Since savings from conversion ofer no prospect of immediate relief, the minority report recommends that the capital levy is both equitable and practicable, provided that it is accepted with general good-will. As an alternative, they suggest increase of the sinking fund to $£ 100,000,000$, the charge being met by the imposition of additional taxation on unearned income.
In his reservation, it is learned from the paper which we have been quoting, Professor Hall argues that earlier and more vigorous steps should be taken to increase the sinking fund to create more favorable conditions for conversion.

We take occasion to reproduce also from the London "Financial News" the following regarding the findings of the committee
In the course of the summary of their views on the burden of the national debt and taxation the signatories to the main report say

## Comparative Burdens.

The question of comparative tax burdens and taxable capacity has been much discussed in connection with debt and other settlements between different countries and in conjunction with the problem of transferring resources from one country to another. We are not concerned with the question in this aspect, but we are interested in the comparative burdens, so far as the weight of taxation in Great Britain may prejudice our industry
in competition with that of less heavily tian in competition with that of less heavily taxed countries, through impeding the growth of reserves, checking enterprise, and so forth.
That this factor has
doubt, although we regard it exe eftent affected our industry we do not doubt, although we regard it as of minor importance compared with more general difficulties affecting our foreign trade. We have, however, reluctantly come to the conclusion that the available material is insufficient on which to found any reliable statistical conclusions.
tax year, we think it may be said definitely that of the last completed was heavier in Great Britain be said definitely that the burden of taxation much heavier than in the United Stany other European country, and very a measured comparison in figures Itates. But we are not prepared to make a measured comparison in figures. It is dangerous to draw facile infer ences from partial statistics, such as have appeared from time to time.

## 1818 and 1923.

In some respects there is a striking similarity between the present posiever, needs to be regarded with caution. In paric Wars. The parallel, howwhether the remarkable manner in which the debt bue have to consider years ago was lightened in course of time through burden of a hundred population gives any ground for optimistic views to-day. On the basis of the estimates of national income, taxation for the internal total tax revenue to national income was $14.07 \%$ each year. The ratio of 1923, the higher ratio in 1923 being largely due to 1818 and $18.89 \%$ in and social services. It is not necessarily implied that the burden pensions was the heavier; as in a comparison between different countries in 1923 a comparison affecting the same country at different timties, so also in require attention. We suggest especially the following
(i) Population has increased greatly, but wealth

Only rough comparisons are possible, but after allowance more greatly. price levels, it appears that real income per head was something differing times as much in 1923 as in 1818. All casses shared in this ing like four wages and the standard of living having made a big advance during the nineteenth century.
(ii) While the mass of the people suffered acutely in the depression of a hundred years ago, and had much less capacity than now to bear taxation, the distribution of tax was far more severe to small incomes. Of a total tax revenue of $£ 56,000,000, £ 40,000,000$ was raised by customs and excise duties, levied largely on necessaries, the income tax having been repealed as from April 1815.
(iii) Taxation in 1923 pocial Services.
atid at ar social services either not repre(iv) The very numerous and vexatious indirect taxes in force in 1818 were a serious impediment to trade.
was no external debt charge. (vas no external debt charge.
wealthy; in 1923 it imposed a hardly touched the saving power of the Reviewing these points, we think it clear thation upon it.
Napoleonic Wars, debt and think it clear that, for some years after the Napoleonic Wars, debt and taxation were far more burdensome to the sive to the poorer classes. Relicf came in were certainly far more oppresunprecedented advance in industry and in the Victorian era through the of the credit system, in industry and transport and in the development burden of the debt was spread over a body of taxpayers growing in number and prosperity.
It is true that the dominant changes in the price level were large falls between 1818 and 1852, and again (almost without interruption) between 1873 and 1897, so that greater purchasing power had to be transferred to the debt holder, at any rate until the reduction of interest under the Goschen conversion of 1889 ; none the less, the necessary taxes were proided with increasing ease.

## Future Productivity.

The question of future productivity in Great Britain is open to speculation ing expansion of population, if it were to take place without a correspond crease anxiety as to erw in present conditions to which we have prepared, the a large growth; according to an estimate allowance for emigration, may be expected to occupied population, after per annum up to 1031, about 46000 per to ince by about 125,000 and about 20,000 per 1931 and 1936 The numbers seeking $m$ bloyment after 1911 den
on the birth rate It appears then
ployment, such as would be facilitated maintenance of a low level of unemgroods, any hopes must be centred mated by a steady foreign demand for ou head. This might come in vari may on an increase of productivity pe rials, new inventions, advance in chemical and heore organization. To secure the full potential lay out a considerably larger amount of capital than hitherto per unit of the employed population.
On the whole subject we conclude that the present burden, in spite of its weight, is less menacing to the welfare of the community than the old debt continued to be for some years after 1815 community than the old hope that it may be materially lightened through new develon also to industry. On the other hand, there is nothing to warrant a belief thements in history will repeat itself and productivity increase on a scale like that of the Victorian era.

## Taxation and the Individual.

Except in the small incomes which are liable to little or no income tax the general character of the present tax system is highly progressive. The taxation on the smallest incomes, while heavier, appears to be rather les repressive than before the war; this is due in some measure to the hig prices
to-do.
Progressive taxation, under which income, as it increases, bears tax at a higher rate per pound, is the fairest as between individual taxpayers, since it allows for the increased capacity of each additional pound of income to bear taxation. The principle of progression may, however, be carried to such a point as to lead, in turn, to unfairness arainst the wealthier taxayer. Regressive taxation, under which income, as it increases, suffers at a lowe rate per pound, is deficient in point of equity. It might be inferred that a good tax system would give no place to indirect taxes, which cared that fitted to the individual's ability to pay and which are unavoidably be gressive, if levied upon articles of general consumption. Such a conclusion would miss the mark for several reasons:
(i) Indirect taxation is the most effective way of levying a contribution to national expenditure from the mass of wa earners. A universal income tax would be very unpopular and difficult to administer. On the other hand, to raise the whole revenue from direct tores on two or three million citizens would be unduly to narrow the basis of tavation. There is rreat force in the argument which connects taxation with representation.
(ii) Progressive taxation, such as the present income tax and death duties, cannot be carried beyond a certain preint without jeopardy to saving and enterprise. Harm may be done to trade and, if so, there will be reactions on employment and on the standard of living of the poor. Thus the system may break down.
(iii) While indirect taxes, such as the customs and excise duties, are repressive, they may have special virtues. This is true of the tobacco and alcohol duties, which raise a large revenue out of the expenditure of individuals in all ranks of wealth, without undue reactions on persona efficiency.

Taxation and the Citizen.
We consider it important on broad grounds of citizenship that taxation should not be confined to a comparatively small section of the population. It would be a bad state of affairs if a large majority of citizens were provided entirely by the taxation of the few. Under conditions approach ing the ideal-which would imply inter alia, a satisfactory standard of living for the lowest paid workers-all would make some contribution, and would make it knowingly.
The actual position is that all classes make some contribution, and this in itself we regard as satisfactory; but the great majority contribute only in the form of indirect taxes, and these, being wrapped up in price, are so unobtrusive that they are probably not much realized, except when attention is specially drawn to them. It would be better, from the point of view we are considering, if the great body of citizens were more conscious of the taxes which they bear.

## Standard of Living.

A general conclusion we reach is that the post war taxes, combined with other factors, do not appear to have reduced the average or general standard of living of the working classes below the pre-war level. The pre-war ered final: a hen much to be higher standard, such as increased production might bring, is considerably affect. bear hardly on large numbers in the depressed industries, whose real wages have fallen, and who suffer much from unemployment
4 clear distinion must be drawn between the dutic
those on necessaries; we think that the sugar duty is relatively ligh, and
in the financial needs of the present time. While the effect of the duties is to some extent adverse to the standard of living (and, as a consequence,
to physical efficiency), there is a set-off, even if its importance cannot be to physical efficiency), there is a set-off, even if its importance cannot be measured, so far as the alcohol duties-and some would add the tobacco duty-curtail excessive consumption; this effect cannot be ignored, although the idea or taxation as an element in social reform should, in our view, take only a very subordinate place. As always, it is necessary to keep in view the expenditure side of the account, and credit must be given to the customs and excise duties for their proportional contribution to education, pensions, etc. Moreover, the direct taxes contribute largely to these social benefits, assisting the workers' standard of living and purchasing power at
considerable expense to the living and saving standards of the well-to-do.

## Standard of Saving.

In regard to the standard of saving, we conclude that the increased direct axes have contributed appreciably to a pro rata decline in saving-not startling, but very substantial-below the pre-war amount. The deficiency below the standard of 1013 may be as much as $£ 150,000,000$ to $£ 200,000$,000 in present money values. The deche, whatever its cause-and taxaion must It is true here, as it is in the case of living standards, thet some anxiety. It is true here, as it is in the case of living standards, that there is nothing sacrosane had to look forward to a permanently low, be most saving. The capital needs of the future may be great. saving. The capital needs of the future may be great.
號 factory, but we would emphastre that highly wrogrears has been satis factory, but we would emphasize that highly progressive taxation is a
growth of the last decade, and it is still too early to speak of its final economic effects on the community. Growing experience must, therefore, be looked to for guidance as to the best disposition of taxes. We observe that the notion of aiming at a fixed proportion between direct and indirect taxation continues to figure largely in public discussion, a $50-50$ relation being often referred to as if it had rare intrinsic merit. We regard this dea as wholly unfounded, and contrary not only to the science of taxation but to plain common sense.

## Business Outlool.

Very briefly, we may say that, in business generally, the existing taxe end to discourage a sanguine outlook. The income tax has little direct effect on public companies, and the death duties none. Private concern are much more susceptible to influence. In the middle range of incomes, the income tax frequently leads to a greater output of effort, although indi vidual reactions rary widely; in the higher range the tax (including supertax, tends to check enterprise, especially of the more speculative kind. The effects of the death duties are less pronounced in either direction.
The enterprise of public companies receives some indirect check, so far as their reserves and the supply of capital from the public are diminished; in the case of private concerns, which depend on an internal supply of capital, the material basis for enterprise is more seriously affected, especially where there is heavy liability to super-tax or where death duties come at an embarrassing time. In the majority of cases, however, the position is eased through the proprietors having relatively large additional resource outside their businesses.

The Gene al Burden.
Our analysis of the taxation required for the debt and for other expenditure leads to broad conclusions which will have become evident. The burden of indirect taxation appears formidable when viewed as a whole. On for the sugar duty, which we consider relatively high. The high level of the duties on luxuries (as we understand the term) appears to us to be justifiable at present, considering the large amount of revenue required, and the risk of interfering too much with savings, if heavier direct taxation were adopted.

## Industry's Difficulties.

The burden of direct taxation, while we do not wish to belittle it, is less crushing than is frequently represented. It does not, with trivial exceptions, enter directly into prices, and its indirect effects are not such as substantially to affect the general price level. It has a materially adverse
effect on savings, but this does not hold good, so far as the receipts are applied to payments on account of the internal debt. Again, it has widely diffused psychological effects, and has been responsible for a it has widely discouragement, while trade has been suffering from long-drawn-out depres. sion due to wider causes; on the other hand, some of the psychological effects have been actually beneficial.
In our opinion the present taxation-even in conjunction with the loss of material wealth due to war expenditure, which lies behind the national debt-is not one of the main causes of industrial difficulty.
wide range, have been under the consideration of the but, in their very dustry and Trade.
For an analysis of the serious difficulties of our export trade due to one set of causes-conditions prevailing in the various markets abroad-we may refer to the committee's introduction to their "Survey of Overseas Marchasing 1925 ). The overseas conditions dealt with cover the decline of purchasing power, the shortage of capital, the growth of local manufacture improve and times become more prosperous, the burden will be carried with comparative ease. We base our conclusions, not on preconceptions, but on the long analysis contained in the foregoing part of our report, in the light of which they must stand examination.
We may perhaps remark that the view which we take is more optimistic than the view which attributes to taxation a very large responsibility for the present industrial position; for, while there is little prospect of any great lightening of the tax burden in the early future, there is legitimate hope that in many respects more general conditions, both at home and abroad, may improve.

## Capital Levy "Highly Injurious,"

The proposal that a levy should be imposed on all accumulated wealth and the proceeds used specifically for the redemption was rejected by the committee after an exhaustive research. The main report states:
capital levy viewed simply as an capital levy, viewed simply as a tax on the accumulated wealth of a par the same time we consider thit circumstances, be condemned as unfair; at circumstances are required to justify it, and that such aspect, very special possibly realized in 1920 , do not exist, now Descending from the , whil principle of the levy to it apliction, wow that from the abstract principle inequity in thany arbitrary manner than annual income taxation, it woud give a disnor tionate adrantage to large earned incomes not depending on a dispropor tionate advantage to large earned incomes not depending on material capimore pronounced than are found under the existins system

The collection of a sum in the neighborhood of $£ 3,000,000,000$ for the redemption of debt would, in itself, be impressive. But the value of wiping out so much debt, apart from the annual saving of interest, is not casy to assess.
Immediately after the war the argument for a levy was much stronger than it is now. Apart from the prospect of price deflation (which may have been imperfectly realized) and of heavy annual taxation (which may ave been over-estimated), there were other advantages. In particular, the end of the war was a unique occasion which the more wealthy classes of the nation might well have been asked to mark by a special and personal contribution. In present circumstances the advocates of a levy have a far weaker case. Certainly, whether regarded as a means of lightening the innual burden on industry, or as a means of reducing indirect taxes and inreasing expenditure on social objects, it would, in our opinion, yield physcal results quite disproportionate to the magnitude of the operation.

## Effects on Industry.

If a levy were reasonably well received, and if it did not give rise to any strong fear of repetition, we think it would cause less disturbance than many of its opponents have taken to be inevitable. There would undoubtdy be the risk of a fall in the value of securities outside the biledged ty in the value of the currency
The amount of friction and dislocation to industry as a whole, and the onsequent effect on employment and the workers' standard of living, would largely depend on the factors we have just mentioned, i. e., on the extent to which depression of security values, restriction of bank credits, etc., could be avoided. If appears that the disturbance need not be serious, so far as concerns the great proportion of big industry carried on in this country by joint stock companies. The trouble would be much greater in the case of private businesses, the proprietors of which were liable to large payments of levy. It is very difficult to judge how far the national credit abroad might be affected. In the long run it would seem to depend on the general effects-or, at least, the more observable effect-at home. If the levy could be smoothly and successfully worked, it would probably arouse a be a considerable shock to credit, and to restore the confidence of foreign countries with any speed would be extremely difficult. We anticipate that deposits would quickly be affected. Even if public opinion at home were favorable to the levy, and if every attempt were made to reassure the foreigner that he would not be within its scope, it is probable that foreign depositors and investors would to some extent take fright and remove their money

## Effects if Badly Received.

If the levy were regarded from the first with intense fear and hostility, it would immediately set in motion a whole train of ill consequences. There would no doubt be active propaganda which would accentuate opposition, and it would be exceedingly difficult for the Government to explain the real nature and intention of their proposal so as to make it at all acceptable. We anticipate that the value of securities would quicky deprecite, that traders would reduce their stocks and their demand for credit, and to rapid deflation would ensue, which it would be exceedingly dirficult correct. This would involve serious friction and dislocation over ind of ad as a whole, with very damaging effects on employment. The task of ad
ministering the levy would be rendered extremely difficult and perhaps impossible.
The disturbance created by the levy would far outweigh the good effects of reducing the debt. The general effects might be so detrimental to trade that the ordinary revenue would sharply decline and make any immediate reliefs from taxation out of the question. Finally, the long-range effect would be injurious. Saving and enterprise would alike suffer, and the
return to trade prosperity would be endangered, and in any event, seriously return to tra
postponed.
The credit of the country abroad would suffer a severe shock, and, in The credit of the country abroad limit to the widespread harm that might be done to our trade and commerce.

## Probable Reception.

We do not suggest that a levy would necessarily arouse feeling so violen as to induce results of the most extreme kind. We are convinced, however, that it would be strongly resented.
We conclude that, even if there were a prospect of a capital levy being well received, the relief from debt which it offers would be insufficient to justify the experiment so large, difficult and full of hasard, this would hold rood in any circumstances not differing widely from those of the present time. Further, unless a levy were accepted wir more good will present would be possible to anticipate under present conditions, it would be highly injurious to the social and industrial life of the community.

Debt Redemption-Steady Reduction Favored.
Discussing the question of debt redemption and taxation, the report tates:
We have in the preceding part of our report considered and rejected the proposal for a large immediate repayment of debt by means of a capital levy, and we have examined other schemes submitted to us for the re demption or conversion of debt and concluded that they are, upon various grounds, either impracticable or undesirable
In the course of this cxamination we have dealt with arguments sup porting particularly a policy of immediate or rapid debt repayment. It is necessary now to reviw evide pur forward on the more general questions whether it should proceed.
We may say at once that not one of our witnesses has suggested that it is unnecessary to make any provision for debt redemption. It is pertinent, therefore, in the first instance, to look at the reasons which have been advanced more particularly in support of a steady ating some reduction in debt. Apart from the general desirability of eftecting reat, these reasons order that the burden pon postant may be conveniently summarized as:
(a) The maintenance and improvement of the national credit, particularly with a vew to paving ther for conversion operations;
(b) The desirability of reducing the debt in view of the possibility of a of the debt charge increasing beyond the present point, should the level of prices fall in the future.
The first two points are largely inter-connected, since the main effect at a time when further borrowings are se the interest rate against the Government.
While a large deot would, in the event of fresh borrowing become necespoliny of repayment had been taken would, we think, be still more serious.

The very impossibility of foreseeing future needs for borrowing is in itself an argument for taking early measures steadily to redeem debt; it would clearly be of no avail to wait until the emergency had arisen. Moreover, are affected.
The maintenance of a regular sinking fund would automatically make available a considerable revenue on its temporary suspension. Further, the decline in the interest charge, provided it had not already been made the occasion fo

## Redemption and Taxation

After reviewing the evidence and proposals placed before the committee, the report proceeds :
We are forced to the conclusion that there is no formula by which one may determine the rate at which debt repayment should proceed. The choice is between continuing to bear a heavy interest charge or making a
greater present effort in order to secure future relief. greater present effort in order to secure future relief.
The problem is, in the main, to balance the harmful effects of the necesary taxation against the benefits of a lower debt. Clearly such a balance must depend to a great extent upon the comparative weight which, after pered by some consideration of the equity of distributing the burden of repayment among individuals of this and succeeding generations. There repayment among individuals of this and succeeding generations. Taxation
arises, however, the obvious difficulty that the future volume of taxation arises, however, the obvious difficulty that the future volume of taxation
foral purposes is unknown; and the effects of either an increase or decrease cannot be surmised in the absence of such knowledge. An increase in debt redem,tion, if it were possible without increasing taxation, is in a different category from an increase to be wholly financed by further taxation.
There are certain practical considerations which are of some account. As we have already indicated, the country, under its contracts with investors in certain loans, is committed to provide specific redemption funds in one form or another. Legally, no doubt, these funds might be provided by new borrowings, but this course is clearly undesirable, and, particularly in the case of those loans in which the declared intention of the fund is to suppink it would come very close to to provide for ultimate redemption

## War Debt Repayments.

Though, as we have said, it is impossible to foresee future rates of taxaion, it is permissible to consider the probability of some accession to the tion, it is permissible to consider the probability of some accession to the
revenue (under the present procedure) as the result of repayments to this revenue (under the present procedure)
country in respect of Allied war debts.
We are strongly in favor of applying all receipts in respect of principal repayments of loans made by this country for war and reconstruction purposes as an additional contribution to the redemption of debt, and we are glad to note that this course is being followed wherever such receipts are definitely identifiable as principal. For the major part of these debts the terms of settlement made (or proposed) will result in a payment to this country less than the interest charge on the debt created in respect of the original loans. Such receipts have, up to the present time, been brought into revenue. So far as they may in the future exceed the present amount, there is clearly latitude for an increase of debt redemption without imposing additional taxation for the purpose. A qualification has, no doubt, to be made that, on the other side, there is likely to be a diminution in the amount of the special war receipts which at present form an appreciable item of revenue, and that the payments of interest on the debt to the United States will increase by about $£ 5,000,000$ in 1933-34.
After careful consideration of the whole of the findings recorded in our report both in regard to the burden of taxation and the desirability of reducing the debt, we have reached the conclusion that, as a more or less permanent contribution, the present provision of $£ 50,000,000$ a year out of revenue for debt redemption is insufficient. At the same time, we are not prepared to recommend any immediate drastic increase of taxation; though we think its burden is frequently exaggerated, we consider that any
drastic increase would, in present circumstances, be definitely harmful.

## Sinking Fund

We recommend that steps should be taken to increase the sinking fund as early as possible to $£ 75,000,000$ a year. We should hope that, with the aid of additional Allied loan repayments, reductions in the interest charge from conversions and repayments, and possibly, expanding revenue, this vourd become possible within a period of, say, five years without the that result is considered to be impossible of achievement, we recommend that additional taxation should be imposed to the extent necessary to raise the sinking fund by steps to that figure within, say, five years. We would only add on this point that we recognize that the industrial disturbance of the present year may make it impracticable to put this program into force mmediately, even if our recommendation is accepted in principle.
With regard to the further outlook, we think that the aim should be to increase the sinking fund by degrees to $£ 100,000,000$ per annum. We contemplate that this should be possible, without additional taxation, by apply. ing the major part of the interest saving over a period of, say, from seven to ten years. Whether or not taxation rates can simultaneously be reduced depends upon expenditure in other directions, the possibility of economies in which is being explored by other bodies at the present time. We feel strongly, however, that no reduction should be made which would endanger the carrying out of the above program. Similarly, we think that any embarkation upon new expenditure of whatever nature should only be made if, at the same time, conditions are held to permit of the increase of the sinking fund to the above dimensions.

## No Undue Burden

addition to the provision of a definite sinking fund on the scale outined above, we contemplate the continuance of the existing arrangements, under which identifiable capital receipts in respect of loans due to this country and certain minor receipts by the National Debt Commissioners are applied to debt redemption, tog
We think our recommendation represents a reasonable and adequate program of debt redemption, which it should be possible to pursue without entailing an undue burden on the community. To put it higher would, we feel, be in the long run to invite its non-observance. Whether or not it may be possible in a more remote future to accelerate repayment must be left for another generation to decide.
If the suggestion we have made is accepted, it will be necessary in due course to make further statutory provision for the increase of the sinking fund. The precise form which legislation should take may be a matter of some difficulty since the increase we suggest will not necessarily proceed devised.

## Nerw Loans.

With regard to the form of securities to be offered in future, we have made only three recommendations-that loans should not be issued at a price very substantially below par; that specific sinking funds should not be attached to future issues; and that, as far as possible, special tax privileges should not be attached to loans. Apart from these points, the choice sultation as far as may be with competent authorities, by reference to the conditions obtaining at the time of issue. How far it may prove possible to avoid the issue of short-term securities it is impossible to foresee.
In general, so far as conditions permit, it seems to us sound policy to proceed in the main with issues of securities in funded form, with an optime, given a deifnite policy of debt reduction, we think there may be advantage in combining with funded issues a proportion of long-term issues definitely redeemable within a period of, say, forty years, and with an option to the State to redeem at an earlier date.
Funded debt is obviously most in favor when interest rates are expected to fall and redeemable loans when they are expected to rise or when feeling is very indefinite. It is observable throughout the evidence given before us that views as to future interest rates are by no means uniform, and there is therefore some ground for thinking that the widest appeal would be made by a judicious mixture of both types of loans.

## Future Taxation.

With reference to taxation in pursuance of the sinking fund policy we have little further to say. If it should, unfortunately, be found necessary to raise more revenue than could be obtained from the taxes at the rates now existing, it does not appear that the system would be incapable of
further expansion, since there is considerable elasticity in the most productive source of revenue, the income tax and super-tax.

## Income Tax.

We have noticed that a great difference is made in the lowest range of ncomes (taken for convenience, up to $£ 500$ ) by the family allowances and by the earned income relief. As regards family allowances, however, a income are exactly the same for the married person as for the single, and some of us think that, if regard is had solely to ability to pay, the amount of the family allowance ought to vary to some extent with the size of the taxpayer's income, instead of being absolutely fixed.
Again, as regards earned income, the relief (while varying in proportion to the taxpayer's income, subject to a fixed maximum) is inadequate to measure the difference in ability to pay between "pure earned income" and pure investment income," although an important corrective is introduced by the death duties; we point out, however, the great difficult of reducing A scheme under which investment income was much more heavily taxed than earned income would be likely to exercise a more deterrent influence on saving-and also on the more enterprising use of savings-than the existing scheme, particularly in the case of individuals with incomes liable to super-tax; for this reason we have expressed a preference for an increase in the standard rate of tax, rather than in increase confined to investment income, if in any circumstances a very substantial additional yield were required.

## Industrial Reserves

It has often been urged that relief should be given in respect of the sums put to reserve out of profit by companies. This far-reaching proposal was. advocated by a number of our witnesses, although others did not support it, Apart from the theoretical merits or demerits of a differentiation in favor of a company savings, the question of its practicability, or of the form in
which it might be practicable, is a much more serious one than is usually recognized.
As regards the principle of the proposal, we have seen that under the existing system the limited company aIready has a considerable advantage, as compared with the large private firm, in that its reserves are not liable to super-tax ; if, in addition, some relief were given from the standard rate of income tax, it would be very difficult to withhold it from the reserves of private firms, which would have a claim not only on the plea of equity, but also on the ground that their savings, like those of the public company, had special value for the community. If, however, relief were conceded, the practical difficulties of applying even a rough-and-ready scheme would be very greatly increased.
The question of equity goes further. It would certainly be asked why relief should be given to business savings alone, and withheld from the savings of professional men and others. Purely from the standpoint of equity it would be difficult to find a convincing answer, although it would be easy to show that, the wider the relief were extended, the more expensive and the more unworkable would the scheme become.
Finally, if company reserves were granted some relief, the relief would mainly benefit the industries which were already in a position to put large amounts to reserve; it would be of comparatively little avail to the companies which were making low profits. This point is of obvious importance in the present situation. Altogether, when questions of practicability and of principle are considered, we are forced to the conclusion that the pro posal is radically unsound, despite its superficial attractiveness.

## Death Duties.

We are opposed to the suggestion that differential relief should be given in favor of life insurance policies, mainly for the reason that those policies only represent one particular kind of savings.

We have endorsed the opinion of several witnesses that the opportunities which exist for poide are a marked defect of the estate duty. The deliberate legal avoidance of duty takes many forms, and we do not think that it could be satisfactorily checked by any simple measure. It appears that it could to us that avois legislation, and that drastic provisions the only effective way-of checking the trouble.
We may add that, without stronger safeguards than exist at present, we are inclined to think the estate duty on the largest estates so heavy as to endanger the full yield. This suggests that, if it were thought desirable to aim at a more even progression than that now existing, it would be wiser to moderate the scale for the highest ranges of estate rather than to stiffen it for properties of less magnitude.

Stamp Duties.
Generally we have not viewed the stamp duties with much favor. Here we need only repeat that, if the $£ 2 \%$ duty on bearer bonds should be detected as having any material influence on foreign loan business, the rate of duty should be lowered.

Customs and Excise.
We have expressed the view that the food duties, even as reduced by the Finance Act, 1024, must still exercise some adverse effect on the standard
of living of the poor. We consider that the sugar duty is relatively high,
and that, if any relief in taxation is found possible in the next few years, it should be applied first in reduction of this duty.
We have expressed the opinion that, while existing customs and excise duties have no very disturbing effect, the general tendency of indirect taxation is to cause dislocation and to interfere with natural channels of trade. We think there is a presumption against widening the area of commodities subject to tax.
We think that, prima facie, there are extremely strong objections to a tax on turnover, either in the cumulative form-i. e., imposed at each stage of manufactured and production-or in the form of a tax levied on one sale only, whether at the point of final consumption or earlier.

## MINORITY REPORT. <br> Taxation Differences.

The minority report is signed by Mr. J. W. Bowen, Professor Fred Hall, Mr. H. B. Lees-Smith, and Mrs. Barbara Wootton, who, in an introductory Mr. H. B. Lees-Smith, and Mrs. Barbara Wootton, who, in an introductory
paragraph, observe that: "While it will be observed that, on certain paragraph, observe that: committee, we are in agreement with the majority of our colleagues, we regret that, owing to fundamental differences in the of our colleagues, we regret that, owing to fundamental differences in the
emphasis which we lay on certain aspects of the national debt and of emphasis which we lay on certain aspects of the national debt and
isting taxation, we are unable to sign the report presented by them."
Following are extracts from the official summary of the minority report:

## The Debt and Its Effects.

An analysis is given of the debt and the interest charge. The popular estimate that the payments of interest on the debt costs a million pounds for every working day in the year is found substantially accurate.
The effects of the floating debt are of a special character. We think it important that the amount of debt retained in this form should be strictly limited.
It is beyond question that the internal debt involves, on balance, a transfer of wealth and income such as aggravates the existing inequality in distribution and tends to increase the proportion of the national income in the hands of non-producers.
The burden of the debt has been very gravely increased by the recent fall in the general level of prices. A rough estimate indicates that over two-thirds of the post-war debt was raised when the value of money was lower than at present, while the remainder was raised when the value of money was higher than it is to-day.
There is no trustworthy evidence as to the future course of prices for more than very short periods. It is unlikely that such automatic relief as occurred in the burden of the debt after the Napoleonic Wars, through expansion of the population and wealth of the country, will be repeated in the case of the present debt.

## Taxation.

An analysis of the distribution of taxation for different income levels shows that the burdens of taxation on family incomes of $£ 200$ and under are evidently very heavy. We infer that a considerable part of the wage earning population must be seriously overtaxed.

Taxation upon commodities, regarded as part of a general system for raising the money required for state expenditure, appears to us objectionable in principle. The objection rests primarily on the regressive character of such taxation. The general objections to indirect taxation apply with special force to the taxes upon food, entertainments, and artificial silk. surplus of revenue should be devoted primarily to the abolition of the surplus

The
The view that direct taxation, other than that levied for the service of the external debt, actually reduces aggregate purchasing power appears to us to be entirely a misconception.
generally unable to accept the doctrine that direct taxation raises prices
We are of opinion that the influence of direct taxation upon the output of work can now have but little importance and must have greatly diminished in recent years.
We are of opinion that direct taxation does not seriously impair the incentive to save on the part of individuals and that those who have expressed a contrary view have not fully appreciated the distinction betwee the effects of taxation upon the incentive and upon the ability to save We do not find that existing direct taxation destroys the incentive save on the part of joint stock companies, and we notice a remarkable sta bility in the allocations made by companies to reserve
We are of opinion that existing direct taxation is not seriously prejudicial to enterprise, and that those who take a contrary view have taken account of one aspect only of such taxation to the exclusion of others. In practice the alternative to industrial investment, the yield of which is reduced by taxation, is investment in some form of bond the yield of which is also reduced by taxation. Cases in which a disproportionate reduction of the yield of speculative investments occurs do not appear to us to be of sufficient importance, or (what is no less important) to be sufficiently often anticipated by persons who have capital at their disposal, to have a material effect upon industry generally.
Our general conclusion as to existing direct taxation is that it cannot reduce aggregate purchasing power, and that it does not raise prices or

## Debt Reduction-Sinking Funds and Conversion.

We doubt if it is clearly understood that the sums necessary to meet specific sinking funds attached to particular loans are included in the new sinking fund total of $£ 50,000,000$ per annum. We cannot agree that a sinking fund spreading repayment over so long a period as 153 years is at all adequate.
An estimate is given of the savings which might be anticipated from reduction of the debt by conversion as opportunity offers to a $41 / 2 \%$ and also to a $4 \%$ basis. The gross savings in interest thus obtainable would amount to $£ 15,109,000$ per annum and $£ 33,099,000$ per annum, respectively. If conversions are effected on these lines as the various loans mature, the great bulk of the saving would not arise until the end of a period of nearly a quarter of a century. If conversions are effected at the earliest dates on which the Government has an option of repayment, the greater part of the gross saving might be realized within eight years. Owing to loss of income tax and super-tax on the interest saved, the actual net savings possible would fall short of the figures given.

The prospects of all savings from conversion depends upon the assumption of a fall in the general rate of interest. We can find neither more nor less evidence in support of this than in support of an exactly opposite assumption. We conclude that the savings from conversion are necessarily limited in amount, offer no prospect of immediate relief, and are wholly contingent upon an assumption for which we have not been able to find any evidence.

We have considered the scheme submitted to us by several witnesses for redemption of the debt by a capital levy, and have directed our attention principally to the scheme for a levy of $£ 3,000,000,000$ submitted by the Trades Union Congress General Council.
We estimate that if a levy of $£ 3,000,000,000$ were imposed to-day, it would be necessary to adopt a scale of $20 \%$ greater severity than that put forward in the Trades Union Congress evidence.
The primary advantage claimed for the capital levy is that it will reduce the national debt on a larger scale in the immediate future.

## Annual Budget Saving.

In the second place, attention is drawn by advocates of the levy to the net annual saving on the budget resulting from a levy. We find that, in the case of a levy such as that proposed, this net annual saving (i. e., the excess of the reduction of interest on debt repaid over the loss of taxation consequent on a levy) would be $£ 48,000,000$ in the case of a levy of £2,500,0
$000,000$.
Advocates of the levy claim that this net annual saving would remain assured in perpetuity.
The principal argument against the equity of the capital levy is that it involves a penalization of thrift, which is both unjust and economically indefensible. It is further urged that the supposed contrast between those who fought in the war and those who stayed at home and made money out of it is unjustifiably simple and becomes increasingly unreal with the lapse of time.
In balancing the conflicting considerations of equity regarding a capital levy, we conclude that a strong case has been established for imposition upon owners of accumulated wealth, in a steeply graduated form, the taxation incidental to any large repayment of debt at an early date.

## Exaggerated Fears.

In 1919 the Board of Inland Revenue expressed the view that a levy on war wealth was not outside the range of practicability. In considering the applicability of this conclusion to the problem of a capital levy, they give no reason for supposing that a capital levy is a less practicable proposal than a levy on war wealth, while in some important technical respects they find that it is definitely easier.
We do not find that the difficulties of valuation involved in a levy would be insuperable.
We do not find that a capital levy would destroy any existing capital.
We conclude that the effect of a jevy on potential capital, that is, on savings, is a matter which affects not so much the general question of the desirability
The fear that a capital levy would drive capital from the country has, we think, been greatly exaggerated.
We see no reason to anticipate any general fall in security prices as a result of a levy, though we think that industrial stocks might depreciate relatively to gilt-edged securities. We are of opinion, however, that such disturbances would be necessarily of a temporary character
We have no hesitation in saying that a capital levy could have been carried out comparatively easily in 1919 or 1920, and that it is a matter of great regret that no levy was then imposed. A capital levy would still, in our judgment, be the best method of dealing with the debt, provided that it were generally approved and were assured fair treatment by the taxpayers. The nation may yet turn to the capital levy as a wise and practicable measure affording the best road out of its difficulties.

## Proposed Alternative Means.

As an alternative method of raising funds for debt repayment from owners of accumulated wealth, which may be less liable to obstruction than a capital levy, we suggest the imposition of adaitional taxation on unearned income. We think that an increase in the present differentiation between earned and investment incomes may be defended on general grounds. Further, taxation of invested incomes for the purpose of debt repayment seems to provide one certain safeguard against undue reduction of savings by redistributive taxation.
We recommend that, if there be no capital levy, an additional annual charge be imposed upon investment incomes for the purpose of debt redemption. As regards the amount of such taxation, we think that it would be reasonable to aim at an annual sum of $£ 100,000,000$. The graduation of such taxation should be at least as steep as that of the present income tax and super-tax together. We think that it might be desirable to raise thi revenue by the imposition of a special tax on unearned incomes rather than by adjustment of the rates of income and super-tax now charged on those incomes.
We think that further funds for debt repayment might be found from an extension of the present system of death duties. The taxation of property passing at death has much in principle to recommend it. The objections that such tavation is destructive of capital, and falls with great hardship that such taxation of private businesses and landed proprietors appear to us to be much exaggerated.
We think that the principle of an inheritance tax graduated in accordance with the wealth of the recipient of an inheritance seems to be a principle deserving of recognition, but have taken no detailed evidence on the matter.

## February Construction Record for New York City,

 According to the F. W. Dodge Corporation.Building and engineering contracts"awarded in ${ }^{\text {² }}$ the five boroughs of New York City last month ${ }^{\text {ºmounted to }}$ \$68,233,900, according to F. W. Dodge Corporation. This shows a decrease of $7 \%$ from January and $10 \%$ from February of last year. However, last month's record was $80 \%$ better than that of February 1925. The statement adds:
The more important items in the February construction record for New York City were: $\$ 37,757.100$, or $55 \%$ of all construction, for residential buildings; $\$ 22,023,500$, or $32 \%$, for commerclal buildinss, $\$ 2,673,000$, public works and utilities.
During the first two months of 1927 there was $\$ 141,450,600$ worth of new bulidings and engineering work tarted in New York City, being a decrease of $39 \%$ from the corresponding period of 1926 . However, comparison with the first two months of 1925 shows an increase of $20 \%$ over that year on contacts to date.

Contemplated new work reported in February amounted to $\$ 80,849,000$, being a decrease of $11 \%$ from the amount reported in January, and a decrease of $50 \%$ from the amount reported in February of last year.

## Indications of Business Activity

## THE STATE OF TRADE-COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Mar. 181927.
Trade in the United States has here and there benefited to some extent by spring-like weather, though in some directions wholesale trade is smaller. The reduced buying power of the West and South is apparent. To-day it was almost summerlike, with a temperature of 71 degrees. Retail trade has increased. Building has been more active. Unemployment has decreased slightly. Bad roads hurt trade in the West to some extent. Farm work has been hampered in parts of the West and South by the wetness of the soil. The cotton crop in extreme southern Texas looks better than it did a year ago. West of the Missouri River and also in the Central West and the South the prospects for the winter wheat crop are the best seen for years past. The soil of the Pacific Coast is in the best condition known in recent years, due to abundant moisture. The railroads are moving more freight than in March last year, especially coal and miscellaneous merchandise. Hydro-electric power with full streams is abundant throughout the country. Sales of goods to foreign markets outran imports not only in February but thus far in the fiscal year, in striking contrast with the figures of last year. Sales are larger of some building materials than a year ago. This is also true of cotton goods and some kinds of clothing. There is less business than then in automobiles coal, silk goods and lumber at wholesale. Southern California may have a new petroleum field. Wheat has declined during the week, falling to nearly the lowest price level of the season, with the export demand nothing remarkable, the weather favorable and the winter wheat acreage some $2,000,000$ acres larger than last year and Argentine shipments heavy. The visible supply in the United States is noticeably larger than a year ago. The flour trade is poor. At present neither export nor domestic buying seems likely to be very spirited. Corn is also somewhat lower, despite a sharp decrease in the receipts. But Chicago has the largest stock for years past, i. e. over 25,000,000 bushels. Argentina is cutting under American prices at Canadian markets. The prospects, therefore, for an export trade for American corn, to say the least, are not bright. Oats declined somewhat, with feeding demand smaller. Of rye the export sales have been larger. The opening of navigation is near at hand and primary stocks will probably decrease rapidly. Norway has been buying American rye and Europe has taken some American wheat, but other American grain seems to have no chance in Europe.

Coffee advanced in a small market, upheld by a "tight" spot situation, March showing the most advance. Immediate supplies, in other words, are none too plentiful, so that March is 93 points over May, against 78 a week ago, an illuminating fact. The Brazilian markets have been firm, and if the Brazilian currency could be stabilized, coffee prices would be more easily sustained. As it is, there is no pressure to sell. Raw sugar has felt the pressure of increased supplies and stagnation in trade in refined sugar, so that prices have dropped a little below 3 cents. There has also been very heavy liquidation of futures at a sharp decline in prices. The price is down nearly to the price that ruled before Cuba introduced restrictive crop measures. Cotton has declined slightly under the influence of liquidation on the eve of the ginning report on the 21st inst., which may show a larger crop than has been counted upon, i. e. $18,500,000$ to $18,700,000$ bales. It is uncertain. Meantime the spot markets and the cotton goods trade at home and abroad have been less active, though the cotton mills have backlogs such as they did not have a year ago. But it looks as though another big cotton acreage would be planted. Wool has been quiet on this side of the water, but active and higher in London and Australian markets. Steel has been quiet and abont steady, with the output heavy, especially by the United States Steel Corporation. Pig iron has been rather steadier but quiet. Coke has declined. Coal has declined. Pittsburgh looks for a soft coal strike; New York is not so sure. Meantime the soft coal output is exceptionally large. Anthracite has declined 30 to 90 cents, with rrade stagnant. Petroleum and gasoline continue to decline. Lumber has sold more readily at the West and the Pacific

Northwest. Navigation on the Great Lakes may open a month earlier than usual. This may help trade.
The stock market has been active and rising, with many new high peaks, though to-day there was some reaction on week-end profit taking. But the underlying situation is considered sound and money has been at $3 \frac{3}{4}$ to $4 \%$. Stock prices have moved up recently to nearly the highest of the year under the spur of an active demand, sound conditions of trade and cheap money. Moreover, the demand for bonds is sharp and persistent and for high grade foreign and domestic issues new high record prices are constantly being made. Foreign exchange is generally higher, including sterling, Spanish, Italian, Canadian, French and Japanese.
At Taunton, Mass., the city of Fall River has taken its first step to prevent the placing of a valuation of $\$ 14$ per spindle on mill property. The Fall River Tax Commissioner had found in favor of Parker and Hargrave's mills in the petition for abatement and a refund of $\$ 82,670$ must be made to the mills if the decision is upheld. This award was for the 1921 and 1922 taxes. The mills now have pending a petition for abatement of their 1923 taxes. If this abatement is granted on the basis of $\$ 14$ per spindle the city will have to refund an additional $\$ 37,160$. Roslindale, Mass., wired that the threat of a general strike at the Pacific mills in Lawrence is ended. Mill operatives and the mill management have agreed to submit the matter to arbitration. At Manchester, N. H., Robert A. Amory said to a meeting of business men on the 14th inst.: "The textile industry in New England is on the verge of going ahead. We may have two or three more years of difficult times, but there is enough business in sight, if we get our share of it, to keep our mills running from 90 to $100 \%$. There is no reason why New England should worry about the South or the South about New England." He added that while New Hampshire "stock in trade" tax is a distinct handicap he does not believe that the policy of tax exemption in the "luring of industries as to communities" is sound. "I believe they will come to this realization in the South sooner or later," he said. Manchester, N. H., wired that the Torrington Co. had closed its offices there and will move to Torrington, Conn., where the manufacture of knitting needles will be continued. At Exeter, N. H., the mills of the Exeter Manufacturing Co., which had been closed for several months while extensive improvements were being made, resumed operations in the preparatory departments on March 17. Officials said that the entire plant will be at capacity on sheetings by the middle of April. Production in the company's bleachery is now being increased and the output will total $25,000,000$ yards annually, against 10,000 , 000 before the department's capacity was increased. At Concord, N. H., on March 17 a new bill relating to the exemption of manufacturing establishments from local taxation came up in the House, and was made a special order for next Tuesday. Manchester city officials are heartily in favor of the bill. Manchester, N. H., advices said that a somewhat spotty improvement was noted in the knitting industry in the State and mills manufacturing novelty knit goods are especially busy. The mills of the Everett-Norfolk Knitting Co. at Lebanon are operating a day and night shift. The Contoocook mills at Hillsborough are running at a higher rate than for some time. Woonsocket, R. I., wired that Frederick L. Jenckes, President of the ManvilleJenckes Co., reiterated to a committee of strikers from the Social and Globe mills there the statement made on March 7 that the Social mill is closed for good and the Globe mill closed indefinitely. It looks like a case of the strikers finding the biter bitten

At Anderson, S. C., work at the plant of the Appleton Manufacturing Co. will be resumed this week. Improved market conditions account for the change. Atlanta, Ga., wired: "Ground was broken Wednesday at Atco, near Cartersville, Ga., for a $\$ 1,000,000$ addition to the $\$ 2,000,000$ plant of the American Textile Co." At Burlington, N. C., five new hosiery mills are to be organized in the first six months of 1927 and four have already been organized and two new building contracts let and work begun. One of these mills moving from a distant State will bring 470 knitting machines. Lancashire looms are working at $85 \%$, with good orders on the books.

Industry marked time during the month of February and very few of the major ones increased employment, according to the monthly bulletin of the Department of Labor, issued to-day. Decreases were noted in several of the important industries, although a great volume of employment was noted in iron and steel than during January. The textile industry in the South is on a satisfactory basis, while in the New England districts part time operations prevail.
The weather here early in the week was mild and springlike; it was the same at the West and South. Here on the 15 th inst. it was 62 degrees at noon; at $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m} .55$; in Chicago, Cleveland and Milwaukee, 52; in Boston, 70, and in Philadelphia, 62 ; at the South 64 to 78 . It has continued mild here all the week and especially so to-day. On the 17th inst. it was 65 degrees at $1.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. ; at Chicago, 54 ; Cleveland, 66; Kansas City, 62 ; Cincinnati, 70 ; Milwaukee, 58 ; Portland, 48; Boston, 52 ; Montreal, 46; Winnipeg, 28. To-day the temperature was 71 degrees at $1.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Later in the afternoon there was a thunderstorm. The forecast is for rains and colder weather to-morrow. Port Arthur wired that an ice breaker tug began operations in the harbor on the 16th inst., the earliest on record.

## Continued Decline in Wholesale Prices

Continued recession of wholesale prices of commodities is shown for February by information collected in representative markets by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the IU. S. Department of Labor. The Bureau's weighted ndex number, which includes 404 commodities or price series, registered 146.4 for Ferbuary, compared with 146.9 for January, a decline of one-third of $1 \%$. Compared with February 1926, with an index number of 155.0, there was a decrease of $51 / 2 \%$. The. Bureau's advices of March 17 further state:
In all groups of commodities included in the comparison, except clothing materials, housefurnishing goods, and miscellaneous commodities, there were decreases in the price level ranging from less than one-tenth of $1 \%$ in the case of chemicals and drugs, to $11 / 2 \%$ in the case of fuels and $13 / \%$ in the case of metals. Clothing materials and miscellaneous commodities averaged slightly higher than in J
shown for housefurnishing goods.
shown for housefurnishing goods.
Of the 404 commodities or price series for which comparable information for January and February was collected, increases were shown in 104 instances and decreases in 118 instances. In 182 instances no change in price was reported.
index numbers of wholesale prices by groups and subGROUPS OF COMMODITIES (1913 EQUALS 100.0)

| Groups and Sub-Groups. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} 1926 . \\ \text { February } \end{gathered}\right.$ | 1927. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | January. | February. |
| Farm | 149.9 | 137.2 | 136.9 |
| Grains | 163.5 | 140.8 | 139.9 |
| Livestook and pouitry | ${ }^{135.9}$ 15.9 | 135.7 135.3 185 | 138.8 132.0 |
| Foods | ${ }_{153.2}$ | 149.6 | 148.2 |
| Meats | 149.0 | 147.0 | 148.8 |
| Butter, cheese and milk | 151.2 156.8 | 156.6 149.5 148 | 158.9 |
| Clothing materials | 183.9 |  | 145.5 168.7 |
| Boots and shoes | 186.1 | 184.3 | 184.3 |
| Cotton goods. | 170.0 | 145.4 | 146.3 |
| Woolen and worsted goods | ${ }^{204.9}$ | 188.8 | 190.1 |
| Silk, \&0. | 179.4 | 1179.9 | ${ }_{177.1}^{148.2}$ |
| Fuels Anthacite coal |  | ${ }_{227.2}$ | 226.8 |
| Bituminous coal | 203.1 |  | 209.0 |
| Other fuels-t-r | 128.4 | 124.4 | 145.8 122.2 |
| Metras and iron and steel. | 136.1 | 134.4 | 131.9 |
| Nonferrous metals. | 11.5 | 102.2 | 100.7 |
| Bullaing materials |  | 169.7 |  |
|  | 205.6 | ${ }_{207.5}$ |  |
| Struetural steel | ${ }_{129.1}$ | ${ }_{132.4}^{203.5}$ | ${ }_{129.1}^{207.9}$ |
| Other bullding materials | 164.8 | 157.7 | ${ }_{155.2}$ |
| Chemicals and drugs. | 132.3 | 122.1 | 122.0 |
| Chemicals | 119.5 | 115.6 | 115.5 |
| Fertilizer materlals | 113.1 | 105.0 | 105.8 |
| Drugs and pharmac | 182.9 | 154.4 | 153.4 |
| ousefurnishing goods | 163.2 | 157.4 | ${ }^{157.5}$ |
| Furnitur | 143.7 | ${ }^{137.6}$ | 137.6 |
| Furnishings | 229.8 | ${ }^{222.4}$ | ${ }^{222.6}$ |
| Miscellaneous. | 132.9 | 117.9 | 118.5 |
| Cattle | 117.6 | 130.1 | 138.0 |
| Leather | 140.1 | 136.6 | 136.7 |
| Paper and pulp | 187.8 | 154.8 | 154.8 |
| Other miscellane | 116.9 155.0 | P9.4 146.9 |  |
| All commoditles.... | 155.0 | 146.9 | 146 |

* Inguodities.-
cient data
Course of Retail Food Prices During February-Decrease Since February 1926.
The retail food index issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor shows for Feb. 151927 a decrease of $2 \%$ since Jan. 15 1927; a decrease of nearly $31 / 2 \%$ since Feb. 15 1926; and an increase of a little more than $61 \%$ since Feb. 15 1913. The index number (19131⁄4100.0) was 161.5 in February 1926, 159.3 in January 1927, and 156.0 in February 1927. The Bureau's advices (released for publication to-day, March 19) also state:

During the month from Jan. 151927 to Feb. 15 1927, 18 articles on which During the mone secured decreased as follows: strictly fresh eggs, $21 \%$ :
monthly prices were
storage eggs, $16 \%$; potatoes, $5 \%$; pork chops and lard, $2 \%$; plate beef bacon, canned red salmon, oleomargarine, rice, canned peas, canned tomatoes, coffee and prunes, $1 \%$; and ham, lamb, wheat cereal and tea, less than $0.5 \%$. Eight articles increased: Onions and cabbage, $4 \%$; butter and bananas, $1 \%$; and sirloin steak, round steak, rib roast and oranges, less than $0.5 \%$. The following 17 articles showed no change: Chuck roast, heur, cormeal, veaporated milk, cheese, vegetable lard substitute, bread, canned corn, sugar and raisins.

Changes in Retail Prices of Food by Cities.
During the month from Jan. 151927 to Feb. 151927 the average cost of food decreased in all of the 51 cities as follows: Washington, $4 \%$; Atlanta, Baltimore, Brageport, Buralo, Columbus, Denve, rolk philadelphia Rock, Memphis, Miwaukee, Mobile, New Haven, Norfolk, Philadelphia Rochester and Satinnal, Jlo, Dallas, Detroit, Fall River, Houston
 Jacksonvile, Kassasty, Omaha, Yeora, City San Francisco, Scranton and Springfield, III, Manchester New Orleans, New York, St. Paul, and Seattle, $1 \%$; and Butte and Portland, Ore., less than $0.5 \%$
For the year period Feb. 151926 to Feb. 151927 all cities showed de creases: Jacksonville, Providence and Rochester, $6 \%$; Columbus, Detroit, Kansas City, Memphis. Minneapolis, Omaha, Richmond and Washington, $5 \%$ : Baltimore, Birmingham, Boston, Bridgeport, Buffalo, Charleston, S. C., Fall River, Indianapolis, Louisville, Manchester, New Haven, New York, St. Paul and Savannah, $4 \%$; Atlanta, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver Houston, Milwaukee, Mobile, Norfolk, Philadelphia, Portland, Me., St Louis, Salt Lake City and Scranton, $3 \%$; Chicago, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Newark, New Orleans, Peoria, Pittsburgh, Seattle and Springfield, Il ., $2 \%$; Dallas, Portland, Ore., and San Francisco, 1\%, and Butte, less than $0.5 \%$
As compared with the average cost in the year 1913, food on Feb. 151927 was $68 \%$ higher in Chicago; $64 \%$ in Richmond; $63 \%$ in Birmingham, Detroit and Scranton; $62 \%$ in Baltimore and Washington; $61 \%$ in Buffalo, $60 \%$ in Charleston, S. C., Philadelphia and Pittsburgh; $59 \%$ in Atlanta, New York and St. Louis; $57 \%$ in Boston, Cincinnati, Miwaukee and New Haven; $56 \%$ in Cleveland; $55 \%$ in New Orieans and Providence; $54 \%$ in Fall River and Manchester; $53 \%$ in Dallas, Jacksonvile, Kansas City, Minneapolis and Omaha; $51 \%$ in Louisville and San Francisco; $50 \%$ in Indianapolis and Newark; $49 \%$ in Little Rock; $45 \%$ in Memphis and seattle; $43 \%$ in Los Anglees; $39 \%$ in Denver and Portland, ore., and $32 \%$ in Salt Lake City. Prices were not obtained in Brizeporl, Bute, Col pas, Houston, Mobile, Norroks, Peoria, Portlana, Me., Rochester, St. Mau,
 year period can be given for these cities.

## Decline in Wholesale Prices in Important Industrial

 Countries, Excepting Those Not on a Gold Basis.Wholesale commodity prices in all important industrial countries, excepting those whose currencies are not on a gold basis, have declined consistently during the last two years, although the years 1925 and 1926 were a period of general stabilization and improvement. This, according to the National Industrial Conference Board, 247 Park Ave., New York, parallels to an extent the experience in the United States during 1925 and 1926, when American industry was confronted with the novel phenomenon of declining commodity prices during a period of increasing industrial activity. In the United States, moreover, commodity prices during this period declined in the face of rising wage earnings

While many different factors enter into price fluctuation, the practically uniform lower world price trend during a period of general improvement reflects, in the view of the Conference Board, generally greater economy in production and by that token augurs well for the immediate future of world business conditions. The average annual rate of decline in commodity prices for 1925 and 1926, according to the analysis made by the Conference Board, in the United States was $4.4 \%$, in Canada $4.8 \%$. It was considerably greater, says the Board (under date of March 14), in the United Kingdom, where, however, considerable business disturbance and stagnation occasioned by strikes obscure the picture of general conditions, the average annual decrease amounting to $8.4 \%$. Stability is refiected in the trend of commodity prices in Germany, Holland, Sweden, Australia and Japan, where the annual rate of decline in commodity prices for 1925 and 1926 was as follows: Germany, $0.3 \%$; Holland, $0.8 \%$; Sweden, $0.9 \%$; Australia, $0.2 \%$; Japan, $1.2 \%$, and India, $1 \%$. The Board adds:
severe fluctuations during the two years occurred in Belgium, reflecting the country's struggle with inflation, checked during the past year by the stabilization of the currency at a new gold level. The annual rate of increase in commodity prices for 1925 and 1926 in Belgium amounted to $29.6 \%$. Commodity prices in France, where currency inflation during the two years was still the outstanding economic problem, rose at an average annual rate of $9.4 \%$ in 1925 and 1926. Italy, likewise subject to inflation, experienced commodity price increases averaging $1.7 \%$ in 1925 and 1926. In China, where political conditions have recently considerably disturbed
business conditions, commodity prices increased an annual average of business conditions, co
$1.5 \%$ for the two years.
As compared with the pre-war or 1913 level, commodity prices in all the countries named at present are considerably higher. In the United States they were, in December 1926. $47 \%$ higher; in Canada, $51 \%$; in the United Kingdom, $46 \%$; in France, $527 \%$; in Germany, $31 \%$; in Italy $581 \%$; in Japan, $201 \%$. In Belgium they were, in October 1925 (the latest figures available), $759 \%$ higher; in Hend in Ohina $64 \%$ higher than
in Australia, $58 \%$; in India, about $50 \%$, and in 1913.

Increase in General Level of Prices of Farm Products.
A slight increase in the general level of farm products prices, which brought the price level on Feb. 15 up to $127 \%$ of the pre-war level as compared with $126 \%$ on Jan. 15, is reported by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, in its monthly price report issued March 7. The Department says:

All important agricultural products except potatoes, butter, butterfat and eggs showed a farm price increase for the month. The farm price of cotton and cotton seed increased from $85 \%$ to $94 \%$ of the pre-war level. with 143 on Feb. 15 a year ago. The Burean's index of purchasing power with 143 on Feb. 15 a year ago. The Bureau's index of purchasing power
of farm products in terms of non-agricultural products is placed at 81 of arm products in terms of non-agricultural products is placed at 81
for January, which is one point higher than in December, and six points for January, which is one po
below that in January 1926.

INDEX NUMBERS OF FARM PRICES.

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { February } \\ & 1926 \text {. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { January } \\ 1927 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { February } \\ & \text { 1927. } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 140 | 120 | 122 |
|  | ${ }_{1}^{218}$ | 140 | 142 |
| Dairy and poultry-: | 144 | 152 | 143 |
|  | 142 | 88 | 84 |
| Farm price index-...-- | 43 | 126 | 127 |
| Non-agricultural wholesale prices Bureau of Labor. | 164 | 156 |  |
| Purchasing power, farm products.- | 87 | 81 | --- |

Results of Survey of Building Operations by Greene
baum Sons Investment Co. Presented to President
Coolidge-Building Investment for 1927 Estimated at $\$ 5,500,000,000$-Lower by $\$ 500,000,000$

Than 1926.
The results of a survey of building conditions by the Greenebaum Sons Investment Co. were presented to President Coolidge on March 11 by Walter J. Greenebaum, Vice-President of the company. In the quest for information questionnaires were sent to bankers in 125 cities having a population of 50,000 or more as shown in the Federal Census of 1920. Mr. Greenebaum is said to have advised the President that the replies received indicate that the saturation point in building construction has not been reached, although 1926 may have been the "peak" year in building. The "United States Daily," in its account of the conclusions reported by Mr. Greenebaum, said:
After the conference, Mr. Greenbaum stated orally that the replies to the questionnaire indicated no movement toward a lower rental income from peak prices which have prevailed since the war. He estimated that building nvestments during the year will reach approximately $\$ 5,500,000,000$ as compared with $\$ 6,000,000,000$ last year.

Replies Dení Saturation.
The survey, as made public by Mr. Greenbaum, showed that of the replies to the question whether the saturation point had been reached in the negative, while 76 were divided. An analysis of these replies disclosed that new types of construction could be absorbed in the various cities as follows:
Hotels, 66; office buildings, 43; apartment houses, 71; garages, 68 ; The survey showed that 76 cities reported that new buildings which were well located had been occupied within a reasonable time, while five held that they had not and the remainder of the replies indicated a widely divided opinion.

No Surplus Building.
The survey showed further that of the replies to the question whether there Was any abnormal amount of new construction in progress at present, 82 cities replied in the negative, 2 in the affirmative and 40 were divided on the question.
On the question as to whether there was expected an over-supply of new builaings this year, the replies showed that 63 cities reported in the negative, 8 in the affirmative and 54 were divided in their opinions.
An analysis of the replies revealed that there was expected an oversupply of new buildings in the various cities as follows:

Hotels, 17; office buildings, 33; apartment houses, 32; apartment hotels, 13; garages, 14; commercial buildings, 18; private homes, 32 . On this point, the analysis stated, there was a "very great divergence of opinion."

Rent Levels Held Justified.
A total of 67 of the replies as to the question, "Has rental demand been such as to maintain fairly well the prices established in recent years?" wer in the affirmative: while 10 were in the negative and 48 were divided. land the replies to the question, "Are you of the opinion that fncreased sections of since the war require more modern improvements in certain 67 wers of your city in order to more fully capitalize the earning power ? On in the affirmative, seven were negative and 44 were divided.
population question whether the 125 cities had shown a steady growth in population since the last Government census of 1920. 107 cities reporte the afnrmative: 7 in the negaive and 11 were divided.
The clties of Chicago, New York, Philadelp aturation point in to the New York "Times"
Birmingham and Mobile, Ala.; Long Beach, Oakland, San Diego and San Francisco, Calif.; Bridgeport and New Britain, Conn.; Augusta, Macon and Savannah. Ga.; Springfield, Ill.; Covington, Ky.; Haverhill, Mass.; Flint and Saginaw. Mich.; Camden, Hoboken and Paterson, N. J.; Akron and Dayton, Ohio; Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Okla.; Scranton and WilkesBarre, Pa.; Providence, R. I.; Charleston, S. C.; Knoxville and Nashville, Tenn.; Fort Worth, Tex.; Seattle and Tacoma, Wash.; Wheeling, W. Va., and Racine, Wis.

The same paper states that the 15 cities which agreed that the peak had been reached were: Berkeley, Calif. Tampa, Fla.; Holyoke, Lawrence and New Bedford, Mass.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Passaic and Trenton, N. J.; Buffalo Schenectady and Troy, N. Y.; Bethlehem and Chester, Pa. El Paso, Texas, and Roanoke, Va. The "Times" also said: well the Ansing the query, "Has rental demand been such as to maintain fairly not. These were Long Beach, Calif. Des Moines, Iowa: Cambridge Holyoke, Lynn, New Bedford and Springfield Mass. Passaic, N $\boldsymbol{I}$; Clege land, Ohio, and EI Paso, Texas. In sixty-seven places the replies were affirmative.

- Approximately the same number of answers were recorded to the question, "Are you of the opinion that increased land values since the wan require more modern improvements in certain sections of your city in order to more fully capitalize the earning power?" The replies were listed as: Yes, 67 No, 11; opinion divided, 44; no opinion, 3.
as a means of malcing of past building permit records of the various citles as a means of making survey reports," Mr. Greenebaum said, "it is my
opinion that this method is unreliable for determining future construction opinion that this method is unreliable for determining future construction requirements. Figures in these reports do not agree even as to past or
present activities. In order to obtain reliable information, it is suggested present activities. In order to obtain reliable information, it is suggested
that the Federal Reserve batk building redre building requirements in the various reserve districts.'

Decline in Commodity Prices in First Quarter of 1927 Accompanied by Curtailment of Production, According to Frazier Jelke \& Co.
Further decline in commodity prices during the first quarter of 1927 has been accompanied by curtailment of production in some of the basic industries, Frazier Jelke \& Co. pointed out on March 13 in a review of present business conditions. Building construction for the first two months of 1927 is $10 \%$ below 1926 while automobile production is $20 \%$ under last year's output at this time, the review states. The price index has receded from 156 for the first quarter of 1926 to 143, the average thus far this year, approaching the low average of 138 recorded in January 1922, when depression existed. The review also says:
There is little danger of serious depression in this country despite price Iluctuations, as long as markets are maintained with the prospect of developing new markets at home and abroad. The high rate of production in this country during the past two years has maintained a steady market for the goods produced. This market can only be held by purchasing power which flows from production. It would be better for American industry
to take less profit this year, if need be, than to be forced to give up more to take less profit this year, if need be, than to be forced to give up more
under a period of depression, which is likely to follow too great a curtailunder a period of d
ment of production
Price reductions, which have been noted in automobiles and other manufactured articles, for which the demand is greatest in a period of prosperity, however, do not necessarily force down profits. The decline in the price of manufactured articles has been only $6 \%$, while the price of raw materials used in manufacture at the same time receded $61 / 2 \%$. Producers of raw
materials have more to dread from falling prices than the manufacturers materials have more to dread from falling prices than the manufacturer.s
As the purchasing power of the dollar increases the As the purchasing power of the dollar increases. the range of its power for
maintaining the American home with its necessities its maintaining the American home with its necessities, its luxuries and its production invest ints, wil increase to counteract the danger of over production. The effect is observed in an expanding capital.

## Building Construction In Illinois During February.

 Gain of $61 \%$ In MonthIn its summary of building construction in the State during February the Bureau of Industrial Accident and Labor Research of the Illinois Department of Labor announces that building as shown by permits issued in 28 Illinois cities increased from $\$ 26,038,945$ in January of this year to $\$ 41,941$,141 in February, a gain of $61.1 \%$. Excluding Joliet, for which building figures are not available before April, 1926, 27 cities in the State, with a total of $\$ 41,843,691$ this month, show an increase of $\$ 10,682,936$, or $34.3 \%$, over February a year ago. says the Bureau, which under date of March 12 has the following to say regarding the building situation:
All cities reporting building figures to the Illinois Department of Labor shared in the February increase over January, with the exception of Canton Freeport, Joliet, Murphysboro. Rock Island and Waukegan. Canton and
Murphysboro report Murphysboro report that no permits were issued during February
Chicago building increased $\$ 13,457.870$ or $59 \%$ over January, 1927 and and $\$ 11,168,420$ or $44.5 \%$ over February. 1926 . Evanston leads all citles in the metropolitan area, outside Chicago, in value of February building, with a total of $\$ 1,260.100$, more than half of which this month is in nonresidential building, including a school building worth $\$ 600,000$. Berwyn
is second with $\$ 829,700$. $80 \%$ of which is residential building. Cicero ts is second with $\$ 829.700$. $80 \%$ of which is residential building. Cicero is third with a total of \$279,808, and Oak Park fourth with \$251.315. Berwyn the number of families provided for in new housekeeping dwellings, with the number of families provided for in new housekeeping dwellings. with
accommodations for 139 families. Evanston is second in this respect, providing for 73 families, and Cicero is third, with new housekeeping cuprefor 46 families.
East St. Louis, with a total of $\$ 742,750$ leads all down-state cities in February building.- Springfield is second with $\$ 262.530$ and Decatur third, with $\$ 201,800$. In home-building outside the metropolitan area, East St. Louls is first, with provision for 63 families; Rockford second, with 39 families; Decatur third, with 68 families; Rock Island fourth, with 33 families.
The first two months of 1927 show a total of $\$ 67.729,736$ (exclusive of Joliet) in value of building compared with $\$ 53.282 .586$ for the corresponding months of 1926. a gain of $27.1 \%$. All of this increase is in Chicago, which in January and February of this year has authorized building amounting to $\$ 59.116 .440$, or $\$ 15,495.105$ more in the first two months of 1926 . Outside Chicago during the same period, (exclusive of Joliet) building has decreased from $\$ 9,661,251$ last year to $\$ 8,613,296$ this year. For these two months, the only other cities which gained in 1927 over 1926 are Blue Island, Oicero.

East St. Louis, Evanston, Freeport, Highland Park, Waukegan, Wilmette and Winnetka. Seventeen cities show increases.

For the first two months of 1927. Evanston leads all cities in the metropolitan area, outside Chicago, with $\$ 2.092,850$. Berwyn is second with $\$ 1,054,100$. Cicero third, with $\$ 442,278$, and 8 ak Park During this period, Chicago has
for 201 families, Berwyn for 190 .
Outside the metropolitan area, East St Louis has authorized new building valued at $\$ 798,786$ during the first two months of this year. Springfieldis second, with $\$ 364,020$; Rockford third, with $\$ 337,985$; and Decatur fourth with $\$ 335,750$. In home,building, Rockford and East St. Louis lead
TABLE 1 -A.-NUMBER AND COST OF BUILDINGS AS STATED BY PE
mits ISSUED IN ILLINOIS CITIES IN FEbrUary 1927 BY
cities

| CHties. |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |

## No figures avallable betore April 1926

TABLE 2.-NUMBER AND COST OF BUILDINGS AS STATED BY PERMITS ISSUED IN ILLINOIS CITIES FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY
1927 COMBINED BY CITIES ACCORDING TO KIND OF BUILDING.

| Cutes. | Total. |  |  | Restdenttal Bulldtngs. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jan. and Feb, 1927. Jan-Feb.'26 |  |  | Jan. and Feb. 1927. |  |  |
|  | Number Buildings. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Estimated } \\ & \text { Cost. } \end{aligned}$ | Estimated Cost. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Number } \\ \text { Build- } \\ \text { ings. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Estimated Cost. | Famil's Provided for. (Housekeeping Dwell's) |
| Chicago. | 2,914 | \$59.116.440 | \$43,621,335 | 1,512 | \$35,698,600 | 5,999 |
| Outside Chicago | 1,820 | 8,863,646 | 9,661,251 | 637 23 | $5,629,900$ 114,600 | 1,002 |
| Aurora- | 160 | 223,060 $1,054,100$ | 1,199,200 | $\underline{104}$ | 114.600 935,000 | 190 |
| Berwy ${ }_{\text {Bloomingto }}$ | 9 | 1,36,500 | 135,500 | , | 3,000 | 1 |
| Blue Island | 34 | 101,818 | 70.700 | 13 | 76,850 | 14 |
| Canton. | None | None | 1.775 | None | None | None |
| Clicero- | 53 | 442.278 | 432,450 | 29 | 390,000 | 67 |
| Danville | 12 | 103,000 | 247.800 | 6 | 26.000 | 6 |
| Decatur | 136 | ${ }_{798} \mathbf{3 3 5} .750$ | 423,050 350.010 | 57 | 259.600 | 57 |
| Elgin.. | ${ }_{96}$ | 157,125 | 363.942 | 19 | 244.050 87.200 | 19 |
| Evanston. | 134 | 2,092,850 | 910,400 | 62 | 1,382,000 | 201 |
| Freeport. |  | 184.100 | 36, 140 | None | None | None |
| Glen Ellyn | 17 | 97.000 | 377,300 | 11 | 80,300 | 11 |
| Hignland | 39 | 305.311 | 220,759 | 15 | 220.000 | 15 |
| Maywood** | 67 59 | 263,325 | 612,175 | ** ${ }^{16}$ | 11. ${ }_{*}$ | 18 |
| Moline. | 55 | 64,429 | 127.762 | 10 | 36.200 | 10 |
| Murphysboro | 1 | 3.500 | 2.000 | - 1 | 3.500 | 1 |
| Oak Park | 100 | 438,100 | 595.154 | 28 | 382.200 | 52 |
| Peoria | 114 | 211.760 | 1,648.110 | 32 | 145,450 | 32 |
| Quincy | 32 | 76.173 | 125.540 | 9 | 33.750 | 9 |
| Rockford. | 186 | 337.985 | 452.420 | 53 | 246.500 | 73 |
| Rock Island. | 80 | 212,221 | 266.609 | 23 | 134,300 | 39 |
| Springtiel | 83 | 364,020 | 375.250 | - 28 | 127,300 | 31 |
| Waukegan | 71 | 236.850 | 126.700 | - 28 | 175,500 | 30 |
| Wimette | 34 | 212.175 261.080 | $\begin{aligned} & 155.860 \\ & 115,500 \end{aligned}$ | -17 | 186.500 | 17 |
| Winnetka | 26 | 261,080 | 115,500 | 12 | 228,600 | 12 |
| Whole State | 4,734 | \$67,980,086 | \$53,282,586 | 2,149 | \$41,328,500 | 7,001 |

## S. W. Straus States that Warning Against New Building

 Projects Has Brought Halt in Projects-BuildingActivities, However, Slightly Ahead of Last

## Year.

The recent note of warning issued by S. W. Straus to the building interests of the country that no new office building, hotel, apartment hotel or apartment house projects should be started for a period of six months to a year, has been followed by practically a complete halt in new projects of this kind throughout the United States, according to a survey completed on March 10 by S. W. Straus \& Co. The statement just issued by the latter continues:
On Manhattan Island plans are still going forward for the construction of the de luxe type of apartments, but otherwise, whed the exception of anywhere in the country in February for the construction of the four proscribed types of bullding.
Notwithstanding this let-up, the construction of homes, commerclal and public buildings and public works of all types is going forward without intertuption and general building activities of the present spring are even slightly ahead of last year at this time, the survey shows. The business interests of the country, it is pointed out in an interview with S. W. Straus, need cel no uneasiness regarding immediate prospects in the building industry.

In outlining the results of their nation-wide survey, S. W. Straus \& Co. state:

On Jan. 19 S . W. Straus made public throughout the United States a note of warning that in the larger cities of the country there should be no more new office building, hotel, aparlmed instances, for the next six project begun, excepting perhaps in some iso urgent recommendations in order to to a year. Mr. Briaty made the types of construction in the larger cities prevening a podition of overproduction. At the same time, he stated that there was still a stron demand for all other types of construction, especially homes, and urged that this work be maintained on its previous high levels. Such widespread discussion of Mr. Straus's statement followed that S . W. Straus \& Co. has felt it is of importance to the business interests of the country to secure as complete data as possible at this time regarding the definite effects of this warning on general business conditions. In addition to the regular monthly survey of building conditions in the 500 leading cities and towns of the country, a special questionnaire was, therefore, sent to the building departments of all the large cities asking for reports as to the number and value of permits issued in February for all office buildings and hotels and for apartment houses to cost $\$ 400,000$ or more. It is to be borne in mind, of course, that not enough time has yet elapsed since Mr . Straus issued his statement for complete resilts to be shown, as it is not always possible or advisable to defer projects after preliminary proceedings have been started. It is to be remembered also that there may be instances here and there where a rightful demand may exist for new buildings of the types referred to.
These questionnaires developed the information that, aside from socalled new de luxe type apartments on Manhattan Island, there is now a very pronounced tendency in all large cities to fontry. mendations. In the principal cilies of the coul whaterer in among those reporting no builaing permits issued for the four proscribed types: Oleveland, Buffalo, Kansas City, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Chean in, Noul, Milwankee, Louisville, Seattle, Dallas, Houston, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Milwaukee, Louisvile, Seattle, Birmingham, Oakland, Call," Yorsonille, San Diego, Knoxville, Albany, Not Norcester, and Springfield, Atlant.
Mass.
Among all the cities of importance in the country only 16 revealed isolated cases of permits being issued for the types referred to. In New York no permits were issued for the construction of any hotels. Plans were filed for 13 apartment houses in Manhattan, to cost more than $\$ 400,000$ each, and having a total valuation of $\$ 8,005,000$. Although plans were filed in Manhattan for $\$ 9,402,000$ for five office buildings, $\$ 8,000,000$ of this was for the New York Central Office Building on which preliminary work was of the types referred to by Mr. Straus were filed in any of the other Boroughs of New York City, although in Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx there were a number of six-story semi-fireproof types launched, as well as a number of six-story tenements costing less than $\$ 400,000$ each.
In Chicago permits were issued for one apartment house to cost $\$ 600,000$ and two office buildings to cost $\$ 12,500,000$ one of which was the Board of Trade's new $\$ 7,500,000$ home.
Only ten cities-New York, Chicago, Boston, Detroit, Dayton, Flint, Grand Rapids, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Providence reported office building permits. New York, Chicago, Atlantic City, Columbus, Philadelphia, Richmond, Va., and Washington were the only cities reporting permits for apartment houses costing in excess of $\$$
detail the reports may be summarized as follows:
Philadelphia, one apartment house, $\$ 600,000 ;$ Boston, one office building $\$ 2.000 .000$; Pittsburgh, one office building, $\$ 500,000$; San Francisco, one botel, $\$ 100,000$; Washington, D. C., one apar, 500 , $\$ 400.010$ and on hotel, $\$ 900,000$; Detroit, one ofrice builaing $\$ 5.00,000$ Come \$1.067.640; Atlantic City, one aparticen. $\$ 100.00$. Co. apartment, $\$ 500,000$, Dayton, onc and bils, M150, two office buildings, \$1,050.000, Grand hilli, \$1,217,809; Brovidence, $\$ 105,000$; New Orleans, three orfice R. I., one
$\$ 800,000$.

With regard to these conditions, Mr. Straus yesterday made the following comment.
If the breathing spell indicated by these reports is allowed to continue, there need be no feeling that real estate or other business interests will be menaced by the uneconomic condition of over-production, and berore end or the present year conditions may posur types of construction
Meanwhile, the business interests of the country have every reason for optimism in-so-far as general building activiles are concerne. Notwithstanding the apparent slowing up in office buildings, hotels, high chass apartments and apartment hotels there is now in prospet a vary iaso amount of general building. A detailed survey of the country shows that the volume of building perm ahead of February last year
The 25 leading cities of the country reported $\$ 195,478,738$, a gain of $25 \%$ over Feb. 1926 and of $28 \%$ over January. These reports show extensive amounts of home bullding throughout the United States, a most eloquent commentary on the thrift and prosperity of the average American citizen to-day. There is indicated also an unusual volire on now geting underway in types that do pulic works, and public utility pints not building, bridges, highways, pubic works,
located within the corporate limits of cities.

The warning of S. W. Straus \& Co. against building operations was referred to in our issue of Jan. 22, page 443.

## Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Continues

 Heavy.A total of 994,931 cars were loaded with revenue freight the week ended March 5, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on March 15.
This was an increase of 29,922 cars compared with the corresponding week last year and an increase of 62,887 cars over the corresponding week in 1925. The total of the week of March 5 was also an increase of 71,082 cars above the preceding week this year, when freight traffic was somewhat reduced owing to the observance of Washington's Birthday.

Coal loading for the week of March 5 totaled 213,442 cars, an increase of 30,999 cars over the same week last year and 48,839 cars above the corresponding week in 1925.

Miscellaneous freight loading totaled 351,910 cars, an increase of 3,880 cars above the same week last year and 19,353 cars above the corresponding week two years ago.

Loading of merchandise and less than carload lot freight for the week totaled 265,254 cars, an increase of 1,149 cars over the corresponding week last year and 7,539 cars above the same week two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading totaled 44,392 cars, an increase of 4,150 cars over the corresponding week last year and 172 cars above the same week in 1925. In the Wettern districts alone, grain and grain products loading totaled 26 ,681 cars, an increase of 2,490 cars above the same week last year.

Livestock loading amounted to 28,040 cars, a decrease of 1,406 cars below the same week last year and 196 cars below the corresponding week in 1926. In the Western districts alone, livestock loading totaled 21,273 cars, a decrease of 1,281 cars below the same week last year.
Forest products loading totaled 69,240 cars, 6,720 cars below the same week last year and 12,391 cars under the same week in 1925.
Ore loading amounted to 10,096 cars, 267 cars above the corresponding week in 1926 but 180 cars below the same week two years ago.

Coke loading totaled 12,557 cars, a decrease of 2,397 cars under the same week last year and 249 cars below the same week two years ago.
All districts except the Eastern and Southern reported increases in the total loading of all commodities compared with the corresponding week in 1926, while all districts except the Northwestern, which showed a small decrease, reported increases over the same week in 1925.
Loading of revenue freight this year compared with the two previous years as follows:

| Five | 1927. | 1926. | 1925. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fve weeks in January | 4,524,749 | 4,428,256 | 4,456,949 |
| Four weeks in February | -3,823,931 | 3,677,332 | 3,623,047 |
| eek ended March 5 | 994,931 | 965,009 | 932,044 |

$\begin{array}{lllll}9,343,611 & 9,070,597 & 9,012,040\end{array}$
Class I railroads on March 1 had 9,548 locomotives in need of repairs, or $15.4 \%$ of the number on line, according to reports filed to-day by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association.
This was a decrease of 318 compared with the number in need of repair on Feb. 15, at which time there were 9,866 , or $15.9 \%$.

Of the total number of locomotives in need of repair on March 1, 4,951, or $8.0 \%$, were in need of classified repairs, a decrease of 195 compared with Feb. 15, while 4,597, or $7.4 \%$, were in need of running repairs, a decrease of 123 compared with the number in need of such repairs on Feb. 15.

Serviceable locomotives in storage on March 1 totaled 5,124 , compared with 4,817 on Feb. 15.

Increase in Employment and Wages in Pennsylvania and Delaware-Report on Man-Hours Worked During Payroll Period.
The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia in making public on March 17 its compilations of employment and wages in Pennsylvania and Delaware, supplies for the first time $i_{\text {nformation regarding the man-hours worked during the pay- }}$ roll period. We give herewith the bank's statement:
Two months ago the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank, in connection with its regular employment reporting service, started collecting from those firms which could supply it information on the total number of man-hours
worked during the payroll period. It was thought this additional information would be of value as a better measure of industrial activity than wage payments, especialiy at a time when wage rate changes might become more frequent than they are at present.
This month the first figures are being made available, and show that in Pennsylvania, out of a total of 867 reporting establishments, 457 plants also reported the number of man-hours worked during the payroll period.
These firms showed an increase in man-hours of $4.2 \%$ which compares These firms showed an increase in man-hours of $4.2 \%$, which compares with a $4.4 \%$ increase in total wage payments reported by the entire 867
firms. The average hourly rate computed for the smaller number of firms firms. The average hourly rate computed for the smaller number of firms was found to be 57.7 cents, an increase over January of $0.3 \%$. Part of the
increase in plant operations is undoubtedly due to the resumption of busiincrease in plant operations is undoubtedly due to the resumption of busi-
ness after the January inventory taking and the usual first of the year repairs to plants and machinery.
Practically all the groups showed increases, with the exception of construction and contracting, which still continues to show large decreases each month. Metal manufactures increased $5.8 \%$ in total wage apyments, as compared with $5.1 \%$ advance in total man-hours reported by the smaller
number of firms. The largest gain in this group was in the heating appliance industry, although nearly all the industries shared in the gain with the exception of electrical machinery. Textile products industries employed slightly fewer men, but increased in wage payments and man-hours Leather products and boots and shoes also were among the Industries reporting the greatest gains.
All industries in Delaware, with the exception of metal manufactures other than foundries and machine shops, showed an increase in both emother than foundries and mach
ployment and wage payments.

With the exception of Altoona, Johnstown, Sunbury and Wilkes-Barre ${ }^{\mathrm{e}}$ all of which decreased in both employment and wages, the other city areas showed increases in wage payments and, in most cases, in employment as well. The largest gains were in Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and Williamsport although Scranton showed a gain of $12.3 \%$ in wage payments but a decrease of 2.7 in the number of men employed. Philadelphia's change from January was an increase of nearly $1 \%$ in employment and $3.5 \%$ in wage
payments.

The compilations follow:
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN PENNSYLVANIA.
Complied by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and the Department of
Labor and Industry, Commonwealth of Pennsylvanla.
Group and Industry-
All industries (46)......
Metal manufactures:
Automobile........................
Car construction and repair.
Electrical machinery and apparatus. Engines, machines and machine tools Foundries and machine shops... Heating appllances and apparatus. Iron and steel blast furnaces. Iron and steel forgings. Steel works and rolling
Structural iron works_ Miscellaneous fron and steel products.-.........
Shipbuilding

## Shlpbuilding

Hardware..............
rextile products:
Carpets an
Clothing.
Clothing-...........
Cotton goods.
Woolens and worsteds
Knit goods and hosiery
Dyeing and finishing textiles.

## Foods and t

Bakeries_-......................
Confectionery and ice cream
Slaughtering and meat packing Cigars and tobacco
Building materials:
Brick, tile and terra cotta products

## Cement

Glass
Construction and contracting:
Buildings
Street and highway
General -
Chemicals and allied products
Chemicals and drugs.
Explosives
Explosives
Paints and
Paints and varnisies
Miscellaneous industries:
Lumber and planing mill products
Leather tanning-
Leather products
Boots and shoes...........
Paper and pulp products.
Printing and publishing
Rubber tires and goods.
Rubber tires and goods


MAN-HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY WAGES IN PENNSYLVANIA Compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and the Department of

| Group and Industry- |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| All industries (42). |  |
| Metal manufactures:Automobiles, bodies and parts |  |
| Automobiles, bodies and parts |  |
|  |  |
| Electrical machinery and apparatus_.........-- |  |
|  |  |
| Foundries and machine shops... |  |
| Iron and steel blast furnaces.....---.---- |  |
|  |  |
| Iron and steel forgings_ |  |
| Steel works and rolling mills |  |
|  |  |
| Miscellaneous iron and steel products.-.-.---.-. |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| Textlle products: |  |
| Carpets and rugs |  |
|  |  |
| Cotton good |  |
| Silk goods |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| Dyeing and finishing textilFoods and tobaceo: |  |
|  |  |
| Bakeries......... |  |
| Confectionery and lice cream............................ |  |
|  |  |
| Slaughtering and meat packing........-..........- |  |
| Bullding materials: |  |
| Brick, tlle and terra cotta products |  |
| Cement |  |
| Glass - |  |
|  |  |
| Construction and contracting: |  |
| Buildings. |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| Chemeral - and ailied products: |  |
| Chemicals and drugs....... |  |
| Paints and varnishes.:Miscellaneous industries: |  |
|  |  |
| Lumber and planing mill pr |  |
|  |  |
| Leather tanning |  |
| Leather products |  |
|  |  |
| Paper and pulp product |  |
|  |  |
| Rubber tires and goods |  |

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN THE CITY AREAS (Complled Dy Department of Statistles and Research Federal Reserve Bank of Phlladelphla.).


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


## Agricultural and Financial Conditions in Minneapolis Federal Reserve District-February Business This Year Below That of Year Ago.

February business in this district was in smaller volume than during the same month of last year, both in total money value, as reflected by individual debits at representative banks and in total physical volume, as shown by carloadings according to the preliminary summary of agricultural and financial conditions prepared by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and issued under date of March 15. Continuing it says:
As compared with February of last year, all of the seventeen cities reporting debits to this office exhibited decreases, except Billings, Helena Sioux Falls, Winona and La Crosse; shipments of linseed products and flour and terminal receipts of grains and livestock declined substantially and preliminary reports indicate a slight increase in sales at retail.
The percentages of decline shown in February as compared with last year were not as great as those shown in January as compared with the preceding year, either for debits or carloadings. February debits compared with January did not decline as greatly as the seasonal expectancy. The most favorable reports were made by the three Mississippi Valley reporting cities and Sioux Falls. Median prices of agricultural commodities exhibited mixed trends during the month of February, both as compare
prices prevailing a year ago and as compared with last month.
Prospective business activity based upon building operations, as reflected in the total valuation of building permits granted at 18 cities in this district, was $47 \%$ smaller in February than a year ago. Of the reporting cities, 14 declined and four gained. As compared with ast month, permit valuation totals declined $19 \%$, which is a decline $12 \%$ greater than che seasonal expectancy. Dwellings available for rent in Mnneapolis, according to the number of advertisements during February. increased more than seasonal. As compared with a year ago, member banks in country districts have smanler reserve deposits welline in their deposits; and member banks in the Bank, reflecting some decline in their ceposits; and member banks in the larger cities have smaller demand deposits, bents continued during February in banks of the larger cities, a turning point was shown in the recent upward trend of their loans on stocks and bonds and in the recent downward trend of "all other loans."

## New Prices and Models of Automobiles.

The Chandler-Cleveland Motors Corp. on March 16 introduced four new models in its Royal Eight line. This line now consists of the following models: five passenger sedan, seven passenger sedan, four passenger coupe, seven passenger touring car and sport roadster with rumble seat. Prices range from $\$ 2,195$ to $\$ 2,295$-all models except the new seven passenger sedan selling at $\$ 2,195$. All models have the straight eight development of Chandler's Pikes Peak motor, and are equipped with air cleaner, oil filter, thermostatic heat control, four wheel brakes, centralized chassis lubrication and self-adjusting spring shackles. The color choices include Holyoke blue on the five passenger sedan, two-toned fawn or dark blue on the seven passenger sedan, Sheridan gray or two-tone green on the four passenger oupe, two-tone gray green, luxor blue or dark blue on the seven passenger touring, and two-tone fawn on the sport roadster.

The wide price range covered by the General Motors Corp. since the introduction of the La Salle, companion car to the Cadillac, is indicated by a tabulation of the cars, numbers of models are prices as given in the "Wall St. News" of March 15.

Ohevrolet -7 models from $\$ 525$ to $\$ 745$ Pontiac_
Oldsmobil Bulck
Burck- Salle
Cadillac.

In addition, Cadillac offers many body styles and types with bodies by Fisher and Fleetwood, making a total of 50 body styles with 500 different color and upholstery combinations at prices ranging up to $\$ 9,000$.

In addition, the Oakland Motor Car Co. on March 18 introduced into the Pontiac line a sport cabriolet, a comparatively new body type which has proved very popular in other lines. The new care is a four passenger, having room for two in the rumble seat.

Further rumors concerning the Ford Motor Co. continue to be confusing. On March 11 a report circulated to the effect that a cut in price of about $\$ 175$ per car was imminent, caused an aggressive selling movement of motor shares on the New York Stock Exchange. The report which brought about this occurrence was issued by the "Daily Metal Trade of Cleveland," which said:
Country-wide curiosity regarding the ultimate method Henry Ford is to adopt in combating the gigantic competition closing in about him seems about to be satisfied. According to persistent and widespread rumors. Ford within the next few days will announce a new and epoch-making pricered uction.
This reduction, according to the report, will be as much as $\$ 175$ on some models. Such a sweeping cut in price for Ford cars would be tremendous in its erfect upo the most bitter price war in the history of the powder mase sere mane ductions, but nothing so relatively important as a cut of $\$ 175$ for Fords has ductions, but nothi
appeared in years.
While it is admitted on all sides that Ford is on the eve of an important announcement, some authorities doubt that so great a cut will be put into effect.

Contrasting with this is the report from Boston on March 16 which said:
Detroit advices are that new gear shift car of Ford Motor Co. will have four-cylinder engine, 104 -inch wheelbase and will probably be listed at $\$ 475$ for the touring car, compared with list price of $\$ 380$ on present model. It is expected to be on the market at opening of summer, or say in late June.
In denial of this, a dispatch from Detroit on March 16 states: "Rumors to the effect that the Ford Motor Co. wiH announce a four-cylinder gear shift car at $\$ 475$ in June are without foundation, according to officials of the Ford Motor Co."

## Prices of Rayon Advanced Five Cents a Pound by

Viscose Co. and Tubize Artificial Silk Co.
An advance of 5 cents a pound on rayon by the Viscose Co. and the Tubize Artificial Silk Co. was announced this week. Referring to the action by the first named company the "Journal of Commerce" of March 16 said:
The Viscose Co. announces to-day, effective at once, an advance of 5 cents a pound on most of their popular sizes used in all branches of the textile industry, and the addition of at least two new sizes to their growing list, which should prove especially interesting in view of the drive for better quality yarns throughout the market.
In fixing its new price list at this time, the leading factor in the rayon industry, which produces approximately 60 or $65 \%$ of the American output of chemical yarns, and is the largest single fiber producer in the world, upset general expectations. The big company decided to advance only 5 cents a pound, instead of marking up prices 10 cents or 15 cents as had been anticipated, and made them effective at once instead of April 1, as previously forecast.

150s-36 Filament Unchanged.
While their important 150 denier 36 filament remains unchanged in price, the 21 to 24 filament yarns are up 5 cents on all qualities, as are 125 s and 200s, with C quality added in the list. Noteworthy also is the fact that 300 s are up 5 cents on A quality and only 2 cents on B , with C grade remaining unquoted because the company is sold up far ahead.
The introduction of three types of 170 denier is another important development, the company having added 36 and 60 filaments to the 27 , and thereby offering three different filament constructions in 170 s as it has in 150 s. This move reflects the trend toward improved yarns and new fiber construc
tions, in line with trading-up in both raw materials and finished goods.

New Viscose Price List.
The new Viscose price list, now effective, follows:


Commenting on the latest advance of the Viscose Co., A. S. Salvage, President of the firm, stated yesterday:
"We are satisfied that rayon has been selling at too low a price in this market, so we have raised prices 5 cents a pound on our main sizes, effective immediately, and the copping prices are also raised 5 cents per pound on all sizes because our former rate was too low.

## Other Factors Likely to Follow.

The DuPont Rayon Co., Tubize Artificial Silk Co., Industrial Fibre Co. and other important fiber factors in this market were not prepared yesterday to announce any changes in their price lists, but it is expected that the Viscose list would be followed pretty closely, and that further changes by the independent producers would be made known in another day or two.
It is too early to determine what effect the new advance will have on importers; two views are presented: either the small advance will not influence any change on foreign yarns, or it may prove just the measure to spur additional business for foreign agencies, theugh the latter are unable
to take care of the business already in hand, due to activity abroad and short stocks here.
E. V. Peters, Vice-President of the Tubize Artificial Silk Co. of America, announced an advance in prices of four numbers, in A, B and C grades, of five cents a pound, effective at once. Prices of all other numbers and grades remain the same as heretofore. This is the second advance in prices announced within several weeks. The current advance in price follows a similar announcement of advance of price of two of the Tubize fine sizes a out two weeks ago. Mr. Peters sais that market conditions warrant these advances. There has been considerable improvement in the artificial silk market since the beginning of the year. The new prices are as follows:
120 denier--
130 denier-_

140 denier|  | Grade $A$. | Grade $B . \quad$ Gr |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\ldots$ | $\$ 1.80$ | $\$ 1.70$ |  |
| $\ldots$ | 1.60 | 1.60 |  | $\stackrel{y}{c}$

## February Figures of Raw Silk Imports, Stocks, Deliveries, \&c.

A decrease of 5,447 bales in the consumption of raw silk in this country during February is revealed in the figures made public by the Silk Association of America on March 4, which shows approximate deliveries to America mills during February of 42,860 bales, compared with 48,307 bales in January. The imports in February amounted to 33,991 bales, compared with 48,456 bales in January. A decrease of 9,069 bales occurred during the month in the amount of raw silk in storage, the total on March 1 being 43,758 bales as compared with 52,627 bales on Feb. 1. The statistics of the Silk Association of America, Inc., follow:
(As reported by thaw silk IN STORAGE MARCH 11927
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## Census Report on Cotton Consumed in February.

Under date of March 141927 the Census Bureau issued its report showing cotton consumed, cotton on hand, active cotton spindles and imports and exports of cotton for the month of February 1927 and 1926. Cotton consumed amounted to 590,447 bales of lint and 60,336 bales of linters, compared with 565,118 bales of lint and 59,403 bales of linters in February 1926 and 604,584 bales of lint and 55,149 bales of linters in January 1927. It will be seen that there is an increase over January 1926 in the total lint and linters combined of 26,262 bales, or $4.2 \%$. The following is the statement complete:
department of commerce-bureau of the census. Prellminary Report.
 ports of cotton for the Montho of Ferbuary, 1927 and 1926 , with statistict of and cotto
consumed, Imported, and exported for the seven months ending Feb. consumed. imported, and exported for the seven months ending Feb. 28 . as hali bales, except foreign cotton, which is in in equivalent 500 -pound bales.) COTTON CONSUMED AND ON HAND IN SPINNING MILLS AND IN
OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS, AND ACTIVE COTTON SPINDLES.

 other for, and 5,112 Am.-Eg. In pubicic storage. Seven-months' consumption 11,045 932 Eg., 42,428 other for. and $13,127 \mathrm{Am} .-\mathrm{Eg}$.
Linters not included above were 60,336
59.403 bales in 1926. 195.106 bales on hand in consuming establishment in 1927 and 1927 and 176, .777 bales in $1926 ;$ and 71,988 bales in public storage and at compresese
in 1927 and 81,388 bales in in 1927 and 81,388 bales in 1926. Linters consumed durling sevend at eompresses
Feb. 28 amounted to 455,151 bales in 1927 and 468,448 bales in 1926 . IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF COTTON AND LINTERS.

| Imports of Foreion Cotton (500-pound bales). |  |  |  |  | Exports of Domestic Cotton and LintersRunning Bales (see note for linters). |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Country of Production. |  |  |  | 28. | Country to Which Exported. | $\begin{array}{\|c\|c\|} \hline \text { February. } \\ \hline 1927 . & 1926 . \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | 7 Months Ending Feb. 28. |  |
|  | 1927. | 1926. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Per |  | 109 |  | 2599 |  | 257,010 173,192 |  | 1,939,560 | 1,761,864 |
| Peru -- |  | 1,109 |  | 12,094 | U. Kingd_France..-Italy | 70,990 64,647 |  | 793,761551,842 | 709,200 |
| Mexico |  | 7,604 |  | 17,041 |  |  |  |  |  |
| British | able. | ${ }^{7} 828$ | avail- | 8,285 | Germany-Oth. Eur-Japan |  |  |  |  |
| All other- |  |  |  |  |  | 147,540 | $65,514,811,398$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 794,213 \\ & 226,473 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | 54 |  |  | Total_- $\overline{1,010,507} \overline{556,185} \overline{7,699,519}$ 5,986,630 |  |  |  |  |
| Note,-Figures include 31,818 bales of linters exported during Feb. in 1927 and 10,859 bales in 1926, and 134,518 bales for the 7 months ending Feb. 28 in 1927 and 59,569 bales in 1926. The distribution for Feb, 1927 follows: United Kingdom, 7,846; Netherlands, 1,838; France, 2,568: Germany, 14,496; Belgium, 1,808; Italy, 300; Spain, 265; Turkey, 200; Canada, 2,483; Mexico, 2; Guatemala, 9; Panama, 3. WORLD STATISTICS. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| The estimated world's production of commercial cotton exclusive of linters, grown in 1925, as compiled from information secured through the domestic and forelgn staff of the Department of Commerce, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| the consumption of cotton (exclusive of linters in the ind pounds int, while |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ending July 311926 was approximately $23,940,000$ bales of 478 pounds lint. The total number of spinning cotton spindles, both active and Idle, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Cottonseed Oil Production During February.

On March 15 the Bureau of the Census issued the following statement showing cottonseed received, crushed and on hand and cottonseed products manufactured, shipped out, on hand and exports during the month of February 1927 and 1926:
COTTON SEED RECEIVED, CRUSHED, AND ON HAND (TONS.)

| State. |
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| Received at Mills* Aug. 1 to Feb. 28. |  | Crushed <br> Aug. 1 to Feb. 28. |  | $\begin{aligned} & n \text { Hand at Mills } \\ & \text { Feb. } 28 \text {. } \end{aligned}$ |  |
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| 49,914 427,107 | 419 |  |  |  |  |
| 81,082 | 78,2 |  |  |  |  |
| 85 | 488,47 |  |  |  |  |
| 4, 3 | 227,90 | 0 | 203,63 |  |  |
| 1,316 | 656,693 |  | 523,21 | 92 |  |
| 203 |  |  | 295,5 |  |  |
|  |  |  | 225,531 |  |  |
| 327,197 | 350,405 |  |  |  |  |
| 765,233 112,657 | 1,332 | 1,502,6 | 1,172,57 |  |  |
| 2,657 | 138,754 |  |  |  |  |
| royed at mills but not 23,249 tons and 32,276 tons on hand $s$ and 110,740 tons re-shipped for 1927 and 1926, respectively. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| OUT AND |  |  |  |  |  | Aug. 1, nor 65,971 tons and 110,740 tons re-shlpped for 1927 and 1926 , respectively.

COTTONSEED PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED, SHIPPED OUT AND
ON HAND.

| Item. | Season. | On Hand Aug. 1. | Produced <br> Aug. 1 to <br> Feb. 28. | Shipped Out Aug. 1 to Feb. 28. | On Hand Feb. 28. |
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| Crude oll (Pounds) | 1926-27 | *8,280,561 | 1,471,752,045 | 1,378,134,699 | *155,680,433 |
| Refined oil. | 1926-27 | a145,670,884 | 1,288,592,633 | 1,233,572,089 | 121,579,275 |
| (Pounds) | 1925-26 | 173,549,345 | $1,1800,707,205$ 1,000 |  | $a 460,721,631$ $260,451,744$ |
| Cake and meal (Tons) | 1926-27 | 142,844 | 2,218,245 | 2,207,450 | 26,153,639 |
| Hulls | 1925-26 | 18,976 | 2,081,965 | 1,743,446 | 357,495 |
| (Tons) | 1926-27 | 92,333 39.503 | 1,442,861 | 1,308,673 | 226,521 |
| Linters (running | 1926-27 | 65,753 | $1,236,087$ 808 | 1,094,812 | 178,720 |
| bales) | 1925-26 | 18,547 | 839,706 | 658,148 | 200,105 |
|  | 1926-27 | 17,335 | 65,545 | 64,977 | 17,903 |
| Grabbotes, motes, | 1925-26 | 008 | 70,898 | 56,396 | 18,510 |
| (500-1b. bales) | 1926-27 | 6,763 | 28,411 | 21,731 | 13,443 |
| (500-10, bales)- | 1925-26 | 1.758 | 30,815 | 20,516 | 12,057 |

* Includes $3,532,157$ and $17,945,092$ pounds held by refining and manufacturing
estabilismments and $2,972,229$ and $42,341,820$ pounds in transit to refiners and
consumers Aug. 1 1926 and Feb. 28 1927, respectively.
a Includes 2 . $a$ Includes $2,376,183$ and $7,280,845$ pounds held by refiners, brokers, agents and
warehousemen at places other than refineries and manufacturing warehousemen at places other than reflneries and manufacturing establishments
and $2,702,114$ and $8,501,834$ pounds in transit to manufacturers of lard substitute,
oleomargarine oleomargarine, soap, \&c., Aug. 11926 and Feb. 28 1927, respectively.
$b$ Produced from $1,293,672$ inditute, $b$ Produced from $1,293,672,869$ pounds crude oil.
EXPORTS OF COTTONSEED PRODUCTS FOR SEVEN MONTHS ENDING
FEBRUARY 28 .


Danville (Va.) Tobacco Market Closes Selling SeasonSales of $50,592,300$ Pounds Represent Investment of $\$ 12,655,642$.
Danville (Va.) advices March 10 to the Richmond "TimesDispatch" state:
The Danville tobacco market closed its selling season to-day with a sales totaling $50,592,300$ pounds, sold for $\$ 12,455,642.18$, or an average price of $\$ 24.62$ per hundred pounds. The sum distributed in Danville among
farmers since $O c t .5$ was more farmers since Oct, 5 was more than double that paid during the previous
season, when $38,718,989$ pounds was sold for season, when $38,718,989$ pounds was sold for $\$ 6,078,916.91$, an average
of $\$ 15.72$. The seas
markets and second largests Danville back as leader among the old belt markets and second largest market in the bright belt, with Wilson, N. C.. leading Danville. The past season has been the first in several years to sold for 25 cents a pound.

## Winston-Salem (N. C.) Tobacco Market Closes With

 Sales Aggregating $\$ 11,508,162$.Reporting that the Winston-Salem leaf tobacco market closed another season on March 11, the Richmond "TimesDispatch" added:
Sales for the year aggregated 49,249,666 pounds, which brought \$11, $508,162.91$, this being an average price of $\$ 23.37$ per 100 pounds.
The crop this year was the second largest'the Winston-Salem market has sold, the crop of 1920 , which was marketed in the latter part of that year and early in 1921, being the top year, with $60,580,994$ pounds. While standing second in weight, the crops of 1918, 1920 and 1921 brought the growers more money, the figures for those ye
$\$ 16,207,098.69$ and $\$ 13,131,639.92$, respectively
The average price this year was exceeded by crops of 1917, 1918 and 1919 when the averages were $\$ 32.57, \$ 31.40$ and $\$ 48.92$, respectively.

Payment of $\$ 650,000$ on 1925 Crop Voted to Members of Connecticut Valley Tobacco Association.
According to the Hartford "Courant," the payment of more than $\$ 650,000$ to members on 1925 crops was voted on March 15 by directors of the Connecticut Valley Tobacco Association at a monthly meeting. The item goes on to say:

Recent advantageous sales of stock held by the organization have made possible the cancellation of approximately $\$ 7,200,000$ in loans during the to be made during April.
Following the submission of satisfactory reports on the present financial position of the assoclation by Treasurer Arthur E. Nelson, the directors voted unanimously to make second payments to members on the 1925 broadleaf crop and final payments on the 1925 Connecticut Valley Havana seed crop. No payments are to be made at this time on Housatonic Valley tobacco held by the association, it was decided.

## To Settle in Cash.

Judge Levi P. M. Hickey, Vice-President of the association, in discussing action by the directors, said that settlements on the 1925 crops will be made to members in cash during the latter part of April and will not be merely transfers of kook credit. He added that approximately 2,500 men bers will receive payments in varying amounts on their 1925 crops.

Interest in the recent referendum of members, when it was voted to abrogate the second or 1927-31 five-year crop contracts, expected to influence the directors' meeting, failed to enter into any discussion. . . . Many aver of the cancellation of member contracts.

## May Offer Another Contract.

The vote to abrogate the second five-year crop contracts is interpreted merely as a desire of members to be released from an agreement slightly too severe in its terms and to permit greater freedom in the disposal of individual tobacco crops. It is intimated that the association later may offer a less severe contract to members desiring to continue the co-operati
keting system, although at present no such action has been taken. keting system, although at present no such action has been taken.
In any event, Judge Hickey has repeatedly said the association will continue to discharge to members made and the association completely ligu is sold, payments to members made and the association completely liqui-
The Connecticut Valley Mutual Hail Insurance Company formed by the association as a benefit to members, which now has a net surplus of $\$ 250,000$, Judge Hickey said yesterday. Officers of the insurance company are the officers of the association. Policies are issued to association members upon payment of premiums and insure against crop losses resulting from damage occasioned by hail storms.

## Position Called Best.

'I regard the present position of the assoclation as better than it has ever been before," Judge Hickey said. "A year and a half ago loans outstanding against the association and negotiated to make part payments on crops to mecent sales total loans outstanding will be only about $\$ 300,000$. And now we find ourselves in position to pay around $\$ 650,000$ in cash to members on their 1925 broadleaf and Havana seed crops."
The largest single effected by the association, consummated during January and which amounted to approximately $\$ 2,000,000$, has materially aided the association to retire loans and make payments to members, Judge Hickey said. "Between 80 and 90 per cent. of the proceeds from that sale is being used to cancel loans against the association," he added.
"The association has never been in a precarious situation and will be able to settle in full with members," he continued. "I am confident that when all is said and done the association will be able to show substantial profits made for members on their crops.

## Lumber Industry Shows Marked Gains

The softwood lumber industry showed a substantial advance for the week ended March 12 as compared with the previous week, says the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, reviewing reports from 314 of the leading mills of the country. Production advanced a little, while the gains in new business and shipments were marked. Because of the smaller number of mills reporting this year than last, it is impossible to make proper comparisons with the corresponding week last year, but it is apparent that there has been some contraction in all three factors, although much smaller than the actual reports indicate. The 135 hardwood operations reporting showed nominal decreases in production and shipments, with new business about the same as that reported for the week earlier. In comparison with the corresponding week last year, no noteworthy change was noted, adds the report of the Association, which then goes on to say:

Unfilled Orders.
The unfilled orders of 191 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to $547,549,169$ feet, as against $526,223,040$ feet
for 190 mills the previous week. The 117 identical Southern Pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of $240,917,468$ feet last week, as against $235,816,813$ feet for the week before. For the 74 West Coast mills the mills a week earlier.
Altogether the 299 comparably reporting softwood mills had shipments $105 \%$ and orders $113 \%$, of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages were respectively 96 and 103 , and for the West Coast mills 105 and 108.
Of the reporting mills, the 277 with an established normal production for the week of $192,504,125$ feet gave actual production $90 \%$, shipments $94 \%$ and orders $102 \%$ thereof.
The following table compares the lumber movement, as reflected by the reporting mills of seven softwood, and two hardwood, regional associations, for the three weeks indicated:

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|  | Pas | Week. |  |  |  | 7. |
| (000 omttted). | twood. | Hardwood. | Softwood. | Hardioood. | Softwoo | Ha |
| *Mills | 299 | 135 | $353$ | 136 | 312 | 40 |
| Product | 1,997 | 21,036 | 228,029 | 22,398 | 178,534 | 23,234 |
| Shipments | 190,349 | 20,520 | 234,040 | 20,184 | 172,628 | 23,049 |
| Orders (new business) | 205, | 21,090 | 248,180 | 21,456 | 191,260 | 21,8 | business) _-. 205,838 21,090 248,180 * Fewer West Coast mills are reporting this year; to make allowance for this add

$24,000,000$ to production, $25,000,000$ to shipments and $26,000,000$ to orders in comparing softwood with last year.
The following revised figures compare the lumber movement of the same regional
(000 om itted). Softwood Production.
( 000 omitted). Softwood. Hardwood. Softucood. Hardwood. Softwood. Hardroood $\begin{array}{rrrrrrr}1927 \ldots \ldots \ldots-1,-1,833,395 & 297,181 & 1,826,074 & 285,784 & 1,977,384 & 299,427 \\ 1926 \ldots \ldots, \ldots, 107,004 & 250,579 & 2,195,573 & 243,849 & 2,295,046 & 260,338\end{array}$
The mills of the California White and Sugar Pine Association make weekly reports, but not being comparable, are not included in the foregoing tables. Fifteen of these mills, representing $45 \%$ of the cut of the California pine $16,299,000$, Last week's report from 11 mills, representing $33 \%$ of the cut, was: Production, 5,433,000 feet; ship ments, $10,708,000$, and new business, $11,921,000$.

West Coast Movement.
The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wires from Seattle that 74 mills reporting for the week ended March 12, gave production as $72,418,047$ (previous week $74,059,575$ ); smipments, $75,932,546$ (previous week 63,692 892 ), and orders, $78,320,286$ (previous week $74,110,118$ ). Of all new business taken during the week $37 \%$ was for future water delivery, amounting to $29,233,455$ feet, of which $19,739,182$ feet was for domestic cargo delivery and $9,494,273$ feet export. New business by rail amounted to $45,730,129$ feet, or $59 \%$ of the week's new business. Thirty-six per cent of the week's shipments moved by water, amounting to $27,475,241$ feet, of which $20,999,047$ feet moved coastwise and intercoastal, and $6,476,194$ feet export. Rail shipments totaled $45,100,603$ feet, or $59 \%$ of the week's shipments, and local deliveries $3,356,702$ feet. Unshipped domestic cargo orders totaled $103,299,332$ feet, foreign $75,445,066$ feet and rail trade 127,887,303 feet.

## Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 117 mills reporting, shipments were $4.25 \%$ below produc. 1 rand orders $3.49 \%$ above production and $8.08 \%$ above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to $68,244,682$ feet (previous week $63,393,855$ ) shipments $63,144,027$ feet (previous week $59,646,435$ ), and production $65,945,-$ 834 feet (previous week $64,552,377$ ). The normal production of these mills is $73,377,629$ feet. Of the 116 mills reporting running time, 85 operated full time, 15 of the latter overtime. Six mills were shut down, and the rest operated from three to five and one-half days.
The Western Pine Manufacturers Association of Portland, Ore., reports a substantial increase in production, shipments about the same and new business considerably in advance of that repnrted for the preceding week.
The California Redwood Association of Sa. 1 Francisco, Calif., reports big increases in production and shipments, and a small reduction in new business. The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Va., with eight fewer mills reporting, shows some increasesin production and shipments, and a good gain in new business.
The Northern Pine Manufacturers Association of Minneapolis, Minn., reports production and shipments about the same, and new business somewhat below that reported for the previous week.
The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of oshkosh, Wis., (in its softwood production with two more mills reporting, hows a considerable decrease in shipments and new business.

## Hardwood Reports.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association reported from 15 mills (two more mills than for the week earlier) a heavy"de crease in production, shipments about the same, and some increase in new business.
The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reported from 120 units, production about the same, a marked decrease in shipments and a notable decrease in new business. The normal production of these mills is $20,160,000$ feet.

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report. Seventy-three mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ended March 5 manufactured $74,059,575 \mathrm{ft}$., sold $74,110,118 \mathrm{ft}$. and shipped $63,692,892 \mathrm{ft}$. New business was only $50,543 \mathrm{ft}$. more than production, but shipments were $10,366,683 \mathrm{ft}$. less than production.
COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING PRODUCTION, NEW BUSINESSY
SHIPMENTS AND UNFILLED ORDERS.


## Continued Price Cutting Affects Both Crude Oil and

 Gasoline Markets.Additional reduction in the prices of both crude oil and gasoline affected the industry during the week just closed. Despite press reports to the effect that-a reduction of output had been brought about in the Seminole field in Oklahoma, no agreement was made between the several companies operating there. Plans were submitted but were voted down as not being sufficient in scope to bring about a real curtailment. Output of the field in question was reported as 302,456 barrels for 24 hours ended March 16 at 7 a . m. This was a decline of around 5,000 barrels per day previously reported.
On March 12 the Magnolia Petroleum Co., a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co. of New York, reduced prices of crude oil in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas ranging from 10c. to 35c. a barrel, according to gravity. New price for crude below 28 gravity is $\$ 1.10$ a barrel, a reduction of 10 c . from the previous schedule. A differential of 2c. for each degree of gravity, beginning with 28 degrees and ending with 52 and above for which new price is $\$ 1.60$ a barrel, a cut of 35 c ., was established. This reduction includes Panola County, Texas, and the Iatan district. The price list now compares as follows:


 March
$12{ }^{2} 26$.
$\$ 2.36$
2.44
2.52
2.60
2.68
2.76
2.84
2.92
3.00
3.08
3.16
3.24
3.32


Louis Magnolia Petroleum Co. on March 15 reduced thes and arkansas crudes 10 c . to 35 c . a barrel, meeting the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana's new price list. This action conforms to the schedule in effect in the Mid-Continent field. Crude in Pine Island, Haynesville, Bull Bayou and El Dorado districts is affected. Below 28 gravity is posted at $\$ 1.10$ a barrel with a 2 c . differential ensuing between each grade up to 52 and above, for which $\$ 1.60$ a barrel will be paid. Corsicana, Tex., heavy crude was reduced 10c. a barrel to $\$ 1$.

On the following day, the Louisiana Oil Refining Corp. reduced Cotton Valley and Urania, La., crude 10c. a barrel, posting a flat price of $\$ 1$ in both fields. Last previous change on Cotton Valley was a 10c. cut on Feb. 24 and on Urania a 15c. cut on Aug. 26 1926. The company also cut Smackover crude in amounts ranging from 10 to 13c., posting oil below 24 gravity at $\$ 1 ; 24$ to 27.9 at $\$ 1.15 ; 28$ to 28.9 at $\$ 1.17 ; 29$ to 29.9 at $\$ 1.19$ and 30 and above at $\$ 1.21$.

The Magnolia Petroleum Co., the Atlantic Producing Co. and the Shreveport El Dorado Pipe Line Co. met the reduction in Smackover and Cotton Valley crude oil prices initiated by the Louisiana Oil Refining Corp. Magnolia, in addition, cut El Dorado East Field crude 10c. a barrel to $\$ 1$.

Another reduction in certain grades of crude oil was announced March 16 by the Joseph Seep Crude Oil Purchasing Agency when it reduced the price of Somerset crude oil 15 c . a barrel to $\$ 1.50$ and Cabell crude 15c. a barrel to $\$ 1.40$ On the following day the Corning grade oil in Buckeye Pipe Line Co. lines was reduced 10c. a barrel to $\$ 1.55$ for oil run after Sept. 15 and $\$ 1.45$ for oil run prior to Sept.'15.

The Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana on March 18 posted a cut of 10 c . on Smackover cruce below 24 gravity, bringing the new price to $\$ 1$, but did not reduce Smackover of 24 and above. Standard also met Louisiana Oil Refining Corp.'s cut of 10 c . in the price of Cotton Valley, bringing the crude of that area to $\$ 1$. The Crystal Oil \& Refining Co. met the Standard's schedule of prices. Also on the 18th, the Texas Co. reduced the price of Smackover crude cil below 24 gravity to $\$ 1$ a barrel, down 10c., meeting the cut instituted on this grade by Magnolia Petoleum. The Texas Co. is quoting $\$ 1.25$ a barrel on grades of 24 gravity and above, unchanged.

Price reductions in gasoline, while reflecting the current downward trend, were not so numerous or widespread as those of crude oil. The earliest one reported this week occurred March 14, when the Standard Oil Co. of Nebraska reduced the price of gasoline in Omaha 1c. a gallon. The other companies in that territory followed the cut. In the East the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey reduced the price of gasoline 1c. a gallon to 17 c . on tank wagons. This cut was announced on March 12. The Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana, a subsidiary, made a similar reduction in Tennessee, Arkansas and Louisiana on March 14.

The Atlantic Refining Co. reduced gasoline a cent a gallon throughout its territory, comprising Pennsylvania and Delaware. The new tank wagon price is 17 c . The price at service stations was cut 2c. a gallon to 19c. The Gulf Refining Co. met the reduction of a cent made by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.

On March 15 the Standard Oil Co. of New York reduced the tank wagon price of gasoline 1c. throughout its territory, making the new price 20c. a gallon and 22c. retail. The Atlantic Refining Co., Jenney Mfg. Co. and Gulf Refining Co. have reduced gasoline prices 1c. a gallon to 20c. wholesale and 22c. retail, following the new prices put into effect by the Standard Oil Co. of New York.
Gasoline filling stations at Shreveport, La., cut gasoline prices 1c. a gallon, making the retail price 17c. a gallon and in tank wagons a price of 14c. a gallon on March 15.

Conflicting reports were received late on March 18 from Los Angeles regarding a cut in prices there. A special dispatch to the "Wall Street Journal" on that date declares that the Union Oil Co. of California has raised the differential on gasoline to dealers in Los Angeles to six cents a gallon, from four cents previously.
The California Petroleum Corporation and Gilmore Oil Co. also reduced the retail price of gasoline 2 cents a gallon to meet the 6-cent differential to dealers quoted by Union Oil Co. None of the other large companies have met the retail cut but are expected to do so within the next few days.

However, later dispatches to the same newspaper denied the report in the following terms:
Reports of gasoline cuts of five and six cents a gallon by California $\mathrm{Pe}-$ troleum Corporation and Union Oil in a renewal of recent gasoline war are denied by the company officials. There are, nevertheless, large stocks of gasoline on hand which have resulted in a gallonage warfare, with the distributing companies granting a larger differential to dealers, but leaving the retail price undisturbed.
It is understood contracts made on six-cent differential basis to dealers last summer have remained in effect, while the differential has been supposd to be three cents. Two weeks ago Standard Oil Co. put what amounted to a four-cent rate in effect and other companies followed the reduction, with Union oil reported to have made what amounted to a six-cent reduction to dealers.

The wholesale market at Chicago on March 18 reported the following prices: United States motor grade gasoline, 61/2@63/4c.; kerosene, 41-43 water white, $5 @ 51 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. ; fuel oil, 24-26 gravity, $\$ 1.22 @ \$ 1.25$.

## Further Slight Decrease in Crude Oil Output.

A further decrease of 3,000 barrels per day was reported for the week of March 12 by the American Petroleum Institute, which estimated that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States was $2,461,050$ barrels as compared with $2,464,050$ barrels for the preceding week. The current output, however, remains greatly in excess of that for the corresponding week of 1926 when $1,935,200$ barrels per day were produced. The daily average production east of California was $1,822,550$ barrels for the week of March 12 1927, as compared with 1,818,450 barrels in the preceding week, an increase of 4,100 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts for the weeks given:

The estimated daily average gross production of the Mid-Continent field, including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, North, West Central, East Central and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended March 12 was $1,476,900$ bbls., as compared with $1,474,900$ bbls. for the preceding week, an increase of $2,000 \mathrm{bbls}$. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, Arkansas, heavy oil, was 1,377,850 bbls., as compared with $1,375,450$ bbls., an increase of $2,400 \mathrm{bbls}$.
In Oklahoma, production of North Braman is reported at 7,200 bbls., against 7,650 bbls.; South Braman, 4,400 bbls., against 4,550 bbls.; Tonkawa, 24,600 bbls., against 25,350 bbls.; Garber, 18,500 bbls., against 18,400 bbls.; Burbank, 48,150 bbls., against 49,550 bbls.; Bristow-Slick, 27,300 bbls., against 27,250 bbls.; Cromwell, 13,500 bbls., against 13,700 bbls.; Papoose, 7,500 bbls., against 7,450 bbls.; Wewoka, 18,200 bbls.,
against 18,750 bbls.; Seminole, 282,350 bbls., against 278,700 bbls., and Earlsboro, 26,900 bbls., agoinst 20,000 bbls.

In Panhandle, Texas, Hutchinson County is reported at 112,750 bbls., against 111,100 bbls., and balance Panhandle, 17,600 bbls., against 17,100 bbls. In East Central Texas, Corsicana-Powell, 20,000 bbls., no change; Nigger Creek, 6,000 bbls., against 6,100 bbls.; Reagan County, West Cen43,500 bbls., against 42,000 bbls.; Brown County, 35,000 bbls. Counties, 43,500 bbls., against 42,000 bbls.; Brown County, 35,000 bbls., against
37,000 bbls.; and in the Southwest Texas field, Luling, 18,000 bbls., against 18,200 bbls.; Laredo district, 14,650 bbls., against 14,900 bbls.; Lytton Springs, 2,100 bbls., against 2,150 bbls. In North Louisiana, Haynesville is reported at 7,950 bbls., against 8,150 bbls.; Urania, 11,950 bbls., against 12,100 bbls.; and in Arkansas, Smackover light, 11,850 bbls., against 11,700 bbls.; heavy, 99,050 bbls., against 99,450 bbls., and Lisbon,

4,650 bbls., against $5,050 \mathrm{bbls}$. In the Gulf Coast field, Hull is reported at 4,650 bbls,, against 5,050 bbls. In the Gur Coast fiela, Hum is reported at
16,400 bbls., against 16,650 bbls.; West Columbia, 10,250 bbls., against 10,150 bbls.; Spindietop, 60,500 bbls., against 60,600 bbls.; Orange County. 5,050 bbls., against 5,300 bbls., and South 4,050 bbls.
In Wyoming, Salt Creek is reported at 41,400 bbls., against 38,850 bbls., and Sunburst, Montana, 11,000 bbls., no change
In California, Santa Fe Springs is reported at 44,000 bbls., against 44,500; bbls.; Long Beach, 92,000 bbls., no change; Huntington Beach, 75,500 bbls., against 76,500 bbls.; Torrance, 25,000 bbls., no change; Dominguez, 18,000 bbls., no change; Rosecrans, 11,500 bbls., no change; 1uglewood 90,500 bbls.; Ventura Avenue, 50,300 bbls., against 51,600 bbls., and Seal Beach, 24,200 bbls., against 26,000 bbls.

Rise in Tin Prices Exciting London-Metal Advanced
Suddenly to $\$ 1,575$ a Ton-6,000-Ton Shortage in 1927 Predicted.
The following by Herbert N. Casson, written for the "Wall Street Journal" from London, appeared in last night's (March 18) issue of that paper:
A notable event in London was the sensational rise in the price of tin. It rose suddenly to $\$ 1.575$ a ton.
The London Metal Exchange was a scene of great excitement as the price of tin mounted to the highest figure that has been known since 1920, when it soared to $\$ 2,000$ per ton.
Five years ago tin was sold in the London market for $\$ 650$ per ton, but it is now more likely to rise than fall. Such is the general opinion in England. The main cause of this tin shortage is the increased use of tin especially in the United States
rinfil tinfoil and collapsible tubes and automobiles. This increased demand has now gone ahead of the production of tin, and the visible supply has been almost completely wiped out. Last July the visible supply in all count was only 13,000 tons, and at the moment it is practically nothing.
This shortage is not an artificial one. There has been no restriction of
output, except perhaps in the Dutch East Indies. There has been no output, except perhaps in the Dutch East Indies. There has been no is that for the past five years there has not been enough tin produced to supply the demand.
During the war the use of tin was restricted in Great Britain and severa other countries. Large reserves were piled up and these have been drawn upon to the extent of 6,000 tons a year.

6,000-Ton Shortage Predicted.
These reserves have now been exhausted. Apparently there will be a 6,000-ton shortage in 1927.
The older tin mines are being worked out, and British mining engineers do not believe that the new mines will be able to maintain the present rate of production. In fact, there is no hope of producing enough tin to keep pace with the present rate of consumption.
The British opinion is that the tin problem is now one of distribution rather than one of production. Tin must be restricted in its use to these industries in which it is indispensable. There are, for instance, 1,000 tons of tin used every year in the manufacture of silk. This does not seem to be one of the indispensable uses.
The use of tin for the making of tinfoil and collapsible tubes was prohibited during the war and might be prohibited again.
In Britain 12,000 tons of tin are used annually for the making of biscult tins and 18,000 tons for the making or tobils. 8,000 tons a year is used for domestic uensis. At present $28 \%$ of the tin used in Geat Bram rocot it comes from the resmelting of Bablit risen as high as 39\%. Most or it comes folate works, None of Babbit metal and the detinning of scrap from tinplate wors. None of it come from thic red the the tin from these containers, as the tonnage that is wasted is enormous.

No Satisfactory Substitute for Tin.
As yet no satisfactory substitutes have been found for tin. This is a As yet no satisfactory substitutes have been
matter to be taken up by research laboratories.
In Germany aluminum is here and there taking the place of copper, as the costs of producing aluminum have recently been greatly reduced. ty But neither in Germany nor in Great Britain has any substitute been found for tin. has been production of tin by British
During the week the Census of Production figures for tinplate were published. It appears that the output has risen to 779,000 tons, whereas the output in 1907 was only 529,000 tons. Britain is now exporting at the rate of 550,000 tons a year. The exports have not kept pace with production. About $6 \%$ more of the output is now being consumed in Great Britain. To make matters worse, the output in China, Boliyia and Malaysia has decreased, owing to local disturbances and floods.

## Britain Controls Output.

The tin of the world is mainly a British product. Britain owns $50 \%$ of the tin mines and controls $75 \%$ of the tin-smelting plants. The tin industry is controlled by our large companies.
There has been much talk of a "Tin Trust," but as yet there is no suck thing. The four companies appear to be entirely independent of each other. Britain is the chief producer of tin and the United States is the chief consumer. According to the latest figures published in England. there are now more than 1,200 firms that use tin as a raw material.
So, as there are no indications that the output of tin can be increased, and as the reserves are exhausted, the opinion in Great Britain is that tin must in the future be rationed to those industries in which it has becom indispensable.

## Steel Output at High Level-Pig Iron Price Rises.

Output of steel continues at the high level that usually makes March a peak month, the "Iron Age" declares this week in its review of conditions affecting the market. The fifteen days have brought the industry close to a $90 \%$ of ingot capacity operation, but there is an excess over current requirements and this is going toward piling reserves against any long cessation of bituminous coal mining after April 1, continues the "Age" from which we quote:

It is in the Pittsburgh district where there is most concern over the coal situation, but agreement is general that only a long drawn out dispute can seriously affect production of steel. The coal market has grown slightly stronger under the stimulus of fuel stocking, but furnace coke is sufficiently plentiful that purchases have been possible at $\$ 3.25$ a ton, or 25 c . less than a
week ago week ago
The flow of specifications and new orders in the heavy tonnage products have substantially balanced shipments in the Chicago district, but in moving eastward the conditions so fa
over the February bookings
The price situation has not changed. Fewer dips from the general market levels are not particularly significant in the absence of round-lot business. Large consumers, who covered before the recent advances, as in sheets and strips, have not yet had to come in for their continuing needs.
Some expansion in demand is noted from the automobile industry, some further railroad car buying is under active consideration, and the oil industry, despite the decline in fuel oil prices, gives promise, on top of urgent needs for oil tanks for storing the heavy output of oil, to do considerable drilling.
While sales of motor cars are not up to the season's expectations, some manufacturers are operating at capacity. Parts makers are being pressed for deliveries, some forging plants are on a $24-\mathrm{hr}$. schedule, and yet the industry in buying alloy steel for only 30 -day periods.
Railroad orders include 1000 general serviceand 200 tanks for the Southern Pacific and the rebuilding of 1000 hopper cars for the Norfolk \& Western. The Texas \& Pacific bought fifteen locomotives. Rails have been taken closely according to schedule, so that some rollings are about completed. One case of a suspension is presumed to cover plans for providing a heavier
rail section. Second half of the year buying in rails is not expected before early in May
That the production of tin plate can be kept up at the rate of the last four months is now questioned in the light of the fact that there are large unsold stocks of certain canned goods and the can makers, not yet having
received full payment, will be slow to extend further financing of the kind received full paym.
on any like scale.
With 12,500 tons for a Hudson River bridge, 4,000 tons for a telephone building in Dalias, Tex., and 3,000 tons for a railroad car ferry, the week's structural steel awards amounted to 38,500 tons. For oil tanks for Port Arthur, Tex., 7,000 tons of plates were bought.
The new price lists of bolts and nuts, covering substantially all classes except stove and tire bolts, show generally a reduction on the application of a common $70 \%$ discount. With bolts, this reduction is estimated at $5 \%$,
although in the case of both bolts and nuts there although in the case of both bolts and nuts there are many advances. Simthe piece instead of the pound Meanwhile procucers to price in terms of quarter has been held up two weeks awaiting the lists. quarter has been held up two weeks awaiting the lists.
than a pressing dilmand is the conserve their surplus basic pig iron, rather grade, to $\$ 18.50$ per ton, Valley furnace, on three sales amounting to 6,000 tons. In other districts pressure to sell pig iron at the expense of prices is less general than several weeks ago. In Michigan, however, a recent adess general chan several weeks ago. In Michigan, however, a recent ad-
vance of 50 c. a ton at furnace has become established, and at Cleveland and along the Eastern seaboard, where buying movements are in the receding stage, prices are on a firmer footing. An exception is a decline of 25 c . a ton on basic iron in eastern Pennsylvania.
Heavy melting steel scrap has advanced 25 c . a ton at Pittsburgh, following consumer buying. The stronger tone of the market in that center has been reflected to some extent at Buffalo, Cincinnati and Boston, but in other section trade is marking time.
Several hundred tons, or most of a recent importation of German spiegeleisen, was bought by an Ohio steel plant. Domestic scarcity makes likely further purchases of the foreign product.
Sales of Dutch pig iron to the United States in February, according to information from the Continent, are 2,800 tons ahead of January, and are believed to include iron of German origin stacked at Rotterdam.
The "Iron Age" pig iron composite price has advanced to $\$ 19.04$ from the S18.96 level held for four weeks. This is the first advance since the decline began, early last November. A year ago it was $\$ 21.63 \mathrm{a}$ ton. The finished steel composite remains at 2.367 c . a lb . for the fourth week. A year ago it was 2.431 c .

In two weeks the iron and steel industry will be making the turn into second quarter and apparently will be confronted with a bituminous coal strike. Yet, indicative of the new order that prevails, neither has provided any appreciable market stimulus to the hand-to-mouth buying so dominant in steel, observes the "Iron Trade Review" on March 17. Little is heard of second quarter coverage but current requirements are of such proportions as to insure that March will be perceptibly better than February. There is a stronger tone to all markets save some in the East and the modest backlogs of some producers are being slightly lengthened, adds the "Review" in summarizing the trend of the markets. From its report we add the following details:
Fortified by 60 to 90 day stock piles and confident of heavy non-union production, the industry views the coal strike threat with complacency. It is generally believed that the strike would disturb the markets imperceptibly in the second quarter and that repercussion, if any, would be felt in the third quarter.
The week's developments strike a balance on the side of improvement. Incoming business sufficies to maintain average steel production at a rate of about $88 \%$, with Steel Corp. subsidiaries above 95 . Steel prices generally are holding, while the tendency in pig iron is upward. Only in pig fron has demand abated but here the subsidence comes after several weeks of heavy buying.
The automobile industry is conspicuous in the week's market activity. Practically all makers excepting Ford and Dodge have been augmenting
specifications for and expediting shipments of sheets in the Pittsburgh and Youngstown districts. Intense interest centers on the Ford competition Yor plate, shape and bar business at Detroit which has resulted in shading Semi-finished steel continues to acquire strnegth at Pittsburgh, $\$ 34$ now
being generally quoted on billets. A tight situation is developing in being generally quoted on billets. A tight situation is developing in pig iron especially, basic at Pittsburgh, four or five steel interests being out of
the market and supplies scarcer; prices reflect rest the market and supplies scarcer; prices reflect proportionate strength.
Beehive furnace coke has surrendered the 25 -cent gain of last week and
offers of offers of $\$ 3.25$ are fairly extensive.
Sheets are more
Sheets are more steady at 2.90 c. base, Pittsburgh, for black, 2.20 c . for Tine annealed and 3.75 for galvanized. Buyers still can better these levels. many months at practically capacity for a letdown in April following many months at practically capacity. For one thing, mill equipment is
beginning to show effects of this fast pace beginning to show effects of this fast pace. Plates at Pittsburgh are re-
latively more active than latively more active than other heavy finished lines.
being asked by most makers. being asked by most makers. Bar specifications at Chicago lead those for
plates and shapes and new business exceeds shipments. The "Iron Trade Review's"
products this week is $\$ 36.87$. This compres with $\$ 36.79$ iron and stee $\$ 36.75$ the previous week.

Usual Seasonal Decline Affects Bituminous Coal and Anthracite Markets-Prices of Anthracite Recede.
Aside from sustained high production rates, there is little to distinguish the course of the bituminous coal markets of the United States at the present time from the normal March fade-out in interest, the "Coal Age" reports on March 16 in its weekly review of the industry. The possible effects of the threatened suspension in the Central Competitive Field next month have been so thoroughly discounted in advance that prices no longer are affected by the talk of strike. For the most part, railroads and public utilities appear to have taken out liberal insurance in the matter of augmented storage reserves. Others less provident seem secure in their belief that available tonnage from the non-union mines and from union operations which accept the invitation to continue working after April 1 will provide for their wants adds the "Journal" from which we quote further:
Cumulative production of bituminous for the coal year is $51,115,000$ tons ahead of the figures for the corresponding period last year. Of this increase approximately $11,816,000$ net tons have been registered since the beginning of 1927 . The 1927 gains have been particularly marked since the middle of February.
"Coal Age" index of spot bituminous prices on March 14 was 171, and the corresponding weighted average price was $\$ 2.07$, an increase of 1 point and 1 cent over the figures for March 7
Uncertainty as to anthracite quotations was ended when some of the leading producers cut domestic prices 50 c., effective March 15 . Certain others made similar reductions effective April 1, with provision for increases of 25 c . on June 1 and Sept. 1. In the meantime, production has been declining and current demand is very slow. The steam market also has been growing weaker, and this, too, has been recognized in reductions of 50 c . in

In spite of what many of us may wish to think about it, there has been a distinct alteration made in thecurrent coal situation because of the action of the Altoona conference, which made negligible the famous date of April 1 so far as eastern Pennsylvania is concerned, observes the March 17 market review issued by the "Coal \& Coal Trade Journal," adding:
An immense reserve has been accumulated and very many of the industrial needs are already taken care of for 60 and 90 and 120 days ahead. So far as the production of coal in the union mines affected by the decision from Altoona are concerned, there is going to be no easing off in the cost after the beginning of next month. It appears as if some stoppage would be inevitable. The operators are surely counting upon this, but they will he be able get away from the fact that when they do resume, it will be on the rate of the Jacksonville scale.
From now on, we will hear of other conferences that may or may not act as the Altoona one has done. There will be a conference, too, which will be held, the result of which will not be announced from the house tops. It should be noted, however, that the operators in certain other sections are not so likely to be willing to do what Altoona has done. They have expressed greater determination and have, perhaps, a different
problem to contend with, one in which the strength of the strategic position problem to contend with, one
is more largely in their favor
But one must not fail tor.
But one must not fail to recognize that a new element has entered into the bituminous situation that will have an effect all along the line, and tremor felt that may shake the figures. For a while there is apt to be uneasiness over what is happening and over what is going to happen. Prophecies are out of order.
In the meanwhile the anthracite market, which with the absence of a real winter in its accustomed place, has been rather shaky, has succeeded to some extent in righting its boat. The announced reduction in the itice by the "companies" can hardly have other than a benencial efrect. stantial. This leaves room for an advance as the summer comes on. Bins should be filled at figures that are now prevailing. Those who wait will surely expect to pay more. The logic of this situation is inevitable.
Independents will have a chance to maneuver, and undoubtedly they will take advantage of it . We may expect to see a much clearer situation before us in the anthracite world and a spreading out and increase in business which is certainly to be desired.
With one element in the coal world presenting a better front and the other entering into a situation that is apt to be at least slippery, we find a wide diversity of sentiment prevailing at this time. Something of moment and potential of the future is before us. Clear sighted vision and energy are particularly needed. But withal, the coal market, as a real demand for coal was never so stable in the country or in the world as it is to-day.

Output of Bituminous Coal Recovers-Anthracite Declines-Coke Remains About the Same.
With a production of around $13,269,000$ net tons for the week ended March 5 the output of bituminous coal recovered from the loss during the preceding holiday week, reports the U. S. Bureau of Mines in its weekly survey of the industry. Anthracite, however, fell off by 163,000 net tons, while coke remained practically unchanged, adds the Bureau, from which we quote:
The total production of soft coal during the week ended March 5, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at $13,269,000$ net tons. This represents a recovery from the holiday loss in the preceding week, and shows a gain of 76,000 tons, or $0.6 \%$, when compared with the full-
time week Feb. 19.
Estimated Untted States Production of Butuminous Coal (Net Tons), Includino Coal $\longrightarrow-1920-1927$ Coked.
 Feby 2verage................. $\begin{array}{lr}\text { Daily average-...........- } & 12,763,000 \\ \text { March 5 c } & 2,163,000\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Darch 5.c................. } & 13,269,000\end{array}$

|  | $1,681,000$ | $10,460,000$ | $501,566,000$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | a Minus one day's production first week in April to equalize number of days in

the two years. b Revised, Feb. 22 weighted as 0.9 of a day. c Subject to revision. The total production of bituminous coal during the month of February is estimated at $52,905,000$ net tons. This indicates a daily rate of $2,214,000$ tons as against 2,248,000 tons in January, a decrease, in February, of $1.5 \%$ The total production of bituminous coal during the present coal year to March 5 (approximately 286 working days) amounts to $552,681,000$ net tons. Production during corresponding periods in other recent years is
given below:

1919-20
 $\ldots-.525,881,000$ net tons
 ANTHRACITE.
The first week in March recorded another sharp decline in anthracite production. The total output is estimated at $1,211,000$ net tons. Compared with the revised estimate for the preceding week, this shows a decrease of $11.9 \%$, compared with the weekly average for February, about $17 \%$.

Estimated United States Production of Anthractte (Net Tons).

| Week Ended- | -1926-1927 Coal Year |  | - 19 | Coal Year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Week. | to Date. | Week. | to Date.a |
| Feb. 19 | 1,569,000 | 84,808,000 | 408,000 | 41,043,000 |
| Feb. 26_b | 1,374,000 | 86,182,000 | 1,609,000 | 42,652,000 |
| March 5. | 1,211,000 | 87,393,000 | 1,789,000 | 44,441,000 |
| a Minus one | duction fl ed since la | eek in Apri port. | qualize nu | of days in |

## BEEHIVE COKE

The production of beehive coke continues, as it has for some time, at a rate or approximately 190,000 tons a week. The total output,in the week against 189,000 tons in the preceding week.
Estlmated Production of Beehite Coke (Net Tons).

## Pennsylvania \& Ohio- West Virginia

## West Virginia...................... Ala., Ky., Tenn. and Ga

Virginia| Mar. Week Ended- |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1927.b | $1927 . \mathrm{C}$ |
| 192.6 | 1926. |
| 150,000 | 148,000 |
| 210,000 |  |

Colorado and New Mexico-

Washington and Utah | $1927 . b$ | $1927 . c$ | 1926. |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 150,000 | 148,000 | 210,000 |
| 18,000 | 18,000 | 17,000 |
| 6,000 | 7,000 | 19,000 |
| 7,000 | 7,000 | 9,000 |
|  | 3,000 | 4,000 |
|  | 6,000 |  | 1927

to
Date.
349,000 $\begin{array}{cc} & \\ \text { to } & 1926 \\ \text { Date. } & \text { Do } \\ 349,000 & \text { Date. }\end{array}$

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

## Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.
Largely as a result of the Treasury's financial operations, the consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on March 16, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Reserve banks combined, shows declines for the week of $\$ 85,400,000$ in holdings of discounted bills and of $\$ 45$,800,000 in acceptances purchased in open market, and increases of $\$ 74,200,000$ in member bank reserve deposits and of $\$ 168,400,000$ in Government securities, holdings of which included $\$ 177,000,000$ of temporary certificates issued by the Treasury to the Federal Reserve banks pending the collection of the quarterly installment of taxes. Total bill and security holdings increased $\$ 37,200,000$ during the week and cash reserves $\$ 11,600,000$, and Federal Reserve note circulation declined $\$ 12,700,000$. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:
The New York Reserve Bank shows a decrease of $\$ 63,600,000$ in its discount holdings, Chicago a decrease of $\$ 18,500,000$, Boston $\$ 10,100,000$, San Francisco $\$ 5,500,000$, and Richmond $\$ 3,400,000$, while the Cleveland bank reports an increase in discounts of $\$ 7,000,000$, Atlanta an increase of $\$ 2,900,000$, and St. Louis and Kansas City increases of $\$ 2,400,050$ each. The New York bank also shows a decline of $\$ 33,700,000$ in open-market acceptance holdings, and Boston a decline of $\$ 4,300,000$.
Total holdings of Treasury notes were $\$ 18,900,000$ and of United States bonds $\$ 7,000,000$ below the previous week's totals, while holdings of Treasury certificates increased $\$ 194,300,000$. Of the increase in the latter item,
$\$ 111,000,000$ represents temporary certificates issued by the Treasury to $\$ 111,000,000$ represents temporary certificates issued by the Treasury to the New York bank and $\$ 66,500,000$ to seven other reserve banks, pending
the collection of the quateriy installment or taxes.
All of the Federal Reserve banks report a smaller volume of Federal Reserven an increase of $\$ 3,200,000$, the principal decreases being: Cleveland, $\$ 3$,-

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 1635 and 1636. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending March 161927 is as follows:


## The Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System*Reports for Preceding Week-Brokers' Loans <br> in New York City.

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of 675 reporting member banks in leading cities as of March 9 1927, shows an increase of $\$ 6,000,000$ in investments and declines of $\$ 16,000,000$ in loans and discounts, $\$ 43,000,000$ in net demand deposits and $\$ 13,000,000$ in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks. Member banks in New York City reported reductions of $\$ 37,000,000$ in loans and discounts and $\$ 36,000,000$ in net demand deposits, and an increase of $\$ 8,000,000$ in borrowings from the Federal Reserve Bank.

Loans on stocks and bonds, including United States Government obligations, were $\$ 47,000,000$ below the March 2 total, declines of $\$ 34,000,000$ in the New York district and $\$ 12,000,000$ and $\$ 6,000,000$ in the San Francisco and Chicago districts, respectively, being offset in part by an increase of $\$ 13,000,000$ in the Cleveland district. "All other" loans and discounts increased $\$ 31,000,000$ during the week, of which $\$ 14,000,000$ was reported by banks in the San Francisco district and $\$ 7,000,000$ by banks in the Philadelphia district. Loans to brokers and dealers, secured by stocks and bonds, made by reporting member banks in New York City, were $\$ 6,000,000$ above the previous week's total, loans for their own account having deciined $\$ 52,000$,000 , while loans for out-of-town banks and for others increased $\$ 40,000,000$ and $\$ 18,000,000$, 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 declined $\$ 2,000,000$, the larger decline of $\$ 8,000,000$ in the San Francisco district being nearly offset by small increases in other districts. Holdings of other bonds, stocks and securities were $\$ 8,000,000$ higher than a week ago, only relatively smal changes being reported in any of the Reserve districts.
Net demand deposits were $\$ 43,000,000$ less than on March 2, the principal changes including declines of $\$ 32,000,000$ in the New York district, $\$ 14,-$ 000,000 in the San Francisco district and $\$ 7,000,000$ in the Richmond district, and increases of $\$ 9,000,000$ and $\$ 7,000,000$ in the Philadelphis and Dallas districts, respectively
Borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks declined $\$ 13,000,000$, an increase of $\$ 7,000,000$ in the Chicago district being more than offset by a reduction of $\$ 10,000,000$ in the San Francisco district and smaller reductions in the Cleveland and St. Louis districts.
On a subsequent page-that is, on page 1636-we give the figures in full contained in this latest weekly return of the member banks of the Reserve System. In the following is furnished a summary of the changes in the principal items as compared with a week ago and with last year:

Increase ( $+\underset{\text { During }}{\text { Du }}$ or Decrent
Loans and discounts, total
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations Secured by stocks and bonds All other-

## Investments, total

U. S. securities
other bonds, stocks and securities eserve balances with F. R. banks
Cash in vault
Vet demand deposits
Time deposits
Government deposits
Total borrowings from F. R. banks

## Week. $\mathbf{\$ 1 6 , 0 0 0 , 0 0 0}$

 $\$ 16,000,000$$+11,000,000$ +58,000,000 $+31,000,000$ $+6.000,000$ $\begin{array}{r}+6,000,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $-2,000,000$
$+8,000,000$ $+8,000,000$ $7,000,000$
$+14,000,000$ $+14,000,000$ $\begin{array}{r}43,000,000 \\ +15,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $+15,000,000$
$-12,000,000$ $-12,000,000$

Year.
366,000,000
$-10,000,000$
175,000,000
201,000,000
$+162,000,000$
$-121,000,000$
$-121,000,000$
$+283,000,000$
283,000,000 $-9,000,000$
$-11,000,000$ $-11,000,000$
$+37,000,000$ $+37,000,000$
$+576,000,000$ $-106,000,000$ $-106,000,000$
$-58,000,000$

* It is not possible for the Federal Reserve Board to issue the weekly returns of the member banks as promptly as the returns of the Federal Reserve banks themselves. Both cover the week ending with Wednesday's business, and the returns of the Federal Reserve banks are always given out after the close of business the next day (Thursday). The statemen
of of the member banks, however, including as it does nearly 700 separate Institutions, cannot be tabulated until several days later. Prior to the statement for the week ending May 19 1926, it was the practice to have them ready on Thursday of the following week and to give them out concurrently with the report of the Reserve banks for the next week. The Reserve authorities have now succeeded in expediting the time of the appearance
of the figures, and they are made public the following week on Monday of the figures, and they are made public the following week on Monday instead of on Thursday. Under this arrangement the report for the week ending March 9 was given out after the close of business on Monday of the present week.

Summary of Conditions in World's Market According to Cablegrams and Other Reports of the Department of Commerce.
The Department of Commerce at Washington releases for publication to-day (March 19) the following summary of conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and other means of communication:

## CANADA

No features of special interest in trade conditions in Canada developed during the week ended March 9. There was a steady demand for all lines of foodstuffs and general groceries; hardware sales continued to gain. Wheat prices on the Winnipeg market reacted to the firm tone of foreign cables and the market for spring wheat flour was steady. The elevator capacity of Vancouver harbor will be increased to $7,000,000$ bushels by an addition to elevator No. 3 of the Vancouver Harbor Board, which will raise its capacity from 600,000 to $1,000,000$ bushels.
Plans have been announced in Winnipeg for the formation of the first grocery chain store movement in Western Canada. Several hundred stores from Port Arthur to the Pacific Coast will be linked in the new project, which, it is understood, will be a co-operative organization for purposes of buying and merchandising.
Canadian imports from the United States were larger in January and exports to the United States increased slightly, although total Canadian exports indicated a decline during the month.
The Canadian National RR.'s program for the next three years, recently submitted to the Ottawa House of Commons, contemplates the construction of 470 miles of railway at an estimated cost of $\$ 19,120,000$. Nine out of the sixteen lines proposed will be in Saskatchewan, mainly to assist in the development and colonization of the northern part of the Province. 000,000 each for the construction of two new passenger ships to cost $\$ 1$ 000,000 each have been awarded by the Canadian Steamship Lines, Ltd They are planned to carry 500 passengers and 800 tons of freight.

## GREAT BRITAIN

The trade returns of the United Kingdom for the month of February show a fair degree of activity. Imports of iron and steel were much larger than in February 1926, and exports were considerably smaller, the British output of both of these products, however, was greater last month than during February 1926 and very much greater than during last January. Exports of machinery, cotton goods and vehicles also were considerably below the figures for the same month of last year. The aggregate of British coal exports during February was not far below the February 1926 volume. The coal markets continue generally firm with forward inquiries and orders more numerous. Coal production during the week ended Feb. 26 totaled was 1,000 tons and the number of miners employed during the same period those of the previous week. Foreign business recently arranged for include contracts for supplying 32,000 tons to the Algerian State railways, 20,000 contracts for supplying 32,000 tons to the Algerian State railways, 20,000
tons to the Spanish railways and 100,000 tons to the Egyptian railways, all of which is to be Welsh and 100,000 tons to the Egyptian railways, stabilized, but new demand still continues below expectations. The total number of work people appearing on the unemployment registers as of Feb, 28 was $1,169,500$. compared with $1,336,500$ on Jan. 31 and $1,169,000$

FRANCE.
A slight improvement is evident in the general economic outlook in France as compared with the situation a month ago. Notwithstanding the slackness of the leather industry, a continued decline in iron and steel production and dulness in automobile production and sales, the industrial situation shows a slight relative improvement. Conditions in the money market are easy, but long-term investments are not favored. The parliamentary n con or the Government continues strong. No advance has been made prices at the month before. The Paris retail price index declined 7 points to 585 . The number of persons officially reported as unemployed during the week ended March 5 totaled 90,240 , of which 82,000 were receiving doles. This igure is lower than that of the previous week, seemingly indicating that he high peak of unemployment has passed. Conditions in most branches of the textile industry are less disturbing than a month ago, although the demand is still restricted and spotty. Industrial machinery is dull and practically no new orders are being received. Cereal crops are developing under favorable weather conditions.

## GERMANY.

In general, German business maintained steady gains throughout FebruIt and, although coal production is gradually receding towards pre-strike figures, steel production has been mounting. The grains which were regis-
tered last fall in the textile industry have been held and cotton spinners are reported as being booked with orders throughout the summer. The past month also registered progress in the electrical, chemical and foodstuffs industries. It is apparent that the winter peak for unemployment has been definitely passed, while an early spring favors the development of an extensive building program. The latest statement of the Reichsbank showed the strong position of that institution, and savings deposits continued to increase. Stock quotations remained at a high level. The Leipzig Spring Fair, held from March 6 to March 12, showed generally satisfactory results with a practically unanimous opinion that total sales exceeded those of last year. Exhibitors of American products are said to have received a the autume of business, and American vehicles, in particular, dominated the automotive section of the show.

SPAIN.
Speculative exchange operations are reflected in the large bank clearings. have dorign banks have increased their peseta balances and the Madrid banks commercial purposes. The bank clearings funds are not to be used for months were more than double the total clearings for the year 1923, and amounted to over $50 \%$ of the total clearings for 1925. The financial market was characterized by the firmness of Government securities and railway bank and metallurgical shares were strong as a result of the earnings of these industries during 1926. The upward movement of the peseta against the dollar has resulted in an advantage for American exporters. The Bank or spain has shown an increase in its gold reserves, and in this connection it is rumored that a lower discount rate is contemplated. Call rates at Madrid have been reduced from $5 \%$ to $31 / 2 \%$. Bankers report renewed confidence and increased turnover. A slight improvement is noticeable in the business situation and credits are easier, protests less frequent and money fows more freely. Various bank statements show large earnings The 1926. Improvement is noted in the textile and shoe industries? The olive oil, orange and rice groups also showed improvement.

## FINLAND.

Trade in Finland during January continued fairly active, despite unretard shipping activities in the Gulf of Finland, which have tended to lower than during December, but were higher than during Jere considerabl The seasonal decline in activities in the export industries continued through out January. The noticeable activity in the lumber sales for 1927 delivery has declined somewhat and the market was quiet during the month. Ship ments during January were far below those of December, but the declin is seasonal. Advance sales of timber for 1927 have reached nearly $70 \%$ of the estimated production of the year. The level of prices is unchanged, although quotations are slightly above those of last year. The plywood industry is encountering vigorous Russian competition. The paper market continues slightly weak, but advance sales have been normal, although at less satisfactory prices. A tendency toward falling prices has been observed on the cellulose market. The money market continued easy during January. Foreign exchange holdings showed a slight decline during the month The note circulation also declined slightly and loans at the state ban showed a further decine. Rediscounts at the state bank showed a sharp decline from $87,000,000$ marks to $54,000,000$ marks. Loans and discount the end the end of January

NORWAY.
Wage negotiations are being carried on in many branches of Norwegian industry. Employers, it is said, assert that wages must be reduced about 25 to $30 \%$ if production costs are to be lowered sufficiently to permit com petition with articles of foreign manufacture. The unions have declared themselves unwiling to accept a reduction of $6.7 \%$, which is based on the general price index. The number of idle workers remains very high and in addition, a great number of those that are employed, work only part time. Both industry and labor are finding it difficult to adjust themselves to the rapid rise in the value of the crown. It is the consensus of local opinion that a pronounced drop in prices might be sufficient to cause in sufficient mat have sufficient means available to increase their financial activities.

## SWEDEN.

The trend of Swedish business is reflected by official estimates of the amount of Swedish capital placed abroad during 1926-a total of 102,000,000 crowns, about $50 \%$ more than during 1925. It is also estimated that the export of capital exceeded the import of capital during 1926 by about $50,000,000$ crowns. Sweden's 15 largest banks earned about $50,000,000$ crowns during 1926, practically the same as during the preceding year. The lumber outlook remains good. Trade with Great Britain has, in general, been improving steadily and Russian stocks in that market are practically sold out, showing greater activity, and this reflects a better demand for lumber. The consumption outlook for Germany and Belgium is reported to be better than it was at this time last year

## DENMARK.

Danish industries continue to operate under difficult conditions and prospects for improvement in the near future are not reported to be bright, especially inasmuch as the Government's crisis reller proposals did not aford with difficulties in the sale cause prices have fallen to such an extent that it has been necessary to sell this product in other then an exent chiefly the United States, Norway, Belgium and France. Danish agriculturists are endeavoring to get a reduction of customs duties on some of their exports, chiefly meats, to Germany. The 1926 sugar beet crop was exceedingly favorable, and it is expected locally that enough sugar will be procured to meet Denmark's needs during the year.

## LITHUANIA.

The 1926 budget has been realized with a surplus of about $12,000,000$ lits. Although indirect taxation, such as the monopoly administration, shows a deficit of about $3,000,000$ lits, yet the economies effected in expenditures and other direct and indirect taxes, such as cuxtoms duties, have resulted in the realization of this surplus. On Feb. 11927 the cash balance in the State Treasury totaled $26,000,000$ lits. The budget for 1927 which was passed by Parliament on Dec. 311926 was originally balanced Before final passage further reductions were effected, but final 1926 budget. Before final passage further reductions were effected, but final details are not available.

POLAND.
The Council of Ministers has approved the Presidential decree issued at the recommendation of the Minister of Finance, authorizing the repayment in full of deposits made in Polish savings institutions, which were wiped out by the depreciation of the former Polish mark. The decree provides for the valorization of such deposits in gold zlotys, on the basis of the the rate of 5.185 zloty to the dollar, with the addition of interest at the
rate of $3 \%$ per annum from May 11924 to Nov. 1 1926. The decree will, it is said, benefit a large number of Polish-Americans resident in the United States, whose deposits have been considered as swept away by the depreciation of the Polish mark prior to 1923.
The reduction of the official discount rate twice within less than a month, coupled with the private discount rates from the money market, resulted in a drop in the private discount rates from $11 / 2$ to $13 / 4$ per month for paper, as compared with from 2 to $3 \%$ per month less than two months paper, as compared with from 2 to $3 \%$ per month less than two months ago. The salutary effect of the stab for the last several months has been eflected in the practical elimination of the wide spread-in the discount rates for dollar and zloty paper.
Preliminary figures of State revenues and expenditures for January indicate a surplus of about $19,000,000$ zlotys, the principal revenue groups, budgetary estimates ranging between 5 and $7 \%$

## AUSTRIA.

During the year 1926 approximately $153,000,000$ schillings $(\$ 21,800,000)$ vere paid out in the form of unemployment doles in Austria, according to a statement of the Minister for Social Welfare. Of this total 118,000,000 schillings was contributed by the employers and the trade unions on ap-
proximately equal basis, according to the provisions of the law; the Federal proximately equal basis, according to the provisions of the law; the Federal Government contributed $26,000,080$ schillings, partially in the form of an advance to be repaid later. The provincial governments paid 4,800,000 and the munciipalities $4,300,0 \theta 0$ schillings. The abbe sum includes also s-called extraordnary relief. The average number of unemployed for the entire year is calculated

## GREECE.

On March 10 a tradesmen's strike was held in protest against the proposed lifting of the rent moratorium. As the Government refused to con-
sider the demands of the tradesmen so long as the strike was continued, it was suspended pending a reply from the Government. During the week indemnification bonds weakened to 560 drachmaes. Telegraphic instructions have been sent to all Greek custom houses to enforce the higher duties on flour and wheat recently imposed.

## JAPAN

Damage from the earthquake in Japan, which occurred on March 7 in the Kobe and Osaka districts, has not affected business and exchange. The silk market continues weak with little immediate improvement in sight. On March 9 the Bank of Japan further reduced its discount and interest rates on commercial drafts. It is now generally conceded in Japan that there will be no radical change in the tariff on any commodity this year

## CHINA.

North China business is proceeding with extreme caution. Trade circles are awaiting with anxiety the outcome of the struggle between the Northern and Southern factions, which they consider is now reaching a critical stage in the Yangtze Valley. North Ohina industrial organizations are said to anticipate serious labor troubles should the Southern forces achieve further success. However, stocks of all is locally that there will ow the merchants become er a strike demonstrations and disorders interfering with business.
There has been no recent improvement in railway transportation, but the waterways are open again and land routes are in fair condition for cart transportation. The money market in North China is now free from restrictions as to the movement of silver between banks and for business purposes. Interest rates, therefore, are normal, but due to poltiical and military uncertainties credit is very restricted.
The situation at Shanghai remains still full of uncertainties, as is that of the whole Yangtze region. The nationalist army is showing strong determination to take Nanking as preliminary to obtaining control of Shanghai, and business circules anticipate the likelihood of a general strike in the event of nationalist success. Declared merchandise exports from all China during January totaled $15,200,000$ as compared with $\$ 12,300,000$ for January of last year

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Leading export markets were quiet during the week ended March 11. Oopra trade was quieter, chiefly as a result of weakness in the oil market of the United States. Arrivals at Manila declined further, though all mills delivered Manila is now $123 / 8$ pesos per picul of 139 pounds ( 1 peso equals 50c.). The abaca trade of the week was possibly slightly advanced, but there was still very little business transacted. Production was low, but heavier arrivals are expected next week. Grade F is now quoted at from 36 to 36.50 pesos per picul; I from 32 to 32.50 ; JUS, 23 ; JUK, 21.50 , and L, 20.50 .

## NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES.

Business during the week ended March 12 was generally good. Weather conditions are favorable for the new crops. This is important as the first few months of the year are in between major crop seasons and weather conditions at the present time have an important bearing on the harvesting
of rice and sugar, which occurs in about six weeks. January exports of rubber totaled 21,430 long tons, of which 4,184 were shipped from Java, 13,424 from Sumatra and 3,822 from the remaining islands of Netherlands India.

## INDIA.

India's total exports for the month of January of the current year were valued at $272,800,000$ rupees, with imports amounting to $208,600,000$ rupees, leaving a favorable trade balance of $64,200,000$ rupees. Exports were $30,800,000$ rupees higher than for the preceding month of December, but were $73,200,000$ rupees less than in January 1926, while imports showed an increase of $43,300,000$ rupees over December

There was a heavy decline in the quantity of raw cotton exported in January of the present year as compared with January of a year ago80,000 tons and 96,500 tons, respectively-but an increase of 53,000 tons over the 27,000 tons of this commodity exported in December 1926. Wheat and flour exports varied little as to quantities from those of the previous January.
Imports of unbleached cotton piece goods were less by $21,000,000$ yards than in January of a year ago- $61,000,000$ as against $82,880,000$-while imports of bleached and colored piece goods showed substantial increases, Imports of aniline dyes were $51 \%$ heavier in January 1927 than in January 1926. Electrical equipment imports showed a large increase, but imports of machinery other than electrical, galvanized iron sheets and of sugar were considerably lower.
The railway strike recently reported has been settled, and all markets are steady.

Ten of the northern coal mines of New South Wales are again idle Trouble has arisen Strong opposition is developing in the Federal Parliament over the States Grants Bill, which proposed payment by the Commonwealth to the States of all land , $40 \%$ ind and fair Wool in the season's record price for super wool in Melbourne sales was $44^{3} / \mathrm{d}$.

ARGENTINA.
For the first time in seven years the Argentine peso is now quoted above par as a result of the exceptionally large export movement. Exports in January and February increased approximately $\$ 41,500,000$ over the total for those months in 1926. The dull summer season is ended and a slight increase in retail business is evident. Total Argentine trade-mark regisrations have been in excess of the 100,000 mark, thus placing Argentina mong the leading nations in world registrations; this is an indication of port market.

## BRAZIL

Brazilian coffee markets are dull and exports low, but prices remain firm. Exchange continues stable and apparently the consensus of opinion in Rio is that there will be no immediate appreciation. A change in the management and control of the Banco do Brasil in the near future is said to be probable. Statistics of revenue derived from the Federal income, tax just published indicate a total collection for the fourteen montbs since January 1926 of approximately $\$ 4,700,000$, which represents a large decline when compared with the estimated receipts of $\$ 7, i 20,000$ from this source for the calendar year along of 1926

PERU.
The tax collection bill, which provides the machinery of operation fcr the income tax law, has passed both Houses of the Peruvian Congress and is now before the President for signature. As the inceme tax law levies additional taxes on exports of metallic minerals and assesses the profits of commercial and industrial organizations as well as taking private into the Treasury. The revenue and exchange factors which the emergency import tariff law was designed to protect will be taken care of under the new method of tax collection. Income tax exports from the United States have been engaged to assist in the organization of the collecting agency and are now in Peru. It is expected locally that the delayed negotiations for a $\$ 10,000,000$ loan with American bankers can now be concluded. The trend of Congressional discussion, which apparently has strong public support, indicates the early repeal of the emergency tariff law

MEXICO.
Although business has been greatly depressed for some time, it showed a tendency to be still more restricted during the week ended March 101927. Owing to the damages suffered by the wheat crop, making importations of large quantities necessary, a decree was recently published granting permission to impor whis amend bimpor the porment of duty. Application for mills may import whe bith the preasury office in the distmet where the mill is located

HONDURAS.
Business throughout the Republic of Honduras continues dull. During the past four weeks there has been a slight recovery on the north coast following the opening of the sugar grinding season, which usually begins about Feb. 15. February banana shipments to the United States in creased from 1,061,163 stems in 1926 to $1,075,000$ in 1927. Although the exports increased in February, the banana shi
January were the lowest since February 1925.
The exchange rate continues firm at 2 pesos 16 centavos to the dollar. Exchange at par is 2 pesos to the dollar. The present session of Congress legislation, including new concession carrying extended railway construction and irrigation developments on the north coast.

PANAMA.
Business conditions in Panama during the week ended March 11 should show no improvement over the preceding week, although the month's tend was somewhat more favorable, principally due to the presence of certain vessels of the American fleet. Work on the Ciriqui railway extension i progressing slowly, owing to the shortage of labor. The Boquete region in the Province of Ciriqui is shipping coffee. The tariff bill was vetoed. This bill would have authorized the President to modify the duties upon articles as he may have designated from time to time, within the limite fixed by law or to re establish the rates of duty prevailing before the passage of the new law when the local production of a protected commodity wa insufficient to supply the needs of the local market.

## PORTO RICO.

General business conditions in Porto Rico for the week ended March 11 continue to show the gradual improvement manifested during recent weeks. The general situation is averaging slightly above that for the same period of 1926 and the economic outlook is better. Weather conditions continue generally favorable to growis crops, although abnormal rainall in some precipitation has dameded new plantings of various crops. A preliminary precipitation has damaged new plantings of various crops. A prita at approximately $51,000,000$ pounds Grapefruit prices were slightly stronger and further gains in prices and increased shipments are expected in the next few weeks. The grapefruit yield is estimated to be slightly below that of 1925-26, which was approsimately $1,000,000$ boxes. Textilesales and stocks were normal. The supplies and small tools was nemand although spotty, throughout the island, while nearly all wholesalers, retailers and jobbers in these lines are overstocked. European competition in cement, barbed wire, wire nails and bars for reinforced concrete, continued active. Shipments from Porto Rico to the United States during February 1927 amounted to $\$ 10,637,000$.

## Stock of Money in the Country.

The Treasury Department at Washington has issued its customary monthly statement showing the stock of money in the country and the amount in circulation after deducting the moneys held in the United States Treasury and by Federal Reserve banks and agents. The figures this time
are for March 1. They show that the money in circulation at that date (including, of course, what is held in bank vaults of member banks of the Federal Reserve System) was $\$ 4,778,887,039$, as against $\$ 4,712,945,440$ Feb. 11927
and $\$ 4,814,217,046$ March 1 1926, and comparing with $\$ 5,628,427,732$ on Nov. 11920 . Just before the outbreak of the European War, that is, on July 1 1914, the total was only $\$ 3,402,015,427$. The following is the statement:

CIRCULATION STATEMENT OF UNITED STATES MONEY-MARCH 11927

| KIND OF MONEY | Stock of Money. a | $Y$ HELD IN THE TREA |  |  |  |  | MONEY OUTSIDE OF THE TREASURY. |  |  |  | PopulationofContinsntalUnttedStates(Estimated) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Amt. Held in } \\ \text { Trust Against } \\ \text { Gold \& Sllver } \\ \text { Certificates (\& } \\ \text { Treas'y Notes } \\ \text { of 1890). } \end{array}\right\|$ | Res've AoatnstUntted StatesNotes(and TreasuryNotesof 1890). | $\begin{array}{\|c\|c} \text { Held for } \\ \text { Federal } \\ \text { Reserve } \\ \text { Bannks } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { Agents. } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Aln } \\ \text { Other } \\ \text { Money. } \end{gathered}$ | Total. | Held by <br> Federal <br> Reserve <br> Banks <br> and <br> Agents. $f$ | In Citculation. |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Amount. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Per } \\ \text { Capta. } \end{gathered} .$ |  |
| Gold coin and bullion. | $\stackrel{\text { 84,585,787,383 }}{\text { ¢ }}$ | $\xrightarrow{\text { s }}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \mathbf{8} \\ 1,662,793,699 \end{array}$ | $\stackrel{\$}{\$}$ | $\stackrel{\$}{1,700,112,931}$ | $\stackrel{\text { 172,546,973 }}{ }$ |  |  |  |  | s |
| Gold certirs--- Stan, silv, doils | c(1,662,793,699) |  |  |  |  |  | 1,662,793,699 | 501,046,253 $628,039,590$ | r $\begin{array}{r}393,866,806 \\ 1,034,754,109\end{array}$ |  |  |
| Stan. silv. doll's Silver certif's. | $\begin{array}{r} 534,991,184 \\ c(463,883,975) \end{array}$ | 470,661,553 | 465,218,779 |  |  | 5,442,774 | -64,329,631 | -62,039,590 | $1,034,754,199$ $49,192,966$ | . 89 |  |
| Treasury notes of 1890 . $\qquad$ | $c(1,334,804)$ |  |  |  |  |  | 463,883,975 | 87,045,333 | 376,838,642 | 3.24 |  |
| Subsid'y silver- | 296,305,463 | 4,822,298 |  |  |  | 4,822,298 | $1,334,804$ $291,483,165$ |  | $\begin{array}{r}1,334,804 \\ 271,287 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | .01 23 |  |
| U. S. notes-.-- | 346,681,016 | 3,519,330 |  |  |  | 3,519,330 | 343,161,686 | 20,195,371 | 271,287,794 | 2.33 2.50 |  |
| F.R. bank notes | $2,072,223,380$ $4,950,648$ | 1,111,724 |  |  |  | 1,111,724 | 2,071,111,656 | - $\begin{array}{r}561,573,632 \\ 361,309\end{array}$ | 1,709,807,347 | ${ }_{14.68}^{2.50}$ |  |
| Nat. bank notes | 697,191,424 | 12,819,648 |  |  |  | $12,88,024$ $12,819,648$ | $4,902,624$ $684,371,776$ | 54,753 | 4,847,871 | . 04 |  |
| Total Mar. $1^{\prime} 27$ | 8,538,130,498 | $d 4,183,856,901$ | 2,128,0 | 155,420, | 1,700,112,931 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | -200,310,771 | 6,482,286,075 | 1,703,399,036 | 4,778,887,039 | 41.03 | 116,469,000 |
| Comparative totals: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Feb. 11927. | 8,508,172,654 | d4,177,684,363 | 2,132,574,480 |  | 1,694,320,831 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar. 1 1926- | 8,331,020,801 | d4,192,874,164 | 2,147,780,383 | 154, 188,886 | $1,652,888,335$ | 238,016,560 | 6,285,927,020 | 1,750,117,331 | 4,712,945,440 | ${ }_{41.84}^{40.51}$ | $116,351,000$ |
| Nov. $11920-1$ <br> Apr. 11917 | 8,326,338,267 $5,312,109.272$ | d2,406,801,772 | 696,854,226 | 152,979,026 | 1,206,341,990 | 350,626,530 | 6,616,390,721 | 987,962,989 | 5,628,427,732 | 52.36 | $115,049,000$ $107,491,000$ |
| July $11914-$ | $\stackrel{\text { 8,738,288,871 }}{ } \mathbf{8 , 3 1 2 1 0 2}$ | ${ }_{\text {d1, }}$ | 2, $2,684,807,178,879$ | $152,979,026$ $150,000,000$ |  | 105,219,416 | 5,053,910,830 | 953,320,126 | 4,100,590,704 | 39.54 | 103,716,000 |
| Jan. 11879. | 1,007,084,483 | d212,420,402 | 21,602,640 | 100,000,000 |  |  | ${ }^{3,402,015,427}$ |  | 3,402,015,427 | 34.35 | 99,027,000 |

$a$ Includes United States paper currency in circulation in foreign countries and the amount held by the Cuban ageney of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.
Federal Reserve banks, and Federal Reserve agents.
These bere agents.
gold and sllver and bullion and standard silver dollars, respectively.
money held in trust against ury notes of 1890 should heid money outside of the Treasury to ata the then in the United States, of gold deposited for redimption of for redemption of national bank of Federal Reserve notes, $\$ 14,063,621$ deposited circulation (Act of May 30 1908), postal savings deposits. postal savings deposits.
Atlanta. Note.
Note.-Gold certificates are secured dollar for dollar by gold held in the Treasury silver dollars held in the Treasury for theire recured dollar for dollar by standard silver dollars held in the Treasury for their redemption; United States notes are may also be used for the redemption of Treasury notes of 1890 , whis reserve fund secured dollar for dollar by standard silver dollars held in the Treasury are also Reserve notes are obligations of the United States and a first lien on all Federa of the lssuing Federal Reserve bank. Federal Reserve notes are an the asset. deposit with Federal Reserve agents of a llke amount of gold or of gold and such discounted or purchased paper as is eligible under the terms of the Federal Reserve Act. Federal Reserve banks must maintain a gold reserve of at least $40 \%$, including
the gold redemption fund which must be deposited with the United States Treasurer, against Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation. Lawful money has been deposited with the Treasurer of the United States for retirement of all outstanding Federal Reserve bank notes. National bank notes are secured by United States bonds except where lawful money has been deposited with the Treasurer of the United
States for their retirement. A $5 \%$ fund is also maintained in lawful Treasurer of the United States for the redemption of national bank notes secured by Government bonds.

## French Debt Requirements Covered by Dawes

## Payments.

According to a wireless message from Paris to the "Times" March 13 (copyright) the Paris market considers that up to the present time the Dawes Plan has worked out satisfactorily. The message adds:
The mechanism at present provided and the gradual payments resulting from the agreements in force would permit France, according to estimates in the Paris banking community, to discharge without drawing on its own resources all engagements under the as yet unratiffed agreements with England and the United States concerning debt repayment.
It is pointed out that the French share of Germany's payments has thus far exceeded the amount required to make up the annual installments which would contingently be payable to the British and American Treasuries. This surplus would, under the existing Dawes arrangement, never fall below $480,000,000$ gold marks. It has at times exceeded it.

French Treasury's Growing Strength-Proceeds of Foreign Borrowings Now Used to Reduce Bank's Loans to State.
The following observations are contained in special advices to the "Times" from Paris, March 13:
The Treasury's position continues to improve with each successive week. During the past two months the Treasury has negotiated at the Bank of France the proceeds of foreign borrowings, for which the bank supplied the Treasury with francs by crediting the state's account, thereby reducing its advances to the Treasury. These reductions, therefore, represent in the main borrowings rather than surplus budget receipts.
Such a surplus could not indeed be forthcoming at a period when collection of the direct taxes always brings in reduced receipts. It is even considered likely that budget expenditure is at the moment greater than receipts and year's income taxes are collected. But in view of the reserves held by the

Treasury, this position causes no immediate anxiety. The resources of th been increased and
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## French Bank Buyer of Foreign Exchange-Has to Sell

 Francs to Take Up Foreign Bills-Increased Note Issue.Noting that the Bank of France continues to regulate the exchange market, a wireless message (copyright) to the "Times" from Paris, March 13, stated:
Last week it was confronted with more offers of foreign exchange, which it was obliged to absorb through selling francs. Nevertheless, the rate for francs was not greatly influenced by any tendency of the market and francs moved within narrow limits.
The increase of $301,000,000$ in note circulation shown by the Bank state ment of Thursday attracted no particular comment, being ascribed to belated end-of-the-month bookkeeping entries in the provincial branches. More attention was paid to the continuing reduction in advances from the Bank to the Treasury, which were cut down $200,000,000$ francs during the week and which now aggregate $29,300,000,000$ francs, as compared with $36,000,000,000$ francs at the end of last year

## Dawes Plan Efficacy is Doubted in Berlin-Foreign Tariffs an Obstacle.

A Berlin cablegram March 13 (copyright) is quoted as follows from the "Times":
In the course of the discussion on the ultimate practicability of the Dawes plan revived by Henry Robinson's recent publication of his views, expert judgment here is interesting. Opinions recently published take the ground that developments in Germany's export trade do not promise any speedy settlement of the transfer problem.
The Disconto Bank's monthly report criticizes Parker Gilbert's calculation in his statement of Nov. 30 as to the transferable surplus arising from German exports and payments for services. It declares that foreign protectionism makes it impossible to increase German exports beyond a certain limit. The well-known economist, Dr. Walthour Sulzbach, declares that reparations payments must be effected through a process of industrial adaptation to the needs of the situation, both in Germany and the Allied country concerned; also that as a result of expenditure of energy on such deliveries, the Allies will gain much less than Germany loses.
He predicts that the increased export movement from Germany will end by ruining many individual manufacturers in the Allied countries.

## New Conversion Rate Proposed in Greece-Bill Would

 Change from Metallic to Paper Drachmas on Duty Payments.The following is from the United States Daily of March 11: A bill has been introduced in the Greek Parliament which provides for an increase in the conversion rate of metallic to paper drachmas for the payment of import duties on wheat and flour, and for the establishment of wo qualities of bread, according to a cablegram received by the Department or Commerce from Commercial Attache Gardner inchanounctiens. The full
The conversion rate for wheat is increased from 5 to 8.5 and the conversion rate for flour is increased from 6.25 to 14. This means an increase in the import duty on wheat from 30 paper drachmas to 51 paper drachmas per 100 kilos, and an increase in the import duty on flour from 56.25 paper drachmas to 135 paper drachmas per 100 kilos. Pending the adoption by Parliament, the new rates became effective on March 2 . Shipments
under way or ordered before March 1 will be permitted entry at the former under
rates.
It is reported that the new regulations constitute practically complete exclusion of imported flour, and that there is strong opposition in Greece to the proposed measures.

War Speeches Set Russians to Hoarding-Prices Rise.
The extent of the panic throughout Soviet Russia which followed the recent "war danger campaign" is only now becoming apparent in Moscow and Leningrad, so says a copyright message to the New York "Times" from Riga, March 14, which also has the following to say:
The belligerent speeches delivered in January and February by Rykoff, Voroschiloff, Kalinin, Bulkharin and other leaders so greatly alarmed the masses that they began to hoard foodstuffs, clothing and other things, thus completely neutralizing the efforts to reduce prices.
The authorities issued decree after decree, threatening dire penalties, but prices continued to soar owing to the general scarcity of food products. In many cases the scarcity was quite artificial. This was particularly true of salt, of which Russia has abundant supplies. Nevertheless, a widespread "salt famine" is now officialty action" to ande has issued "emergency ins
"unprecedented demand." "Ekonomitcheskaya Zhizn," organ of the Council of Labor and Defense, states that the demand for salt is due chiefly to the rumors of war, which states that the demand for salt is due caient, to the rumors of war, which
produced extreme tension in the salt market, and owing to the spring thaw produced extreme tension in the sait mar.
Kalinin, Voroshiloff and others now are busy attempting to remove the impression of their own recent utterances. They declare that, although war between Soviet Russia and capitalist countrics is certainly inevitable it will not occur this year, and the masses must continue their daily occupations without fear or excitement while the Soviet Government strengthens the Red Army and auxiliary forces for the coming, though not immediate, armed clash.
G. W. Stephens Quits Saar Commission-Canadian Chairman Resigns Inexplicably, Forcing Vital Problem.
Associated Press advices from Geneva, Switzerland, Feb. 18, stated:
George Washington Stephens of Montreal has resigned the Presidency of the Saar Valley Governing Commission to which post he was appointed last March.
No reason was given for the resignation, which is regarded as bringing a delicate

## Dec. 31 Figures of Chartered Banks of Canada.

The statement of the Chartered Banks for Dec. 311926 shows a slight seasonal diminution in both assets and liabilities, according to the March number of the Monthly Review of the Bank of Nova Scotia, which gives as follows the principal items:


The bank adds:
In comparing the position of the banks in December 1926 with that of December 1925, a slight, but interesting change will be notice in the distribution of their resources. This change is shown in the following
figures, which state the percentage of total assets held under each of the principal headings at both dates:

|  | December 1926 | December 1925. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash, clearings and bank ablanc | 15.6 | 16.7 |
| Securitles-...- | 16.5 5.1 | 19.0 4.7 |
| Caul loans-Abroad | 9.3 | 8.9 |
| Current loans-Canada- | 33.0 9.2 | 31.2 8.2 |

In so far as this change has significance, it indicates that the banks the property diminished their cos devoted to the direct financing of business activities through current loans.

## Japanese Internal Loan.

The following is from the "Wall Street Journal", of last night (March 18):

Japanese Government has issued a new $13,000,000$ yen internal loan, to be known as $5 \%$ loan Mark "Mo," dated March 18, at 86.60 , non-callable for five years and redeemable within 50 years lereater. It is issued for Accounting Act 13. The loan was wholly subscribed by funds in the Government Deposit Bureau.

## Japanese Bank Closed.

A Tokio cablegram March 17 to the "New York News Bureau" from the "Central News" says:
The Watanabe Bank with deposits of $£ 3,700,000$ has closed. The bank's property was affected to a value of $£ 600.000$ by the earthquake. A number of institutions admit that the situation is increasingly delicate. It is believed that the Japanese Government will be forced to re-establish the failed bank.

Forms New Austrian Bank-Harriman Company Reported as Chief Backer of $\$ 4,000,000$ Investment Company.
The following Vienna advices March 11 (copyright) appeared in the New York "Times" of March 12:
The formation of a Central European investment company, backed chiefly by the Harriman Co. of New York, with a capital of $\$ 4,000,000$, is announced to-day.
The aim of the company is chiefly to purchase gilt-edged Austrian and other Continental stocks, make loans and place bonds in the American market. It is understood that the company is especially interested in magnesite properties in Styria.
Smaller stockholders of the company include the Bank of Brussels, the Union of European Industrials and Financiers in Paris and the Discount Bank of Geneva.
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## Report on Bombay Bullion Market Shows Goldi ${ }^{\text {Fand }}$

 Silver Purchased for Hoarding-Absorption of Metal Said to Be in Response to Demand for Social and Ornamental Use.The enormous amount of gold and silver which finds its way each year into India is disclosed in a report on the Bombay bullion market just released by the Department of Commerce, says the "United States Daily" of March 10, which gives the full text of the statement as follows:
During the past five years India has absorbed annually $6,000,000$ ounces of gold and $90,000,000$ ounces of silver, representing respectively 4 and $30 \%$ of the world's annual output of these metals. Estimates place India's present holdings of gold at $125,000,000$ ounces valued at $\$ 2,500,000,000$
while its silver holdings approximate $4,216,000,000$ ounces which at current presele its silver holdings approxim
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Of India's imports of treasure, gold at present about $70 \%$ and silver $30 \%$. About one-fourth of the demand for gold is in the form of sovereigns and other gold coins. The coins are for purely ornamental uses, however, as there is no circulation of gold as currency and no minting of gold. The remainder of the demand is for gold builion-mos gold bars-for hoarding and for conversion into ornaments.

No Demand for Coinage.
In its reserves the Government of India keeps gold coin and gold bullion, the balance at present amounting to more than $5,250,000$ ounces. Because of the great accumulation of silver currency in India, there is no demand for silver for coinage and likewise no demand for the metal as reserves. Accordand ornamental uses.
Gold and silver are consumed in huge quantities in India for hoarding. either as bullion or in the form of ornaments and there is also a large use of the precious metals in the arts. The factors governing the tendency to hoard, are many and varied and are bound up with the whole history and tradition of the people, with the economic and social organization of the country, and with the still primitive financial system. It may therefore be expected that the hoarding habit will continue indefinitely to be the largest factor
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will be slow.
India's supply of gold is obtained chiefly from imports as the domestic production is negligible. Most of the sovereigns bought are obtained in London, while practically all of the bar gold is now purchased in Durban, South Africa. The bulk of the silver also is from London. For a time silver was obtained largely in New York, but the financial advantages commanded by London have resulted in a reversion to the prewar condition when all of the North American silver sold in India was marketed through the British capital.

Bombay Center of Trade.
Bombay is the center of India's bullion trade and one of the great bullion markets of the world, rivaling Shanghai in importance. The Bombay market is a highly developed one, involving banks, brokers, importers, wholesalers and retailers, and it is organized around the Bombay Bullion Exchange, an association of the principal native dealers which regulates the trading in gold and silver. All transactions in gold and silver are cleared in a monthly settlement-a system which lends itself readily to speculation.
There are occasional "corners" and "squeezes" but the former is a difficult There are occasional corners is and squaty wholly successful.

Offering of $\$ 15,000,0007 \%$ Gold Bonds of Republic of Peru-Books Closed-Issue Oversubscribed.
At $961 / 2$ and accrued interest, to yield an average of $7.48 \%$, an issue of $\$ 15,000,000$ Republic of Peru secured $7 \%$ sinking fund gold bonds of 1927 were offered on March 16 by J. \& W. Seligman \& Co., the National City Co., E. H. Rollins \& Sons, Graham, Parsons \& Co., F. J. Lisman \& Co. and Ames, Emerich \& Co., Inc. It was announced shortly after the opening of the subscriptions that the books had been closed and the bonds oversubscribed. A substantial amount of the issue was reserved for sale in Europe, through Seligman Brothers, and the National City Co., London, and through Pierson \& Co., Netherlands Trading Co. and Mendelssohn \& Co., Amsterdam. The proceeds of the loan will be used to the extent of approximately $\$ 3,000,000$ to retire outstanding indebtedness, and the balance for the purchase of machinery and plants for the manufacture of tobacco products and for construction of railroads and irrigation and sewage systems. The offering circular says:
These bonds will be the direct obligation of the Republic and, after the retirement out of the proceeds of this loan of the $\$ 3,000,000$ indebtedness
above mentioned, will be secured by a first lien on the gross revenues of above mentioned, will be secured by a first lien on the gross revenues of the Government tobacco monopoly. These bonds will be the first series of an authorized issue of $£ 5,000,000$ sterling or the equivalent in dollars,
$\$ 24,332,500$, at par of exchange. Bonds of other series may not be issued
to mature prior to these bonds, nor unless the gross tobacco revenues during the three years immediately preceding shall have averaged, and for the year immediately preceding shall have equaled, at least one and one-half The
The bonds will be dated March 11927 and will become due Sept. 1 1959. They will be redeemable on any interest date, in whole or in part, at 105 and accrued interest. A cumulative sinking fund will be provided, calculated to retire all these bonds by maturity through semi-annual drawings at 105 and accrued interest. The issue will be in the form of coupon bearer bonds in interchangeable denominations of $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500$. Principal, premium and interest (March 1 and Sept. 1) will be payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, in New York City at the office of J. \& W. Seligman \& Co., fiscal agents, free from any Peruvian taxes present or future. The Central Union Trust Co. of New York is trustee. According to M. G. Masias, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Peru, the revenues pledged to secure these bonds averaged annually for the three years from 1924 to 1926 , inclusive, $£ \mathrm{P} 1,077,957$, equivalent to $\$ 4,279,490$ at the average rate of exchange prevailing during the period ( $\$ 3.97$ per Peruvian pound). This sum, it is stated, is more than $31 / 2$ times the annual interest and sinking fund requirements on these bonds. Interim receipts or temporary bonds will be deliverable in the first instance. Application will be made to list the bonds on the New York Stock Exohange.

## Peruvian Loan at Amsterdam.

An Amsterdam cablegram, March 18, to the New York News Bureau from the Central News, stated: "Issue is being made here of $\$ 1,500,0007 \%$ debentures of the Republic of Perr," forming part of a total of $\$ 15,000,000$.

## Offering of $\$ 6,000,0007 \%$ Sinking Fund Gold Bonds of State of Pernambuco (U. S. of Brazil) Books Closed-Issue Oversubscribed.

An issue of $\$ 6,000,000$ State of Pernambuco (United States of Brazil) 7\% external secured sinking fund gold bonds was offered on March 16 by White, Weld \& Co. and the First National Corporation of Boston at $973 / \nmid$ and accrued interest, yielding over $7.20 \%$. The oversubscription of the bonds and the closing of the books was announced early in the day. The financing, it is stated, represents the first in behalf of Pernambuco in this country. The proceeds of the loan are to be applied chiefly to the construction and equipment of wharves, docks, warehouses and other works in the Port of Pernambuco, and to the payment of certain debts of the State already contracted for this purpose. The bonds, which are part of a total authorized issue of $\$ 8,000$,000, will be dated March 11927 and will mature March 1 1947. They will not be redeemable before March 11932 except for sinking fund. They will be redeemable as a whole on March 1 1932, or any interest date thereafter at $100 \%$ and interest upon 60 days' notice. The sinking fund, operating semi-annually, is calculated to retire the entire issue by maturity through purchase up to 100 and interest or redemption by lot at that price. The bonds, coupon, in denominations of $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500$, will be registerable as to principal. Principal and interest (Mar. 1 and Sept. 1) will be payable at the office of White, Weld \& Co., New York, paying agents, in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for any Brazilian national, State or local taxes, present or future. Information from Dr. Estacio Coimbra, Governor of the State, and other sources, regarding the security, etc., states:

## Security.

These bonds will be the direct obligation of the State of Pernambuco and will be specifically secured by (a) first lien and charge on the payment by the Federal Government of Brazil to the State in respect of a $2 \%$ gold tax on imports through the Port of Pernambuco; (b) first lien and charge on the net revenues of the Port; and (c) lien and charge on the export taxes The State subject only to an existing charge of $\$ 291,996$ per annum.
The average annual yield of the pledged revenues for the five years ended Dec. 31 1926, after deducting the existing charge on export taxes, amounts to $\$ 1,988,402$, equivalent to over $31 / 2$ times the annual service of 562,000 for the remaining $\$ 2,000,000$ authorized amount of bonds, the amount of the

## Additional Security.

The Port of Pernambuco is the property of the Federal Government and is operated by the State under concession from the Federal Government which runs to Dec. 31 1934. Negotiations are now proceeding for an extension of this concession. The State covenants that if such extension be Federal Government or the net revenues of the Port, this loan shall there upon have a first lien on the revenues of the State derived from the excise
and property taxes, in addition to the lien on the export taxes. The substitution of these revenues, which must remain available for such pledge a $\$ 1,988,402$ to $\$ 2,170,749$. $\$ 1,988,402$ to $\$ 2,170,749$

Finances of the State.
Revenues of the State in 1926 amounted to $\$ 4,480,600$, expenditures, $\$ 4,006,440$. Revenues have increased by more than $50 \%$ since 1921 and in the five-year period ending Dec. 311926 total revenues exceeded expenditures. The surplus has been employed largely in productive enterprises. The total debt of the State at Dec. 311926 amounted to $\$ 13,980,274$, of which $\$ 8,590,339$ was external debt. The State formally declares that it has at all times regularly met the service on its external debt, which now consists of two $5 \%$ loans of 1905 and 1909.
A law of the Federal Government, passed in December 1926, provides
for the establishment of Brazilian currency for the establishment of Brazilian currency on a gold basis, the milreis to have a value of about $\$ 0.1197$ gold.
Conversions into dollars from Brazilian currency have been made at the rate of 12 cents to the milreis, which is approximately the current rate of exchange.

Application will be made to list the bonds on the New York Stock Exchange. It is expected that delivery will be made in the form of interim receipts or temporary bonds about March 24.

## Ten Million-Dollar Loan for the Sudan Reported.

The Sudan Government is reported to have closed negotiations for a loan of two million Egyptian pounds, mately $\$ 10,000,000$, the proceeds to be used principally for railway extension, according to a report to the Department of Commerce from Commercial Attache J. F. Hodgson, Cairo, Egypt. It is added:
The loan in question will be guaranteed by the British Government according to the reports.
The first railroad to be financed from the proceeds of the loan will be one from Kassala to Gedaref. This line is already under construction. Other lines which are being considered are an extension of the railroad from Gedaref to Makwar, and also a line fromRahad to Kadugli.
A part of the proceeds will also, it is said, be used for a considerable extension of the port facilities at Port Sudan.

## Dr. Winkler of Moody's Urges Caution on Foreign Loans.

Dr. Max Winkler, Vice-President of Moody's Investors' Service, in a statement this week urged caution in the seleetion of foreign loans. He says:
Any one who has followed closely the various foreign offerings in this country within recent months could not help noticing the steady decline in the quality of such new loans. The overabundance of funds, together with the difficulty of finding the most profitable employment therefor at home. has greatly contributed to the pronounced demand for and the ready absorption of large foreign issues irrespective of their quality. The situation reminds one a great deal of conditions obtaining in England during the latter half of the Nineteenth Century, when enormous sums of money were lost in the acquisition of many new but unsound foreign investments.
The days of high interest rates are still fresh in the memory of our investing public. In consequence, they crave for high rates of interest and unreasonable pronts on the investment of their capital, and these cravings are, as is to be expected, being taken advantage of by dishonest contrivances of promoters. England has learned her lesson. It is still time to guard against losses incurred by the British, the Dutch, the French and the Swiss nvestor.
While high yield on a foreign bond does not necessarily indicate inferior quality, great care must be exercised in the selection of foreign bonds, especially to-day, when anything foreign seems to find a ready market. It is not too late yet. Foreign issues in default held by Americans are still few and far between
Promiscuous buying, however, is destined to prove disastrous. England had been advancing money to any one who wished to borrow for twenty years before a series of important defaults occurred. It took German finanI do not wish to foreign loans sold in this market will begin before the gil on some of the issues to our investing public on the bis the risk are neur by returns is unsound economically, as it is to be condemned on ethical grounds.

Offering of $\$ 100,00041 / 2 \%$ Farm Loan Bonds of First Joint Stock Land Bank of Fort Wayne.
The Fletcher Savings \& Trust Co. of Indianapolis announced on March 1 an offering of $\$ 100,00041 / 2 \%$ farm loan bonds of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Fort Wayne, Ind., at 102, yielding about $4.25 \%$. The bonds (in denomination of $\$ 1,000$ ) are dated Nov. 11926 and will become due Nov. 1 1956. They are callable Nov. 1 1936, or at any interest date thereafter at par.

The bonds are issued by and are the obligations of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Fort Wayne, which is chartered under the provisions of the Federal Farm Loan Act. The capital stock of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Fort Wayne, amounting to $\$ 400,000$, is owned, with the exception of the directors' shares, by the Tri-State Loan \& Trust Co. of Fort Wayne. While this bank's charter permits it to operate in the two States of Indiana and Ohio, its policy has been to make loans in the northeastern part of Indiana and the northwestern counties of Ohio adjoining the Indiana-Ohio State line. The following information is
taken from the Dec. 311926 statement of condition of the

Speyer \& Co. announce that the definitive bonds of the State of San Paulo $7 \%$ secured sinking fund gold bonds external water works loan of 1926 are now ready for delivery at their office, 24 and 26 Pine St., New York City, in exchange for, and upon surrender of, their interim receipts.

## Portions of Czecho-Slovakian Bonds Called

 for RedemptionKuhn, Loeb \& Co., the National City Bank and Kidder, Peabody \& Co. have issued a notice to holders of Czechoslovak State Loan of $19228 \%$ secured external sinking fund gold bonds that certain bonds of the first portion of this loan and also of the series B issue have been drawn for redemption for the sinking funds on April 1 1927, at their principal amount. Such drawn bonds will cease to bear interest from the redemption date. The called bonds will be paid upon presentation and surrender at the offices of Kuhn, Loeb \& Co., Kidder, Peabody \& Co., or the National City Bank

## Republic of Peru Sanitation Loan, Series of 1926,

 Ready for Delivery.Guaranty Trust Co. of New York is prepared to deliver at its trust department Republic of Peru external sinking fund secured $8 \%$ gold bonds (Sanitation Loan, series of 1926), due Oct. 1 1944, against the receipt of the temporary bonds.

## Definitive Gold Bonds of Republic of Chile Ready for Delivery.

Kissel, Kinnicutt \& Co. and Hallgarten \& Co., as fiscal agents, announced March 14 that definitive bonds of the Republic of Chile $6 \%$ external sinking fund gold bonds would be ready for delivery on and after March 15 at the National Bank of Commerce in New York, upon surrender of the interim receipts.

## Members of Faculty of Princeton University Favor War Debt Revision-President Hibben Disputes Arguments of Secretary Mellon.

Members of the Faculty of Princeton University have indicated their indorsement of the desire, expressed by the Faculty of Political Science of Columbia University, for a reconsideration of the settlement of the Allied Debt. The declarations of the Princeton Faculty made public March 11, prompted the issuance of a statement on March 16 by Secretary Mellon taking exception to the contentions of the Faculties of the two Universities, in which he asserts that neither "saw fit to make a thorough and first hand investigation of data available at the Treasury or sought by personal interview to ascertain the views of the American officials who negotiated the settlements." Secretary Mellon (whose statement is given elsewhere in these columns to-day) also declares that the reopening of all of the settlements would, in my judgment, be a step backward and not forward and one calculated to produce discord and confusion rather than to contribute to the economic stability and orderly betterment of world prosperity." A statement in answer to Secretary Mellon was issued on March 16 by Dr. John Grier Hibben, President of Princeton University, and in this it is announced that the statement coming from the Faculty "was based upon the general information which the State Department has made public for the benefit of the American people." President Hibben, also says, "Mr. Mellon's argument that the burden of paying all debts owed to the United States is not a grievous one because it can be paid with amounts received each year from German reparations is not in keeping with the statement of policy made by the Debt Commission." We give herewith Dr. Hibben's statement made in reply to that of Secretary Mellon:
After consultation with several of my colleagues, I wish to make the following comment upon the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury addressed to me of the date of March 151927 and appearing in the press of to-day.
ment, because it brings the question of foreign debts more forcibly to ment, because it brings the question of foreign debts more forcibly to
the thoughtful consideration of the American people.

The statement coming from 116 members of the Princeton Faculty was based upon the general information which the State Department had made public for the benefit of the American people, and it had not occurred that had not been forthcoming. We felt there was no impropriety, as American citizens, in making a statement of conviction even though it ran contrary to a decision. In the history of the American people an enlightened public opinion has often served to change even the vote of Congress.
Mr. Mellon's argument that the burden of paying all debts owed to the United states is not a grievous one because it can be paid with amounts received each year from German reparations is not in keeping with the statement of policy made by the Debt Commission as reported as follows in the New York "Times" of Sept. 30 1925:
"The American Commission has insisted and still remains firm in the decision that the payment of German reparations to France cannot be linked directly with the debt funding agreement, it being held that the
German reparations payments and the French wartime debt to the United German reparations payments
States are separate problems.
Moreover, the request of France that America should take a position tion of payments due in the event that the Gererence to the modificadiminish in amount or fail was refused by our Debt Commission. This proposal was called the "safeguard clause" and was eliminated from the debt settlement question between France and the United States at our insisience. Mr. Mellon's argument, therefore, in this respect has validity only so far as it assumes that Germany will continue to pay the regular amounts of reparation through a period of 60 years. This is an assumption of dubious justification.
According to Mr. Mellon, we in the United States are to get the benefit of the reparations coming from Germany through our Allied debtors and designed originally to repair damages of the war. The nations which suffered cannot use the reparations for the repair of their own destroyed property but must pass it on immediately to their Ally in the war, the United States.
There is no doubt that Mr. Mellon is quite correct that these debts were not contributions of the United States to their allies, but were vertibale business transactions, and yet we cannot overiook the fact that they were made fronted with the serious uncertainty concerning the outcome of the conflit nd in the efforts to realize the common objective there was certanly, common cause. The post-war loans to the Allies were made for common cause as truly as the loans which were used in providing powder, shot and shell and the general equipment of war.
According to the "Times," President Hibben added that an article by Professor Taussig of Harvard in the last number of the "Atlantic Monthly," dealt with the whole question of foreign debts in a masterly and convincing manner. The "Times" dispatch from Princeton March 17 also carried the following:
The "Daily Princetonian" this morning carried the first half of the letter written to President Hibben by Secretary Mellon and also an editorial, which takes issue with Mr. Mellon. The editorial in part reads:
"Secretary Mellon explains the method by which funds were lent to our Allies by substituting our credit for theirs through the issuance of Liberty bonds equated with foreign bonds of the same rates of interest and the resulting from the sale of the Liberty bonds. Looking at the substance rather than the form of the transaction, he declares that the operation was the same as if foreign bonds had been sold to American citizens, in which latter case there could have been no possible question of debt cancellation.

Says We Do Not Need the Money.
The Secretary, in following this line of reasoning, is looking at the substance of a situation a decade old. In spite of the dependence of the Liberty bonds on the foreign issues which he implies, our budget balanced for several years after the war without any debt payments to speak of, while provision was still made for the gradual redemption of Liberty bonds. itize transaction once in face consisted of individual loans by American cant of the country and they are in a position to bear it.
"The fact is that we do not need the money and we are paying for it a price of extortion and ill-will so great that no extraordinary psychic power is necessary to foresee the possibility of another war, which would cost us every penny that we have been able to squeeze and then five times or so as much again. There is an old adage that runs, 'Penny wise, pound foolish,' which seems much to the point."
The announcement regarding the stand taken by the Faculty of Princeton in the matter of Allied debts, was made as follows by President Hibben on March 10:
The signatures of 116 members of the Princeton Faculty constitute one more indication, in a lengthening series, that the enlightened opinion of the country calls for a revision of the debt settlements with our former Allies. However well intentioned may have been the motives of our representatives who approved the terms of these settlements, and however lenient these terms may be represented to be by those who wish to insist on our generosity, there is a growing recognition that the settlements so far our debtors not meet the actual situation. Even granting the capacity of do not desire to impose tremendous, wurdens of openly questioned, We generations on friendly countries who are strug taxalon the next bwo at the very time when we are whore Government's oblication to its citizen bondhold the real issue, which does not concern the relation of the Government to the people, but our national policy toward certain other States. To divorce the financial provisions of the loans from the moral situation in which they were asked for and given is to invent an unreal economic abstraction. Against the contention that this question should not be raised until all our debtors have come to book there is a rejoinder ready that it would be wiser to adopt a policy which would facilitate agreements with the remaining parties and then revise previous settlements. Finally there is good reason to believe that in economics as well as in morals, altruism is indistinguishable from true self-interest.

JOHN GRIER HIBBEN.
Statement Signed by Faculty.
We, the undersigned, members of the Faculty of Princeton University, heartily endorse the desire, expressed by the Faculty of Political Science of Columbia University, for a reconsideration of the settlement of the Allied debts.


In its advices from Princeton on March 17 it was noted in the "Times" that:
Although the resolution signed by members of the Princeton faculty included several names of members of the Department of Economics, among them Frank H. Dixon, head of the Department, and Frank Graham, who accompanied Edwin W. Kemmerer, Princeton "money doctor," on his investigation of the finances of Poland last summer, it is considered significant by some that certain prominent names do not appear among the signatures.
Among those who did not sign Princeton's resolution are Professors Kemmerer, Philip Marshall Brown, Professor of International Law, and Edward S. Corwin, Professor of Jurisprudence.

The views of the faculty of Columbia University were reported in our issue of Dec. 25, page 1926.

## Secretary Mellon Answers Contentions of Princeton and Columbia Faculty on War Debt RevisionReopening of Issue, Says Secretary, Would Be Step Backward.

In a communication addressed to President John Grier Hibben of Princeton University, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon answers the contentions of the faculty of Columbia University and of Princeton University for reconsideration of the Allied war debt settlements. Secretary Mellon refers to the fact that "the adoption of the Dawes plan, the ratification of the various agreements between governments providing for payment of this vast unfunded obligation, have, in the course of the last few years, contributed mightily to the progress that has been accomplished," and he adds, "reopening all of the settlements would, in my judgment, be a step backward and not forward and one calculated to produce discord and confusion rather than to contribute to the economic stability and orderly betterment of world prosperity."
Secretary Mellon expresses his surprise that "before giving the public the benefits of their conclusions neither the gentlemen of the faculty of Columbia University nor those of the faculty of Princeton University saw fit to make a thorough and first-hand investigation of data available at the Treasury or sought by personal interview to ascertain the views of the American officials who negotiated the settlements." The Secretary makes it plain that "the record indicates beyond dispute that these were loans and not contributions, and though not in form, in actual effect loans from individual American citizens rather than contributions from the Treasury of the United States." In calling attention to a fact bearing on our participation in the war, and which he says is "apparently overlooked" by the faculty Secretary Mellon states:

We purchased supplies and services from France and the British Empire by hundreds of millions. They had to be paid for in francs and in pounds We did not get those francs and pounds on credinstances. In other words, we paid cash for the goods and services necessary to enable us to mate our joint contribution to the common cause. Our associates got the goods
and services purchased in this country necessaryito enable? them to make that part of their joint contribution on credit. Here is the fundamental reason which explains why we ended the war with every one owing us and our owing no one. We are now urged to cancel these debts because it is alleged that they were incurred in a common cause, but neither abroad nor in this country has it been suggested that if this is to be done we are to be reimbursed the dollars actually expended by us in France and Great Britain so that the goods and services they sold us might constitute their contribution to the common cause.
In this connection, one other fact may well be called to your attention. Among the purposes for which we made dollar advances was that of maintaining the franc and the pound at somewhere near their normal values. In other words, we loaned our associates the dollars with which to purchase bills on London and Paris and so permit them to peg the exchange. When we were obliged to purchase francs and sterling for our own uses in the Paris
and London markets, we did so at the artificial prices maintained by the and London markets, we did so at th
use of the very funds we had loaned.
Secretary Mellon also alludes to the criticism by the Columbia Professors of the formula "capacity to pay" and says "it is obvious that in the settlement of these huge debts, the burden of which must be borne either by foreign taxpayers or by our own, it was essential that the negotiations must be based on some guiding principle if justice was to be done between all parties." He further notes that "all of our principal debtors are already receiving from Germany more than enough to pay their debts to the United States; and France and Italy, with the exception of this year in the case of the latter, are receiving from the same source more than enough to pay their debts to Great Britain also."
It must be obvious says Secretary Mellon "that if the amounts to be paid by all our debtors are to be reduced and a corresponding reduction is to be made in the amount of reparations to be paid by Germany, the net effect of this change will be to transfer the burden of reparation payments from the shoulders of the German taxpayer to those of the American taxpayer." Secretary Mellon concludes with the statement "the outstanding fact is that these debts have been settled. A fair trial can now be had, not on theory, but in practice, and a reopening of the whole question at the present time would do more to interrupt the steady progress achieved since settlement than might be gained from any ultimate minor adjustments that can be effected.'
The proposals of the Columbia Professors for a review of the war debt payments with a view to readjustment were referred to in our issue of Dec. 25 (page 3253). The declarations of the Faculty of Princeton are noted in another item in this issue. Below is the letter in full which Secretary Mellon has addressed to President Hibben of Princeton: TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Washington, D. C., March 151927
My Dear President Hibben: Your statement and that signed by 116 members of the Princeton University Faculty endorsing the statement issued by the Faculty of Political Science at Columbia and urging the reconsideration and revison or the my attention.
associates in the war have come to
I recognize, of course, the propriety of a frank expression of opinion on important public questions on the part of those in responsible positions. but I am somewhat surprised that before giving the public the benefits of their conclusions neither the gentlemen of the Faculty of Columbia University nor those of the Faculty of Princeton University saw fit to make a thorough and first-hand investigation of data available at the Treasury or sought by personal interview to ascertain the views of the American officials who negotiated the settlements.
The training of these gentlemen, their standing as economists, historians and teachers of government, would have led me to belleve that they would have conceived it to be their first duty to present a dispassionate analysis of the facts based on original study rather than to submit their conclusions unsupported by facts.
Moreover, it would not have been amiss for you and your associates to have taken into consideration that one of these agreements has not been ratified and that the inevitable effect of such a pronouncement would be to encourage and strengthen the opposition in foreign countries to such a ratification, an encouragement entirely unwarranted by the circumstances, in view of the fact that the American people, expressing themselves through their chosen representatives in the House of Representatives, have approved of this agreement, and that the debate, when the measure was before the House for consideration, indicated that an overwhelming majority of the Representatives were opposed to more lenient terms.

It is highly probable that such expressions of opinion, far from making the adjustment of these outstanding obligations easier, will simply increase the difficulties of obtaining a better understanding and a ratification of
the agreement.

Reopening of Settlements a Step Backward.
In this connection I cannot refrain from pointing out, in answer to the plea urging the reopening of all debt settlements, that it is not so long since all of our soundest economists claimed, and righly claimed, that the one prerequisite to the restoration of economic prosperity in the world was an early settlement of these debts between Governments.
The adoption of the Dawes Plan, the ratification of the various agree ments between Governments providing for payment of this vast unfunded obligation have, in the course of the last few years, contributed mightily to the progress that has been accomplished. Reopening all of the settle ments would, in my judgment, be a step backward and not forward, and one calculated to produce discord and confusion rather than to contribute to the economic stability and orderly betterment of world prosperity.
In your statement you say that to divorce the financial provisions of the loans from the moral situation in which they were asked for and given to endorse the unreal econome abocthac olumbis 1 take you mean advances to our associates were not at the time they were made regarded as business transactions, but rather as joint contributions to a common cause.

Records Indicate Moneys Advanced Were Loans, and not Contributions. Admitting, of course, that the Congressional debates indicate clearly that the Congress was quite wiling to loan this money, even on the as-
sumption that there was a considerable element of risk in so far as ultimate sumption that there was a considerable element of risk in so far as ultimate recovery was concerned, nevertheless tributions, and, though not in form,
that these were loans and not contren that these were loans and not contributions, a citizens rather than con, in actual effect loans from individual American cl
tributions from the Treasury of the United States.
The Act providing for these loans authorized the United States Government to sell Liberty bonds to its own people, and to invest the proceeds of these bonds in the bonds of these foreign Governments, the latter bonds to bear the same interest as the Liberty bonds sold and to have the same maturities. What we allowed our associates to do, in effect, was to borrow as ours to borrow on the credit of the United States rather than on their own. Looking at the substance rather than the form of the transaction, the situation was no different than if they had actually sold their own bonds in the American market and our Government had endorsed them. Had this course been followed would any one contend that the sums advanced expected to be repaid?
As a corollary to this first proposition it is urged that if these advances were not to be considered contributions as an original measure they ought now to be so considered because our associates were not fighting their to put many troops into line. I am not going to attempt a discussion of the military contribution made by the United States to the winning of the war, other than to remark that when the crucial period was reached in the spring and summer of 1928 our troops were there.
I recognize that there is merit in the contention that the associated Goyernments might well have joined in pooling their resources in a common cause and that even now an argument can be made in favor of writing
off debts incurred after our entry into the war to the extent that they off debts incurred after our entry into the war to the extent that they
were incurred for contributions to a common cause, but, and this is an were incurred for contributions to a common cause, but, and this is an
all-important reservation, there is merit to such an argument only if the proposed adjustment is to be a mutual one and is to be applied on a strictly equal basis. This factor, however, is one that seems to have been completely overlooked by the faculties of Columbia and Princeton universities and by other adv
Early in the war, in order to minimize the dislocation of exchanges and for sound economic reasons the general principle was established that and for sond services purchased by one ally in the country of another ally goods and services purchased by
should be financed by the latter.
That is to say, that if France purchased supplies and services in England the British Government would furnish the pounds with which to buy them and, vice versa, when Great Britain bought goods and services in France the French Government would undertake to furnish the francs. As to whether in the latter case the franes were furnished on credit or for cash I do not know, but in the former case the pounds were furnished on credit. When we came into the war we readily agreed to apply this sound principle to our transactions with our associates. That is to say, we agreed to furnish them the dollars with which all their purchases in the United States should be consummated and, what is more, we agreed to lend them those dollars. This was the origin of these debts. But here is the fact that is not mentioned and which you gentlemen have apparently overlooked.

Supplies Purchased from France and Great Britain for Cash.
We purchased supplies and services from France' and the British Empire by hundreds of millions. They had to be paid for in francs and in pounds. We did not get those francs and pounds on credit-we paid cash for them, except possibly in a few comparatively minor instances. In other words, we paid cash for the goods and services necessary to enable us to make our joint contribution to the common cause. Our associates got the goods and services purchased in this country necessary to enable them to make that part of their joint contribution on credit. Here is the fundamental reason which explains why we ended the war with every one owing us and our owing no one.
We are now urged to cancel these debts because it is alleged that they were incurred in a common cause, but neither abroad nor in this country has it been suggested that if this is to be done we are to be reimbursed the dollarsactually expend us misht rance and Great Britain so that the goods and service

Dollar Advances to Peg Franc and Pound.
In this connection, one other fact may well be called to your attention. Among the purposes for which we made dollar advances was that of maintaining the franc and the pound at somewhere near their normal values. In other words, we loaned our associates the dollars with which to purchase bills on London and Paris and so permit them to peg the exchanges.
When we were obliged to purchase francs and sterling for our own uses in the Paris and London funds we had loaned. by the use of the very funds we had loaned.
1 have no desire to emphasize this point. I mention it, together with the situation above described, as factors which had to be considreed by those charged with the responsibility of negptiating the settlements on behalf of the American Government, and which, with other important ones,故 been gladly afforded them to ascertain all of the facts.

> Present Value of Debt Settlements at 5\%.

Before leaving the question of the purposes for which the debts were curred, may I remind you that I have already had occasion to point out that the present value or these debt setiements at $5 \%$, a rate less than most of the debtor nations now have to pay for money, is, except in the case of Great Britain, either less than or approximately the same as the amounts brrowed after the Armistice?
France's after-war indebtedness with interest amounts to $\$ 1,655,000,000$; the Mellon-Berenger settlement has a present value of $\$ 1,680,000,000$. Belgium's post-Armistice borrowings with interest were $\$ 258,000,000$, and the present value of the settlement is $\$ 192,000$. The post-Armistice indebtedness of Italy with interest is $\$ 800,000.000$ and the present value of its debt settlement is $\$ 426,000,000$
The principal of Serbia's post-armistice indebtedness aggregates $\$ 16$.175,000 and the present value of its debt settlement is $\$ 15,919,000$. The Hungary, Austria and Rumania were all made after the Armistice.

## Capacity to Pay Formula Just

The Columbia professors criticized capacity to pay as a formula difficult, f not impossible, of just application, a criticism, I understand you endorse. But no other formula is suggested. It is obvious that in the settlement of these huge debts, the burden of which must be borne either by foreign taxpayers or by our own, it was essential that the negotiations must be
based on some guiding principle if justice was to be done between all parties; that is
Frankly, I know of no fairer formula than that of capacity to pay gener ously applied. To ask a debtor nation to pay substantially loss than it able to without undue burden on its people is to do an injustice to our taxpavers; while to ask a foreign debtor to pay more than its capacity is to be guilty of an act of injustice such as I can assure you cannot be charged against us
Apparently you would have all debtors treated on an equality. Does this mean that the Italian settlement should be raised to a point where it wil correspond to the British which, of course, would impose a burden impossible of performance by Italy, or do you propose that the British be reduced to $50 \%$ and the Italian raised to $50 \%$, which would make an easy settlement for Great Britain and a still impossible settlement for Italy
Or do you propose that the British settlement shall be brought down to the Italian $26 \%$, thus imposing no real burden on England at all. You say that "we do not desire to impose tremendous burdens of taxation is an arcur to pay without inflicting such a sacrifice as would cause a lowering of its standard of living, only incidental consideration was given to thereparation payments to be received by the debtor countries from Germany.
Debtors Receiving from Germany More Than Enough to Pay Debts to
Now, the fact is that all of our principal debtors are already receiving and France and Italy, with the exception of this year in the case of the atter, are receiving from the same source more than enough to pay their debts to Great Britain also
France, in the year 1926-1927, will receive from Germany approximately $\$ 176,000,000$. Under the agreements with Great Britain and with the United States, France will pay $\$ 30,000,000$ to us and some $\$ 71,000,000$ to Great Britain, leaving to France a balance of $\$ 75,000,000$. In 1927-1928, that balance will grow to $\$ 108,000,000$. In 1928-1929, in spite of the fact that the payment to Great Britain rises to $\$ 85,000,000$, the balance available to France will amount that year to $\$ 186,000,000$; and, in 1930, after meeting her obligations to the United States and to Great B
balance from reparation payments of $\$ 237,000,000$.
balance from reparation payments of $\$ 237,000,000$.
Italy is paying us this year $\$ 5,000,000$ and to Great Britain $\$ 19,000,000$. They will receive from Germany $\$ 22,000,000$, which is just $\$ 2.000,000$ less than is necessary to meet their obligations to Great Britain and the United States. But, in 1929, German reparations will have risen to
$\$ 45,000,000$, leaving to Italy a balance, after her payments as debtor $\$ 45,000,000$, leaving to Italy a balance, after her payments as debtor,
of $\$ 21,000,000$. And even in 1936, when her payments to us will amount of $\$ 216000000$. And to two amounts will still fall short by $\$ 15,000,000$ of the sum received from Germany.
Germany. this year will receive from Germany $\$ 16,000,000$ more than she will pay to other countries; in 1927-28, $\$ 18,000,000$ more; in 1929-30 $\$ 27,000,000$ more
Yugoslavia will receive this year $\$ 11,000,000$ more than they will have to pay, and next year $\$ 13.000,000$ more
All of the other Powers that owe us money will, in the aggregate, receive this year $\$ 3,000,000$ less than they have to
be receiving $\$ 3,000,000$ more than they have to pay. Great Britain will receive from France approximately $\$ 71.000 .000$ this year; from Italy approxmiately $\$ 19,000,000$, from Germany approximately $\$ 72,000,000$, and will pay us $\$ 160,000,000$, or in other words, Great priys us.
Next year Great Britain will receive from France $\$ 69,000,000$; from Italy $\$ 19,000,000$; from Germany $\$ 87,000,000$, or a total of $\$ 175,000,000$ Great Britain will pay us $\$ 160,000,000$, leaving a balance of $\$ 15,000,000$.
In 1928-29 Great Britain will receive from France \$85,000,000; from Italy $\$ 19,000,000$; from Germany $\$ 127,000,000$, or a total of $\$ 231,000,000$ Great Britain will pay us $\$ 161,000,000$, making a credit balance of $\$ 70,000,000$.
It is true that in the past two years Great Britain has received from Germany, France and Italy about $\$ 100,000,000$ less than she has paid to the United States, but it is equally true that from this year on, Great Britain, very year will receive from her debtors a substantial amoun more than she will pay to us, so that her American payments will not constitute a drain upon her own economic resources.

It is true that Great Britain has agreed not to accept more from her debtors than the sums which, when added to reparation payments, will equal those which she pays the United Stas. into consideration, it is obvious that your statement that the debt agreements wo the the next us , but will be more than met by the payments to be exacted from Germany

## Reduction in Payments Would Place Burden on American Taxpayer

It must also be obvious that if the amounts to be paid by all our debtors are to be reduced and a corresponding reduction is to be made in the amount of reparations to be paid by Germany, the net effect of this change will be to transfer the burden of reparation payments from the shoulders of the German taxpayer to those of the American taxpayer.

European Attitude Toward United States.
Finally, the joint Faculties of Columbia and Princeton urge the American people to reconsider the debt schemes with Allied countries "because of growing odium with which this country is coming to be regarded by our European associates." I doubt whether European nations dislike us as much as some people tell us they do.
But I know this, that if they do, the cancellation of that part of their dislike into affection. Neither in cancelled will not of itself change their private life is affection Neither in international relations any more than in and reading of history load me to conclude that a nation is hardly likely to deserve and maintain the resp the sacrificing its own just deserve
claims.
No one can insure the future; but given normal conditions, it is believed a true balance has been held between the duty of the Debt Commission to the American taxpayer and fairness toward those nations to which was extended aid during and after the war. The debts have not been cancelled, but excessive demands have not been made.
Certainly, the debt settlements cannot become too heavy a load in the next few years. In the future, with peace and the development of trade internally and externally, it is not too much to expect that this will be equally true of the later years also.
The outstanding fact is that these debts have been settled. A fair trial can now be had, not on theory, but in practice, and a reopening of the
whole question at the present time would do more to interrupt the steady progress achieved since settlement than might be gained from any ulti mate minor adjustments that can be effected.

Very sincerely yours,
Dr. John Grier Hibben, President, Princeton University, Prin

## Text of Accord with Turkey Signed at Angora-Treaty

 Relations and Exchange of Ministers Provided for. The notes by which Rear-Admiral Mark L. Bristol, American High Commissioner at Constantinople, reached an agreement for resumption of diplomatic and consular relations between the United States and Turkey were made public by the State Department March 14. The new accord was made necessary by the failure of the United States Senate to ratify the Lausanne Treaty. The first of Admiral Bristol's notes to Tewfik Rushdi Bey is as follows:Angora, Feb. 171927.
Excellency:- I have the honor to make the following statement of the agreement which has resulted from the conversations that have been held in Angora on behalf of the Government of the United States and the Govthe United States and Turkey:

1. The United States of America and Turkey are agreed to establish between themselves diplomatic and consular relations based upon the orinciples of international law and to proceed to the appointment of Ambassadors as soon as possible. They are further agreed that diplomatic and consular representatives shall enjoy on the basis of reciprocity in the 2. (a) The United States of America and Turbey international law. n conformity with the principles of international law and on regulate, complete reciprocity, the commercial and consular relations as well as the conditions of establishment and residence of their nationals in the territories of the one and the other respectively, by treaties or special conventions.
(b) In the event the Turkish-American Treaty signed at Lausanne Aug. 61923 is ratified by the United States and Turkey on or before June 1 1928, the stipulations set forth in that treaty, together with its annexes, shall be considered as meeting the requirements specified in sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph as regards the regularization of commercial, consular and establishment and residence relations, it being understood that in the event the Turkish-American Treaty is ratified on or before June 11928 , Article 31 thereof shall be modified at the time of its ratification, in the following sense: The articles of the said treaty which have a temporary character shall expire on the same date as the corresponding provisions of the treaties and conventions signed by Turkey and the Allies at Lausanne July 241923.
(c) The United States of America and Turkey are agreed that the treaty of extradition signed at Lausanne Aug. 61923 shall at a time mutually convenient to them be submitted to the competent authority of their respective Governments for ratification. Further, the negotiations for a naturalization convention shall be undertaken within six months after the coming into effect of the consular convention and the establishment and residence conventions referred to in sub-paragraph (a) of the present parain sub-parasraph (b) in sub-paragraph (b).
of the questions of claims shall be dealt with in accordance with the terms of the notes exchanged between the Turkish and American Governments at Constantinople on Dec. 24 1923, it being understood, however, that the
provisions of those notes will come into force six months after the exchange of ratifications of the commecrial convention and the convention exchange lishment and residence referred to in sub-paragraph (a) in the event that the Turkish-American Treaty mentioned in sub-paragraph $(b)$ is not ratified 3. Pending the coming into effect of the consular canvention and the convention of establishment and residence referred to in sub-paragraph (he of paragraph 2, or the coming into effect of the Turkish-American Treaty mentioned in sub-paragraph (b), the principles enumerated in para rraphs and 2 of this note, together with the essential provisions of the TurkishAmerican Treaty signed at Lausanne Aug. 6 1923, and its annexes, shall constitute the basis for the treatment which, on condition of reciprocity shall be accorded nationals of Turkey in the territory of the United States and nationals of the United States in the territory of Turkey.
shall breate signature Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

ARK L-BRISTOI.
The second note to the Turkish Foreign Minister reads: Angora, Feb. 171927.
Excellency:-I have the honor to make the following statement of the agreement which has resulted from the conversations that have been held at Angora on behalf of the Government of the United States and the Govhall accord to the commerce of Turkey and which Turkey shall accord to the commerce of the United States:
Pending the coming into effect of th
in sub-paragraph ( $a$ ) of paragraph 2 commercial convention referred to cerning the relations between the United States exchanged to-day coninto effect of the Turkish-American Treaty signed and Turkey or the coming the status quo resulting from the exchange of notes dated July 201926 regarding commercial relations between the United States and Turkey, shall be preserved for a period of one year dating from Feb. 201927

At the expiration of this period the status quo shall automatically tinue for a further term of three months unless in the meantime the pro visions of this note shall have been modified by mutual agreement or unless either one of the contracting parties shall have asked for a reconsideration of its provisions.

I shall be glad to have your confirmation of the accord thus reached. MARK L. BRISTOL.

## Formation Undertaken by F. W. Peabody of American

 Association Favoring Reconsideration of War Debts.F. W. Peabody of Ashburnham, Mass., whose campaign to
bring about the cancellation of the war debts owed by the Allies to the United States, was referred to in these columns last August, announces the incorporation at Albany, N. Y., on March 7 of the American Association Favoring Recon-
sideration of War Debts. The incerporators are reported as follows: William Barclay Parsons, George W. Wickersham, Robert Underwood Johnson, Major-General John F. O'Ryan, R. Fulton Cutting, Henry B. Joy, former Judge George C. Holt, John R. Delafield, Francis Peabody, Walter W. Price, Frederick W. Peabody, Isaac Roberts, Herbert T. Allen and Nelson L. Robinson. It is stated that readjustment of the war debts is the object of the association "upon a basis that shall give due weight to the service rendered the United States by the armed forces of its associates during the war, to the fact that our advances to the Allies were by law declared to be for the prosecution of the war and the security and defense of the United States, and to the present financial condition of our partners in the war." The association, it is also said, will seek "to obtain, through an informed public opinion, a reconsideration by the Government of the United States of the so-called debts of our associates in the World War from the time of our entry into the war until the conclusion of peace." In referring to the movement, the "Herald Tribune" of March 5 said:
Mr. Peabody made it plain that while the new group strongly favors sovernmental reconsideration, it is not committed to any particular form While himself
बanted it understood that as managing director of the Mr. Peabody said he not commit the group to his managing director of the association he will "ommunicate to the public "a full understanding for the was organized to of which the so-called war debts have arisen" for the circumstances out onsidered settlement Mr. Peats is willing to It also stated:
An advisory council of a hundred men and women, from all sections of the country, will soon be formed. Membership in the association will be voluntary, and the founder said he had no doubt the organization would be which it is inanced by voluntary contributions to carry on the work for hich it is organized.

In addition to the item in our Aug. 14 issue we printed in these columns July 24 (page 412) Mr. Peabody's argument for the cancellation of the debts and on page 413 the reply thereto made by Secretary Mellon.

## War Debt Discussion Before Foreign Policy Association -Representative Burton Says Release Would Re-

 sult in Larger European Armies-A. Piatt
## Andrew Favors Leniency.

"War Debts, Status Quo or Revision" was the subject of a discussion before the Foreign Policy Association at a luncheon in the Hotel Astor, this city, on March 12. Representative Theodore E. Burton, a member of the World War Foreign Debt Commission, declared emphatically against cancellation; he pointed out that "our Allies have not released claims for reparations from the Central Powers," and asserted that "a release or cancellation of the indebtedness would assuredly furnish an impetus for larger expenditures for armies and navies in Europe and thus constitute a threat to the peace of the world." Representative A. Piatt Andrew of Massachusetts, formerly Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, advocated leniency in the treatment of the war debts. Frank Vanderlip and Francis R. Sisson, VicePresident of the Guaranty Trust Co. (says the "HeraldTribune") added short informal talks, supporting, in general, Representative Burton's argument, while Herbert Adams Gibbons, just returned from looking into the situation in Europe, upheld Colonel Andrew.

James G. McDonald presided, and, according to the "Times," in opening the question of settlemnt of debts he said that while the subject had been considered "closed" in certain quarters the association received more inquiries from the public on that topic than any other of current issue. As to what Represetatives Burton and Andrew had to say, we quote as follows from the "Times"
"I repeat," said Representative Burton, " several arguments heretofore made why these debts should notbe canceled. First, there is the sanctity of international obligations, which is a rule essential for debtor nation as well as creditor, for in case of an emergency or another war a country which failed to recognize its obligations could not again become a borrower "Second, the loans made by the United States were not made from an overflowing Treasury, but were from the proceeds of loans made by our citizens to the Government as the result of intensive campaigns and sacrifice and they imposed a serious burden upon our people. Thus the Federal Government is, in an important sense, but a trustee for the people. Those
who advocate cancellation should surrender their own who advocate cancellation should surrender their own bonds. The thir reason against cancellation is that proportionately, the increase in debt
and the burden of taxation as the result of our participation in the and the burden of of our entrance into the struggle our debt at one time amounted to $\$ 25,500,000,000$.
"It must be conceded that mutual liability was the rule observed during the war and after. The United States asked for and received no concessions from the Allies in the expense of transporting and maintaining her army in from the Alles in the expense of transporting and maintaining her army in
Europe. Our Allies have not released claims for reparations from the Entral Powers. A release or cancellation of the indebtedness would assuredly furnish an impetus for larger expenditures for armies and would in Europe and thus constitute a threat to the peace of the world.'

Cites Military Expenditures.
Mr. Burton gave figures designed to show that European debtor nations were spending much more on military purposes than they were paying us in yearly installments on their debts. The most recent French budget, he said, carried about $\$ 200,000,000$ for military and naval expenses, whereas her
initial payment to this country, without interest, is only $\$ 30,000,000$. He initial payment to this country, without interest, is only $\$ 30,000,000$. He took up the high tariff complaint of Europe and, singling out France, said that in 1925 alone American tourists left $\$ 225,000,000$ in France. He declared as evidence that the tariff was not a valid European argument that in the years between 1922 and 1926
Returning to his comparison of expenditures for military purposes, the speaker said that Rumania last year spent $\$ 27,000,000$ for military projects and added that at this rate the Rumanian people would spend in a year and chard more than her whole debt to the United States. England, he reported, spends approximately $\$ 82,000,000$ on her army and her navy, for the British determination to pay and ask no favors on the debt question, and his tribute brought applause from the floor, where 1,000 members ilstened.
any he concluded, has not been a Shylock, but we cannot enter
"d any agreement to cancel honest debts."
Colonel Andrew Disagrees.
Colonel Andrew at the outset disagreed with his colleague's statement that America's participation in the World War had been "altruistic
"I do not admit," he continued, "that the credits extended to our partners in the war were in any way analogous to ordinary commercial debts. I do not admit that the settlements arranged by our Debt Funding Commission re generous, wise or fair. It is surprising how many people now appear to Wilso to enere the Whison, the bed hrar, or 'a war to en rean was a war
 question adhere to that visionary and, I might say, sentimental notion of question adhe entered the war."
Representative Andrew said America went into the war for her own grievances. He said this nation had sat silent while alleged outrages were fest.
"Our part in the war," he said, "was not a philanthropy and not a reckless cause of our manifold and sufficient grievances.

Sent Money Instead of Troops.
He recalled that when the United States finally decided to make common cause, the nation had been unable to send troops to aid. Only money and munitions-great quantities of which had been sold at high prices to the Allies up to our entry-were available and the loans were made so that American assistance could be rendered quickly and effectively.
It is a fact, of course, to which the 'debt collectors' point with legal vaility, he said, that these 'credits' then granted to our partners were not described in the law as gifts or contributions or subsidies, but were technically in the form of loans. That is perfectly true and no one can or will deny it. But if you will read the debates in the Congress you will see hat leaders did not regard the loans as ordinary loans.
We were in the war all told for nineteen months before the guns ceased firing, and during three-quarters of that time we only furnished materials while our partners furnished human lives. They sacrified 500,000 lives and $1,000,000$ wounded in holding the enemy back after we entered the war and before we could take part in it. And now from the standpoint of pay for the uniforms which these men wore and for the guns and ammunition which they used when they died or were mutilated."

In addition to Representative Burton's statements as given in the "Times," we find the following credited to him in the "Herald Tribune"
Payments which European nations must make to us for the first five years verage $\$ 210,000,000$ : by the sixth year there will be an increase of $\$ 20,000$, 000 and on the tenth year of $\$ 65,000,000$. The expenses of our tourists in Europe conservatively estimated amount to twice as much as the five-year annual average of indebtedness which must be paid to us

A distinction should be made between indebtedness incurred prior to and later than the armistice. Save a small amount to Czechoslovakia, advances were made to six nations only prior to the armistice-England, France, Belgium, Italy, Serbia and Russia. For the remaining nations the loans were made after the armistice and the question of borrowing while suffering from hardships or war cannot be raised. In the advances of the principal amounts 000,000 and the post-armistice $\$ 1,370,000,000$. If interest should be computed on this falter amor pay und other words, advances before the armistice would be canceled.

Debts Half Canceted.
If we were to compute settlements on the basis of the ordinary rate of nterest of our own obligations, we have canceled $20 \%$ of the debt to Great Britain, $75 \%$ of that to Italy and $53 \%$ of that of France-an average o $58 \%$ of the debts of countries on the Continent of Europe, and, including Great Britain and all debtor nations, of $43 \%$. If a computation should be made on the basis of $5 \%$, which is below ordinary rates paid in Europe, the amount of cancellation would be $51 \%$, or more than half
Quoting Col. Andrew as saying that, unable to send men at first, we gave money, less in the sense of loans in the ordinary business sense of the word than as "our contribution," the "Herald-Tribune" account also said:

## Cites Page's "Gift" Statement.

Colonel Andrew" quoted Ambassador Page as writing at that time that 'a gift of $\$ 1,000,000,000$ to France will fix Franco-American history for several centuries," and Ambassador Jusserand as saying France was assured that she would have all the money she needed, that she "need not trouble future." He also quoted a French author, Roland Dorgeles, as saying of the United States, "they have not forgotten a box of corned beef or a ton of coal, but they have not counted a drop of blood. Life is given, coal is sold."

Mr. Vanderlip's Views.
F Mr. [Vanderlip disagreed with Colonel Andrew's statement that the loans were "contributions," and said that he agreed with some one who had $\mathrm{s}^{\text {aid, " "if that }}$ Is/history, then history is bunk."

Dr. Gibbons, in supporting Colonel Andrew, pointed out that a nation might spend a lot of money within its own borders on military expenses and yet couldn't export any such sum of ready money as was demanded in eparations.

## United States Invites France and Italy to Be Repreented at Three Power Naval Conference in Which United States, Great Britain and Japan Will Be Participants.

An invitation has been extended by the United States to France and Italy to be represented at the proposed three power naval parley between Great Britain, Japan and the United States. The memorandums were delivered to the representative ambassadors of the two countries on March 14. These overtures express the hope that both France and Italy will see their way "clear to be represented in some manner at these conversatiors in order that" they "may be fully cognizant of the course of negotiations and of the agreements which may be reached." Last week (page 1462) we referred to the acceptance by Great Britain and Japan of the invitation of the United States to participate in a three power conference on naval limitation, which had followed the declination of France and Italy to join in the five power conference originally proposed. Communications addressed to Great Britain and Japan on March 11 with reference to their willingness to enter into a three power conference are given another item in this issue; the date of the conference is tentatively fixed therein for June 1. The following is the memorandum delivered by Ambassador Herrick in behalf of the United States to the French Government on March 14:
Win rererence the memorandum or the French Government of Feb. 15 1927, in reply to that of the American Government of Feb. 10, inquiring whether the French Government was disposed to empower its representatives at the forthcoming meeting at Geneva of the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference to enter into negetiations looking toward an agreement providing for limitation in the classes of naval vessels not covered by the Treaty or Washington of 1922, the Government of the United States has noted with pleasure that the French Government is animated by the samespirit that prompted the Presidentor the United States upon the occasion of his message to Congress on the day in which the abovementioned memorandum or the American Goven was handed to the Governments of the powers signatory to the Washington Treaty
With regard to the fear expressed by the French Government that such negotiations would risk compromising the success or the work of the Preparatory Commission at Genev, the Government of the United States is of the opinion that aphers fannot but const para form the them
In the lhe view is serf itself that. The Governmof the United States desires to emphecize the exam that that it proposed the initiation at Geneva of negotiations by repre fact thes of certain powers at the forthcoming meeting of the Preparatory cntatios and is therefore of the opinion that, far from urin Pr Comthority of the League of Nations, such conversations as those proposed would be of great service to that body in an advance toward the solution of a difficult problem.
The Government of Great Britain and Japan have now acceded to the proposal of the American Government which had before decided to enter into conversations with these powers and sincerely hopes that the French Government will see its way clear to be represented in some manner in these conversations, in order that it may be fully cognizant
As the of the agreements which may be reached no preconceived ideas regarding any definiteratio for thelimitation of French tonnage. It does not desire to open up questions already settled by treaty but wishes to point out that all other questions relative to limitation of naval armamentareopen and that in the projected conversations each powerwould have the privilege of taking any position it thinks best for its own protection as a basis for negotiation.
The Government of the United States would be especially gratified by the presence of representatives of a nation holding the ideals set forth in the memorandum of the French Government, a nation which has in the past been associated with the United States in efforts to further the cause of world peace.
The memorandum delivered by Ambassador Fletcher to the Italian Foreign Office on March 14 follows:
With reference to the memorandum of the Italian Government of Feb. 21 1927, in reply to that of the American Government of Feb. 10, inquiring whether the Itailan Government was disposed to empower its representa tives at the forthcoms Ging at Geneva of the Preparatory Commis toward an agrement providing fre to enter into negotiations looking toward an agree the providing for limitation in the classes of naval vessel United Stat has Unimated by the same States upon the sacesion of his prompted the Presid the day on which the above mentioned mef man the 0 to the Governmen of the Poirers Amatory to the Weshingto handed

With regard to the assertion of the Italian Government that there exist an interdependence of every type of armament, the American Government is, nevertheless, of the opinion that all appropriate measures taken by the large naval Powers in limitation of the naval branch of armament must greatly contribute in advancing the solution of the problem as a whole. As for the statement in the memorandum of the Italian Government that, owing to geographical position and strategic consideration, Italy could not expose itself without grave risks to a binding limitation of its maritime armaments, it is feared that there may exist some misapprehension regarding the terms of the proposal of the President of the United states.
definite ratio for the limitation of Italian tonnage in the classes referred to
but regards this question as one to be determined during the proposed conversations. While the American Government does not desire to open up questions already settled by treaty, all other questions relative to limitation of naval armament are open, and each power would have the privilege
of taking any position it thought best for its own protection as a basis for negotiation.
The American Government is also of the opinion that an agreement for partial limitation of armaments could expose no power to danger from the navies of the powers not included in such an understanding, since no agreement is contemplated which would not be subject to reconsideration or revision should the security of any party to it be menaced by the naval program of a nation not included in the understanding
The Governments of Great Britain and Japan have now acceded to the proposal of the American Government, which has therefore decided to enter into conversations with these powers and sincerely hopes that the Italian Government will see its way clear to be represented in some manner at these conversations in order that it may be fully cognizant of the course of negotiations and of the agreements which may be reached. The Government of the United States would, moreover, be especially gratified by the presence of the representatives of a nation holding the high ideals set forth in the memorandum of the Italian Government, a nation which has in the past been associated with the United States in efforts to further the cause

The text of the note of the French Government declining to participate in the five-power conference was given in ou issue of Feb. 19, page 1003. Italy's decision not to participate was noted in our issue of Feb. 26, page 1124.

United States in Notes to Great Britain and Japan Suggests June 1 as Date for Naval Armament Conference.
In notes handed to the British and Japanese Ambassadors on March 11 by Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew, the United States suggests that the proposed three-power conversations on naval limitations "could most advantageously and conveniently begin at Geneva on the first day of June, or soon thereafter." The text of the notes given to Ambassador Howard of Great Britain and Ambassador Matsudaira of Japan are identic, and are as follows:

March 111927.
Excellency:-With reference to the memorandum handed by the American Ambassador to his Majesty's Secretary fo State for Foreign Affairs (to the Imperial Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs), Feb. 10 1927, regarding the possibility of the initiation of negotiations at Geneva concerning the signatories of the Washington between the representatives of the powers ignatories of the Washington Treaty of 1922, my Government is pleased as merial or informal conversations that the British Government (that the ith the United States and The American Government regrets theat Britain)
The American Government regrets that France and Italy should have Majesty's Government that their presence would shares the opinion of his conference. This Government sincerely may decide to be represented at least in some informal menner that they versations contemplated.
These conversations, it now appears, could most advantageously and onveniently begin at Geneva on the first day of June, or soon thereafter
Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration JOSEPH C. GREW, Acting Secretary of State.

President Coolidge Signs Bill Authorizing Secretary of
Agriculture to Collect Statistics of Grade and Staple Length of Cotton Known as "Carry-Over"-Number of Cotton Estimate

## Reports Reduced to Five.

On March 3 President Coolidge signed Senator May field's bill which authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to collect and publish annually statistics or estimates of the grades and staple length of cotton known as "carry-over" on hand Aug. 1 in warehouses and other establishments. Not less than three such estimates are to be published with respect to each crop. The bill as finally passed by Congress and signed by President Coolidge also limits to five the number of cotton estimate reports issued by the Department of Agriculture-instead of the eleven semi-monthly reports which had previously been called for. The bill likewise calls upon the Secretary of Agriculture to issue a report on or about July 10 each year showing by States, and in toto the number of acres of cotton in cultivation on July 1, to be followed on Sept. 1 and Dec. 1 with an estimate of the abandoned acreage since July 1. The following is the bill in the form in which it was signed by the President.
AN AOT authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to collect and publish statistics of the grade and staple length of cotton.
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to collect and publish annually, on dates to be announced by him, statistics or estimates concerning the grades and staple length of stocks of cotton, known as the carry-over, on hand on the 1st of August of each year in warehouses and other establishments of every character in the continental United States; and following such publication each year, to publish, at intervals in his discretion, his crop: Provided, That not less than three such estimates shall be current with respect to each crop. In any such statistics or estimates published the cotton which on the date for which such statistics are published be recognized as tenderable on contracts of sale of cotton for future delivery under the United States Cotton Futures Act of Aug. 111916 as amended,
shall be stated separately from that which may be untenderable under said Act as amended.
sec. 2 . That the information furnished by any individual establishfidentinder the provisions of this Act shall be considered as strictly con supplied. Any supplied. Any employee of the Department of Agriculture who, without communicate employment under the provisions of this his possession by reason of his and shall, upon thriction ther than $\$ 1,000$ or imprisoned both so fined and imprisoned, at the discretion of the court
Sec. 3. That it shall be the duty d every of the court.
secretary, director, or other officer or every owner, president, treasurer, cotton ginnery, cotton mill, or other place or establishment where cotton is stored, whether conducted as a corporation, firm limited partnerton or individual, and of any owner or holder of any cotton and partnership. and representatives of any such owner or holder when requested by the Secretary of Agriculture or by any special agent or other employee of the Department of Agriculture acting under the instructions of said Secretary to furnish completely and correctly, to the best of his knowledge, all of the information concerning the grades and staple length of cotton on hand, and when requested to permit such agent or employee of the Department of Agriculture to examine and classify samples of all such cotton on hand. The request of the Secretary of Agriculture for such information may be made in writing or by a visiting representative, and if made in writing shall be forwarded by registered mail, and the registry receipt of the Post Office Department shall be accepted as evidence of such demand. Any wner, president, treasurer, secretary, director, or other officer or agent of any cotton warehouse, cotton ginnery, cotton mill, or other place or establishment where cotton is stored, or any owner or holder of any cotton re the agent or representative of any such owner or holder, who, under he condition hereinbefore stated, shall refuse or wilfully neglect to furnish ary information herein provided for or shall willfully give answers that of Agriculture the Department tablishment, or in the or classiry any cotton in store in any such esrepresentative of the agent or and, upon conviction thow or holde, shall begaily of a misdemeanor than $\$ 1,000$. Sec,
ment or age secretary of Agriculture may co-operate with any depart possession, or department, agency, any State, Territory, District, or any person; and shartment, agency, or political subdivision thereof, or pensation of such officers and emrlopes, not in remple, aid fix the com and make such expenditures for the purchase of samples of coting law, rent outside the District of Columbia printing, telegrams, telenhones, books of reference, periodicals, furniture, stationery office equipment, travel, and other supplies and expenses as shall be necessary to the adminis tration of this Act in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, and there are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treas ury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary for suc purposes.
Sec. 5. That, of the reports issued by the Secretary of Agriculture, pursuan to the Act entitled "An Act autharizing the Department of Agriculture to issue semi-monthly cotton crop reports and providing for their publication simul laneousty with the ginning reports of the Department of Commerce, approved May 3 1924, only five shall be issued hereafter, one as of August 1, one as of September 1, one as of October 1, one as of November 1, and one as of December 1 each of which shall state the condition and progress of the crop and the probable number of bales which will be ginned, these reports to be issued simultaneousl with the cotton ginning reports of the Bureau of the Census relating to the sam the eighth the eighth dayl following that to which the respective reports relate. When such ate of release falls on Sunday or a legal holiday the report shall be issued a Sec. 6. The Secretary of of the next succeeding workday.
cfore the 10th day of July fort on or for of acres of cotton in cullivation on July 1, to be followed on September 1 and December 1 with an estimate of the acreage of cotton abandoned since July 1

## Proposal Before New York Cotton Exchange to Include Trading in Wool Futures.

A petition, signed, it is said, by a substantial number of members, is pending before the New York Cotton Exchange proposing the appointment of a Committee to study the feasibility and desirability of broadening the trading facilities of the Exchange to include wool futures. The Washington bureau of the New York "Journal of Commerce" on March 15 in stating that the proposal has attracted attention in Washington, went on to say:
A somewhat similar inquiry was made some years ago by the Chicago Board of Trade, and the matter was taken up with the Department of Agriculture. Inasmuch as the expansion considered was not entered into, it is thought probable that the difficulties would far exceed the benefits that If trading could be expected.
If trading could be done on a scoured wool basis the situation would be simplified, it was pointed out, since the Government already has established standards on a diameter system, but the vast bulk of the wool purchased scouring can hardurers is wool in the grease. The shrinkage in weight in it ranges from 35 to $75 \%$, varying with the percentage of merino blood and the conditions under which the sheep are raised.

## Grave Difficulties Seen

Department of Agriculture officials are disinclined to discuss the proposal of the members of the New York Exchange merely on the basis of newspaper eports, but their attitude was one indicating that thereare gravedirficulties ahead. Apparently they feel that it would be hard to work out a contract. yet they do not want to put any obstacles in the way or constructive effort. They can sympathize with the consumers of wool in their desire to obtain the protection given the cotton buyer through hedging operations. It is suggested that, for instance, a schedule of differentials might be set up, with perhaps $48 \%$ fixed as the average shrinkage, and premiums could be given below that and discounts taken where the percentage of shrinkage is greater than the basic figure.
The situation as to wool, it is pointed out, differs vastly from that affecting cotton, where it is possible to closely classify the staple. Suggestions have been made to Government men that there be established scouring test plants in various parts of the country to work on samples.

Scouring Loss a Problem
The Bureau of Agricultural Economics now is trying to work out a plan whereby it may be possible to take a small sample of fleece, scour it and from the scoured content arrive at the probable percentage of loss from scouring, not only as to the single fleece from which the sample is taken but as to that from any number of sheep. The results of any such test, however, quality, feeding conditions the same, and produced in the same territory.
The same paper in its reference on March 15 to the petition also said:
The petition, which has been circulating for some little time past, was submitted a few days ago, too recently for the board of managers to have had time to give it full consideration as yet, and, so far as could be learned yesterday, no definite action of any sort has as yet been taken.
It is understood that the recently published annual statement of the American Woolen Co., showing as it did, according to members of the cotton trade, rather heavy losses due to fluctuations in the price of raw , stimulated the movement in question at this particular time.
In its issue of March 16 the "Journal of Commerce' printed the following in the matter:
If sentiment in the local cloth market seemed to be rather lukewarm with regard to the plan now afoot to establish trading in wool futures on the Cotton Exchange it was ascribed to the fact that New York mill agents are not seriously concerned with wool purchases and are not familiar with the details of the plan. While it is conceded that trading in wool futures may
be of some importance to the wool trade, local factors cannot see how the be of some importance to the wool trade, local factors cannot se
mills and cloth sellers can benefit materially in such a project.
No formal overtures have yet been made to the American Association of Woolen and Worsted Manufacturers, comprising leading independent mill men and selling agents here, according to J. J. Nevins, Secretary of the organization, though he stated he had had unofficial notice of the plan from an inquiry from "downtown" seeking to sound out sentiment in the wool goods market.

## Application for Appointment of Receiver for McCown

\& Co. Withdrawn-Referee to Be AppointedSpecial Investigation into the Company's Affairs Ordered.
The receivership application by certain customers of the failed stock brokerage house of McCown \& Co., Philadelphia, to which reference was made in last week's issue, page 1926, was withdrawn on March 4, when Henry P. Brown, attorney for the firm, agreed to file an immediate consent that the firm be declared bankrupt and the case assigned at once to a referee in bankruptcy for the appointment of a trustee, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of March 5. The assignment of this firm to the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co. of Philadelphia, for the benefit of its creditors, brought about by a sharp decline in Estey-Welte Corp. class A stock, was referred to in our issue of Jan. 29, page 592 , and subsequent issues. In reporting the withdrawal of the application for a receiver, the paper mentioned said in part:
Withdrawal of the receivership application came at the close of a long discussion of the failure. In this discussion Owen J. Roberts made specific denial of allegations of Praud in the exploitation of Estey-Welte Corporation stock, in which the McCown firm had a large interest. He also said there was no basis for charges of fraud in the failure and he defended the selection of the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co. as the firm's assignee.
Mr. Roberts's denial was made following an
Mrer Roberts s denial was made following an address by J. Howard Reber, an attorney representing a group of marginal creditors of the Mc-
Cown firm. He had filed the petition in involuntary bankruptcy and in his appeal to the Court for the appointment of a receiver Mr. Reber severely his appeal to the Court for the
He also objected to the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co. being either appointed receiver or allowed to continue in possession of McCown's assets asserting that the assignee had been chosen by McCown.
The assignment made for the benefit and protection of creditors took place Jan. 24, following a shat
the New York Curb Market.
The Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co. Was represented by Mr. Roberts at the receivership hearing. He said that when Estey-Welte stock began to rise, customers of McCown rushed in and sold, taking their profits, and thus flooding the market. This caused a sharp recession in the price and ultimately forced McCown to the wall he said.
Respecting charges that McCown selected the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co. to handle his affairs, Mr. Roberts informed the Court that the larger creditors of the firm had selected the trust company and that these creditors forced McCown to agree to the proceedings.
A month after the assignment was made, more than 300 creditors of the
firm voted in favor of continuing the trust company as the firm voted in favor of continuing the trust company as the sole assignee. Henry P. Brown, counsel for McCown, agreed with Mr. Roberts's explanation of the assignee's selection.
The hearing lasted more than an hour. Strong opposition, from an array of legal talent that is rarely seen in one case, to any change being made in the situation as it existed, led Mr. Reber to withdraw his motion for a receiver, after Mr. Brown agreed to file an immediate consent that McCown be declared a bankrupt and the case assigned at once to a referee in bankruptcy for the appointment of a trustee.
According to Mr. Reber, this action will result in an investigation to ascertain "who in the brokerage firm was responsible for transactions, which have cleaned out many of the marginal customers." Mr. Reber said he
represented about fifty marginal customers, who have claims for approxi mately $\$ 150,000$, and that the firm had hypothecated securities owned by mately 8150,00

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ginal clients and brokers from this city and New York, representing marginal clients and brokers with claims ranging from $\$ 15.000$ to $\$ 145,000$,
supported Mr. Reber's petition for a receiver, but supported Mr. Reber's petition for a receiver, but a greater number of Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co., opposed it. Attorneys, in ad of the those named, who apperred in the proceedings included Ellis Ames Bella to Maurice Bower Saul and Franklin Spencer Edmonds Finally, on a suggestion made by Judge Kamonds
was agreed to.

McCown's estate, according to a schedule filed with Common Pleas Court, has assets of $\$ 4,978,623$, and liabilities of $\$ 5,898,526$. A complete and final report of the firm's affairs, which may require several months, is likely to show an increase in the lia bilities and a decrease in the assets.
According to Mr. Brown, McCown had an investment of more than $\$ 2,000,000$ in the business. The attorney said that if the receivership proceedings had not been started, the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co. was on the threshold of accomplishing enormous good for both the creditors and McCown. "They had hoped to work out a full settlement for all, and to
save Mr. McCown," he continued.

A special investigation into the tangled affairs of McCown \& Co. was ordered on March 9 by Judge Thompson of the United States District Court. The Philadelphia "Inquirer" of March 10 stated that Charles H. Hulgen, one of the firms' customers, made the application to Judge Thompson for a special investigation through J. Howard Reber, an attorney, charging in a petition he filed that Frank C. McCown (the sole partner in the firm) appropriated the customers' securities to raise money to create a fictitious market for EsteyWelte stock.

## Gilbert H. Montague on "The Government's Attitude Toward Business."

Gilbert H. Montague of the New York Bar in an address before the National Association of Office Appliance Manufacturers at Atlanta, Georgia, on March 10 averred that "business and the law are to-day closer in step than they have been at any time since the passage of the Sherman Act in 1890." "The significance of this accomplishment in the industrial and social life of America," he observed "is so great that even now it is not entirely appreciated."

Mr. Montague also said in part:
Many factors have contributed, of course, to the American people's record-breaking 89 billion dollar income in 1926.
Among the most potent of these factors, though it is seldom considered in that light, is undoubtedly the friendly attitude toward business that has been shown by the government and the public during the past few years. This situation, with all the opportunities and responsibilities that attend it, has resulted from the sound policy that has latterly been adopted by the courts with respect to the interpretation and enforcement of the anti-trust aws.
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Business and the law are to-day closer in step than they have been at any time since the passage of the Sherman Act in 1890.
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Management, it is now being demonstrated, can attain its highest managing and directing the on whom rest the responsibilitities and duties of that they have the understanding, the sympathy, and the aprroval of the government and the public.
Unsettlement, anxiety, strain, and loss of morale have for generations been the toll that business uncertainty has taken from men, women and children in every station of business and social life,
To prolong prosperity, to raise the valleys and lower the peaks of business
activity, and to substitute reasonably continuous well being feast feast and famine in industry, are accomplishments that make happy and conted working people, cheerful business men, and a higher standard of life and enjoyment throughoui the entire scale of civilization.
What miraculous results may be accomplished by restoring the morale. enhancing the self respect, and increasing the confidence of the working people and business men of the United States in their business, their laws, their business leaders, and their government, has been strikingly shown in the unprecedented prosperity of the American people during the past few years.

## Call Money Market.

The following are the daily statements issued this week by the New York Stock Exchange regarding the call money market:
CALL LOANS ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
Mar. 14-Renewal, $4 \%$; high, $4 \%$; low, $4 \%$; last, $4 \%$. A normal volume of transactions with ample funds for all requirements and a surplus.
Mar. 15 -Renewal, $4 \%$; high, $4 \%$; low, $4 \%$; last, $4 \%$. Funds were in Mar 10 free supply, with but a moderate demand. Renewal, $4 \%$; high, $4 \%$; low, $31 / 2 \%$; last, $31 / 2 \%$. Accumulation of funds occasioned by Government financing and income tax payments made a temporary plethora of money and brought Mar. 17 about a reduction in the rate to lowest figure of the year. Renewal, $4 \%$; high, $4 \%$; low, $4 \%$; last, $4 \%$. Moderate turnMar. 18-Renewal, $4 \%$; high, $4 \%$; low, $4 \%$; last, $4 \%$. Steady condition with somewhat firmer tone.
Statements of previous weeks have appeared weekly in our issues since July 10 1926; the last statement will be found on page 1453 of our issue of March 12.

Movement Looking to Amendment of Constitution of Stock Exchange to Enable Alternates to Act for Members.
A suggestion that the constitution of the New York Stock Exchange be amended so as to permit members to designate alternates to represent them on the floor of the Exchange during their absence has been made by George P. Smith of the firm of Smith \& Gallatin, 66 Broadway, members of the Exchange, according to the "Herald Tribune" of March 15, which said in part:

Officials of the Exchange explained yesterday that the initiative in making the suggestion was taken by Mr. Smith as a member and not as a representative of the Exchange itself, although it was explained at the offices of Smith \& Gallatin that the Exchange had been queried on the matter before the
latters making the suggestion had been mailed to members. If approval latters making the suggestion had been mailed to members. If approval
is voiced by a large number of members, it is planned to bring the matter is voiced by a large number of members, it is planned to bring the matter
before the Board of Governors and the Exchange as a body for official before
Briefly, the letter mailed by Mr. Smith asks members to signify their approval or disapproval of the sugrestion. It contains names of some memapproval or disapproval of the suggestion. It contains names of some mem-
bers who favor it. of those who would use it and of some who object to it. The alternative member would take the place of the regular member on the floor and for this privilege would pay an initiation fee of $\$ 1,000$ plus a monthly fee of $\$ 1,000$, or $\$ 10,000$ for a full year. This, it is pointed out, would greatly increase the revenues of the Exchange, possibly making a reduction in regular dues advisable.
It is provided in the proposal that the alternate members must be business partners of the regular member, and that this name must be passed upon by the Committee on Membership. In this manner the business transacted by a firm would still be in the hands of a member of that firm. The advantage would be that the regular board member would on occasion be afforded leisure from the strain of trading.

## Might Reduce Regular Dues.

In addition to the possibility that regular dues could be reduced through the receipt of large sums from the alternate members, it is pointed out he Exchange is remodeling part of the Postal Telegraph Building fresent use of the bond crowd. of the bond crowd.
pected to develop, inasmuch on the part of the "two-dollar brokers" is expected to develop, inasmuch as these brokers reap a large harvest from the to transact their business. There are numerous members, including such figures as J. P. Morgan and John D. Rockefeller, and a host of others, who never appear on the floor. Their business goes through the hands of other firms or other brokers who are members of the Exchange, who charge a lat rate greatly below the commission charged non-members. As the profit for much of this business accrues to the "two-dollar brokers," they are not likely to favor a plan which would admit to the floor business partners of many of their largest customers.

Bond and Stock Exchange Opened in Seattle, Wash.
The opening of the Seattle Bond and Stock Exchange, the first institution it is stated, of its kind in the Pacific northwest with a memberhsip limited to 22 for the present, took place on March 14 and represents the outcome of plans laid more than a year ago. The Board of Governors of the Exchange, is made up of the following: Deitrich G. Schmitz, Vice-President. National Bank of Commerce, Seattle; Ben B. Ehrlichman, President, Dumheller, Ehrlichman and White, Investment Bankers; Duncan Shaw, Resident Manager, Bond and Goodwin and Tucker; Fred J. Blanchett, Vice-President, George Burr, Conrad and Broom; K. Winslow, Jr., Vice-President, Bailargoon, Winslow and Co. J. Harrison of Blyth, Witter \& Co. is Vice-President of the new exchange, Lawrence Arnold, Vice-President of the National Bank of Seattle is Treasurer and H. S. Grande, Manager of the bond department of the Seattle National Bank is Secretary of the exchange. Twelve Seattle bond houses and four of its banks are charter members of the exchange. The board of governors is empowered to increase the number of seats by adding not to exceed one new member every three months. The Exchange will open each weekday except Saturdays at 11:45 a. m. The rules governing the exchange were patterned after those of the leading stock exchanges.

Bill Before New York Legislature Permitting Bank of Manhattan Co. of New York to Change Par Value of Its Stock.
It was made known on March 16 that a bill has been introduced in the New York Legislature (by Senator Campbell) authorizing the Bank of the Manhattan Co. of New York to change the par value and number of its shares. With reference to the proposed change the New York "World" of March 17, stated:
Stephen Baker, President of the Bank, explained that the bill has no other significance than that it was intended to rectify a situation which has operated to the detriment of the bank. It is the only New York institution whose shares are of $\$ 50$ par value. This gives an apparent low quotation for the stock ank Mechanics Bank, Brooklyn, has $\$ 50$ par shares.
Although the Bank of the Manhattan Co. observes New York State banking laws must by the charer the charter provided for water cosisuane, which is the chartary established banking department, and the fopany, but the water com
Stephen Baker, who controls the destinies of the bank with its thirtynine branches, is one of the oldest bank Presidents in New York, having been elected to his present office in 1893. Speyer \& Co. have 8,000 shares of the bank. James Speyer is a director. The bank declared a $100 \%$ stock dividend Nov. 28 1922, and increased its capital from $\$ 10,000,000$ to $\$ 10,700,000$ Aug. 14 last to buy the Greenpoint National Bank.
H. F. Poor, President of the Garfield National Bank, yesterday, commenting on rumors that the bank would be sold to either the National city Bank or the Bank of the Manhattan Co., said no
An advance of over 53 points has been witnessed in the shares of the Bank since the first of the year. It was stated
in the "Times" of March 16 that President Baker, of the Bank of the Manhattan Co., declined to comment on rumors that his bank was to merge with another large Wall Street bank which have circulated for some time and which were revived when the bid price of Bank of Manhattan stock rose on March 15 from 270 to 280. The item also said:

Other officers of the bank disclaimed knowledge of any merger plans. Every time our stock rises in price I am asked to discuss rumors about a ment on them."
"I see no reason why I sh

## Analysis of McFadden Banking Act by Comptroller of

 Currency.An analysis of what are considered by officials of the office of the Comptroller of the Currency to be the leading provisions of the new McFadden law amending the National Banking Act has just been compiled, says the "United States Daily" of March 12, which states that this analysis will be included in the revision of the banking regulations being prepared by the Comptroller.
The full text of the analysis is given as follows in the 'Daily'
Act of Nov. 7 1918: 1. State bank may be consolidated with national the same as two national banks may be consolidated on two-thirds vote of each, or more on part of State bank if State laws require, and on notice equired by State laws.
ank, including trust nk, including trustee, executor, and all fiduciary rights.

## Indeterminate Charter.

Section 5136, U. S. R. S. 1. Charter for indeterminate time: until dissolved by shareholders, or until franchise forfeited, or until terminated by Act of Congress. or until receiver appointed to wind up.
2. Buying and selling investment securities shall hereafter (Feb. 25 1927) be without recourse and limited to marketable obligations in form of bonds, notes, debentures. Comptroller to further define term and regulate. Amount of one obliger or maker not more than $25 \%$ unimpaired capital and surplus. Exceptions: United States, State, political subdivisions and Fedral Farm Loan Act obligations.
3. Bank may, in carrying on safe deposit business, invest in capital stock or corporation organized under state law to conduct safe deposit business not more than $15 \%$ of capital and surplus of bank.
Section 5137, U., S. R. S., amended to omit word "immediate" prior to accommodation, leaving a leeway for holding banking house property Srior to occupancy.
Section 5138, U. S. R. S. Permits organization and continuation of ex-
isting national banks in cities of over 50,000 isting national banks in cities of over 50,000 located in outlying districts of such city, to have capital of not less than $\$ 100,000$ (instead of $\$ 200,000$ or less carital therein laws permit State or less capital therein.

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Section 5139, U. S. R. S. Changes par of stock to 100 or such less amount is articles of association provide.
Section 5142, U. S. R. S. Provides for the increase of capital stock by means of a stock dividend (heretofore permitted by ruling only), surplus fund to be at least $20 \%$ of capital as increase.
Section 5146, U. S. R. S. Directors must own stock having par of $\$ 1,000$, except banks with capital of $\$ 25.000$, par of $\$ 500$.
Section 5150, U. S. R. S. President of bank a director and also chairman
of board unless ber of board, unless board designates another director as chairman to perform duties designated by board.
Section 5155, U. S. R. S. 1. National banks having not more than one Franch maintained and operated more than 25 years immediately preceding Feb. 25 1927, may continue to maintain branch.
and operate bank converting and national banks consolidating may retain and operate any branches in lawful operation Feb. 251927.
3. New branches may be established in same city, town or village if State laws permit State banks to do so, except none permitted where popu-
lation is less than where population not more where population not more than 50,000 , two Comptroller where population is over 100,000 .
4. Branches may not be moved except with consent of Comptroller.
5. Branch defined as branch bank, office, agency, additional office or any branch place of business.
Section 5190 , U. S. R. S. Place of business to include branch or branches. Section 5202, U. S. R. S. Exempts from limit liabilities to Federal Intermediate Credit banks
Section 5208, U. S. R. S. Omits requirement that the amount of a certified check must be entered to the credit of the drawer on the books of the bank, and makes the reuqirement read "regularly deposited in the bank by the drawer thereof."

## Reports of Conditions.

Section 5211, U. S. R. S. Reports of condition may be sworn to by VicePresident or Assistant Cashier designated by board in absence of President and Cashier.
Section 22, Federal Reserve Act. Makes it a crime for any assistant examiner to borrow or accept gift from bank, same as examiner heretofore; also provides penalty for stealing, taking or unlawfully concealing anjthing of value in the possession of a member bank, or froc safe deposit box in or Section 24, Federal Reserve Act Heretofore real estate not form land was only eligible as security for 1. Now all linds improved reata may be anywhere in same Federal Reserve district or within 100 miles of bank
2. All real estate loans may be for five years and must be secured by a first lien.
3. Cannot be participant in real estate loan, but bank must hold all. 4. Aggregate changed from $25 \%$ of capital and surplus or one-third of alf of savings deposits. 5. Individual loans subject to Section 5200 , U. S. R. S.
by State.
7. Central Reserve city banks now make loans on real estate.

Referring further to Section 5136, U. S. R. S., it will take the Comptroller about three months to prescribe rules and regulations in connection with investment securities. In the meantime he will pass upon individual

Text of the McFadden banking bill, which was signed by President Coolidge on Feb. 25, was given in our issue of Feb. 26, p. 1162, 1164.

Forms Sent to Banks for Use in Asking Permits to Open Branches under McFadden Law.
The following is taken from the "United States Daily" of March 8:
Blank forms upon which to make application for permission to establish branches under the McFadden Banking Act have just been compiled and distributed by the Comptroller of the Currency
The new forms, which constitute the first action taken by an executive branch of the Government under the law recently passed by Congress, read as follows:
APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH BRANCHES.
To the Comptroller of the Currency,
Washington, D. C.

of (City and State)
(Street Location) branch in the said city of ---.-.-.
having a population of
2. It is proposed to locate said branch at the vicinity of the following place within said city of
3. State banks are permitted to have branches (as branches are defined by the McFadden Act) under the laws of the State of
(Copy of Provisions of Statutes, Court Decision, Opinion of AttorneyGeneral or Regulations of State Banking Department authorizing branches or agencies must be attached.)
4. A statement of the condition of.
(Name of Bank)
as of date of this application is hereto attached
as of date of this application is hereto attached.

for the above-named branch is hereto
6. REMARKS

## Gates W. McGarrah Sails for Europe.

Gates W. McGarrah, who was recently named as Chairman of the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, sailed on the Berengaria, on March 12 to attend his final meeting as a director of the Reichsbank, Berlin. He will assume his new duties May 1 at the Federal Reserve Bank.

## March Collections of Federal Income Taxes Expected

 to Exceed $\$ 625,000,000$-President Reported as Indicating That Tax Cuts Are Justified.It was stated yesterday (March 18) in Associated Press accounts from Washington that reports on tax collections presented to President Coolidge have convinced him that unless a business recession occurs in the present year Congress at its next session will be justified in cutting the income and other revenue rates. In addition, it was stated in the dispatches:
Determination of a tax reduction program, it was said at the White House to-day, is out of the question, however, until all returns have been made. While the present flow of revenue into the Treasury is satisfactory, the President has been told by tax experts that a recession of general business activities amounting to as much as $10 \%$ would wipe out entirely the antic pated surplus for this fiscal year

There are no signs of such a recession, the President has been told, and when the surplus has been fully disclosed, he believes it will be possible for Congress to determine how much of a cut can be made.

Secretary Mellon is said to have expressed the belief on March 17 that the Treasury surplus will exceed $\$ 500,000,000$ this fiscal year. The collection of income taxes due March 15 is expected to exceed $\$ 600,000,000$.

While the Secretary, it is reported, still holds the surplus does not necessarily mean that the Revenue Act of 1926 will produce sufficient revenue in the next year to warrant tax reduction, he said it would indicate successful operation of the Act. The surplus accumulating this fiscal year, which will be increased by the failure of Congress to pass the second deficiency bill, will be applied to the public debt. It was stated by the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" on March 17 that despite assurances of an unprecedentedly large surplus at the close of the present fiscal year, Secretary Mellon refused to concede that permanent tax reduction can be wisely effected for next year. In part the advices continued:
Congress, however, will take a vastly different view of the matter and it may be found that Republicans will endeavor to outdo the Democrats in their efforts to win favor with the public by cutting taxes.
The forthcoming official announcement of Secretary Mellon as to the receipts for the first quarter of 1927 is being awaited with a great deal of interest, particularly in view of an invitation extended yesterday by Chairman tomir. Green or the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxasmplification of the tax laws, and to some of these to participate in a conference to be held early next month for a discusslon of tax law simplification. Representative Green is also the Chairman of the House Says and Means Committee and this activity is merely a forerumer of a pre session
meeting of the committee within which to draft a new tax law embodying adminis (rative featuers and rates
Admitting that the large income taxes now being received and the huge surplus which he expects to exceed half a billion dollars will provide a gauge for determining the outlook for permanent tax reduction by the next bo gress, secretary the Government's finances for 1928.
direct effect on the Governlus in any particular year, or group of years, is inot prima facie evidence that the Government has sources of revenue in not prima nacmel needs for the exercise of its functions," the Treasury head declared.

Surplus for Debt Reduction.
The surplus at the end of this fiscal year will automatically be applied to the reduction of the public debt, in accordance with the post-war policy of the Treasury to effect relief from heavy debt charges, he stated. Congress's failure to pass the second deficiency appropriation bill, carrying $93,000,000$, accounts for one large non-recurring item that will go toward naking up this year's surplus, he pointed out, but

## W. H. Woodin Nominated as Class B Director of Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York issued the following notice to members on March 14:
As a result of the nominations provided for in our circular No. 765 of Feb. 7 1927, which were closed at noon on Saturday, March 12, William H. Woodin President of the American Car \& Foundry Co., has been nominated by member banks in group 1 as candidate for class B director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. We are sending herewith to all member banks for their information the names of the banks making the nomination. Only the banks of Group 1, however, that is, those having capital and surplus above $\$ 1,999,000$, will vote at this election.
On or about April 4 the result will be announced to all member banks.
Announcement that Mr. Woodin had been recommended for the post by the Committee on Nominations was made in these columns Feb. 12, page 878.

## Over $\$ 1,000,000,000$ Bonds of Second Liberty Loan

 Offered in Exchange for New Treasury Notes-
## Books to Remain Open until March 22.

The Treasury Department announced on March 15 that over $\$ 1,000,000,000$ Second Liberty Loan converted $41 / 4 \%$ bonds had been offered in exchange for the new $31 / 2 \%$ five-year Treasury notes; details of the exchange were given in our issue of Saturday last, page 1457. Secretary Mellon's announcement of March 15 follows:
The Department of the Treasury announces that up to the elosefor business on March 15, over $\$ 1,000,000,000$ of the Second Liberty Loan $41 / 4 \%$ bonds, or more than one-third of the total second $41 / 4 \mathrm{~s}$ outstanding, had been presented for conversion into five-year $31 / 2 \%$ Treasury notes in accordance with the terms of the offering made pubic by the Treasury on March 8.
The Department is gratified at the favorable response, which fully meets its expectation. In order to give other holders of Second Liberty $41 / \%$ bonds an opportunity to avail themselves of this offer, the Treasury plans to keep the books open until the close of business Tuesday, March 22 .
On March 17 it was made known that at the close of business March $1671,146,000,000$ had been converted, of which $\$ 684,000,000$ was from the New York Federal Reserve District.

Definitive Notes on New $31 / 2 \%$ Treasury Notes, Offered in Exchange for Second Liberty Loan, Ready for Delivery.
The Federal Reserve Bank of New York announced on March 17 that it now has ready for delivery the definitive $31 / 2 \% 5$-year Treasury notes of Series A-1930-32 which are being offered by the Secretary of the Treasury in exchange for Second Liberty Loan converted $41 / 4 \%$ bonds. The new notes may be obtained from the Government bond and safekeeping department of the Federal Reserve Bank. The subscription books for this offering of Treasury notes will close on Tuesday, March 22, and Second Liberty Loan converted $41 / 4 \%$ bonds offered in exchange must be tendered at the Federal Reserve Bank before the close of business on that day.

Subscriptions in Excess of a Billion Dollars Received for Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness Offered to Amount of $\$ 450,000,000$-Allotments $\$ 484,296,000$ :
Total subscriptions of $\$ 1,255,082,500$ were received in response to the offering on March 7 of the two issues of Treasury certificates of indebtedness. The aggregate offering had been for $\$ 450,000,000$ or thereabouts, and the total amount allotted is $\$ 484,296,000$. In the case of the certificates designated Series TS2-1927, maturing in six months (Sept. 15 1927) and bearing interest at $31 / 8 \%$, the amount offered was $\$ 150,000,000$ or thereabouts; the subscriptions to this offering were $\$ 449,670,500$, while the allotments were $\$ 169,888,000$. The subscriptions to the other issue of certificates (Series TM-1927, offered to the amount of $\$ 300,000$, 000 or thereabouts, running for one year and bearing interest at $31 / 4 \%$ ) were $\$ 805,412,000$; the amount allotted was
$\$ 314,408,000$. The offering of the two issues was noted in these columns last week, page 1456. In announcing on Mar. 12 the subscriptions and allotments, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon said:
The total amount of subscriptions received for the two issues of Treasury maturing Sept. 15 1927, and Series TM-1927, 31/8\%, dated March 15 1927, maturing March 15 1928, was $\$ 1,255.082500$, $31 / 4 \%$, dated March 151927 , scriptions allotted was $\$ 484,296,000$, of which $\$ 24,416$ ments on subscriptions for which Treasury notes of Series B-1927, March 15 1927, were tendered in payment. All of Series B-1927, maturing tions were allotted $50 \%$. Allotments on other subscrip exchange subscripa graduated scale on the basis already announced. The subscriptions and basis already announced.
Reserve districts as follows:
SERIES TS2-1927.


SERIES TM-1928.

| Federal Reserve District- | Total Subscriptions |
| :---: | :---: |
| Boston | Received. |
| Philadelphia | 271,950,000 |
| Cleveland | 104,930,500 |
| Richmond | 54,585,000 |
| Atlanta | 35,093,000 |
| Chicago | 35,024,000 |
| St . Louis | 94,320,000 |
| Minneapolis | 23,491,000 |
| Kansas City | $7,785,500$ $14,101,500$ |
| San Francisco. | 25,756.000 |
|  | 75,715,000 |
| Total | \$805,412,000 |
| tal allotment | 805,412,000 |

Total allot tments, both berios

| $\$ 314,408,000$ |
| :---: |
| $1,255,082,500$ |

The Treasury certificates which represented the December financing of the Gevernment bore $31 / 4 \%$; these mature in nine months, being dated Dec. 151926 and due Sept. 151927. That offering was for $\$ 200,000,000$ or thereabouts, and the subscriptions exceeded a billion dollars; the allotments were $\$ 229,264,500$.

## Senators and Representatives Who Retire with the <br> Expiration of Congress-Withdrawal of Oscar Underwood.

Nine Senators and 53 Representatives retired to private life or went to other public office with the death of the Sixty-Ninth Congress, says Associated Press advices from Washington March 5, which further state:
Eight Senate committees lost their Ohairmen, while in the House only Among the stalwarts of the retired.
Among the stalwarts of the Senate to retire was Senator Oscar W. where as Democratic of Alabama, who closed a 30 -year career in Congress, where as Democratic leader in both the House and Senate he held the n an effort to regain his health offer there. He plans to take things easy The Republicans lost two
and Lenroot of Wisconsin, who were defeated in Wadsworth of New York in the Senate for 12 and nine years defeated for re-election after serving Wadsworth returns to his faem in respectively.
law in Washington.
In the House, Oden L. Mills Enters Treasury Service.
In the House, Ogden L. Mills of New York, powerful factor on the Ways and Means Committee, went out of office to accept the post of Under-Secretary of the Treasury and J. N. Tincher of Kansas, the largest man in Congress and a picturesque figure in the Republican Party for years, will go back home to engage in the oil business.
D. Upshaw, Democrat of Georgia, and leave the House were William D. Upshaw, Democrat of Georgia, and John Phillip Hill, Republican of
Maryland, who respectively represented probably the most Maryiand, who respectively represented probably the most outspoken
views for and against Prohibition in Congress. Upshaw, who was deveaws for and against Prohibition in Congress. Upshaw, who was de-
feated re-nomination, will go on the Chautauqua platform, while feated for re-nomination, will go on the Chautauqua, platform, while
Hill, who failed to win a Senate nomination, will retire to his Baltimore home to watch the Prohibition battle from the side lines to his Baltimore
of the nine new Senators, four were drawn thide lines.
They are: Carl Hayden, Democrat of Arizona: who unseated Couse. Republican; Albert Barkley, Democrat of Kentucky, who will succeed Ernst, Republican; William S. Varecrat of Kepublican of Pennsylvania, elected to replace Pepper, also Republican, and Millard E. Tydings, Democrat of Maryland, who defeated Weller, Republican.
The other five include Smith W. Brookhart, former Republican insurgent member from Iowa, who will succeed David W. Stewart, Republican, Senate will be: John J. Blaine, Republican of wistrangers to the Lenroot; Charles W. Waterman, Republican of Wisconsin, replacing Rice W. Means, Republican; Hugo Black, Democrat of Alo succeeding ceeding Underwood, and Robert F. Wagner, Democrat of New York, replacing Wadsworth.
Senate committees which lost their Chairmen were: Elections, Ernst; Standfield. Military Public Buildings, Lenroot.
In the House Representative Scott, Republican of Michigan, retired as Chairman of the Merchant Marine Committee, and Representative Swoope, Republican of Pennsylvania, left the head of the Pension Committee. Other members retired who were long prominent in affairs were Voigt
of Minnesota, all Republicans. Democrats lose Lesse of Georgia, Carter
of Oklahoma, O'Connell of Rhode Island The Farmer-Labor Party lost Wefald, one of its two members.

## Unvetoed Bill Held Law-House Accepts This Opinion

nd Provides for Appropriation-To Carry Out
Treaty with Shawnee Tribe of Indians.
Under date of Feb. 26 an Associated Press dispatch published in the New York "Times" said:
That a bouse to-day accepted an interpretation of its Judiciary Committe the end of Congressional sessi President neither vetoes nor signs it after matically every two years on March 4. In doing so it inserted in the pending D .
tion to carry out a treaty with the Shawnee Tribe of Indians in opriahoma. The bill authorizing the appropriation was of Indians in Okla days of the last session, President Coolidge failing to assed in the closing has been some controversy as to whether it railing to act on it, and there Guice by a Judiciary Committee opinion, the House to

## President Coolidge Signs Bill Authorizing Purchase of <br> Property in New York Owned by Trinity Corpora-

 tion for New Custom House Building.President Coolidge on March 4 signed a bill appropriating $\$ 8,000,000$ for the purchase of Trinity Corporation ground in New York City and the erection of a building to be used by the United States custom and other Government officers. The "Times" on March 4 in reporting the signing of the bill said:
The plot contains 998,000 square feet and is bounded by Varick, King,
Hudson and West Houston streets. Hudson and West Houston streets.
It was said to-day this is the first piece of land the Trinity Corporation has ever offered for sale. If the corporation should decline to sell the land,

An earlier account (Feb. 28) in the "Times" condemnation. measure said in part:
The Senate bill provided for a lease by the Treasury Department for twenty years of a building to be erected in New York at a yearly rental
of $\$ 1,000,000$. When the
Representative Garner went to the House Ways and Means Committee would cost $\$ 30,000$,000
A counter-proposal was suggested by the Treasury Department, under which $10,500,000$ would be paid to Louis Adler, who was to purchase the ground. Mr. Garner declared this was $\$ 4,000,000$ too much, and he to reach a compromise, Representative Carew of New York, who sough $\$ 8,000,000$, to which Chairman Green and Garner finally consented to matter came before the Rules Committee it developed that an increase from $\$ 8,000,000$ might be unavoidable.
"Personally," said Mr. Carew, "I think $\$ 8,000,000$ is a very high price but in order to get the building speedily I thought it worth $\$ 1,000,000$ more,
perhaps."

## Senate Committee Upholds Right of Senator Gould

to Seat in Senate-Recommends Dropping of Charges.
The sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, which was named on Dec. 8 to investigate charges against Senator Arthur R. Gould (Republican) of Maine has upheld the right of the Senator to a seat in the Senate and has recommended that no furtheraction in the premises be taken. The conclusions of the sub-committee were presented to the Senate on Feb. 28. The investigation grew out of charges alleging the payment by the Senator of $\$ 100,000$ to Premier Flemming of the Province of New Brunswick (Canada). In reporting the conclusions of the sub-committee, Associated Press advices from Washington Feb. 28 stated:
It was pointed out that Senator Gould denied making the payment himself and that he testified he protested over his business associates paying anything.
The report was prepared by Senator George, Democrat of Georgia, a
member of the sub-committee. member of the sub-committee.
instance of Senator Walsh, Demer Gould's qualifications was made at the instance of Senator Walsh, Democrat of Montana, who based his demands on charges that Senator Gould had turned over $\$ 100,000$ to former Premier
Flemming of New Brunswick in connection with Mr. Gould on the witness sick in connection with a contract for a railroad. The report to-day declared the sub-committee was "in involved.
in the case in the following particulars: "A.-The undertaking by the Hon.
to build the railroad was in the heginning free from suspicid his associates or fraud.
"B. -The transactions here inquired into had, in fact, no relation to the selection of the Hon. Arthur R. Gould as a candidate of his party in the primary of 1926 or to his election to the Senate of the United States in the election held in the State of Maine in 1926.
"D.- The transaction occurred more than 14 years prior to said election. man of good chatively appears that the Hon. Arthur R. Gould is a engaged in impharacter. Through a long life, in which he has actively of character and integrity.
The premises considered, your committee recommends that further action in the instant case be not taken and that the right of the Hon.
Arthur R . Gould to Arthur R. Gould to a seat in the Senate be confirmed.
The sub-committee declined to rule on the claim of Mr. Gould's counsel that the Senate had no right to exclude a member for an act committed
prior to election prior to election.
olving the esch power exists the committee believes that every case inthe Senate for an offense alleged to have been committed prior to his
election must depend upon the peculiar facts and the circumstances of the particular case," the report said.
"The general conclusion to which your committee has come makes it unnecessary to give an opinion upon the power of the Senate with respect to the question here raised.
The inquiry was called for under a resolution introduced in the Senate on Dec. 6 by Senator Walsh (Democrat) of Montana, and adopted by the Senate on Dec. 7 by a vote of 70 to 7. The sub-committee named to conduct the investigation consisted of Senators Goff (Republican) West Virginia; Shortridge (Republican), California; Deneen (Republican), Illinois; King (Democrat), Utah, and George (Democrat), Georgia.

Col. T. W. Miller, Former Alien Property Custodian, Sentenced to Eighteen Months' Imprisonment and Fined $\$ 5,000$
Col. Thomas W. Miller, formerly Alien Property Custodian, who was convicted on March 4 on charges of conspiracy to defraud the Government of his unbiased services was senteneed by Federal Judge Knox on March 8 to 18 months' imprisonment in the Atlanta Penitentiary and to pay a fine of $\$ 5,000$. As indicated in our issue of March 5, page 1298, the jury which convicted Col. Miller was unable to agree on a verdict in the case of former U.S. AttorneyGeneral Harry M. Daugherty, who was tried at the same time on the same charges. According to the New York "Times," the jury failed by one vote to convict the former Attorney-General. With reference to the sentence imposed on Col. Miller, the "Times" said:
Standing in the position of a soldier at attention, Col. Miller, who was several times cited for bravery in action in the World War, accepted sentence with the same lack of emotion he had displayed throughout the long trial and when the verdict against him was announced. Motions to set aside the verdict, to arrest judgment, to grant a new trial and to suspend sentence after it had been pronowh to were dile by Judge Knox, who gave counsel 24 hours ontinued Col. Miller's $\$ 5,000$ bail.
Judge Knox told Col. Miller he regretted that he had not taken the stand in his own defense and told his own story. He said also that, if the Appellate Court should find a basis in the record of the trial for conluding that the juagm would be "most happy
Col. Miller and his attorneys, Aaron Sapiro and George Winship Taylor, admitted they had been considering a statement that would show how the Liberty bonds, referred to in the trial as a bribe, had found their way into their client's brokerage account. They did not make such a se left ment yesterday, however. Col. Mnd Mr. Sapiro went to Chicago. Mrs. mill who in court throughout the trial, bore herself as calmly as did her husband.
Before sentence Mr. Taylor spoke briefly and presented affidavits in tor of his plea for consideration for his client. Mr. Sapiro, in moving for arrest of judgment, said in effect that if Col. Miller was gullty Mr. Daugherty was guilty as well. He continued:
"It seems to me that in no possible situation brought to light by the evidence in this case could Col. Miller be guilty and Mr. Daugherty innoent. The evidence was not surficient for finding Col. Miler guilty when the jury failed to agree on Mr. Daugherty. The indictment did not set forth sufficient facts upon which to predicate such a disposition of the case.
United States Attorney Buckner urged Judge Knox to impose a material sentence, saying that the Government's fight for conviction had not been against either defendant personally, but had been a battle of simple justice in behalf of thousands of Federal employees who had neither wealth nor educational advantages, yet who were expected to perform their duties honestly.
"These men," continued Mr. Buckner, "have children, too, and they often wear poor clothes because their fathers cannot provide any better. Yet your Honor has sent many of them to jail for the theft of a few dollars from the mails.

The maximum fine which might be imposed ( $\$ 10,000$ ) would be only one-fifth of the amount the evidence showed the greatest trustee in history with the act complained of by the Government."

Judge Knox's Statement.
Colonel Miller, step forward," said Judge Knox. "I hated to believe that men in responsible positions might be guilty of such a crime as was charged in the indictment, but I must accept the verdict of the jury. I regret you did not take the stand and tell your story. While recognizing your services to your country in time of war, I may add that good citizen-
shin is often strained in time of peace. It is the duty of those in public ship is often strained in time of peace. It is the duty of those in public office to be steadfast.

I do not believe a prison sentence will add anything to what you have suffered. But I have a duty toward officers of the Government whose positions are far more humble than was yours
Sentence was then imposed, and Mr. Sapiro moved that the prison term be suspended, saying that Colonel Miller had wanted to take the stand, and that he, as his attorney, had kept him from doing so. Judge Knox denied the motion.

## United States Supreme Court Holds Invalid Louisiana

 Law Designed to Bar Negroes from Residing in Communities Occupied by White Persons.The United States Supreme Court on March 14 held unconstitutional the Louisiana and New Orleans restrictions under which whites and negroes are barred from residing in the same communities without the written consent of a majority of persons of the opposite race. In its account of the Supreme Court's conclusions on March 14 the New York "World" stated:

In 1917, in the Buchanan-Warley case, the court killed the Louisville aw. To-day it reversed the Supreme Court of Louisiana in the Ben Harmon vs. Joseph w. Tyler case, "on the authority" of the Louisville case. The Buchanan-Warley opinion was handed down Nov. 5 1917. It related to a city ordinance which forbade colored persons the occupancy whiteses in lots where the greater number of houses were occupied such white persons, and, in practical effect. prevented the sal

The Acts of Louisiana and the ordinance of New Orleans in question, make it unlawful, on the sole ground of race or color, for a white man or a colored man to establish a home residence on any property in a negro community or white community, unless he obtains the written consent of a majority of the opposite race.
Tyler, the white man, and Harmon, the negro, owned homes on opposite sides of the street. Harmon planned to convert a single cottage into a sides of one and rent it to a negro family. Tyler brought suit to stop him, declaring he had not obtained the written consent of a majority of the white persons of that community. A lower court decided against Tyler, but on appeal, he won in the State Supreme Court, and the negro appealed to Washington

Negro litigants won another advantage in the Supreme Court to-day when a petition for review filed by the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine was granted. White Shriners of Texas are trying to compel the negro Shriners to give up their order. nerres from wearing the in favor of the white shiners, and. The negroes brought the case to the emblems art Supreme Cours in wiolation of the Fourteenth Amendment. The Supreme Court will consider the case

## New Bill for Consolidation of Railroads Tentatively <br> Agreed on by[House Committee-CumminsMeasure Sidetracked.

Just before the adjournment of Congress a bill embodying new plans for the consolidation of railroads was introduced (on March 3) by Representative James S. Parker, of New York, Chairman of the House Committee on Inter-State and Foreign Commerce. It was noted in the "Wall Street News" that the bill is a redraft of the original Fess-Parker bill and was drawn up by the committee with the asistance of Commissioner Hall of the Interstate Commerce Commission. It differs from the original Fess-Parker bill only in phraseology and is drawn along lines for which provision was made for railroad consolidation in the Transportation Act of 1920. The introduction of the bill in the closing hours of Congress it was indicated was with a view to getting the measure on the calendar for action at the next session. Mr. Parker was quoted as saying on March 2:
I have every expectation that, with a vast portion of the necessary work Iready accomplished, the committee will be in a position to complete its Iready acconphe next Congress within a reasonably short period of time. nd that legislation embodying substantially the principal policies of the ill introduced to-day, authorizing voluntary consolidations subject to the approval of the Inter-state Commerce Commission, will be forthcoming during the first session of the next Congress.
From Washington, March 9, the "Wall Street News" reported the following:
Substitution of the new Parker rallroad consolidation measure for all previous merger bills now pending before the House and Senate Inter-State Commerce committees were forecast by Senator Watson, Ohairman of the senate committee, to-day. He predicted the bill would be acceptable to the majority members of the Senate Inter-state commerce Commitcee and indicated the Cummins measure
its so-called compulsory features
ly understood to have been drawn by experte of the Association of Railway Executives.
On March 3 Representative Parker stated:
Under the bill adequate corporate power is granted the carriers to carry out consolidations, when approved by the Inter-State Commerce Commission and consented to by the carriers. A flexible procedure is prescribed and for each proposed unification there should be one or more methods found in the bill fitted to the practical conditions confronting the carriers.
Dissenting stockholders are protected. Dissenting stockholders are protected.
The "Times" announced Representative Parker as declaring that the public must have adequate and efficient transportation service at the lowest possible rates, and as adding:
The public has the right to demand of Congress that it establish a system of regulation which will give each community the transportation upon which its life, its growth and its development depend. We have a system of regulation. Unless that system is made more effective, however, we wil be confronted with a demand for greater Governmental aid and ultimately Government ownership. It is my opinion, and I am confident that it is practically the unanimous opinion of the committee, that private operation of our transportation agencies under public regulation should be continued as the permanent policy of our Government.

Seeks Better Service at Lover Rates.
Consequently we must do all in our power to provide effective regulation so that private operation will produce the results properly demanded by the public. The impaired credit of carriers must be restored. Additions and betterments must replace abandonments. Rates must be soundly made and adjusted so that carriers as a whole may not only continue to live but may give better service at lower rates. The excessive costs but inefficient and inadequate service, reflected not alone in freight rates but in delays and hazards which shippers must take into consideration, must be in iminated.

I am convinced that the policy of voluntary consolidation is sound. The President of the United States in each of his last four annual messages to Congress has recommended the policy. The present law, which was a part of the Transportation Act of 1920, recognizes the policy. Transportation experts are in substantial unanimity upon the policy. The InterState Commerce Commission reports favorably upon it. I feel certain that State Commerce Commission repord Foreign Commerce of the House o
the Committee on Inter-State and Representatives is in substantial accord upon the policy.

If the principles of this bill become law and unifications of railway properties are authorized the public interest will be adequately and properly
protected, a long stride toward the solution of protected, a long stride toward the solution of our weak-line problem will be made, a limited number of strong, efficient and well-balanced railroad systems will be ultimately established, economy promoted, better service
afforded, a simplified and more effective regulation of carriers provided afforded, a simplified and more effective regulation of carriers provided,
unnecessary duplication and wasteful combinations eliminated, existing competition essential in the public interest will not be lessened and the advantages of competition between the systems established will be obtained. It is not supposed that consolidation presents a panacea for all the ail-
ments of our present system. I am confident, however, ments of our present system. I am confident, however, that voluntary
consolidations will mark a decided step forward toward the ultimate satisfactory solution of our transportation problem.
Representative Homer Hoch of Kansas, a member of the Inter-State Commerce Committee, who has taken an active part in framing this legislation, explained on March 6 the principles which the Committee sought to embody in the measure, according to the New York "Times," which quoted Mr. Hoch as follows:
My chief interest in this matter has been to secure provisions in the bill which will insure protection of the public interest as the first requirement before any consolidations are authorized, which will prevent improper
valuations from being brourht about through conclidatins valuations from being brought about through consolidations, with their
resulting burden on the public, which will in every way possible prevent resulting burden on the public, which will in every way possible prevent overcapitalization and improper financing, and which will preserve the
so-called weak lines that may be necessary to the sections which they so-called
serve.

If consolidations are to be brought about, there are two principal reasons why legislation is necessary. In the first place, the ban imposed by the anti-trust laws must be lifted; and, in the second, practical means must be provided for carrying these consolidations into effect after they are authorized.
The Committee has very greatly changed the provisions of the bill Which set up the conditions under which the Inter-State Commerce ComCommission, and protection of the public idinite guide is provided to the Commission, and protection of the public interest is made the first and

## Seeks to Protect the Public.

lished Commission cannot permit any consolidation until it is clearly establines will be preserved; that unnecessary duplications will bssary weak that the action taken will help to bring about the unification of the railroads into a number of well-balanced systems of fairly equal strength, and that the advantage of competition between such systems will be secured.
The effort is not to remove competition in any territory, but to secure competition between strong systems dealing as equals. One of the principal arguments for consolidation is that it will simplify rate regulation and give
diversity of traffic that will diversity of traffic that will make easier a readjustment of rates in the interest of commodities unfairiy burdened.
the whole railroad situation. Some of these is one of the most difficult in built, and there are some which may have to be abandoneder have been buit, and there are some which may have to be abandoned. But among
these lines are many which serve a real need and which
The proposed bill does not arevide compulsory must be preserved. does have strong provisions for the preservation consolidation, but it lines. Strong lines are not to be permitted to consolidate unless they are willing to take into their system the weak lines in their territory they are valuation, to be determined by the Commission. On the other hand the weak lines are not to be permitted to hold up the strong lines, but are to be given their choice of going in at a fair valuation or having the consolidation go through without them.
the plansondation orders of the Comil the are to go into effect until securities. Bondhod a majority of all the outstanding stock and other privileges, on the theory that all who have a direct substantial interest should have a voice in determining so important a question affecting their rights.

## To Guard Minorities.

The right. of minority stockholders are given full consideration. The committee has not yet passed upon these provisions definitely, but is firm
in Its position that minority holders shall be full rer in its position that minority holders shall be fully yrotected.
bonds at par of the consolidated providing that the capital stock and value of the console consolidated company shall not exceed the actual
val value of the consolidated properties. The committee has not yet passed its determination to to wording of this rrovision, but has clearly indicated There is a difference of opinion as to whether cap
bill would result virtually in Federal incorther certain provisions of the cases. The proponents generally claim it pill tion of railroads in some be cleared up by further amendment. If Federal. That question must is to result, it would be amendment. If Federal incorporation in effect so that all of the duties and responsibilities would plainly at it directly, consolidated company as well as the righties would plainly attach to the one purpose of the bill is to set aside the limitarivileges. In any event, that is necessary for carrying into effect a consolitions of State law where If the railroads of the country can be welded intidation program.
sharply competing within the territory served, it would, in my 20 systems, make very much easier the tremendously difficult and complex judgment, rate regulation. It ought also to make it easier to cemplex problem of farm products and other bulky commodities now bearinge the rates on part of the freight burden.
But I will support consolidation legislation only after the ough consideration of every provision, and when I am convinced that every possible safeguard is included to protect the public interest and to prevent financial juggling. The railroad should not be permitted to capitalize the good-will which may come solely as the result of consolidation. The public interest must be the paramount consideration.

## Redmond \& Co.'s Financial and Industrial Survey of Thirty-eight Countries and the United States in Chart Form.

Statisties just disclosed in annual "World Economic Chart for 1926" published by Redmond \& Co. present information respecting the financial, commercial and general economic development of 38 foreign countries, besides the United States. The wealth per capita figures show that the United States citizen leads the world, with an average wealth of
$\$ 2,910$. Next comes Switzerland, with $\$ 2,800$, followed by Canada with $\$ 2,675$, United Kingdom with $\$ 2,662$, and Australia with $\$ 2,585$. A comparison of the wealth, debt, bank deposits rend expenditures, imports and exports, bank deposits, gold reserve and currency circulation are a few of the more important facts brought out in the study. These figures are taken from the latest statistics available and are for the most part official. Needless to say, they bring out in bold relief the enormous amount of money this country has loaned abroad in recent years. In discussing its presentation of the economic condition of the principal countries of the world, Redmond \& Co. says:
and as such, has contributed materially to the economic rehabilitation which has succeeded the chaos of the early post-war years. Export of ention which capital as well as refunding of existing foreign debt will continue and become
of aditional of increasing importance to us year by year debt will continue and become The successful inception and operat year
many important countries to the gold standard and the stabilization of the currency of other nations, the general movement toward retrenchment and economy in the use of public funds; these and many other factors combine not only to justify the foreign financing of the past few years, but also foreign financing.

## More Florida Banks Fail.

On Monday of this week three more banks in Palm Beach County (Florida) failed to open for business, bringing the number closed in the county within a week to six and precipitating runs on the two largest banks still remaining open in West Palm Beach-namely the Citizens' Bank and the Central Farmers' Trust Co. The institutions which closed on Monday were the Farmers' Bank \& Trust Co. of West Palm Beach; the First National Bank of Lake Worth and the Ocean City Bank of Delray. The first named (Mareh withstood "a run" since the previous Tuesday (March 8) when the First-American Bank \& Trust Co. and the Northwood Bank \& Trust Co., both West Palm Beach institutions, and the First Bank \& Trust Co. of Palm Beach suspended operations. (Details of the closing of these latter banks were given in our last week's issue, page 1467.) Last night (March 18) the New York "Sun" announced the following Associated Press advices from Tallahassee:
Financial difficulties experienced by banking institutions of West Palm
Beach resulted primarily in the closing Beach resulted primarily in the closing to-day of the Seminole Bank at
Stuart, State Banking Department officials announced to Stuart, State Banking Department officials announced to-day. The bank
was capitalized at $\$ 50,000$.
According to special advices from Palm Beach appearing in the New York "Times," on Monday (March 14) an announcement, Sunday night, by T. T. Reese, President of the Farmers' Bank \& Trust Co., that his bank would not attempt to open the next day, caused the officials of the First National Bank of Lake Worth and the Ocean City Bank of Delray to take similar action. The announcement of Mr. Reese was contained in a dispatch to the "Times" dated Sunday, which said in part:
Announcement to this effect was made to-night by T. T. Reese, President of the bank, following a meeting of winter residents, which was called at
the last moment in the hope of raising sufficient funds to State bank examiners who had inspected the funds to meet the crisis.
Sta Bank \& Trust Co. estimated that $\$ 4,000,000$ would be required to see the
bank thro bank through the present emergency. When subscriptions were asked for ont
cient officials of the bank declared it was and as this was deemed insuffiIn announcing his decision to clos was futile to keep open any longer.
"I regret very much that we are compelled to talke
have no alterrative. Our bank is perfectly solvent and we will pay but we have no alternative. Our bank is perfectly solvent and we will pay every
depositor one hundred cents on the dollar. "If I had been advised beforehand of the
which closed last Tuesday and had known that they the three banks we could have had sufficient funds on hand to meet this intended closing. knew nothing of their decision to close until meet this emergency. But 1 "Naturally, the run which resulted caught us unprepared. I sent to Miami for $\$ 500,000$ immediately, and I got an additional $\$ 1,000,000$ from Jacksonville. But the withdrawals used up our cash as fast as we were able to get it. At closing time Saturday we had only about $\$ 43,000$ in cash left.
"I have had numberous offers of assistance from Northern banks, but to get cash from them would take time. It would be necessary to send them
the collateral before nearly a week before we could let us have the cash and that would take The bank is the eighth courd get the money back here
of the strongest.
Organized with a capital of $\$ 100,000$ and surplus of $\$ 200,000$, the company reported $\$ 925,000$ in undivided profits. During the last thirteen years it said to have made profits of $\$ 1,150,000$.
Bank \& Trust Co. had deposits of $\$ 19,000,000$, but in the the Farmers' Bank \& Trust Co. had deposits of $\$ 19,000,000$, but in the last year the
total dwindled to $\$ 8,500,000$. total dwindled to $\$ 8,500,000$.
$\$ 7,240,000$ outstanding in real estate declared that the bank had loans of $\$ 7,240,000$ outstanding in real estate, and only about $\$ 1,000,000$ in securi-
ties that were immediately negotiable. ties that were immediately negotiable.
farm, who put $\$ 500,000$ to the credit of the bank when the run war stock height last Tuesday, pledged an additional $\$ 1,250,000$ to-day was at its required $\$ 4,000,000$. John S. Phipps and H. C. Phipps of New Yorls requed to put up $\$ 300,000$ more: Edward F. Hutton pledged $\$ 100,000$
offere Louis G. Kaufman, President of the Chatham \& Phoenix National Bank, S. Shepard, $\$ 100,000$; Earl 000 ; J. Leonard Replogle, $\$ 100,000$; John Mayor of Palm Beach, $\$ 50,000$, and A. J. Drexel Biddle Jrer Lightboun, $\$ 50,000$.
on condition that Mr. Reese should withdraw from the bank.

On Tuesday March 15 the New York "Times" in another dispatch from Palm Beach dated Monday, March 14, stated that the Citizens' Bank of West Palm Beach, in view of the decision of Mr. Reese not to open his institution, had called a meeting on Sunday to determine whether or not it should open. After an all night conference, at which directors of the bank furnished collateral sufficient to raise $\$ 1,500,000$ (an amount, it was said, equal to the bank's deposits), B. A. Maxfield, its President, announced that his bank would open prepared to pay any and all depositors who wanted their money. Currency, it was stated, amounting to $\$ 500$,000 , obtained from financial institutions in Miami, arrived at 9 o'clock in the morning (Monday), just as the doors were thrown open, and a "run" started at once. By noon, however, the "run" on the institution and on the Central Farmers' Trust Co. showed signs of abating, and the lines of persons waiting to withdraw their funds began to dwindle. A few depositors appeared and others followed their example. The bank remained open until 6 o'clock. At the close of the day President Maxfield was quoted as saying that withdrawals had amounted to little more than $\$ 100,000$ for the day, adding: "We have the 'run' licked and I don't think there is any likelihood that it will be resumed to-morrow."
In regard to the "run" at the Central Farmers' Trust Co., which is backed by the Farmers' Loan \& Trust Co. and the Central Union Bank of New York, the dispatch stated that lines had formed, although they were only about half the length of those at the Citizens' Bank. In the evening Fred H. Farwell, Secretary of the institution, declared that he thought the crisis was over. "We have plenty of money on hand in case the 'run' is resumed to-morrow," he was quoted as saying, "but I am satisfied that we will have no difficulty. We paid out about $\$ 200,000$ to-day but our deposits, on the other hand, were exceptionally good, and we took in almost as much."

With reference to the banks in the vicinity of West Palm Beach, the dispatch said:
At Fort Pierce everything was said to be quiet. The Vero Bank and the Seminole Bank at Stuart reported business going on as usual. The Kelsey City State Bank reported conditions normal, and so did the Bank of Boynton.
The closing of the First National Bank at Lake Worth left that town with no other financial institution but a building and loan association, the other bank there having closed only a few weeks ago.
The Delray Bank \& Trust Co., surviving institution there, reperted business better than usual and said the day's deposits were the heaviest so far this year

The dispatch, furthermore, stated, Ernest Amcs, State Comptroller for Florida, in a telegram on Monday night to the New York "Times" correspondent at Palm Beach, had declared that the recent bank failures had been confined wholly to West Palm Beach and the vicinity. He branded reports that the condition was general all over Florida as "utterly untrue."

It was pointed out in this dispatch that the closing of the three banks on Monday brings the total closed in Florida so far this year to twelve, and that sixty banks have closed in the State since the collapse of the real estate boom last spring. In conclusion the dispatch said:

James H. Perkins, President of the Farmers' Loan \& Trust Co., demied last night that his company had any plans for reorganizing the Farmers' Bank \& Trust Co. of West Palm Beach. He has just returned from Florida. where he went on the first intimation of banking trouble there. The Farmers Loan \& Trust Co. and the Central Union Trust Co. are joint
sponsors of the Central Farmers' Trust Co., which was established in West Palm Beach in 1925 and which has no connection with the closed Farmers Bank \& Trust Co.
Mr. Perkins said that the crisis through which the West Palm Beach banks had passed seemed inevitable, but that he beliered that the future of Florida, particularly in the Palm Beach section, was secure.
"The problem now in Florida is to keep banking institutions open," said Mr. Perkins. "What will be done in the way of permanent reorganization is still a matter of the future. It is possible that the situation eventually will be met by a realignment of finanrial interests in Florida, but our company has no plans in that direction.
"The Central Farmers Trust Co. is in fine financial condition. As a result of recent developments it is now probably the strongest institution in its section.
In additional advices from Palm Beach under date of March 16, regarding banking conditions in West Palm Beach, the "Times" on March 17 stated:
No new bank closings or runs were reported in Florida to-day and local bankers declared that conditions are normal again. At the Central Farmers Trust Co., the Citizens Bank and the National Bank of West Palm Beach, which followed the real estate boom, officials reported a marked increase in the number of deposits to-day.
Hundreds of small depositors are hard hit, however, as a result of the bank closings, and motorists criving north report the highways dotted with persons begging for lifts "back Ncrth."
The City of Palm Beach is said to have had $\$ 1,500,000$ in one of the closed banks. A proclamation signed by Cooper C. Lightboun, Mayor of Palm Beach, appeared in "The Palm Beach Daily News" this morning,
calling upon the taxpayers of the town to pay their taxes at once in order to provide the payroll for municipal employees who have families dependent upon them.
Real estate men whose notes are held by the six banks which closed are waiting to see what policy receivers for these banks will pursue with regard to foreclosure. It is estimated that the amount outstanding on real estate from the six banks will be more than $\$ 15,000,000$.

## Run on Postal Savings Department in Negro Section

 at West Palm Beach, Fla.A run on the Postal Savings Department of the West Palm Beach (Fla.) Post Office by negro depositors was reported in the following dispatch to the "Times" from Palm Beach, March 16:
In the fear that the Government was "going broke" after the closing of six banks in Palm Beach County in the last ten days, several thousand negroes started a run on the Postal Savings Department of the West Palm beach post ofnce to-day. Word got abroad through the negro quarter
that the Government was depositing postal receipts with banks in that city, causing the colored depositors to swoop down on the post office for their savings.
The run began when the post office opened at 9 o'clock this morning. Lines of excited negroes began forming in front of the postal savings windows two hours prior to that time.
Assurance that the United States Government was responsible for postal savings money failed to pacify the negroes.
The excitement was contagious and drew more and more negroes into line. A small crowd of whites collected to watch the proceedings. Finally the police were called.
They sought to quell the disturbance by assuring the negroes that their money was perfectly safe, and they pointed out that even if postal savings receipts were deposited in local banks and the banks falled, of which there was no longer any likelihood, the Government would still be responsible for the money and would make it good on demand.
By noon, however, the run had spent itself, although a thin line of negroes continued to withdraw their deposits during the remainder of the day. At closing time to-night more than $\$ 25,000$ had been paid out by the post ofice. The amount, however, was regre by postal to upwards of 960.000

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

The New York Stock Exchange membership of Louis Levy was reported posted for transfer this week to W. T. Coleman Carpenter, the consideration being stated as $\$ 185,000$. The last preceding sale was for $\$ 182,000$.

There was a seat sold for $\$ 45,000$ on the San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange on March 7. This is said to be the highest price ever paid and is a substantial increase over the last previous sale on Jan. 10, when a seat sold for $\$ 42,500$. The San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange ranks first among the exchanges of the nation, outside of the New York Stock Exchange, in the price of seats.

The American Exchange Irving Trust Co. of New York announced fon March 17 the appointment of Joseph M. Levine to the Bronx Advisory Board, co-operating with its three banking offices in the Bronx. Mr. Levine is a lawyer and President of Hunt's Point Hospital.
George F. Campbell, of Halifax, President of the Bank of Nova Scotia, who is confined in the Polyclinic Hospital here, underwent an operation this week and is progressing satisfactorily. He is under the care of Dr. McKelvey Bell, formerly of Ottawa, and Dr. Daniel Sinclair.

James W. Gerard, former United States Ambassador to Germany, will address the British Empire Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon to be held at the Lawyers' Club next Tuesday, March 22. Mr. Gerard will speak on "Present Conditions in Germany." The President of the Chamber, Charles S. LePoer Trench, will preside. R. F. Munro, Secretary, is in charge of arrangements.

The Central National Bank of this city on March 10 received authority from the Comptroller of the Currency to open a branch on Burnside Avenue, corner of Jerome Avenue, in the Bronx. The new branch will be known as the Burnside Avenue office. It will onen for business in the early part of May.

Announcement was made this week by the National City Bank of New York of the appointment of George Whitlock as Assistant Cashier. Mr. Whitlock has been assigned to the Montague Street Branch in Brooklyn.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Empire Trust Co. of this city on March 15, F. H. Wickett was elected a director. Mr. Wickett is Chairman of the board of the Pan-American Petroleum \& Transport Co.

Augustus F. Kountze, a member of the New York banking firm of Kountze Brothers, 141 Broadway, died in Atlantic City on March 14. Mr. Kountze was 57 years of age and had been in the banking business since 1891; besides being a
member of Kountze Brothers he was a director of the J. G. White Engineering Corporation, and President and director of the Burnside Realty Corporation.

The Title Guarantee \& Trust Co. of New York announces with regret the resignation, effective April 1 1927, of George L. Allin as solicitor of the company. Mr. Allin leaves the company after 26 years' service to become a member of the firm of Stoddard \& Mark. The appointment is announced of Gabriel I. Behrisch to the newly ereated position of general counsel, with his office at 175 Remsen St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Sedgwick A. Clark succeeds Mr. Allin as solicitor, with his office at 176 Broadway, New York.
At the annual meeting of the United States Mortgage \& Trust Co. of New York on March 17 the retiring directors were re-elected.
At a meeting on March 8 of the board of directors of the newly organized Prospect National Bank of Brooklyn, Maurice F. Hickey, President of M. F. Hickey Co., was elected President, and Dongald G. C. Sinclair was elected Chairman of the Board. Mr. Sinclair is associated with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. ; he is also a trustee of the Commonwealth Savings bank and director of the Murray Hill Trust Co. The other officers of the bank are: Vice-Presidents, Philip L. Dickinson, Christian E. Herbst and Harry Michaels; Cashier, Philip L. Dickinson. The organization of the bank was noted in our issue of Oct. 16 1926, page 1962. The bank will open for business about April 1.

Authority was granted on March 10 to the Midwood Trust Co. of Brooklyn to open a branch office at 240 Flushing Avenue. The opening of the trust company's branch at Flatbush and Flatlands avenues, Brooklyn, was noted in our issue of Sept. 25 1926, page 1590.

The New York State National Bank of Albany, N. Y., has let the contract for the vault work for its new banking home to the York Safe \& Lock Co. of York, Pa. The door will be of the rectangular type, approximately 45 inches thick over all. It will weigh approximately 34 tons. The construction of the door embodies all of the latest refinements known to the industry. York infusite is used in the door itself, insuring the New York State National Bank the highest degree of protection from burglarious attack.

President John A. Kloepfer of the Liberty Bank of Buffalo, following a meeting of the bank's board of directors on March 12, announced the appointment of George C. Lehmann, former General Manager of the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce, as the head of the bank's business extensions and publicity department. The appointment takes effect April 1. Mr. Lehmann, it is said, has an unusual record as a Chanber of Commerce executive in that of thousands of secretaries in the country, he is one of the sixteen who served continuously with the same organization fifteen years or more. On the invitation of E. M. Statler, he went with the local Chamber in May 1911 to install and operate the convention bureau. A year later he took charge of the industrial bureau. Then he became Assistant Secretary, and in January 1917 he was elected Secretary, which position he held until his retirement last month.

According to the Comptroller of the Currency the First National Bank of Middletown, N. Y., has become the "First
National Bank \& Trust Co. of Middletown."

[^0] The resulting organization will be known as the West

Jersey Parkside Trust Co. and will have total deposits of $\$ 10,500,000$. Ratification of the proposed merger by the respective stockholders of the banks is expected. Congressman Frank F. Patterson is President of the West Jersey Trust Co., while Alfred L. Sayers heads the Parkside Title \& Trust Co.
A. S. Banmiller, an Assistant Treasurer of the Commonwealth Trust Co. of Harrisburg, Pa., was arrested on the night of March 7 for the alleged misappropriation of approximately $\$ 200,000$ of the funds of the institution, according to advices from that city on March 7 to the Philadelphia "Ledger." It was stated that more than $\$ 100,000$ of the shortage had been restored. According to the police, Banmiller has confessed that speculation in stock was responsible for his use of the bank's money. He was held for Court under $\$ 50,000$ bail, which had not been obtained at the time.
The York National Bank, York, Pa., has changed its name to "The York National Bank \& Trust Co."
Following a meeting of the directors of the Franklin Trust Co. of Philadelphia, on March 15, announcement was made by C. Addison Harris Jr., President of the company, that the semi-annual dividend rate of the institution had been increased from 7 to $8 \%$, placing the stock on a $16 \%$ annual basis, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of March 16. Mr. Harris also announced that the board had authorized the transfer of $\$ 250,000$ from undivided profits to surplus account, effective April 1, which, together with the proceeds from the sale of the recent new stock issue, will show the institution to have a capital of $\$ 2,000,000$ and surplus of $\$ 4,000,000$. In making the announcements, Mr. Harris stated that the company's earnings for the past six months were the largest in the history of the company.

Charles W. Brown Jr., formerly Chief Bank Examiner for the State of Pennsylvania, has been elected President of the National Bank of Commerce of Philadelphia, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of March 12.

John W. Phillips has been elected President of the Ardmore National Bank, Ardmore, Pa., according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of March 12. Mr. Phillips was formerly President of the Phoenix Trust Co. of Philadelphia, which recently was merged with the Northern Central Trust Co. of that city.

The Baltimore Commercial Bank, Baltimore, announced recently the organization of a subsidiary institution under the title of the Baltimore Commercial Co., with an authorized capital stock of $\$ 250,000$. The new company, it was stated, would place at the disposal of the depositors and customers of the bank a complete service by which they may seek counsel and advice in making safe and sound investments. The officers of the new concern are from the official staff of the Baltimore Commercial Bank, and in addition include a Vice-President, R. G. Lyne, formerly of the investment department of the Equitable Trust Co. of New York. The company's offices are located in the main building of the bank, 26 South Street.

That the Farmers' State Bank of Bunker Hill, Ind., was not opened following the discovery that A. M. Zehring, the Cashier of the institution, had committed suicide in a rear room of the bank building, was reported in the Brooklyn "Eagle" of March 11. The bank was said by the State Examiner to be in good financial condition a month previous, the dispatch stated.

The Midland National Bank of Chicago, which received a charter from the Comptroller of the Currency on Jan. 1, opened for business Feb. 3. The bank's 2,000 shares were sold at $\$ 125$ per share, yielding $\$ 250,000$; of this amount $\$ 200,000$ is capital, $\$ 40,000$ surplus and $\$ 10,000$ contingent fund. The bank is established on Archer Avenue at Sacrament. The officers are: David E. Shanahan ,Chairman of the Board; H. F. Wuehrmann, President; Frank L. Webb, Vice-President; V. I. Vanicek, Cashier; C. G. Kilkis, Assistant Cashier; there is an advisory committee composed of J. W. Embree, Arthur Meeker and H. E. Poronto. The following are the directors: H. H. Baum, Robert D. Gordon, E. A. Leonard, J. T. Love, John R. O'Connor, David E. Shanahan, John Wajer, Frank L. Webb and H. F. Wuehrmann.

Effective March 1, the Merchants' National Bank of Dickinson, N. D., went into voluntary liquidation. The institution has been absorbed by the First National Bank of Dickinson.

The Farmers' \& Miners' State Bank of Belt, Mont., has absorbed the First National Bank of that place, capitalized at $\$ 30,000$. The latter went into voluntary liquidation effective Jan. 111927.

The Durant National Bank, Durant, Okla., an institution capitalized at $\$ 100,000$, went into voluntary liquidation on Feb. 8, and has been succeeded by a new organization under the title of the Durant National Bank in Durant.

The First National Bank of Goodland, Kan., recently absorbed the Farmers' National Bank of that place, the latter going into voluntary liquidation, effective Feb. 12.

According to an Associated Press dispatch from St. Louis, Mo., on March 16, Philip R. Love, an air mail pilot, flying at the rate of 100 miles an hour, carried a shipment of $\$ 200$,000 in cash on that day from the First National Bank in St. Louis to Zeigler, Ill., to avert a threatened "run" on the First National Bank of that place, because of rumors circulated by irresponsible persons. Officials of both banks declared, it was stated, that the Zeigler institution was in sound condition with resources of more than $\$ 1,000,000$.
Effective March 5 the First National Bank of Waterboro, S. S. (capitalized at $\$ 75,000$ ), went into voluntary liquidation, the institution being taken over by the Colleton Banknig Co. of that place.

A dispatch by the Associated Press from Fredericksburg, Va., on March 14, appearing in the Richmond "Dispatch" of the 15th, stated that the People's Bank of Stafford, Va., a small institution capitalized at $\$ 15,000$, had been closed on that day pending an examination of its affairs, following the arrest of John M. Ashby, its Cashier, for the alleged embezzlement of approximately $\$ 8,000$ of the institution's funds. Ashby, the dispatch said, had earlier in the day made a full confession of his defalcations while bank examiners were going over his books.

The Central National Bank in Dallas, Dallas, Tex., an institution capitalized at $\$ 500,000$, has been absorbed by the North Texas National Bank of that city. The institution went into voluntary liquidation as of Nov. 301926.
That the British American Bank of San Francisco, an institution controlled by the Bank of Montreal, had filed a petition on March 10 in the Superior Court in San Francisco for permission to change its name to Bank of Montreal (S. F.) was reported in the San Francisco "Chronicle" of March 11. The petition recites that the reason for the change is that the present name is a misnomer and a hindrance, inasmuch as it signifies that the bank specializes in business originating in Great Britain or at least internationally, whereas the contrary is the fact, and the bank is a California corporation organized to do business in San Francisco and is doing business originating between Canada and California.
Purchase of the Seaboard Commercial \& Savings Bank of Wilmington (Los Angeles County), Cal., by the California Bank of Los Angeles was announced on March 10 by Andrew M. Chaffey, President of the latter, according to the Los Angeles "Times" of March 11. The acquired bank will be known as the Seaboard branch of the California Bank, with Paul Eubank, its former President (who has been elected a Junior Vice-President of the California Bank) in direct charge of its operations as Manager. Earl S. Wiatt and H. N. Yerkes, formerly Vice-President and Cashier, respectively, will also continue wtih the institution as Assistant Managers. Continuing, the paper mentioned said:
The Seaboard Commercial \& Savings Bank was incorporated by Paul Eubank Sr., recently deceased. He and his associates sold the First Na-
tional of Wilmington to the Pacific-Southwest banking inter tional of Wilmington to the Pacific-Southwest banking interests some
months ago, retaining at that time the savings end of their months ago, retaining at that time the savings end of their operations,
called the Seaboard Savings Bank. Shortly thereatter this bank became called the Seaboard Savings Bank. Shortly thereafter this bank became
the Seaboard Commercial \& Savings Bank, and under the management of the Seaboard Commercial \& Savings Bank, and under the management of
the elder Eubank and his son it has attained the position of one of the the elder Eubank and his son it has attained the position of one of the
strongest of the harbor banks. As of Dec. 31 last resources of the bank were $\$ 714,237.82$.
This is the second bank in a few weeks that the California interests have
acquired in the bay and harbor district. Last week the First National acquired in the bay and harbor district. Last week the First National Bank
of Ocean Park became the Ocean Park branch of the Chaffey institution of Ocean Park became the Ocean Park branch of the Chaffey institution.
The latest purchase swells the number of its branches in the bay and district to five.

Formation of the Montreal Company of New York, Inc., organized for the purpose of underwriting and distributing investment securities, is announced by the Bank of Montreal, one of the largest banking organizations in Canada, with branches in the principal cities of the United States. The new company, which will maintain officers at the New York headquarters of the Bank of Montreal, at 64 Wall Street, will be controlled through stock ownership by the banking institution. The new securities corporation has been organized under the laws of the State of New York with a nominal capital. While the formation of the company is a new departure, the Bank of Montreal for some time past has been actively associated in New York in the public offering of highgrade Canadian securities. In organizing the Montreal Company of New York, the bank is following somewhat the policy of certain large American and English banks which have already formed subsidiary companies for a similar purpose.

The Bank of Montreal has over 600 branches in Canada and in the United States it maintains agencies or subsidiaries in New York, Chicago and San Francisco. Divectors and officers of the Montreal Company of New York, Inc., are: President and Chairman of the Board, Sir Vincent Meredith, Bart., President Bank of Montreal.
Directors.-Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, General Manager, Bank of Montreal; E. W. Beatty, K.C., President Canadian Pacific Railway Co.; John A. Garver, Shearman \& Sterling, New York; Sir Charles Gordon, G.B.E., President Dominion Textile Co., Ltd., Vice-President Bank of Montreal; F. E. Meredith, K.C., Meredith, Holen, Heward \& Holden, W. T. Oliver, Agent Bank of Montreal, New York; E. P. Hungerford, Vice-President and Manager; G. W. Spinney, Vice-President; R. A. Clark. Secretary-Treasurer. The officers are also officers of the Bank of Montreal

## THE CURB MARKET.

Prices in the Curb Market this week moved without definite trend, trading being irregular, with the volume of business at times heavy and again falling off to small proportions. A feature in the oil group was the drop in Tidewater Associated Oil common, which fell from $201 / 2$ to $171 / 2$, the close to-day being at $181 / 2$. National Fuel Gas on a good demand sold up from 236 to 250 , reacted to 232 and recovered finally to 239. Lone Star Gas weakened from $441 / 2$ to $413 / 4$, but sold back to 43 . Cumberland Pipe Line sold down from 128 to 90 , ex the special dividend of $33 \%$, and regular of $2 \%$. Illinois Pipe Line gained five points to 141 and closed to-day at $1403 / 4$. Prairie Pipe Line rose from $1471 / 2$ to 151 , fell back to 147 and ends the week at 148. Solar Refining lost three points to 188. Vacuum Oil was off from $1083 / 4$ to 103 , recovering finally to $1051 / 4$. Industrials were irregular, though there were a number of strong spots. Auburn Automobile advanced from $961 / 8$ to $1031 / 2$ and sold finally at $1031 / 8$. Estey-Welte class A weakened from $143 / 8$ to $115 / 8$ and sold finally at $113 / 4$. Johns-Manville common, after early improvement from 69 to $735 / 8$, dropped back to $651 / 2$, the close to-day being at 67. Gezeral Baking class A sold down from $613 / 8$ to $557 / 8$ and at $561 / 2$ finally. General Fireproofing was conspicuous for an advance from 62 to $847 / 8$, with a break to-day to 72 , the close being at $721 / 2$. Goodyear Tire \& Rubber sold up from 36 to $413 / 4$ and at $403 / 4$ finally. Rand-Kardex Bureau declined from $733 / 8$ to $701 / 2$, with the final transaction to-day at 72 .

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 1653.
daily transactions at the new york curb market.

| Week Ended March 18. | STOCKS (No. Shares). |  |  | BONDS (Par Value). |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Inde Misc | Out. | Mining. | Domestic. | For'n Govt. |
| Saturday | 66,761 | 51,830 | 19,815 | \$1,770,000 | \$616,000 |
| Monday | 155,940 | 98,120 | 44,975 | 2,168,000 | 175,000 |
| Wednesday | 144,491 | 89,560 | 54,005 | 2,396,000 | 238,000 |
| Thursday | 128,764 | 121,205 | 50,625 | 2,648,000 | 204,000 |
| Friday | 127,216 | 100,680 | 62,105 | 3,204,000 | 289,000 |
| To | 810,417 | 559,860 | 282,950 | 13,874,000 | \$1,231,000 |

## THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market has shown considerable improvement the present week and except for a moderate reactionary period on Monday and again on Friday, has moved forward to higher levels and hosts of new high records for the year, and in some instances in all time, have been established in all departments. Speculative activity has centred largely around the steel stocks, motor issues and railroad shares, both United States Steel common and General Motors reaching the highest level in their history. Oil shares have been heavy during most of the week and except for an occasional
flurry in Houston Oil and one or two others, have made little progress. Many specialties and railroad equipment stocks have been in strong demand at improving prices, and several of the more important issues in the rubber group have advanced to new peaks.
The general trend of prices was toward lower levels in the short session on Saturday though some of the recent speculative stocks made a brave show of strength during the later trading. Delaware \& Hudson moved to the front as the leader of the railroad group and registered a gain of 2 points. The advance in Union Pacific was nearly 3 points and Norfolk \& Southern moved into new territory at 54 . Atchsion opened at $1791 / 2$ but gradually receded and closed at $1763 / 4$, a loss of $31 / 4$ points. Atlantic Coast Line also slipped back nearly 3 points to 187. Westinghouse Air Brake was the feature of the railroad equipment stocks and established a new top at 157. The tone of the market improved on Monday though in the early trading considerable hestiation and uncertainty were apparent. Toward the end of the day General Motors assumed the leadership and bounded forward $41 / 8$ points to a new high for the year (above 175) followed by Hudson Motors, Pierce Arrow, Chrysler, Packard, Mack Truck and Nash Motor. In the final hour a number of industrial specialties moved into prominence, and in several of instances new high prices for the year were established. This was particularly true of Texas Gulf Sulphur which had a run up of 2 points to $591 / 4$ and National Lead, which advanced to 184 as compared with its previous close of $1791 / 2$. Air Reduction advanced $21 / 4$ points and Coca Cola moved up $33 / 8$. Baldwin Locomotive had another of its spectacular advances and shot upward $47 / 8$ points to 192 at its high for the day as compared with Saturday's close at $1867 / 8$. Other outstanding strong stocks included du Point up $51 / 2$ points, United States Cast Iron Pipe and Foundry, which crossed 222 . United States Rubber reached a new high for the year on an advance of one point and Houston moved briskly forward 4 points to $1203 / 4$, though it slipped back to 119 at the close.

Irregular price movements again marked the trading on Tuesday and while a number of prominent stocks moved forward to new high records for the year, the main trend of prices was toward lower levels. General Motors moved briskly forward to a new high for the year at $1757 / 8$, though it receded later in the session and closed $11 / 4$ points off. United States Steel common sold as high as 162 and came within a small fraction of its record made in February. The outstanding movements of the market on Wednesday were the brisk upswing of United States Steel common which reached its highest level at $1633 / 8$ and the spectacular rise of American Tel. \& Tel. to 163, the highest peak since 1903. Another notable feature was the sharp advance of General Motors to a new top at $1785 / 8$, followed by du Pont, which made a net gain of 8 points to a new high for the year. Wabash "A" shot upward nearly five points to 93 , followed by Wabash common with a four point advance to $721 / 2$. Other strong stocks included Del. Lack. \& West. up five points; Atchison, which gained two points, Reading up two points and Gulf Mobile \& Northern which bounded forward more than seven points to $631 / 2$.
Stocks continued to move upward on Thursday and numerous new peaks were recorded before the closing hour. American Telegraph \& Telephone was particularly prominent, due in a measure to rumors of impending recapitalization and stock split-up. The stock opened at 168 , registering a gain of more than 3 points and touching its highest level in nearly 20 years though its net gain dropped to $11 / 8$ points in the closing hour. General Motors continued in the foreground and advanced to its best price under the present form of capitalization though it failed to hold all the improvement and closed with a net loss of $3 / 8$ of a point. Low priced motors were also in demand, notably Jordan and Gardiner and new levels were reached by Mack Truck and PaigeDetroit. Steel industrial stocks were in strong demand at advancing prices, United States Steel common crossing 164 to the highest price in history followed by Republic Iron and Steel up 2 points, Crucible Steel up $2 \frac{1}{4}$ points and Ludlum Steel which sold up to $321 / 2$. In the railroad list Del. Lack. \& West. moved into new high ground on an advance of nearly 5 points to $1591 / 2$, Southern Pacific registered a net gain of 4 points, and Norfolk \& Western rose nearly 3 points. Other notably strong issues included National Lead which advanced 10 points to $1971 / 2$. Case Threshing Machine up $51 / 8$ points and Foundation Co. which sold above 86 at its high for the day.

The market reacted downward on Friday, realizing sales through the greater part of the day carrying many of the strong stocks to lower levels. At one time General Motors was up to 180. As the day advanced selling increased and the market moved rapidly downward. The final tone was weak.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

| Week Ended March 18. | Stocks, Number of Shares. | Railtoad, dec., Bonds. | state. Municipaland Foreign Bonds. | United States Bonds. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Saturd | 919,410 | \$3,948,000 | \$2,351,000 | \$1,255,450 |
| Tuesday | 1,831,470 | 7,380,500 | 3,417,500 | 1,409,850 |
| Wednesday | 1,992,665 | $8,191,000$ | 4,727,000 | 2,167,500 |
| Thursday | 1,964,970 | $8,913,000$ 8,911000 | 4,529,000 | 1,551,150 |
| Frid | 2,225,600 | $\begin{aligned} & 8,911,000 \\ & 7,965,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,200,000 \\ & 2,490,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,936,550 \\ & \mathbf{2}, 923,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| Tot | 11,006,927 | \$45,308,500 | \$20,714,500 | 811,243,500 |


| Sales at New York Stock Exchange. | Week Ended March 18. |  | Jan. 1 to March 18. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1927. | 1926. | 1927. | 1926. |
| Stocks-No. of shares_ <br> Bonds. <br> Government bonds. | 11,006,927 | 9,707,106 | 107,929,076 | 107,686,952 |
|  | $\begin{array}{r}\text { \$11,243,500 } \\ 20 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 85,327,050 | \$73,757,000 | \$66,105,300 |
| Railroad \& misc. bonds | $20,714,500$ $45,308,500$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10.961,500 \\ & 35,919,500 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 228,162,770 \\ & 532,410,200 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 134,, 827,850 \\ & 510,569,550 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total bonds | \$77,266,500 | \$52,208,050 | \$834,329,900 | \$711,502,700 |
| Y TRANSAC | IONS AT BALTIMO | HE BOTSO e EXCHA | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PHILADE } \\ & \text { iES. } \end{aligned}$ | HIA AND |


| Week Ended March 181927. | Boston. |  | Philadelphta. |  | Baltimore. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Shares. | Bond Sales. | Shares. | Bond Sales. | Shares. | Bond Sales. |
| Saturday | 14,371 | \$7,650 | 17,039 | \$16,100 | 1,876 | \$28,700 |
| Tuesday | *27,748 | 9.000 32.600 | 25,132 24.679 | 36.700 37.200 | 2,182 | 88,700 |
| Wednesday | *23,982 | 32.600 | 24,679 30,912 | 37.200 12.700 | 2,311 1,439 | 19,000 |
| Thursday | 33,973 | 14,500 | 21,363 | 12,700 55,300 | 1,439 4,137 | 14,100 59,900 |
| Frid | 20,527 | 9,000 | 6,874 | 34,000 | 1,259 | 28,700 |
| Total | 144,583 | \$105,350 | 125,999 | \$192,000 | 13,204 | \$239,100 |
| Prev. week revised | 158,029 | \$68,000 | 172,364 | \$138.300 | 30,273 | \$211,300 |

## 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, March 19) bank exchanges for al the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be $11.4 \%$ above those for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at $\$ 12,044,-$ 774,335 , against $\$ 10,807,803,353$ for the same week in 1926. At this centre there is a gain for the five days of $22.3 \%$. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

| Clearings-Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended March 19. | 1927. | 1926. | ${ }_{\text {Pert. }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New X | \$6,382,000,000 | \$5,216,000,000 | +22.3 |
| Philadelphia | ${ }_{52}^{62,881,798}$ | 556,964,843 | +11.8 |
| Boston. | $521,000,000$ <br> 483.000 | $554,000,000$ 439000 | ${ }^{-6.0}$ |
| Kansas C | 132,837,074 | ${ }_{121,144,175}$ | +10.0 |
| St. Louls | 142,900,000 | 141,100,000 | +1.3 |
| Los Angeles | 183,077.000 | 172,960,000 |  |
| Pittsburg | $178,386.000$ $168.884,630$ | $161,441,000$ $153,811.90$ 1 | +10.5 |
| Detroit. | 160,160,476 | 157,256,742 | +1.8 |
| Clevelan | 113,134,781 | 102,841,226 |  |
| New Orlean | $93,719,154$ $60,864,197$ | 102,796,834 | +20.4 |
| Thirteen,, Other cities, | $\$ 9,242,845,108$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{S 7 , 9 2 9 , 8 6 6 . 0 4 1} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} +16.5 \\ +4.4 \end{array}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total all } \mathrm{cl} \\ & \text { All cities, } 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\$ 10,453,978,613$ $1,590,795,722$ | $\$ 9,190,004,525$ | +13.7 +1.7 |
| Total all citles for week | 812,044,774,335 | 10,807,803,35 | +11 |

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 March 12. For that week there is a decrease of $1.3 \%$, the 1927 aggregate of clearings being $\$ 9,824,300,419$, and the 1926 aggregate $\$ 9,949,227,609$. Outside of New York City the decrease is $1.1 \%$, the bank exchanges at this centre having declined $1.4 \%$. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve District (including this city) there is a loss of $1.3 \%$, in the Philadelphia Reserve District of $7.2 \%$, and in the Richmond Reserve District of $4.4 \%$. The Boston Reserve District has a gain of $9.9 \%$, but the Cleveland Reserve District of only $0.6 \%$, while the Atlanta Reserve District shows a decrease of $21.8 \%$, the latter
due mainly to the falling off at the Florida points, Miami reporting a decrease of $55.8 \%$ and Jacksonville of $43.1 \%$. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals are $0.5 \%$ smaller, in the St. Louis Reserve District 1.1\%, and in the Minneapolis Reserve District $7.8 \%$. The Kansas City Reserve District shows an increase of $3.9 \%$, but the Dallas Reserve District registers a decrease of $0.4 \%$ and the San Francisco Reserve District of $3.2 \%$.
In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

| Week End. Mar. 121927. | 1927. | 1926. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Inc.or } \\ \text { Dec. } \end{array}\right\|$ | 1925. | 1924. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Federal Reserve Dists. | 38 | 5 |  | 5 | 5 |
| 1st Boston...- 12 citles | 528,973,993 | 479,233,925 | +9.9 | 449,966,683 | 464,671,351 |
| 3nd New York 11 .. | 5,841,874,212 | 5,920,973,310 | $-1.3$ | 5,412,352,597 | 4,429,639,161 |
| 3rd Philadelphiaio .. | 528,086,794 | 568.618,154 | -7.2 | 566,997,575 | 501,311,183 |
| 4 th Cleveland. 8 \%. | 384,173,269 | 319,839,975 | +0.6 | 371,024,897 | 359,931,697 |
| ${ }_{6}^{5 \text { th }}$ Rth Ammond $-6 .$. | 187,351,051 | 195,928,789 | . 4 | 199,200,229 | 181,389,899 |
| 7th Chicago --10 | 24,05131 | 929,087,000 | -0.5 | 223,472,965 | 197,593,018 |
| 8 th St. Louls -- 8 | ${ }_{2} 924,32351,360$ | 221,658,554 | - | 968,769,633 | 53,8 |
| 9 9th Minneapolis 7 | 109,347,581 | 118,629,779 | 7.8 | 131,325,688 | 118,931,179 |
| 10th Kansas City 12 | 267,162,044 | 256,987,353 | +3.9 | 266,095,229 | 266,143,070 |
| 11th Dallas .-.-- 5 | 77,083,449 | 77,572,567 | -0.4 | 81,493,956 | 65,174,251 |
| 12th San Fran_ 17 " | 563,986,213 | 536,926,522 | -3.2 | 484,375,875 | 433,582,741 |
| Total ---129 cltles | 9,824,300,419 | 9,999,227,609 | $-1.3$ | 9,382,922,087 | 8,091,725,982 |
| Outside N. X. City | 4,094,199,305 | 4,137,827,640 | -1.1 | 4,076,379,593 | 3,771,046,104 |
| Canads_-------29 cttles | 328,451,592 | 296,232,088 | +10.9 | 262,050,421 | 259,094,055 |

We now add our detailed statement, showing last week's figures for each city separately, for the four years:

| Clearings at | Week Ending March 12. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1927. | 1926. | Inc. or Dec. | 1925. | 1924. |
| First Federal | Reserve Dist | -Bos | \% | \$ | \$ |
| Maine-Bangor. | 757,667 | 757,490 | +0.02 | 619,454 | 650,981 |
| Portland. | 3,184,213 | 2,807,025 | +13.4 | 2,792,832 | 2,491,239 |
| Mass,-Boston | 477,000,000 | 427,000,000 | +11.7 | 397,000,000 | 419,000,000 |
| Fall River. | 1,956,732 | 1,876,389 | +4.3 | $2,655,134$ | 1,701,148 |
| Lowell.- | $\stackrel{\text { a }}{1,161,074}$ | $\stackrel{1}{1,104,312}$ | a <br> +5.1 <br>  |  |  |
| Lynn. | , |  |  |  |  |
| New Bedfo | 1,187,835 | 1,349,865 | $-12.0$ | 1,720,794 | 1,222,180 |
| Springfield | 4,917,557 | 5,276.648 | -6.9 | 5,812,485 | 5,048,164 |
| Worcester | 3,452,504 | 3,426,979 | +0.7 | 3,787,000 | 3,152,000 |
| Conn.-Hartford. | 13.061,689 | 16,339,593 | $-20.1$ | 13,228,969 | 12,297,726 |
| New Haven | 6.886,240 | 6,129,503 | +12.3 | 7,201,560 | 6,297,600 |
| R.I.-Providence | 12,770,000 | 12,449,100 | +2. | 13,444,800 | 10,995,400 |
| N.H.-Manch'er. <br> Total (12 cities) | 638,482 | 717,021 | -11.0 | 721,477 | 725,016 |
|  | 526,973,993 |  | $+9.9$ | 449,966,683 | $464,671,351$ |
| Second Fede | al Reserve D | istrict-New | York | - 588.200 |  |
| N. Y.-Albany |  | 7,335,734 |  | 5,587,220 | 5,181,439 |
| Binghamton | 1,132,800 | 9883,100 | +15.2 | 982.700 | 946.600 |
| Buffalo | $44,350,536$ $1,221,341$ | $48,037,182$ 844,539 | - 74.7 | $46,204,831$ 912,319 | 40,973,439 |
| Elmira | 1,221,341 | -844,539 | +44.6 +22.2 | 912,319 $1,283,306$ | 668,478 971,092 |
| New Yor | 5,730,101,114 | 5,811,399,969 | -1.4 | 5,306,542,494 | 320,679,879 |
| Roche | 12,295,373 | 11,089,437 | +109 | 12,037,418 | 11,678,569 |
| Syracuse | 6,502,657 | 4,264,801 | +53.5 | 4,826,973 | 4,462,093 |
| Conn.-Stamford | c2,945,205 | 2,827,516 | +4.2 | 2,634,217 | 2,379,209 |
| N. J.-Montelair |  | 577,585 $32,591,572$ | +40.8 +8.9 | 492,616 $30,848,503$ | 508,887 $41,189,420$ |
|  | 35,501,220 | 32,591,572 | +8.9 | 30,848,503 | 41,189,420 |
| Total (11 cities) | 5,841,874,212 | $\overline{5,920,973,310}$ | -1.3 | 5,412,352,597 | 4,429,639,161 |
| Third Federal | Reserve Dist | rict-Philad | elphia |  |  |
| a.-Altoon | 1,644,461 |  | +16.1 | 1,405,336 | 1,335,570 |
| Bethleher | 4,508,156 | 4,262,688 | +5.7 | 3,641,855 | 5,455,347 |
| Chester. | 1,423,665 | 1,409,308 | +1.0 | 1,291,089 | 1,230,997 |
| Lancaster | 2,087,318 | 2,422,764 | -13.9 | 3,215,148 | 2,622,289 |
| Philadelph | 495,000,000 | 538,000,000 | -8.0 | 538,000,000 | 472,000,000 |
| Reading | ${ }_{6}^{3,914,055}$ | 3,760,291 | +4.1 +14.5 | 3,286,091 | 3,179,206 |
| Scranton. | 6,921,815 | 6,045,046 | +14.5 | 6,315,120 | 5,246,744 |
| Wlikes-B | 3,343,868 | 3,429,736 |  | 3,614,013 | 3,419,253 |
| York | 1,599,717) | 1,642,738 | -1.61 | 1,844,951 | 1,642,131 |
| N. J.-Trenton.- | 7,643,739 | 6,229,279 | +22.7 | 4,383,972 | 5.179,646 |
| Total (10 citles) | 794 | 568,618,154 -7.2 |  | 566,997,575 | 501,311,183 |
| Fourth Feder | al Reserve D | istrict-Clev/eland |  | $5,289,000$ |  |
| hio-Akro | $5,722,000$ | $5,444,000$ | +5.1 |  |  |
| Canton. | 3,839,105 | 4,048.978 | -5.2 | 4,491,385 | 5,474,151 |
| Cincinna | 68,249,643 | 72,754,450 | ${ }^{6.1}$ | 69,440,527 | 65,610,255 |
| Cleveland | 107,376,063 | 106,899,096 | +0.4 | 107,219,291 | 108,075,419 |
| Columb | 18,207,500 | 16,564,000 | +9.9 | $\underset{\text { a }}{14,816,000}$ | 14,418,000 |
| Dayton |  |  | ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |
| Lima- | $\stackrel{\text { a }}{\text { d1,874,696 }}$ | ${ }_{1}^{\text {a }}$ 896,678 |  | a $1,954,907$ | ${ }_{1}{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| Springfie | d, |  | -1.2 | 1,954,907 | 1,605,908 |
| Toledo |  |  | +11.2 |  | 4,489,993 |
| Youngsto | 5,158,919 | 4,640,769 |  | 4,849,976 |  |
| --Erie |  |  |  |  |  |
| P | 173,7 | 169,592 | +2 | 162,96 | 153,156,971 |
| Total (8 cities) - | 4,173,269 | 1,83 | +0.6 | 371,024,897 | 359,981,697 |
| Fifth Fed | Reserve Dist | rict - Rich ${ }_{\text {dond }}$ |  | 1,796,581 |  |
| W.Va.-Hunt'g'n | n $\begin{array}{r}1,544,395 \\ 5,514,371 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  |  | 1,936,871 |  |
| Va.-Norfolk |  |  | -2.8 -30.0 |  | 54,578,000 | $7,183,482$$49,077,000$ |
| Richmond.--- | $44,746,000$$* 2,300,000$ | [ $\begin{array}{r}49,763,000 \\ 2,512,412 \\ 107\end{array}$ | -10.1-8.5 |  |  |  |
| S. Md .-Charleston |  |  |  | 103,688,363 | 2,300,111 |  |
| Md.-Baltimore - | 106,843,112 | $\begin{array}{r} 107,127,349 \\ 27,065,606 \end{array}$ | -0.3-2.5 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 99,535,435 \\ & 21,357,000 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| D.C.-Washing' n - | 26,403,173 |  |  | 27,798,922 |  |  |
| Total (6 cities) - | 187,351,051 | 195,928,789 | $-4.4$ | 199,200,229 | 181,389,899 |  |
| Sixth Federal | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Reserve Dist } \\ \mathrm{d} 7,467,867 \end{array}$ | t rict-4t1an ${ }_{\text {6,928,726 }}$ | ta- |  | 6.315,889 |  |
| enn.-Chatt'ga |  |  | +7.9+5.5 | 6,870,096 |  |  |
| Knoxville | $* 7,500,000$$21,730,339$ |  |  | 3,469,661 | 7,351,000 |  |
| Nashvile.-. |  | $24,169,463$ <br> $72,106,712$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10.1 \\ -28.6 \end{array}$ | 23,099,122 | 21,964,692 |  |
| Georgia-Atlanta | a $\begin{array}{r}51,456,562 \\ -2,266,509 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  |  | $67,550,650$$2,824,649$ | 55,384.512 |  |
| Augusta |  | 2 $72,106,712$ <br> 9 $2,178,625$ | -28.6 |  |  |  |
| Macon-a | 2,098,826 |  | +38.1 | 1,670,273 | 1,364,210 |  |
| Savannah | $\begin{array}{r}\text { a } \\ 22,415,750 \\ 8,114,488 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  | -43.1 |  | $\xrightarrow{15,948,144}$ |  |
| la.-Jack'n Miami |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1a.-Birmi | $25,112,959$$1,986,244$ | 9$18,898,096$ <br> $2,123,300$ | $-23.7$ | 7 $\begin{array}{r}14,221,187 \\ 26,96,930\end{array}$ | 4,928,429 |  |
| Mobile... |  |  | +45.5+45 | $1,897,772$$1,719,335$ |  |  |
| iss.-Jackson | $1,695,361$ 405,209 | $1,123,300$  <br> 1 $1,169,000$ <br> 195639  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1,781,326 \\ & 1,219,071 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| La.-Neworleans | 56,405,120 | 9 <br>  <br> $7,212,659$ | +2.4 <br> +1.4 | 49,740,687$49,736,297$ | $\begin{array}{r} 367,917 \\ 55,677,218 \end{array}$ |  |
| La. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total (13 cities) | ) 204,655,234 | 4 261,771,681 | -21.8 | 223,472,965 | 197,593,018 |  |



## ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS-PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, \&c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week: Week Ending Mar. 18. Mar.12. Mar., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Frt., Sliver, per oz. Gold, per fine ounce. d- 26 1-16 25 13-16 $25^{1 / 4} \quad 253-16 \quad 253-16 \quad 25$ 7-16 Consols, $21 / 2$ per cents British 5 per cents. British 41/2 per cents.
rench Rentes (in Paris) ft
rench WarLoan (InParis) fr
$\begin{array}{lllll}68 & 67.80 & 68.25 & 69.90 & 69.70\end{array}$
Ner in Nork on the same dayshas been Forelgn.................

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Breadstuffs figures brought from page 1711.-All the statements below regarding the movement of grainreceipts, 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. | Bartey. | Rye. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | bols 19610 s. | 410 |  | 促 | ush.48bs. | . |
| Minneapolis. | $246,000$ | 419,000 | 2,676,000 | 864.000 | 121,000 | 18,000 |
| Duluth.....- |  | $1,497,000$ 523,000 | 222,000 | 276.000 | 203.000 | 38,000 |
| Milwaukee | 31,000 | 44,000 | 153,000 | 197,000 | 16,000 161,000 | 191,000 32,000 |
| Toledo-- |  | 287,000 | 65,000 | 85,000 | 161,000 1,000 | 32,000 6,000 |
| Detroit |  | 50,000 | 26,000 | 14,000 |  | 9,000 |
| Indianapolis - |  | 45,000 | 751,000 | 156,000 |  |  |
| St. Louls | 116,000 50,000 | 392,000 | 512,000 | 556,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Kansas City |  | 27,000 | 517.000 | 232.000 | 40,000 | 5,000 |
| Omaha. |  | 244,000 | 359,000 | 52,000 130,000 |  |  |
| St. Joseph |  | 157,000 | 126,000 | 16,000 |  |  |
| Wichita |  | 229,000 | 7.000 | 4,000 |  |  |
| Sloux City |  | 40,000 | 67,000 | 30,000 |  |  |
| Total wk. '27 | 443,000 | 4,911,000 | 5,713,000 | 2,620,000 |  |  |
| Same wk. '26 | 418,000 | 3,010,000 | 5,162,000 | 2,194,000 | 516,000 | 187,000 |
| Same wk. '25 | 439,000 | 4,521,000 | 8,104,000 | 3,571,000 | 886,000 | 179,000 |
| Since Aug. 1 - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, March 12, follow:

| Receipts at- | Flour. | Wheat. | Corn. | Oats. | Barley. | Rye. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New York | Barrels. 255,000 | Bushels. <br> 1,141,000 | Bushels. <br> 57.000 | Bushels. | Bushets. | Bushels. |
| Philadelphia-- | 39,000 | 1,393,000 | 15,000 | 62,000 34,000 | 146,000 | 83,000 |
| Baltimore-.-- N'port News | 20,000 2,000 | 618,000 | 149,000 | 23,000 | 28,000 | 17,000 |
| Norfolk....- | 2,000 1,000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| New Orleans* | 60,000 | 42,000 | 72,000 | 30,000 |  |  |
| Galveston...- | 20,000 | 539,000 |  |  |  |  |
| St. John, N.B. | 81,000 | 110,000 745,000 | 14,000 | 65,000 | 33,000 |  |
| 5308 s | 26,000 | 117,000 | 1,000 | 66,000 20,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 420,000 \\ 1,000 \end{array}$ | 49,000 |
| Total wk. '27 | 504,000 | 3,705,000 | 308,000 | 300,000 | 629,000 |  |
| Since Jan.1'27 | 4,423,000 | 46,268,000 | 2,362,000 | 3,472,000 | 9,375,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 350,000 \\ 2,389,000 \end{array}$ |
| Week 1926.-- | 435,000 | 1,678,000 | 133.000 | 362,000 |  |  |
| Since Jan.1'26 | 5,119,000 | 30,544,000 | 5,398,000 | 6,074,000 | 5,687,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 68,000 \\ 1,309,000 \end{array}$ |

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, March 12 1926, are shown in the annexed statement:

| Exports from- | Wheat. | Corn. | Flour. | Oats. | Rye. | Barley. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New York.-.-.-.-.- | Bushels. <br> 1,203,111 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Bushets. } \\ 17,041 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Barrels. } \\ 60,500 \end{array}$ | Bushels. $13,569$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Bushels, } \\ 318,892 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bushels. } \\ & 401,609 \end{aligned}$ |
| Boston_-1-.-....- | 232,000 714,000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Baltimore.- | 400,000 | 17,000 | 3,000 |  |  | 27,000 40,000 |
| Norfolk-- ${ }^{\text {Newport }}$ |  |  | 1,000 |  |  |  |
| New Orleans.- | 135,000 | 122,000 | 2,000 16,000 |  |  |  |
| Galveston. | 501,000 | 12,000 | 19,000 19 | 76,000 |  |  |
| St. John, N. | 745,000 24,000 |  | 81,000 | 66,000 | 240,000 | 420,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total week 1927-- | 3,954,111 | 156,041 130,000 | 182,550 | 155,569 | 567,892 | $\overline{1,033,609}$ |
| Same week 1926 | 1,490,163 | 130,000 | 179,623 | 416,518 | 43,000 | 715.428 |

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 11926 is as below:


| GRAIN STOCKS. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| United States- | Wheat. | Corn. | Oats, | Rye. | Barley. |
| New York....-- | 479,000. | 86,000. |  |  |  |
| Boston.-. | 4,000 | 2,000 | 27,000 | 412,000 |  |
| Philadelph | 205.000 | 36.000 | 189.000 | 86,000 | 42,000 |
| New Orleans | $1,126,000$ 542,000 | 291,000 280 | 77,000 | 168,000 | 6,000 |
| Galveston. | 1,101,000 | 280,000 | 120.000 | 157,000 |  |
| Fort Wor | 1,272,000 | 276,000 | 1,281,000 | 97,000 4,000 | 61,000 |
| Buffalo | 2,259,000 | 4,130,000 | $4,250,000$ | 309,000 | 112,000 |
| ledo | 2,200,000 | 340,000 | 441,000 31,000 | 15,000 | 3,000 |
| Detroit. | 141,000 262000 | 51.000 | 265,000 |  |  |
| Chicago. | 2,636,000 | 23,558,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 115,000 \\ 6,545,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,000 \\ 1,263,000 \end{array}$ | 186,000 |
| Milwauke |  | 1,473,000 |  |  | 101000 |
| Duluth a | $\begin{aligned} & 120,000 \\ & 180,000 \end{aligned}$ | $2,038,000$ $1,204,000$ | $1,600,000$ 568,000 | 334,000 520,000 | 101,000 |
| luth. | 8,804,000 | 16,000 | 7,598,000 | 7,025,000 | 452,000 |
| Minneapolis | 10,367,000 | 1,794,000 | 393,000 $12,495,000$ | 3,630,000 |  |
| Sloux City | 348,000 | 1,381,000 | 12,450,000 | $3,630,000$ 2,000 | 284,000 11,000 |
| Kansas C | 2,489.000 | 2,292,000 | 471,000 | 7.000 | 63,000 |
| Wichita | $10,350,000$ $2,850,000$ | 4,812.000 | 749.000 | 171,000 | 9,000 |
| St. Joseph, | 696,000 | 945,000 | 22,000 | 29.000 |  |
| Peoria. | 12,000 | 749,000 | 308,000 |  |  |
| Omaha | 714,000 | 1,256,000 | 390,000 |  |  |
| On Canal | $\begin{array}{r}2,278,000 \\ 85,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 2,783,000 | 1,968,000 | 122,000 | 12,000 |
|  | 85,000 |  |  | 07,000 |  |

 $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Total Mar. } 13 & 1926, \ldots-37,045,000 & 35,880,000 & 56,845,000 & 14,869,000 & 5,610,000\end{array}$ Note.-Bonded grain not Included above: Oats, New York, 11,000 bushels; But
falo, 109,000 : Duluth, 29,000 ; total, 149,000 bushels, against 871,000 bushels in 1926. Barle, New York, 785,000 bushels Baltimolse, against 871,000 bushels in
Duluth, 58,000 ; Canal, 67.000 , to in 1926. Wheat, New York, 2,007,000 bushels: Boston, 436,000 ; Philadelphia, 956,000 Baltimore, $1,342,000$ : Buffalo, $1,440,000$, Duluth, 307,000 ; Toledo afloat,
215,000 : Canal, 314,000 , total, $7,017,000$ bushels, Canadian - $\quad$, Montreal...

| Montreal |  | - 1,730,000 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ft. William \& | $\varepsilon \mathrm{Pt}$ Art | -39,427,000 |  | 2,173,000 | $\begin{array}{rr} 0 & 369,000 \\ 0 & 2,224,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,216,000 \\ & 4,744,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| Canad | lan | $7,813,000$ $6,448,000$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 2,121,000 \\ \therefore \quad 12100 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 102,000 \\ 102 \end{array}$ |
|  |  | 6,448,000 |  | 2,547,000 | 153,000 | 395,000 |
| Total Mar | 121927 | 55,418,000 |  | 7,469,000 | 2,867,000 | 6,457,000 |
|  | 51927 | 55,914,000 |  | 7,725,000 | 2,804,000 | 6,177,000 |
| Summary |  | 56,125,000 | 145,000 | 10,351,000 | 1,979,000 | 8,253,000 |
| American. |  | 52,478,000 | 48,822,000 | 41,215,000 | 14,470,000 |  |
| Canad |  | 55,418,000 | 4,822,00 | 7,469,000 | 2,867,000 | $6,457,000$ |
|  | 121927 | 07,896,000 | 48,822,000 |  |  |  |
| Total Mar. | $\begin{array}{r} 121927 \\ 51927 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 109,896,000 \\ -10,220,000 \end{array}$ | 47,332,000 | $48,684,000$ $50,281,000$ | $17,337,000$ $17,012,000$ | $9,986,000$ $0.044,000$ |
| Total Mar. | 131926 | -93,170,000 | 36,025,000 | 67,196,000 | 17,012,000 | $10,044,000$ $13,863,000$ |
| he w | d's s | pments | of wheat | and cor | as furn | shed by |
| roomha | to the | New Yor | $k$ Produc | e Exchan | nge, for | he week |
| ending Fr are shown | $\begin{aligned} & \text { riday, M } \\ & \text { in the } \end{aligned}$ | March 11, following | and sinc | e July 1 | 1926 an | 1925, |
|  |  | Wheat. |  |  | Corn. |  |
|  |  | 26-27. | 1925-26. | 1926 | 6-27. | 1925-26. |
|  | Week <br> Mar. 11. | Since <br> July 1. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { Suly } 1 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Week } \\ & \text { Mar. 11. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { Suly } 1 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { Suly } 1 . \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Bushels. | ushel. | Bushels. | Bushets. | Bushets | Bushets |
| Black Sea | $\begin{array}{r} 7,839,000 \\ 784,000 \end{array}$ | 37,892,000 | 278,643,000 $19,760.000$ | 191,000 | 3,355,000 | 8,342,000 |
| Argentina | 5,764,000 | 60,240,000 | 55,363,000 | $3,460,0001$ | 23,85,124,000 | $20,964,000$ $108,196,000$ |
| Australia | 6,256,000 | 51,816,000 | 53,167,000 |  |  |  |
| India. |  | 4,416,000 | 5,768,000 |  |  |  |
| Oth. countr's | 360,000 | 18,305,000 | 1,040,000 | 68,000 | 2,288,000 | 33,850,000 |

## Total_.... $21,003,000.531,266,000413,741,000-755,000207,625,000171,352,000$

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

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.
Mar. 9-The Citizens National Bank of Ontario, Calif
Capital.
$\$ 100,000$
Mar. 9-The American Harry Nelsen, Ontario, Oalif.
Correspondent, Wm. E. Lamoreaux, Becker Building,
Mar. 11 -The Ween, Wash,

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.
Mar. 8-The First National Bank of Smithville, Tenn
Mar. 9 Correspondent, J. C. Foster, Smithville, Tenn.
30,000
APPLICATIONS TO CONVERT REOEIVED.
Mar. 11 -Pam-a National Bank, Pampa, Texas
Conversion of the Gray County State Bank, Pampa
Mar. 11 -The Teague National Bank, Teague, Tex_-.-.-.
Conversion of the Teague etate Bank, Teague, Tex
CHARTERS ISSUED

Mar. 8-The First National Bank in Cooper Te
Mar. 8-The First National Bank in Cooper, Tex --_-
Mar. 8-The First National Bank of Wharton, N. J--.-.-.
Mar. 8-Thesident, Henry W. Kice; Cashier, Wilbur L. Oregar.
Mar. 8-The Farmersville National Bank of Farmersville, Tex_
Mar. 10-President, W. R. Carver; Cashier, Levi Wilson.
Mar. 10-The First, Wational Barver; Cashier, Levi Wilson.
Prest Oarlsbad, Calif
Presider
$\$ 50,000$ 50,000 50,000 25,000
Mar. 8-The Greenwich National Bank of APPROVED. York, $N$. Y W National Bank of the City of New
Conversion of the Greenwich Bank of the City of New $\$ 1,000,000$ York, N. Y of the Greenwich Bank of the City of New
Mar 8 VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.
Mar. 8- 12650 -The Central National Bank in Dallas, Tex $\quad \$ 500,000$ M. Cullum, Geo. L. Trumbull, A. T. Powell M,

Cameron and C, H . Verscheyle, Dallas, Tex. Ab-
sorbed by North Texas National Bank in Dallas, Tex.,
No. 12736 .
Mar. 9- $8605 \frac{\text { The Inter-State National Bank of Hegewisch, }}{}$
Effective Feb. 1111927 Liquidating Agent, Thomas
J. Peden, Hegewisch, IIl. Absorbed by Hegewisch
Mar. $9-9849-$ The First National Bank of Walterboro, S. C
Effective March 5 1927. Liquidating Agent, Jas. E. Peurifoy,
Walterboro, S. C. Absorbed by Colleton Banking Co.,
Mar. 9-12937-The East Bay National Bank of Oakland, Calif 1,000,000 Effective Feb. 21 1927. Liquidating Agent, Edw. O.
Alwell, San Francisco, Callf. Absorbed by Liberty
Bank of America, San Francisco, Calif.

## Mar. 12- 11673 -The First National Bank of Belt. Mont <br> Bloomquist, Belt, Mont. Liquidating Agent, Absbed by Farmers \& <br> Miners State Bank of Beit. Mont.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.-Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Mch. 12 to Mch. 18, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

| Stocks- | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Friday } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price. } \end{gathered}\right.$ | Week's Range of Prices. Low. High. | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Sales } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { Week. } \\ \text { Shares. } \end{array}$ | Range Stince Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Lowo. |  | High |  |
| Amer Vitrified Prod...- 50 |  | $23 \quad 23$ | 100 | 23 | ar |  |  |
| Preferred .-.....- 100 |  | $84 \quad 84$ | 10 | 84 | Mar | 87 | n |
| Am Wind G1 Mach com 100 |  | ${ }_{7114}^{41} \quad 415$ | 2,437 | ${ }^{40} 71 / 8$ | Jan |  | Jeb |
| Ark Nat Gas com-7.-100 | 寺 | $200^{7 / 4} 20{ }^{7 / 8}$ | $\begin{array}{r}2,437 \\ \hline 0\end{array}$ | 175 | Jan | 200 | Feb |
| Blaw-Knox Co |  | 7171 | 56 | 70 | Jan | 73 | Jan |
| Byers (A M) Co pref. 100 |  | 107107 | 20 | 1061/4 | Jan | 108 | Jan |
| Colonial Trust Co....-100 |  | $253 \quad 253$ | 20 |  | Mar | 260 |  |
| Columbla Gas \& El com.- * | 8436 | 843485 | 143 | $831 / 2$ | Feb | $911 / 4$ | Jan |
| Consolidated lee com... 50 |  | $\begin{array}{ll}23 \\ 123 & 13 \\ 13\end{array}$ | ${ }_{415}^{10}$ | 12\% | Man | ${ }_{15}^{3}$ |  |
| Devonian Oll | $1151 / 2$ | $1151 / 1 / 21151 / 2$ | ${ }_{10} 10$ | 115 ${ }^{12 / 4}$ | Mar | 1161/4 | Jan |
| Houston Gulf Gas........* | 8 | 73/89 | 9,000 |  | Feb | $91 / 2$ | Mar |
| Independent Brew com.. 50 |  |  | 310 | $21 / 2$ | Feb |  |  |
| Preferred ---.-.-. 50 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Jan |
| Jones \& L'lin St'l pref. 100 |  | $11831 / 4{ }_{4} 1$ |  | $11811 / 4$ | Jan | 120 $461 / 4$ | Jan |
| Lone Star Gas_-....-.-. 25 Nat Fireproofing com- 100 | 43318 | $833 / 88$ | 8,693 190 | $37 / 4$ | Jan | 461/4 | Feb |
| Preferred .-......- 100 |  | $291 / 8291$ | 50 | 27 | Jan | 291/2 |  |
| Okla Nat Gas ctfs of dep. | 219/8 | 213/8 215/8 | 2,475 | 2014 | Jan |  | Feb |
| Pitts Oil \& Gas....-.- $\$ 5$ | 31/4 | $31 / 431 / 4$ | 00 |  |  | 37/8 | Feb |
| Pitts Plate Gl com. ${ }^{\text {a }} 100$ |  | $250 \cdot 253$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Salt Creek Consol Oll._10 |  | $11^{73 / 2} 11^{75 / 8}$ | 100 15 | $11^{1 / 2}$ | Man |  | Feb |
| Stand Sanit Mrg com_- 25 | $851 / 4$ | 8586 | 188 | 85 | Jan | 92312 | Jan |
| Tidal Osage Oll .....- 100 |  | 24.26 | 1,325 | 22 | Jan | 261/2 | Ma |
| Union Steel Casting com. |  | 355/8 36 | 90 | 321/2 | Jan |  |  |
| Glass.-.....----25 | 15 |  | 40 | 13 | Feb | 15 |  |
| Waverly Oll Wks class A West'house Air Brake.- |  | 421/3 $1541515{ }^{1 / 2}$ | 150 | 42 134 |  | 43 |  |

* No par value

St. Louis Stock Exchange.-Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange Mch. 12 to Mch. 18, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:


FOREIGN TRADE OF NEW YORK-MONTHLY STATEMENT.

| Month. | Merchandise Movement at New York. |  |  |  | Customs Recetpts at New York. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Imports. |  | Exports. |  |  |  |
|  | 1926. | 1925. | 1926. | 1925 | 1926. | 1925. |





 Total_.. $12273738751312690773980,989,615 \mid 1029583700199,279,782192,829,455$

Movement of gold and silver for the seven months:

| Month. | Gold Movement at New York. |  |  |  | suloer-Newo York. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Imports. |  | Exports. |  | Imports. | Bxports. |
|  | 1926. | 1925. | 1926. | 192 | 1926. | 1926. |
|  | 846,762 | 6,489,017 | $1,598,540$ | 2.468.247 | 2.172.443 | $88.993$ |
| August | 662,468 | 759,804 | 21,154,974 | 1,024,953 | 1,724,207 | .260,831 |
| Septemb | 972.617 | 672.610 | 21,675.322 | 5,060,700 | 3,225,587 | 3,758,076 |
| October | 523,939 | $42,379.042$ $3,867,632$ | 1,013.790 | $1,395.082$ $2,969,990$ | 1,508,244 | $4,029,252$ $4.270,276$ |
| November | 653.488 6.622 .900 | 3,867, 9474 | 6,756,464 | 4.597.913 | 1.655.483 | 3.273.288 |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 1927.060 \\ 17,840,866 \end{gathered}$ | 1926. ${ }^{\text {705,698 }}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1927 . \\ 14,466,637 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1926 . \\ & 2,569,831 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 19027 . \\ & 1,105,628 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1927 . \\ & 3,881,180 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 28,123,038 | 55,821,211 | 68,129,632 20,086,716 |  | 12,131,715 | 27,361,896 |
| BANK NOTES-CHANGES IN TOTALS OF, AND IN DEPOSITED BONDS, \&c.-We give below tables which show all the monthly changes in national bank notes and in bonds and legal tenders on deposit therefor: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



The following shows the amount of national bank notes afloait and the amount of legal tender deposits Feb. 11927 and March 1 1927, and their increase or decrease eluring the month of February:

 Amount of bank notes and
Legal Tender Notes
Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes Feb. 1 1927_....- $\$ 37,856,759$
 Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes March 1 1927...- $\$ 36,825,184$

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:
 Inc, com., Mo par...............s. $\$ 10$ lot
250 Wm. F. MeLaughin \& Co., 280 Wm . F. MeLaug
50 Birming i........................ 40 Dictator Fountain Pen Co.,Inc. 7 no par-1llland Oil Co......................... trust etf., 14 no par_-_-1....................
 com., no par................... $\$ 10$ lot
50 Stevenson, Brien \& Co., Inc.
pret............ 30 lot
1,803
 com., par \$5........................... 10 lot
325 Amertcan Dutch Guiana Corp., Com,, no par....................... Per cont.
Bonds.
$\$ 2,000$ Rochester Ice Cold Storage
 trust certificates..............-
 cured serial gold notes certif. of
deposit. Aug. 1924 and subsedeposit, Aug. 1924 and subse-
quent coupons attached.-....... 385 $\$ 500$ Dutchess Golf \& Country
$\$ 1,0000 \%$ bond, due 1970 , ref.-. \$1,0000 Idaho Irrigation Co., Ltd.,
i5-year ad), bond certifs., Jan

## tached.

$\$ 1,200$ Augusta-Aiken Ry, \& Elec.
By R. L. Day \& Co., Boston:
 2 National Shawmut Bank..........2701/4 10 Lincoln Mills.......................... 46 5 First National Bank_-................385
3 Old Colony Trust Co......... $\quad 10$ King Philip Mills.
 $\begin{array}{ll}10 \text { Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co ... } 1721 / 4 & 5 \text { Boston Railroad Holding Co., pf. } \\ 35 & 74 \\ 35 & \text { Hill Mant }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}35 & \text { Hill Manufacturing Co_...... } & 265 / 8 \\ 1 / 6 \text { Pepperell Manufacturing Co... } & 15 & 25 \text { New England Power Assn.. pret. } 907 / 8\end{array}$ 1/ Pepperell Manufacturing Co...
12 Great Falls Manutacturlng Co.10 Androscoggin Mills................ 2 No. Boston Ltg. Prop., pref.....1191/8 10 Androscoggin Mi1ls

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## By Wise, Hobbs \& Arnold


 ${ }_{5}^{25}$ Arting Manuracturing Co. ${ }_{55}$ Fairchaven Milis 41 Wm. Whitman Co., Inc.,. pret 85
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${ }_{10}$ Commonila Trust Col...... 100 ${ }^{20}$ Hust Nat: Bank 4 Philadelphla Girard Nat. Bank 13 Overbrook Nat. Bank 4 Kensington Nat. Bank, par $\$ 50$ 5 Pa . Co. for Ins. on Lives, \& Tr 4 Fidelity Phila. Trust C
10 par 850
10 Manayunk Trust Co par Co., par \$50 Ave. Title \& Trust 1 Mutual Trust Co., par $\$ 50 . \ldots . . .-158$
12 Northeast Tacony Bank \& Trust
Co., par $\$ 50$ 100
700 $-567$ 567
465

500 | .740 |
| :--- |
| 594 |
| 68 | $\begin{array}{r}594 \\ 668 \\ .685 \\ \hline\end{array}$ 10 $\begin{array}{ll}1 / 2 \\ 71 / 2 & 4 \mathrm{Ph} \\ 10\end{array}$

adelphia:
 Wharton Title \& Trust Co., par 10 Peoples Bank \& Trust Co.. 190 15 Security Title \& Trust Co., par 190
$\$ 50$
First Nat Bank © First Nat. Bank \& Trust Co.. Wood-
bury, N . J., par $\$ 50$, as follows: 2匹206; 5a205; $17 @ 196$.
10 Media (Pa.) Tlte \& Trust 19 Camden Safe Deposit \& Trust
 ${ }_{25}$ Fire Assoc. of Phia., par $\$ 10 \ldots .{ }^{2}$
 par $\$ 10$ 1F-......................
13 th \& 15 th Sts. Pass. 16 Cltizens Pass. Ry --1.-............ 193 2 New Way Laundry Co., Inc., no 240 10 Jah-_-............................. par 4 Phila. Bourse. com.,............... 14 Jefferson Ice MIfg, Co--............. 12
10 Traylor Engineering \& Mgg Bo., prds.
$\$ 20,000$

Shares. Stocks. $\$$ per 8 h
100 Colloidal Prod. Co., class A_- 125
100 Colloidal Prod. Co., class B_-_ 50 Great Northern Paper Co., par
$\$ 25$..................... 200 New Bedford Gas \& Edison
Light Co., par $\$ 25 \ldots$ Light
25 Bosto
6 Greent
pref
 124 Old Colony Trust Co_s per righ 5 Columbian Nat'' Life Insur. Co-. 291
2 Columblan Nat'1 Life Insur. Co
Bond S85,000. State Whart \& Storage Per Cont
1st 5 s, March 11925 -coupon March 1924 \& sub. on_-..- $\$ 40,200$ lot

Shares. Stocks. S per sh.
25 Heywood Wakefield Co., com_ 51 3 Heywood Wakefield Co., com... 51
10 units Commercial Financial Corp $47 / 2$ 10 units Commercial Financial Corp 47
5 Mass. Lighting Corp., 8\% pref. 117
5 Public Service Co. of N. H., pref. $961 / 4$ 116 United Electric Light Co. of $961 / 4$
 pecond Internat. Secur. Corp.,
pref., par $\$ 50 \ldots$ Blackstone Val. Gas \& Elec. Co., exiv. com., par $\$ 50 \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . .101 / 1 /-1101 / 2$
Sper right 50. Old Colony Trust Co_.........34
304 Old Colony Trust Co 361 Old Colony Trust Co Co.. $341 / 31 / 351 / 4$ Bonds. Per , 000 Old Colony Investment Trust
deb. $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$, Feb. deb. 41/s, Feb. 1947 (without
com. stock) ....-.-- 92

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$\frac{\text { Name of Company. }}{\text { Public Utilities (Concluded) }}$

$$
2 \text { Corn Exchange Nat. Bank.-. }
$$

$\qquad$ Co. 1 st mtge. coll. tr. real est. 8 .
due May 11929 . May due May 11929 (May 11927 and \$7,000 Peoples Pass. Ry. consol. mtge. 4s, Mar. 1 1962

## DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.
The dividends announced this week are:

| Name of Company. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { Cre } \end{aligned}$ | When. | Books Closed. Days Inclustoe. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Railroads (St |  |  |  |
| Kansas Clity Southern, pref. (quar.) |  |  | Holders of rec. Mar. $31 a$ |
| Western Pacific RR. Corp., pref. (quar.) | ${ }_{* 1 / 2}$ | Apr. 15 | Holders of rec. Mar. 31 |
| Public Utilities. <br> Alabama Power, $\$ 7$ pret ( |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{36}$ preferred (quar.) | \$1.75 |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| 11 America | *1/4 | Apr: | d |
| American \& Forelgn Power- |  |  |  |
| American Gas Co. (N.J.) |  | Apr. ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| Amherst Gas Co. (quar.) ${ }^{\text {arkansas Power }}$ L Light, |  |  | Holders of rec. |
| Associated Gas \& Elec., class | \$1.75 | apr. | Holders of rec. Ma |
| 86 preferred (quar.) | rs1 |  | Holders of rec. A dr. $30 a$ |
|  | r\$1\% |  | Holders of rec. Apr. 30a |
| Seven per cent preferre | $11 / 2$ |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| Cincinnatl Street R |  |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 25 |
| leve. Elec. Ill, co | *21/2 | Apr. 15 | Holders of rec. Mar. 31 |
| Coast Valleys Gas \& Elec. $7 \%$ pf. | 15 | ${ }_{\text {Mare }}{ }^{\text {a }} 1{ }^{1}$ | Holders of rec. May |
| Slix per cent preferred (quar.) | $13 / 2$ | Mar. 31 | Holders of rec. Mar. |
| onsumers Power, 6 | 13 |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| 6. |  |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| ${ }_{6 \%}{ }^{\circ}$ preterred (quar.) | 50c. |  | Holders of rec. Mar. 15 |
| 6\% preferred (monthly) |  |  | Holders of rec. Jan. ${ }^{\text {H }}$ |
| $6 \%$ preferred (monthly) | 50 c . |  | Holders or of rec. Feb. |
| $6.6 \%$ preferred (monthly) | 55. |  | Holders of rec. Jan. 15 |
| $6.6 \%$ preferred (monthly) | 550. | Mar. | Holders of rec. Feb. |
| $6.6 \%$ preferred ( m | 55. |  | Holders of ree. Mar. |
| East Bay Water, preferred | *11/2 | Apr. | *Holders of ree. Mar. 15 |
| Easthampton Gas Co. (qu |  | Mar. | Holders of re |
| 1 Paso Elec. Co. | 13/4 | Apr. | Holders of rec. Adr ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
|  |  |  | Holders of rec. Apr. ${ }^{\text {a }}$, |
| re Po |  |  |  |
| Participating stock (quar.) | 50 c . | Apr. | Holders of rec. Mar. 23 |





| Name of Conpany． | $\begin{gathered} \text { Per } \\ \text { Cent. } \end{gathered}$ | When Payable． | $\mathrm{kss}$ | of Company． | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { Crat. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { When } \\ \text { Pazable. } \end{gathered}$ | Books Closed． Days Inclustoe． |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| cle | 30 c. |  | Holders of rec．Mar． 18 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | ． 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Preterred（ |  |  | Holders of rec．Mar． 31 |  |  |  | － |
| olly Oil（quar | 25 | Mar． 31 | Holders of rec．Mar |  | ${ }_{\text {el }}^{\text {el }}$ |  | 0 |
| Holt Renfrew |  |  | H |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Holders of rec．M | Ne | c． |  |  |
| Hood Rubber Co． |  |  | H |  |  |  |  |
| Humble Oil \＆Refining（qu |  | A | H |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { unois Brick ( } \\ & \text { Quarterly } \end{aligned}$ |  | Apr | July 3 to Adry |  |  |  | ${ }^{\text {Ba }}$ |
| ${ }_{\text {Lutinois }}^{\text {Quar }}$ | ${ }_{50} 6$ |  |  | Or | 600． |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Otis | $13 / 4$ |  | Holders of rec．Mar．19a |
|  |  |  | Holders of ree．Mar． 31 |  | 5c． |  | Holders of rec．Mar． 160 |
| Indusendial Accee |  |  | Ho | Pa | ${ }_{25} 13 / 4$ |  |  |
|  | \＄2 |  |  |  | 220 c ． |  | H |
| Industries D |  |  | Mar． 27 to Mar． 31 |  |  | Apr． May 31 |  |
| dration |  |  | Holders of rec．M |  | 750 |  |  |
| ercon | 81 |  | Holders of rec．Ma | Palge |  |  | 9 |
| ernat．Busin | S1 |  | Holders of rec．Mar． $23 a$ |  | s1 |  | Holders of rec．Mar． 17 |
| Button |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| International |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mrefered（quar．） |  |  | Hо | Pa |  |  |  |
| ternational Nickel． | 50c． |  |  | Fenick \＆ | 250. |  | Holders of rec．Mar． $15 a$ |
| ternational Pap | 13／2 |  | Holders of rec．Apr．${ }^{\text {Heda }}$ | ${ }_{\text {Pen }}$ | 3 |  |  |
| Internat． |  |  | Holders of rec．Mar． 21 | Pennsylvan | 80c． |  | Holders of rec．Mar． $15 a$ |
|  |  |  |  | D |  |  |  |
| International |  |  | Holders of rec．Mar．${ }^{\text {Holders of rec．Mar．} 15 a}$ | Pet Milk |  |  | 1 |
| Preferre |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 迷 | 13／4 |  |  | Pet |  |  | a |
| er | \＄23／4 | ${ }_{\text {A }}{ }^{\text {A }}$ | Holders of rec．Mar． 23 | Phillips Petro |  |  |  |
| ， | $h 7$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jones \＆Laughlin |  |  | Holders of rec．Mar 151 | P1 | 171／2． |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Pusourgh | $11 / 4$ | ${ }_{\text {Mar．}}^{\text {Apr．}} 31$ |  |
| Preterred | 82 | Apr． | Holders of rec．Mar． 18 a | Plymouth Oil |  |  | Holders of rec．Mar． 24 |
| sey |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kennecott Coppe |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Keystone Watch |  |  |  | Premier Gold ${ }^{\text {Presed }}$ |  |  |  |
| Kirby Lumber，cor | 15 |  | Hold | Price Brothers，\＆Co．，Ltd．，com．（quar．） |  |  | Holders of rec，Mar． 15 |
| C | 19 |  | Hol |  | 500 |  | Holders of rec．Mar． 15 |
| ${ }_{\text {Knox }}$ |  |  | Ho | Provinctea Paper Mills，com．（quar．）．－．－ | 13 |  | Holders of rec．Mar． 15 |
| ${ }_{\text {Prr }}$ |  |  |  | Pu | 12／4 |  | Holders of rec．Mar． 100 |
| ${ }_{\text {Pre }}$ |  | Aug | Ho |  | 㗽 |  |  |
| Krafl |  | Ap |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kresce |  | ${ }^{\text {M }}$ | Holders of rec．Mar． $16 a$ | Comm |  |  | Holders of rec．Apr． 1 |
| Preterred（qua |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kruskal \＆Kruskal．Inc．（ |  |  |  | Rand－Kardex Bureau，Inc．，com．A（qu．） Real Slik Hosiery Mils，Inc．，com．（qui） |  |  | Holders of rec．Mar．${ }^{\text {Heldea }}$ |
| Lamson \＆Hubb | $h$ S | ${ }^{\text {Aprr．}}$ Apr．${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Holders of rec．A pr．${ }^{1}$ |  | ${ }_{\text {81 }}$ |  | Holders of rec．Mar．${ }^{\text {Ha }}$ |
| Lawyers Title \＆Guaranty |  |  |  |  | $35 \mathrm{c} .$ |  |  |
| nigh valley Coal Sale |  |  |  | Ree |  |  |  |
|  | s2 |  | H | Rels（Robert | \％ |  | Holders of rec．Mar． 17 a |
| berty Baking | 13／4 |  |  | Reliance Manutacturin |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | \＄1．25 |  |  |
| Liggett \＆Myers ${ }^{\text {T }}$ | 50 | ADr | Holders of rec．Mar． 150 | Seco |  |  |  |
| Common（extra） |  |  |  |  |  |  | Holders of rec．Mar． 150 |
| Loew＇s， |  |  | Holders of rec．Mar． 19 a |  | $13 /$ |  |  |
| Long Bell Lum | 31 |  | Holders of rec．Mar． 11 a |  |  |  |  |
| Old com．（one share of new no par com） | 25 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New no par common（quar．）（No．1）－－ |  | A |  |  | ＊21／2 |  |  |
| dilard | （2） | Apr． |  | Safer | \＄2，5 |  |  |
| rer | 1 |  | a |  |  |  |  |
|  | \＄1．50． | ${ }_{\text {Apr }}$ | Holders of rec．Mar |  |  |  | Mar． 10 Mar to to Mar． 21 |
| Fir |  |  |  |  | 50 c |  | June 10 to June 20 |
| adison |  |  |  | Ex |  |  |  |
|  |  | July | Holders of reo．July |  |  |  | Sept． 10 to |
| Mallinson（ $\mathrm{H} . \mathrm{R} . \mathrm{R}$ ． |  |  | Holders of rec．Mar． $21 a$ |  | 250． |  | Dec． |
| hattan Elect |  |  | Holders of rec．Mar． $21 a$ |  |  |  | Dec． 10 |
| hattan Shirt | 13／4 | ${ }^{\text {Apt }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 a \\ & 9 a \end{aligned}$ |  | ， |  | \％or |
| Mathleson Alkall | \＄1 | Apr． | Holder | St． | 13 |  | Ho |
| Preferred（quar |  |  |  | Sait C |  |  |  |
| Ded |  |  | M |  | ＊11 |  | Holders of rec．May 1 |
| MeCrory |  | May | Holders of rec．Apr． $20 a$ |  |  |  | Holders of rec．Mar． 15 |
|  | 13.4 | Aug． | $20 a$ | ${ }^{\text {che }}$ |  |  | H |
| Preerred（quar | 154 |  | Holders of rec．Mar． 21 |  | 87 |  |  |
| Cor | 25 |  | Holders of rec．June 20 | Preferred（av |  |  | Hol |
| Common A and B（qua | 250. | Oct． | Holder | Schulz Bak |  |  | 析 |
| Common $A$ and $B$（quar．） | 25 c. |  | H | Segal Lock |  |  |  |
| hants \＆ |  |  | Holders of rec．Mar． 15 a | Shatti | 50 |  | Holders of rec．Ma |
| Merchants 8 |  |  |  | shawm | $1{ }^{1 / 4}$ |  | Holders of rec．Mar． $21 a$ |
| Mergent | \＄1 |  | Holders of rec．Mar．${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  | Holders of rec．Mar． 15 |
| Merrimac Chem |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| opolitan P |  |  | Mar | Stred | 75 c ． |  | Holders of rec |
| －Con |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Iidland Stee P | \＄1 |  | Holders of rec．Mar． $18 a$ | Simmons Company，con |  |  | Ho |
| on | 480. |  | Holders of rec．Mar． 18 a | Simms Perroleum duar |  |  |  |
| Preferred（quar．） | ${ }_{81}^{82}$ | Apr． |  |  | ＊ |  |  |
| Pree |  |  | Holders of rec．Mar． | S |  |  |  |
| Her Rubb |  |  | Hol | terr | 12.4 |  | Holders of rec．Mar． 210 |
| tgomery | ${ }_{\text {S1 }} 81.75$ |  | Holders of re | Smith（H） |  |  | Holde |
| gan Lithogra | 50 c ． |  | Holders of rec．Mar | South Pe | 1／3／2 |  | Holder |
| Moto Meter，class |  |  | Hold | Preterred（quar．）．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． |  |  |  |
| Class B（quar．） | ${ }_{50 \mathrm{c}}^{25 \mathrm{c}}$ ． |  | H | South West Pennsylvania Pipe Linesgu） |  |  |  |
| tor Wheel Cor | soc． |  | Holders of rec．Ma | Southern Sto |  | Ma |  |
| ountan Produce | ${ }^{\text {4 }}$ 750． |  |  |  | 13／4 | M | Holders of rec．Mar． 19 C |
| tional Blscu | ${ }_{81}^{81.25}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ional |  |  | Holders of rec．Mar． 15 | er |  |  | Holders of rec．Mar． 19 C |
| Preferred（qu |  | AD | ar． $21 a$ | St |  | Ma | Holders of rec．Mar． 180 |
| eter | ＊13／4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| En | 1／4 |  | Holders of rec．Mar． 119 | tar |  |  | ${ }_{6}^{6}$ to Mar．${ }^{\text {to }}$ M ${ }^{\text {cos }}$ |
| onal Lead | 11／2 |  | H | Standard |  | Mar． 21 | Mar． 1 to Mar． 21 |
| nal Re |  | Apr | Holders of rec |  |  |  |  |
| lonal Sta |  |  |  | Standard oil of |  |  | 80 |
| lonal Sug |  | ${ }_{\text {Mar．}} 31$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | rn Bros．，elass A（quar．） |  |  | of rec．Mar． of rec．Mar． 21 |



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 Mar. 12. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of the grand totals, we also show the actual figures of condition at the end of the week.
new york weekly clearing house returns.
(Stated in thousands of dollars-that is, three ctphers (000) omatted.)


Note.-U. S. deposits deducted from net demand deposits in the general totals


 $*$ Includes deposits in foreign branches not included in total footings as follows:


 Co. ${ }^{83,057}$
S6,618,000.
c Deposits in forelgn branches not included.
The reserve position of the different groups of institutions on the basis of both the averages for the week and the actual condition at the end of the week is shown in the following two tables:
statement of reserve position of clearing house banks AND TRUST COMPANIES.

|  | Averages. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Cash } \\ \text { Reserve } \\ \text { in Vault. } \end{gathered}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Reservee } \\ \text { Depositiartes } \end{array}\right\|$ | Total Reserve | $\underset{\substack{\text { b } \\ \text { Reserve }}}{ }$ Requited. | Surphus Reserce. |
| embers Federal | 8 |  |  |  | $\underset{3,726,440}{\text { ¢ }}$ |
| State banks**...... | 9,756,000 | - $573,127,000$ | 16,068,000 | 16,351,740 | - 383.740 |
| Trust compantes | 2,770,000 | 6,086,000 | 8,856,000 | 8,914,200 | 200 |
| tal Mar. | 00 | 585,525,000 | 598 | 594, | 3,3 |
| Total Mar. 5 | 12,495,000 | 589,688 | 602,183,000 | 598.17 | 4,003, |
| Total Feb. 19 | 12,563.000 | 578.981,000 | 591.544,000 | 586.259,010 | 5,284.990 |

## ${ }^{*}$ Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.

b 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: includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as 1ollows:
Mar. 12, $\$ 17,751,540 ;$ Mar. 5 , $\$ 18,118,30 ;$ Feb. 26, $\$ 18,203,160$; Feb. 19, $\$ 18,428$,-
130 ; Feb. 11, $\$ 18,313,110 ;$ Feb. 5, $\$ 18,202,260$.

|  | Actual Figures. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Cash } \\ \text { Reserve } \\ \text { in Vault. } \end{gathered}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Reserve } \\ \text { In } \\ \text { Depostartes } \end{gathered}\right.$ | Total Reserve. |  | Surplus Reserve. |
| Members Federa Reserve Bank State banks* | $\|9.636 .000\|$ | $\underset{63,40,000}{6,470,000}$ | $\stackrel{\text { 632,402,000 }}{\$}$ <br> 16,106,000 | $\stackrel{\mathrm{s}}{571,88,040} 1$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ \\ 60,519,960 \\ -452,020 \end{array}$ |
| Trust companies*.-. | 2,765,000 |  | 8,877,000 | 1 <br> $8,808,150$ | $\begin{array}{r}-68,850 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  | 597,248,210 | $60,136,790$ |
| Total Mar. 5 | 12,562,000 | 573,300,000 | 585,862,000 | 591,771,970 | -, 909.970 |
| Total Feb. 26 |  | $615,731,000$ $564,042,000$ | ( $628,235,000$ |  | ${ }_{-7,587,620}^{33,597,820}$ |
| * Not members of a This is the reser and brust companies, cludes also the amoun 810; Feb. 11, \$18,24 | Federal Rese e required on but in the c Mar. 5, \$17 ,710; Feb. | erve Bank. n net deman case of memb ,866,140; Fe 5, $\$ 18,365,67$ | d deposits in ers of the F t time deposi <br> 0. | the case of Pederal Rese its, which w 5,090; Feb. | State banks ve Bank in9, $\$ 18,372$,- |

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 Furntshed by State Bankino Department.)
Differences from.
Previous Week.

 $1,1,58,400$
Total deposits. Deposits, elimimating amounts due from reserve de-
positaries and trom other banks and trust com-
positaries and from oner
pesiles In N. X. Clty exchange, and U.S. deposits. $1,241,751,400$
Reserve on deposits. Reserve on deposits.-........
Percentage of reserves, $20.5 \%$

## RESERVE. <br> 

 Total.

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.-The averages of the New York City Clearing House banks and trust companies combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House are as follows:

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN

|  | Loans and Indestments. | Demand Depostits. | Total Cash in Vaults. | Reserve in Depositaries. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Noveet Ended- |  |  |  |  |
| v. 20 | 6,570,297,600 | 5,551,891,300 | -87,480,000 | 724,021,000 |
| Nov. 27 | 6,599,992,200 | 5.556,678,300 | 86,468,400 | 728,368,600 |
| Dec. | 689,295,600 | 5,716.914,900 | 76,615,500 | 734,203,700 |
| Dec. 1 | 67,713, | ${ }_{5}^{5.5856,288}$ | 88,536.500 |  |
| 2 | 6,713,433,300 | 5,636,517,700 | 105,590,700 | 734 |
| Dec. 31 | 6,837,671,900 | 5,741,187,400 | 95,908,300 | 761,848,700 |
| Jan. 8 | 6,954,175.000 | 5,898,416,700 | 91,552,900 | 786,239,700 |
| Jan. ${ }^{\text {dan }}$ | 19, | ${ }_{5}^{5,8}$ | 91, | 75 |
| Jan. | 6,7750.575,000 | 5.81 | 81,093,000 | 41 |
| Feb ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 6.728,899,400 | 5,721,854, | 83,192 | 731,203,500 |
| Feb. 11 | ,129,400 | 5,642,353 | 86,676,800 | 721,361,700 |
| Fe | 6,657,735,000 | 193 | 70 | ${ }_{715} / 260,100$ |
| Mar. | 6,770.284,900 | 5,64 |  |  |
| Mar. | 6. | ${ }_{5}^{5,635}$ | 56 | 731,343 |

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:

## RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK clearing house.



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.

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. } 16 \\ 1927 . \end{gathered}$ | Changes from Preolous Week. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar. } 9 \\ & 1927 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} M a r .2 \\ 1927 . \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Capital | 69,650,000 | Unchanged | $\stackrel{\text { S }}{\text { 69,650,000 }}$ | 69,650,000 |
| Surplus and profits. | 92,448,000 | Unchanged | 92,448,000 | 92,448,000 |
| Loans, disc'ts \& invest- | 1,017,370,000 | Inc. 8,020,000 | 1,009,350,000 | 1,005,631,000 |
| Individual deposits..-- | 682,569,000 | Inc. 14,129,000 | $668,440,000$ | 669,003,000 |
| Due to banks. | 146,785,000 | Inc. 800,000 | 145,985,000 | 139,496,000 |
| Time deposits | 233,862,000 | Inc. 1,517,000 | 232,345,000 | 230,077,000 |
| United States deposits- | 16,873,000 | Inc. $7,086,000$ | 9,797,000 | 10,755,000 |
| Exchanges for Cl'g H'se | 40,899,000 | Inc. $6,641,000$ | 34,258,000 | 32,551,000 |
| Due from other banks.- | 85,359,000 | Inc. $4,855,000$ | 80,504,000 | 81,501,000 |
| Res've in legal depos'les | 80,534,000 | Inc. $1,274,000$ | 79,260,000 | 78,919,000 |
| Cash in bank | 9,223,000 | Dec. 102,000 | 9,325.c00 | 9,439,000 |
| Res've excess in F.R.Bk) | 581,000 | Inc. $\quad 236,000$ | 228,000 | 192.000 |

Philadelphia Banks.-The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Mar. 12, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are $10 \%$ on demand deposits and $3 \%$ on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is $10 \%$ on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositaries" and "Cash in vaults."

| Two Ciphers (00) omitted. | Week Ended March 121927. |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { March } 5 \\ 1927 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb. } 26 \\ 1927 . \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Members of F.R.System | $\begin{gathered} \text { Trust } \\ \text { Compantes } \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\text { Total. }}{1927}$ |  |  |
| Capital | 50,225,0 | 5,000,0 | 55,225,0 | \$55,225,0 | \$55,225,0 |
| Surplus and profits | 152,996,0 | 17,812,0 | 170,808,0 | 170,808,0 | 170,808,0 |
| Loans, disc'ts \& investm'ts | $941,418,0$ | 47,220,0 | ${ }^{989,638,0}$ | 985,447,0 | $985,005,0$ 38,179, |
| Due from banks | 97,101,0 | 15,0 | 97,116,0 | 108,184,0 | 103,925,0 |
| Bank deposits. | 135,448,0 | 1,020,0 | 136,468,0 | 138,398,0 | 133,579,0 |
| Individual depos | 623,327,0 | 29,542,0 | 652,861,0 | 665,730,0 | 661,842,0 |
| Time deposits. | 153,614,0 | 2,310,0 | 155,932,0 | 156,662,0 | 156,257,0 |
| Total deposits | 912,389,0 | 32,872,0 | 945,261,0 | 960,790,0 | $951,678,0$ $3,617.0$ |
| Res've with legal deposits_ Reserve with F. R. Bank | 69,782,0 | 4,911,0 | $4,911,0$ $69,782,0$ | $3,640,0$ $71,031,0$ | $3,617,0$ $68,478,0$ |
| Cash in vault* | *10,044,0 | 1,425,0 | 11,469,0 | 11,012,0 | 11,215,0 |
| Total reserve \& ca | 79,826,0 | 6,336,0 | 86,162,0 | 85,683,0 | $83,310,0$ |
| Reserve required | 69,185,0 | $4,587,0$ | $73,772,0$ | $73,936,0$ | $73,517,0$ $9,793,0$ |
| Excess res. \& cash in vault. | 10,641,0 | 1,749,0 | 12,390,0 | 11,747,0 | 9,793,0 |

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 Mar. 161927 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

| old redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury. | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Kar. } 161927 . \\ \text { s } \\ 458,72,000 \\ 8,986,000 \end{array}$ | 372,279,000 10,419,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 9,220,000 \\ & 9,206,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes- |  | 382,698,000 |  |
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|  | 9,0 |  |  |
| Secured by V . . |  |  |  |
|  |  | 22,32 | 7,8 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | ,67 | 76,340 | 7,410,000 |
|  |  |  |  |
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| Certiticates | 158,986,000 | 38,464,00 | 116,744,00 |
|  | 70,872,000 | 54,118,000 | 134,137,000 |
| Forelgn |  |  | 2,110,000 |
| tal bills and | 263,110,00 | 243,580,00 | 97,84 |
| from |  |  |  |
| colle | 4,47 | 142,197,000 | 97,7 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| al r | ,85,231, | 1,512,191,000 | 1,513,696,00 |
| tabutues- |  |  |  |
| '1 Reserve | 413,986 | 414,408, | 0 |
| evosts-Member bank, reserve acc | 865,630.000 | 849,19 | 67,825,000 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | 10,601,00 | 12,926,000 | 9,991,0 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | 91,31 | 120,719, | 65,742 |
| Capital |  |  |  |
| Surplus |  |  |  |
|  | 2,780,000 | 2,572 | 2,711,000 |
| Totarlia | 1,585,231,000 | 1,512,191,000 | 1,513,696, |
| Ratio of total reserves to de |  |  |  |
| s've note | 82.8\% | 84.2 | 7.8 |
| for forelgn | 40,315,000 | 27,193,000 | 22,773,00 |
| NOTE,-Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new Items were added n order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due toforelgn correspondents. In addition, the captlon. "All other earnlng assets," prevlously made of Federal Intermediate credit bank debentures, was changed to "Other securities," and the caption "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities. The latter term was sdopted as a more accurate description of the total of he 16 of the Federal Reser ve Act, which it was stated, are the only items included thereln. |  |  |  |
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## Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Mar. 16, 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 16(3 being the first item in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."
combined resources and liabilities of the federal reserve banks at the close of business march 161927.


| kESOURCES (Concluded)Twoo ciphers (00) omitted. | Boston. | New York. | phaza. | Gleveland. | Richmond | Atlanta. | Chrcapo. | St. Louts. | Minneap. | Kan. Ctzy | Dallas. | San Fran. | Totas. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oth | \$ | \$ | $\underset{2,000,0}{\mathbf{S}}$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | 8 | 8 | $\underset{2,000,0}{8}$ |
| Total blis and se | 69,909,0 | 263,110,0 | 66,810,0 | 104,351,0 | 36,205,0 | 44,087,0 | 167,353,0 | 55,860,0 | 32,888,0 | 51,554,0 | 35,673,0 | 98,932,0 | 1,026,732,0 |
| Due from forelgn b | 72,540,0 | 214,475,0 | 80,325,0 | 81,260,0 | 69,671,0 | 36,487,0 | 112,842,0 | 39,993,0 | 13,006,0 | 47,188,0 | 31,235,0 | 45,432,0 | 844,454,0 |
| Bank premlses. | 3,946,0 | 16,276,0 | 1,714,0 | 7,118,0 | 2,149,0 | 2,895,0 | 7,972,0 | 3,957,0 | 2,774,0 | 4,459,0 | 1,752,0 | 3,452,0 | 58,464,0 |
| Ald other resour | 81,0 | 1,920,0 | 208,0 | 1,000,0 | 359,0 | 801,0 | 2,049,0 | 947,0 | 2,122,0 | 540,0 | 397,0 | 1,117,0 | 11,541,0 |
| Total reso | 371,239,0 | 1,585,231,0 | 368,922,0 | 514,228,0 | 229,596,0 | 291,954,0 | 714,788,0 | 188,790,0 | 139,460,0 | 216,596,0 | 150,621,0 | 423,206,0 | 5,194,631,0 |
| F. R. notes in actual circulation. | 125,253.0 | 413,986,0 | 114,145,0 | 202,707,0 | 71,858,0 | 171,593,0 | 218,984,0 | 44,244,0 | 64,415,0 | 67,841,0 | 40,793,0 | 170,408,0 | 1,706,227,0 |
| Deposits: <br> Member bank-reserve acc't. | 144,429,0 | 865,630,0 | 141,997,0 | 198,116,0 | 71,300,0 | 68,604,0 | 336,749,0 | 87,252,0 | 50,788,0 | 91,003,0 | 61,760,0 | 177,677,0 | 2,295,305,0 |
| Government | 177,0 | 202,0 | 50,0 | 132,0 | 247,0 | 241,0 | 50,0 | 871,0 | $\begin{array}{r}192,0 \\ \hline 18\end{array}$ | 91, 437,0 | 61,723,0 | 177, 268 , | $2,830,0$ |
| Forelga bank | 403,0 | 936,0 | 515,0 | 569,0 | 279,0 | 220,0 | 741,0 | 231,0 | 161,0 | 199,0 | 188,0 | 376,0 | $4,818,0$ |
| Other deposits | 678,0 | 10,601,0 | 690.0 | 1,209,0 | 260,0 | 201,0 | 974,0 | 651,0 | 522,0 | 346,0 | 120.0 | 3,827,0 | 20,079,0 |
| Total deposit | 145,687,0 | 877,369,0 | 143,252,0 | 200,026,0 | 72,086,0 | 69,266,0 | 338,514,0 | 88,345,0 | 51,663,0 | 91,985,0 | 62,691,0 | 182,148,0 | 2,323,032,0 |
| Deferred avallablity | 73,443,0 | 191,318,0 | 76,963,0 | 72,713,0 | 66,540,0 | 35,978,0 | 105,919,0 | 40,154,0 | 11,879,0 | 42,996,0 | 34,209,0 | 45,190,0 | 797,302,0 |
| Capltal pald | 8,888,0 | 38,164,0 | 12,915,0 | 13,860,0 | 6,178,0 | 5,029,0 | 16,986,0 | 5,288,0 | 3,017,0 | 4,208,0 | $4,275,0$ | 8,884,0 | 127,692,0 |
| Burdius. | 17,606,0 | 61,614,0 | 21,267,0 | 23,746,0 | 12,198,0 | 9,632,0 | 31,881,0 | 9,939,0 | 7,527,0 | 9,029,0 | 8,215,0 | 16,121,0 | 228,775,0 |
| All other liab | 362,0 | 2,780,0 | 380,0 | 1,176,0 | 736,0 | 456,0 | 2,504,0 | 820,0 | 959,0 | 537,0 | 438,0 | 455,0 | 11,603,0 |
| Total Habilitie | 371,239,0 | 1,585,231,0 | 368,922,0 | 514,228,0 | 229,596,0 | 291,954,0 | 714,788,0 | 188,790,0 | 139,460,0 | 216,596,0 | 150,621,0 | 423,206,0 | 5,194,631,0 |
|  | 80.0 |  | . 7 | 8.3 | 80.0 | 84.6 | 74. | 63.3 | 75.4 | 69.1 | 76.4 | 76.7 | 79.0 |
| Contingent liability on bills purchased for forelgn correspond'ts | 10,919,0 | 40,315,0 | 13,976,0 | 15,432,0 | 7,570,0 | 5,969,0 | 20,091,0 | 6,260,0 | 4,368,0 | 5,387,0 | 5,095,0 | 10,191,0 | 145,573,0 |
| F. R. notes on hand (notes rec'd |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| circulation) | 28,381,0 | 117,965,0 | 48,758,0 | 31,955,0 | 16,165,0 | 25,716,0 | 46,959,0 | 3,158,0 | 4,779,0 | 12,616,0 | 6,624,0 | 42,906,0 | 385,982,0 | federal reserve note accounts of federal reserve agents at close of business mar. 161927


| Feceral Reserve Agent at- | Boston. | New York. | Phala. | Cleveland. | Rtchmond | Atlanta. | Chtcago. | St. Louts. | Manneap. | Kan. Cuty | Dallas. | San Pran. | Total. |
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| (Two ctphers (00) om |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| F.R.notes ree'd from Comptroller | $247,234,0$ $93,600,0$ | $824,031,0$ $292,080,0$ | $\begin{array}{r} 191,603,0 \\ 28,700,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 274,002,0 \\ 39,340,0 \end{array}$ | $113,137,0$ $25,114,0$ | $\begin{array}{r} 257,589,0 \\ 60,280,0 \end{array}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 422,843,0 \\ & 156,900,0 \end{aligned}\right.$ | $70,502,0$ $23,100,0$ | $86,636,0$ $17,442,0$ | $106,627,0$ $26,170,0$ | 65,164,0 | $\begin{array}{r} 261,814,0 \\ 48,500,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 921,182,0 \\ 828,973,0 \end{array}$ |
| F.R.notes issued to F. R. Bank | 153,634,0 | 531,951,0 | 162,903,0 | 234,662,0 | 88,023,0 | 197,309,0 | 265,943,0 | 47,402,0 | 69,194,0 | 80,457,0 | 47,417,0 | 213,314,0 | 2,092,209,0 |
| Collateral held as security for F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bk.: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gold and gold certificates.-- |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 36,469,0 \\ 5,708.0 \end{array}$ | 15,422,0 |  | 7,750,0 | 13,507,0 |  | 18,308,0 | $30,000,0$ |  |
| Gold redemption fu Gold fund-F. R. B | 11,047,0 | $22,618,0$ $201,000,0$ | $9,226,0$ $114,677,0$ | $11,989,0$ $165,000,0$ | $5,708,0$ $31,000,0$ | $6,430,0$ $136,000,0$ | 195,000,0 | 1,657,0 | 46,000,0 | $5,430,0$ $60,860,0$ | $\begin{array}{r}3,740,0 \\ 15,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 14,964,0 | $96,137,0$ $1,192,303,0$ |
| Elligible p | 54,633,0 | 86,633,0 | 39,787,0 | 60,423,0 | 27,204,0 | 41,559,0 | 92,698,0 | 21,574,0 | 11,127,0 | 20,679,0 | 12,604,0 | 63,263,0 | 532,184,0 |
| Total eollateral -..-- -- -- -- | 0, | 545,355 |  |  | ,381, |  | ,08s | 53,281,0 | , 577 | , |  |  |  |

## 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 675 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 Dee. 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 1603.

| Federal Reserve District. | oston. | New York | phua. | Cleveland. | $R$ | Allanta. | Chicajo. | St. Louts. | Mınneap. | Kan. Crty | Dallas. | San Fra | Total. |
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| Loans and discounts, gross: Secured by U.S.Gov't obilgations |  | 365 | 33 | $\stackrel{\$}{\mathbf{S}, 169}$ |  |  | $\stackrel{\text { s }}{\text { ¢ }}$, 026 | ${ }_{4}^{8} 413$ | $\begin{gathered} 2,982 \\ -0,580 \\ -0.50 \end{gathered}$ | ${ }_{4}^{8} 442$ | $\stackrel{3}{2,553}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5,885 \\ & \hline, 115 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \substack{155,647 \\ 488,620} \end{gathered}$ |
| Secure | $\begin{aligned} & 334,322 \\ & 641,409 \end{aligned}$ | 2,870, |  | $\begin{aligned} & 571,292 \\ & 780,056 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 150,696 \\ & 360,602 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }^{110,519}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 864, \\ 1,259, \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 190.3 \\ & 306,8 \end{aligned}$ | 160,7 | $\begin{aligned} & 115,284 \\ & 301,942 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 74,177 \\ 250,498 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 322,115 \\ & 989,069 \end{aligned}$ | 5,488,220 |
| Total loans | 983,017 | 5,149,820 | 794,901 | 1,372,5 | 516,929 | 504,953 | 2,147,7 | 501,61 | 243,2 | 421,60 | 327,228 | 1,317,06 | 14,280,783 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { vestments: } \\ & \text { U. S. Gove } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1344 \\ & { }_{260} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 957.5099 \\ 2025 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 86,909 \\ 282,799 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 271,237 \\ & 37 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 68,353 \\ & 72,246 \end{aligned}$ | $41,267$ | $\begin{aligned} & 286,321 \\ & 468,350 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 73,227 \\ 121721 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 65,331 \\ 56,0 \end{gathered}$ $56,914$ | $\begin{gathered} 103,552 \\ 96,545 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 52,879 \\ & 24.832 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 243,561 \\ & { }_{243,483} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,374,580 \\ & 3,293,966 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total | 5,1 | 182,5 | 369,698 | 653,29 | 140,59 | 100,548 | 754,6 | 194,93 | 122,2 | 200,0 | 77,7 | 477,044 | ,668,5 |
| Total loans | 378,1 | , | , 164 | 025 | 657 | 605,501 | 2,902, | 696, | 365, | 621, | 404, | 1,794, | 9,949,329 |
| ve balanc | 97,24 | 742,2 | 82 | 129,314 | 41.8 | 42,837 | 237,604 | 48.151 | 21,3 | 54,2 | 30,9 | 106, | 1,634,826 |
| Cash in vault | ${ }_{9} 901.60818$ | 5,569,5 | 16,28 780.4 | 1,016,380 | 379,93 | 343,584 |  | ${ }_{408,190}^{7}$ | ${ }^{220,586}$ | 12,6 500,18 | 10,58 | 754,804 |  |
| Tlue deposits. | 425,631 | 1,379,1 | 252,219 | 898,931 | ${ }_{214.489}$ | ${ }_{233,631}$ | 1,050,029 | ${ }_{235,192}^{4}$ | 125,600 | 148.79 | 106,357 | ${ }_{960} 706$ | 6,030,738 |
| Governm | 8,637 | 27,672 | 13,162 | 7,355 |  | ${ }_{6,158}$ | 7,974 | 2,552 |  | 1,28 | 2.8 | 11,034 | 1,831 |
| Due fro |  | 128,72 |  |  |  |  | 25 |  | . 737 | 134,6 | 70,71 |  | 1 |
| Due to | 152,236 | ,186,89 | 17 |  | $112,56$ | 120,476 | 518,113 | 151,3 | 98,737 | $344$ | 109,8 |  | $61$ |
| secured by U.S. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 74,904 |
| All other. | 12,981 | 704 | 5,345 |  | 6,051 | 11,437 | 18,297 | 74 | 95 | 889 | 79 | 4 |  |
| Total borrowings from F.R.Bank | 21,146 | 89,684 | 8,355 | 17,737 | 10,844 | 13,508 | 57,982 | 4,774 | 430 | 1,586 | 679 | 39,412 | 266,13 |

- Not avallable.



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Wall Street, Friday Night, March 181927.
Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.-The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 1623 .
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 Realty and Surety Companies. <br> All prices dollars per share.

| Almance R'lty ${ }^{\text {Bra }}$ [did ${ }_{4}$ | 51 | Mtge Bond_- 150 | 160 | Realty Assoc's |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amer Surety - $x$ 225 | ${ }_{235}^{230}$ | Nat Surety . $x^{247}$ | 252 | (Bklyn) com | 248 | 255 |
|  |  | N Y Title \& |  | ${ }_{2 \mathrm{l}}^{1 \text { dit pref- }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 90 \\ & 88 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{9}^{93}$ |
| Lawyers Title \& Guarantee $x 290$ |  | 8 Casualty. 32 | 340 |  | 500 | 91 |

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.


Foreign Exchange.-Sterling exchange displayed marked firmness and activity, as a result of which quotations were advanced more than $1 / 2$ of 1 cent to the highest point in quite some time. In the Continental exchanges also strength developed, accompanied by considerable activity. New high records were scored by lire, kronen, pesetas and yen. 4.85 Tay's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4.85 ©
 4.81 3-16. cotton for payment 4.847/8 @4.84 15-16, and grain for payment To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were $3.891 / 2$ for
short. German bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdame ankers guiders were $39.991 /$ for short, 124.01 high and 124.05 low.
The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:






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| HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES-PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sales } \\ & \text { for } \\ & \text { the } \\ & \text { Week. } \end{aligned}$ | stocks <br> NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE | PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 11927 On basts of $100-\mathrm{share}$ lots |  | PER SHARE Range for Previous Yeat 1926 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mat. 12 . | Mat. 14. |  |  |  | Friday <br> Mar. 18. |  |  |  |  | - | 1020 |
| \$ per share | \$per share | 8 per share |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1763_{4} \\ & { }_{3} 9793_{4} \\ & 1001_{8} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5_{8}^{5} \\ & 13_{4} \\ & 1707_{4} 1_{8} \end{aligned}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{ll} 4 & 17512 \\ & 1001_{4} \end{array}\right]$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1751_{8} \\ & 1001_{2} \\ & 1061 \\ & 101 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 173 & 1761_{4}^{4} \\ 101 & 10118 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,100 \\ 1,700 \end{array}$ | Atch Topeka \& Santa Fe__ 100 <br> Preferred | $993_{3} \mathrm{Jan} 5$ | $\begin{aligned} & 81 \\ & 1811_{8} \\ & \text { Feb } 11 \end{aligned}$ | ar |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Atlanta Birm \& Atlantio - 100 Atlantic Coast LIne RR_--100 |  |  |  |  |
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| $1{ }^{12} 112$ | $\begin{array}{ll}112 & 112 \\ 168{ }^{1} 4 & 169\end{array}$ | 168 | $16814172{ }^{14}$ |  | , | 1,101 | All America Cableg.-...-.-.-100 | ${ }^{1393}{ }^{2} \mathrm{Fe}$ | ${ }_{17314}^{173}{ }^{13}$ Mar 17 | ${ }_{131}{ }^{\text {Jan }}$ | ${ }_{136}^{155}$ |
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| HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES－PER SHARE，NOT PER CENT． |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sales } \\ \text { ther } \\ \text { the } \\ \text { Week. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { STOGKS } \\ & \text { BOSTON STOGK } \\ & \text { EXCHANGE } \end{aligned}$ | Range Stnce Jan． 1. |  | PER SHARR Range for Preolous Year 1926 |  |
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|  | ${ }^{63}$ 63 |  |  |  |  | 144 |  | ${ }_{61}^{401_{2}} \mathrm{Ja}^{\text {Ja }}$ |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{*}$ | 110 | ＊x110 |  |  |  |  |  | 110 Mar 14 | 115 |  | 112 Deo |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{235}$ | Falworth Company－－．－．－．．． 20 | ${ }_{173}{ }^{3}$ Jan 18 | 22 Mar | ${ }^{124}{ }^{2} 4 \mathrm{May}$ | an |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $65^{1} 8 \mathrm{Jan} 1$ | Feb | 44 Mar |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 45 Jan | $513_{4} \mathrm{M}$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 14 Jan |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{718}$ | 2，515 | ${ }_{\text {Arizona }}^{\text {Aracan }}$ |   <br> .50  <br> 7 Jan 28 |  | ${ }^{25}{ }_{94}$ M | ${ }^{1288}$ |
|  | ${ }^{4178}$ | $4312{ }_{2}^{2} 4$ | $4{ }^{18} 848$ | 44 | $44{ }^{4411_{2}}$ | 1，420 | Bingham | 30 Jan 3 | Fe | 29 Ju | ${ }^{\text {Jan }}$ |
|  |  | 14 | 1434 | ${ }_{*}^{15} 1{ }^{1514}$ | ${ }^{1518}{ }^{151} 8{ }^{1512}$ | 1，8 | Calume | 145 Ja | J | ${ }^{1314}$ | 188 |
| 13 | $13{ }^{13}$ | ${ }_{1312} 1312$ | $1{ }^{13} 4{ }^{1384}$ | ${ }^{133_{4}} \quad 13$ | ${ }_{13}{ }_{13} 3_{4} \quad 1412$ | 1，561 | Copd | ${ }_{12121_{2}}{ }^{\text {Ja }}$ | ${ }_{\text {Fan }}^{\text {Feb }}$ | ${ }_{13}^{10} \mathrm{M}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 1，240 | East Bu | 2 Fe |  | 140 |  |
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| 1 | ${ }^{1512} 161512$ | ${ }^{*} 151{ }^{2}$ |  | ${ }^{1} 161$ | ＊1512 ${ }^{*} 1612$ |  | Hardy | ${ }_{15}{ }_{154}{ }^{\text {a }}$ M | 18 Jan |  |  |
| 49 | ${ }_{*}^{*} \times 85$ |  | ． 80.80 | 801 | ＊． 801 | 25 | Helvetis | ．75 Feb | 85 Jan |  | 2 Jad |
| ${ }_{4918}$ | 250 |  |  |  |  | ，07 | Island | ${ }_{47}^{19712} \mathrm{Jan}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}246 & \text { Feb } 18 \\ 61 & \text { Mar } 16 \\ \\ \text { cher }\end{array}$ |  | 1091 |
|  |  | 105 －．．． | 1051 | 105 |  |  | Pre |  | 106 Jan 21 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 10 |  | 850 | Iste | ${ }_{912}{ }^{\text {Feb }} 19$ | ${ }_{1158}{ }^{\text {Ja }}$ | $91_{2}$ June |  |
| 18 | $1^{14}$ | ＊．${ }^{2}{ }^{2} 1^{23_{8}}$ |  | ＊．${ }^{2}$ | 1 | ${ }_{25}^{200}$ | K | ${ }^{12}$ Jan |  | ${ }_{60}^{50}$ Jan |  |
|  | ＊． 7 | ＊．75 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | ＊． 35 |  |  | ＊．35 ${ }^{*} 50$ |  | Mas | ． 25 F | 85 | Deo | ． 75 July |
|  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{51}$ | ${ }_{21}^{720}$ | May！ | ${ }^{41}$ M | ${ }^{112}$ Jan 11 |  |  |
|  |  | 22 | ＊22 |  | 38.4 | 230 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ＊．05 ． 15 | ＊． 05.15 | ＊．05 15 | ${ }^{2} 22{ }^{2}$ |  | 230 | New D | ${ }^{22}$ ． 06 | Feb | ${ }_{05}^{1812}$ |  |
|  | ＊16 | ${ }^{16}$ | ${ }_{*}^{*} 16$ | ${ }_{*}^{*} 16 \quad 20$ | ＊ 16. |  | New Rive |  |  |  |  |
|  | ＊65 |  |  |  |  |  | Preter | ${ }_{7}^{633_{4}}$ |  |  | eb |
|  | $\begin{array}{ll}7{ }^{14} & 7 \\ 2\end{array}$ |  |  | $*^{71_{4}}$ |  |  |  | ${ }^{7}$ M Mar |  |  | dt |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | － |
|  | ${ }_{* 12}^{13}$ | 位 | $\begin{array}{cc}* 13 & 14 \\ 12 & 12 \\ 12\end{array}$ | 1214 | ${ }_{12}^{12}{ }_{12}^{123}$ | 30 |  | $12$ | 1412 <br> 13 <br> 13 <br> 12 <br> Feb <br> 4 <br> 4 |  | 20 |
|  | ＊12 12 | creme |  | ${ }^{12}{ }^{12}$ | 12 123 <br> 15 171 <br> 234  <br> 24  | $\begin{array}{r}1335 \\ .2 \\ \hline 20\end{array}$ |  | ${ }_{124}^{11} \mathrm{Ja}$ | 171 | ${ }^{1512}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 15 & \text { Jan } \\ 25 & \text { July } \end{array}$ |
| 24 | 24 | 23.2312 | 2314 | 2314 | ${ }^{2314}$ | 260 | St | ${ }_{3}^{2014}{ }_{3} \mathrm{Feb}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 251_{4}^{2} \\ 312 \end{array}$ |  | $381_{2}$ Fob 95 Jan |
| 4 | ＊．30 30 | ． 21 |  |  |  | $600$ |  | $\begin{aligned} 3 & \text { Feb } \\ 20 & \text { Jan } 6 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{rr} * .25 & .40 \\ 61_{2} & 612 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} .20 & .20 \\ .212 & 63_{4} \end{array}$ | $21$ | $\begin{array}{ll} .20 & 20 \\ 61_{4} & 63_{4} \end{array}$ |  |  | $2,4$ |  | $\begin{array}{cc} .20 & \mathrm{Jan} 31 \\ 578 & \operatorname{Jan} 3 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 40 \\ 7^{7} 7_{8} \text { Feb } 23 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 11 / 9 \mathrm{Mar} \\ & 115 \mathrm{Feb} \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  | （1） |  |  | 2,410 1,500 910 |  | ${ }^{578} \mathrm{~J}$ |  |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{r}.90 \\ .04 \\ \hline .90\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | .03 Mar <br> 1  | 21 Ja |  |  |

## Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.-Transactions in bonds at Boston $\frac{\text { Stock Exchange Mch. } 12}{\mid \text { Friday } \mid}$

| Bonds- | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Last } \\ & \text { Sale } \\ & \text { Srice. } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Am Ag Chem 71/2s.... 1941 |  |
| Amer Tel \& Tel 48_... 1929 |  |
| Chic Jct Ry \& U S Y 58.40 | 1013/4 |
| East Mass Street RR41/2s series A....... 1948 |  |
|  |  |
| Hood Rubber 7s....--1937 |  |
| K C M \& B 4 |  |
| Income 58..-------1934 |  |
| ass Gas 41/2s....-. 1929 |  |
| 51/28.-.............-1946 |  |
| New Eng Tel \& Tel 5s_1932 |  |
| Peoples Pr \& Lt Corp 6s '62 |  |
| P C Pocah Co 7s deb _- 1935 | 104 |
| Swift \& Co 5s...-. 1944 |  |
| Western Tel \& Tel 5s_1932 |  |


| Week's Range of Prices. Low. High. | Sales <br> for <br> Week. | ange Since Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Low |  | High. |  |
| 104104 | \$3,000 | 104 | Mar | 104 |  |
| $99 \quad 99$ | 2,000 | 981/2 | Jan |  |  |
| 1011/2 1013/4 | 2,000 | $1001 / 2$ | Jan | 1013/4 |  |
| $66 \quad 67$ | 10 |  | Jan | 69 |  |
| $72 \quad 72$ | 1,000 | 69 | Jan | 75 |  |
| 1031/4 1031/4 | 1,000 | 103 | Feb | 104 | Jan |
| 91.91 | 500 | 91 | Mar | 94 | Jar |
| $993 / 2991$ | 1,000 | 98 | Jan | 101 | Jan |
| 997/8 997/8 | 1,000 | 9934 | Jan | 10014 | Jan |
| $1031 / 41031 / 4$ | 8,000 | 10314 | Mar | 103 |  |
| 1011/8 1011/8 | 5,000 | $1001 / 2$ | Jan | 1017/3 |  |
| $98 \quad 98$ | 3,000 | , | Jan | 981/2 |  |
| 104104 | 19,000 | 102 | Jan | 1041/2 | Feb |
| 1017/8 102 $3 / 8$ | 6,000 | 10036 | Feb | 102\% |  |
| 1007/8 1007/8 | 1,000 | 100\% | Jan | 1011/2 | Ma |

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.-Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Mch. 12 to Mch. 18, both inclusive, compiled from official sale lists:


## * No par value.

Chicago Stock Exchange.-Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Mch. 12 to Mch. 18, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

| Stocks- | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Frday } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sole } \\ \text { Prrce. } \end{array}$ | Week's Range of Prices. <br> Lovo. High. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sales } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { Whark. } \\ \text { Shares. } \end{gathered}$ | Range Stnce Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Low |  | H10 |  |
| Ada | 2834 | 28.293 |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Americ | 93/4 |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Amer }}$ Amer Mubligraph Ser |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amer Pub Utillo prt pid. 100 | 81 | $8_{81}{ }_{83}$ |  | 73 | Ja | ${ }_{83}$ | car |
| American Sthpbuilding_100 |  | $85 \quad 85$ |  | 79315 |  |  |  |
| ner States Sec Corp |  |  | 350 |  |  |  |  |
| Class B |  |  | 45 | 31 |  |  |  |
| Armour \& C | 94/4 |  | 1,140 | /2 |  |  |  |
| Armour \& Co pret | 80 | 7714 83 | 4,175 |  |  |  |  |
| Common class A | 12 | 12.123 | 700 |  | Mar |  |  |
| Common class B | 7\% |  | 10 |  |  |  |  |
| Associated Investment Co * |  | $97 \quad 103 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Auburn Auto Co como.- 25 | 62 | ${ }_{617 / 8}^{97} 6$ |  | 60 | Mar |  | r |
| Beaver Board t t $\mathrm{c}^{\text {d }}$ |  |  | 100 |  | Mar |  |  |
| Voting trust certif |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prer vot trust ctris |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bendix Corp cass |  | 473645945 |  |  | Jan | 611/4 | ${ }_{\text {Feb }}$ |
| Brach \& Sons (E J | 26 | ${ }_{26} \quad 27$ | 260 | ${ }_{24}$ | Feb | 351/2 |  |
| te Bro |  |  |  | 17 |  |  | n |
| tier Brothers | ${ }_{74}^{23}$ | ${ }_{713}^{203}$ | 3,730 |  |  |  |  |
| Preterred |  | 90.907 | 590 |  |  | 91 | Mar |
| Cent III Pub | 91 | 893919 | 232 | $881 / 2$ | Jan | 91 |  |
| ${ }^{\text {Certifs of }}$ deposit-... 100 | 881/4 | 8814 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cent Pub Serv (Del) .-....** | 18 | 18 181 | 1,620 |  |  | 18 | Jan |
| Cent S | 59 <br> 95 |  |  |  | Jan |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Prior iten }}$ |  | 99.100 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chle City \& Ry |  |  |  |  | Jan |  |  |
| dicago Elee | $\begin{aligned} & 25 \\ & 34 \end{aligned}$ |  | 2,700 | 24 |  |  |  |
| Ic N S \& Milw |  |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ |
| Prior ilen |  | 993/2 1013/4 | 317 |  | Jan | 101 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cnic Rys part |  |  |  | 1021/2 |  |  |  |
| Commonwealth Ed | 144 | 141\% $144^{*}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consumers |  |  | 410 |  |  | 1 |  |
| Continental |  | 123/6 |  | 11 | Mar | $131 / 2$ |  |
| Crane Coco | 49 | 49 501/2 |  | 49 |  |  |  |
| Cuneorer |  | 11731/2 | 41 |  | ar | 1181/2 |  |
| Decker (All) \& Co |  |  | 1,38 | 25 | Mar | 28 |  |
| Preferred |  | 105 |  | 104 |  | 105 | Jan |
| Deere \& Co pret |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Diamond March | ${ }_{12}^{1213 / 6}$ | ${ }_{123}^{1183} 121$ |  | 11 | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ |  |  |
| lec Research Lab |  |  |  |  | Jan |  | an |
| Empire G \& F Co 7\% pf 100 | 97 | 951/297 | $\xrightarrow{1,13}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Evans \& Co inc el A . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ - 100 |  |  | 960 |  |  | 34 |  |
| Class B |  | 293/ | 735 | 24 | Jan |  | Feb |
| arr Co |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Preferred |  |  | 150 |  |  |  |  |
| 1 Mtg |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ssard Co (H W) | 3432 | 34 |  | ${ }_{140}$ |  |  |  |



| Stocks (Concluded) Par | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Frsday } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price. } \end{gathered}$ | Week's Range of Prices. <br> Low. High. |  | Sales fot Week. Shares | Ranje Since Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Loto |  | High. |  |
|  | 981/8 | $981 / 8$ | 128 |  | 20 |  | Feb |  |  |
| Pacifle Oil |  |  |  | 100 |  |  | 1.7 |  |
| Pacific Tel Preferred | 125 | 123 | 125 | 295 | 123 | Mar | 139 | Jan |
| Preferred |  | 1031/2 |  |  | 102 | Mar | 114 | Feb |
| Phillips Petroleum | 50 | 134 | 13934 | 860 | 1101/4 | Jan | 139 | Mar |
| Piggly Wiggly W States A | 503/4 | 505/8 | 55\%/8 | 4,560 | 505/8 | Mar | 597/3 | Jan |
| Pig'n Whistle pref ........ |  |  |  | 250 35 | $15^{193 / 2}$ | Jan | 2014 | Feb |
| Richfield | 20 | 20 | $231 / 2$ | 15,350 |  |  |  |  |
| S J Lt \& | 1071/2 |  | 1071/2 |  | 1061/2 |  |  |  |
| $7 \%$ preferr |  |  | 105 | 15 | 10312 |  | 1051 |  |
| Schlesinger (B F) | 21 | 203/ | $213 / 2$ | 545 | 203/4 | Mar |  | Jan |
| Shell Union Oll com | 293/8 |  | 301/8 | 10,010 | 287/8 | Jan | $317 / 3$ | Feb |
| Sierra Pacific Electric |  |  | 92 |  |  | Ja | $923 / 4$ | Feb |
|  | 112 | 109 | 113 | 88 | 1061/2 | Ja | 113 | Mar |
| Preferred. |  |  | 51 | 345 |  |  | 51 | Mar |
| Spring Valley | 104 | 104 | 108 | 200 | 921/2 |  | ${ }_{1081}^{97}$ |  |
| Standard Oil | 0 | 553/4 | 57\% | 18,085 | 557/8 | Mar | 60\% | Jan |
| Texas Consolidate |  |  |  | 4,700 |  |  |  |  |
| Traung Label \& Litho |  |  |  |  | 201/2 |  | $211 / 3$ | Feb |
| Union Oil Associates | 44 | $431 / 4$ | 487/8 | 17,910 | 433 | Mar | 561/8 |  |
| Union Oil of Calif | $441 / 2$ |  | 493/4 | 23,520 |  | Mar |  |  |
| Union Sugar comm | 17 |  | 17 | 350 |  | Jan | 19 | Jan |
| Preferred |  |  | 27 | 20 | 267/8 | Jan | 27 | Mar |
| United Bank \& T |  | 170 |  | 520 |  |  |  |  |
| Wells Fargo Bk | 1.80 | 1.80 | 1.95 | 1,800 | 1.67 | \%Jan | 1.95 | Mar |
| Weils Aargo Bk \& |  | 280 | 280 | 20 | 270 | 5an |  |  |
| West Coast Life Insu | 9 |  | 914 | 500 |  | Jan |  | Jan |
| Yellow \& Checker Cab |  |  |  | 346 265 |  |  |  |  |
| Zellerbach Paper 6\% | $971 / 2$ |  | 971/2 | 125 | $95 \%$ |  |  |  |
| Zellerbach Corporation | 30 | $291 / 2$ | 3014 | 880 |  | Jan | 315/8 | Mar |
| No par v |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cincinnati Stock Exchange.-Record of transactions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| at Cincinnati Stock Exchange Mch. 12 to Mch. 18, both inclusive, compiled from official lists: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Stocks- | Friday Last SalePrice.$\qquad$ | Week's Ranoe of Prices. Low. High. | Sales for <br> Week. <br> Shares. | Ranje Since Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Lows. |  | High. |  |
| Am Laundry Mach com_25 | 1133/4 | 113114 | 1,075 | 110 | Jan | 1153/6 | an |
| Preferred. .-.i.... 100 | 1261 | 1257/6 1261/4 |  | 125 | Feb | 1261/ | Mar |
| ${ }_{\text {Amer Rolling }}^{\text {Preferred }}$ Mill com_ ${ }^{25}$ |  | 503/4 51 | 2,088 | 44 | Jan |  | Mar |
| American Products pret | 1121/3 | 1121/41131/4 | 352 | 1103/4 | Feb | 114 | Mar |
| American Products pr | 24 | $\begin{array}{cr}22 & 24 \\ 8 & 8\end{array}$ | 525 | $211 / 2$ | Feb | 24 | Mar |
| Baldwin new pref..... 100 | 108 | 108108 | 85 | 1061/2 | Jan | 108 | Mar |
| Buckeye, Inc---.-. . 100 | 471/2 | 4712 4734 | 1,050 | 44 | Jan | 473/4 | Mar |
| Burger com |  | 1620 | 287 | 13344 | Feb | 20 | Mar |
| Preferred | 54 | $5331 / 54$ | 33 | 501/2 | Feb | 54 | Mar |
| Champ Fibre pref _- 100 |  | 1031/2 $1031 / 2$ | 5 |  | Jan | 1053/4 | Feb |
| Churngold Corporation..-* | 40 | $40 \quad 431 / 5$ | 240 | 34312 | Feb | 45 | Mar |
| Cincinnati Car | $233 / 8$ | 23 23\%/8 | 1,577 | $211 / 2$ | Feb | 24 | Jan |
| City Ice \& Fuel..........** | 2414 | 24 243/2 | 291 |  |  | 25 | Feb |
| Cooper Corp (new) ... 100 |  | $73 \quad 73$ | , |  | Jan | 73 | Feb |
| New pret .-...... 100 | 1021/2 | $1003 / 1021 / 2$ | 249 | $1001 / 2$ | Mar | 103 | Jan |
| Crown Overall pret . . . 100 | 1041/2 | 1043/2 $10431 / 2$ |  | 103 | Jan | 105 | Feb |
| Eagle-Picher Lead com_-20 | 275/8 | $27 \quad 27312$ | 1,390 |  | Feb | 2814 | Jan |
| Excelsior Shoe cor |  | $10 \quad 10$ | 14 |  | Jan |  | Mar |
| Formica Insula | 22 | $22 \quad 22$ | 204 | 22 | Feb | 25 | Jan |
| Giant Tire |  | 50.50 | 100 |  | Jan | 55 | Feb |
| Gibson Art | 401/3 | 407/8 411/8 | 588 |  | Mar | 44 | Feb |
| Globe Wernicke com . . 100 |  | 8686 | 100 |  | Jan | 89 | Feb |
| Preferred .-...... 100 |  | 8688 | 50 |  | Mar | $8931 / 2$ | Jan |
| Gruen Watch com......-* | 45 | $45 \quad 45$ | 45 |  | Mar | 541/2 | Jan |
| Preferred.-. - - - . 100 |  | 1101/8 11034 | 80 | 1093 | Feb |  | Mar |
| Hobart...-........- | 28 | $28 \quad 2814$ | 326 | 26\% | Feb | 293/2 | Jan |
| Johnston Paint pret .-. 100 |  | $1011 / 21013 / 4$ | 15 | 100 | Jan | 102 | Feb |
| Kahns partic |  | 433444434 | 205 | 40 | Jan | 45 | Mar |
| 1st preferred |  | 1013/4 1031/2 | 270 | 99 | Jan | 1031/2 | Mar |
| Kemper-Thomas spec pf100 |  | 112112 | 10 | 112 | Mar | 112 | Mar |
| Kodel Radio pret.-...- 20 |  | $201 / 23034$ | 45 | $201 / 2$ | Jan | 21 | Feb |
| Kroger com .-....... 10 | $1281 / 2$ | $1271 / 212914$ | 697 | 1241/2 | Jan | 129 | Feb |
| New preferred_....-100 | 110 | $110{ }^{110}$ | 10 | 110 | Mar | 114 | Mar |
| Nash Co-...........-* | 10035 | $100 \quad 100 \frac{1 / 2}{}$ | 47 |  | Jan | 101 | Feb |
| Paragon Refining com- 25 | $67 / 8$ | 63/4 7 | 443 |  | Feb | 7315 | Jan |
| Preferred ...-.-.- 100 | 7034 | $701 / 2731 / 2$ | 60 | 701/3 | Mar | 7315 | Mar |
| Procter \& Gamble com ${ }_{\text {- }} 20$ | 183 | 182184 | 901 | 177 | Feb | 1911/2 | Feb |
| 8\% preferred.-.-.- 100 |  | 1645/8 166 | 14 | 1631/2 | Jan | 166 | Mar |
| $6 \%$ preferred_-.-.- 100 Pure $116 \%$ pret | 11431/3 | 114115 | 120 |  |  |  |  |
| Pure 0 il $6 \%$ pref ...... 100 | 98 | $97 \quad 99$ | 77 |  | Feb |  | Mar |
| $8 \%$ preferred_-...... 100 |  | 112112 | 30 | 111 | Jan | 1121/2 | Feb |
| U S Can com...-.-...--** | 42 | $42{ }^{42}$ | 100 |  | Feb |  | Mar |
| Preferred -------- 100 |  | $981 / 2981 / 2$ | 15 |  | Mar | 983 | Mar |
| U S Playing Card..... 20 | $941 / 2$ | 93.95 | 258 |  | Feb |  | Mar |
| U S Print \& Litho com- 100 | $761 / 2$ | $75 \quad 761 / 2$ | 45 |  |  | 7815 | Feb |
| Preferred_........-.-. 100 | 100 | 9898 | 105 |  |  | $1001 /$ | Feb |
| Whitaker Paper, com.--10 |  | ${ }_{99}^{623 / 2} 965$ | 195 |  | Mar | ${ }^{65} 100$ | $\stackrel{\text { Mar }}{\text { Mar }}$ |
| Banks- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fifth-Third-Unlon units 100 |  |  | d | 3201/6 |  | 330 | Mar |
| First National_.-- --- 100 |  |  | 10 |  |  | 348 | Mar |
| Central Trust.......-. 100 |  | $255 \quad 255$ | 24 | 255 | Mar | 260 | Mar |
| Public Utillties- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cincinnati \& Sub Tel_- 50 | 96 |  | 207 |  |  | 98 | Mar |
| Cincinnati Gas \& Elec . - 100 | 953/8 | $95 \quad 96$ | 680 |  |  | 96 | Mar |
| Cinc Gas Transport' n - 100 | 113 |  | 12 | $1121 / 8$ |  | 114 | Mar |
| C N \& C Lt \& Trac, com. 100 | 92 | $911 / 292$ | 110 |  |  | 923/4 | Jan |
| Preferred --. - . . 100 |  | $711 / 721$ | 85 |  |  | 73 | Jan |
| Ohio Bell Tel, pref..... 100 | 114 | 11231414 | 139 | 1101/ | Jan | 114 | Mar |
| Tractions- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cincinnati Street Ry .... 50 Columbus Ry, P \& L, pf100 | 41 | $\begin{array}{ll} 40 & 41 \\ 991 / 4 & 991 / 4 \end{array}$ | 555 6 |  | $\underset{\mathrm{Mar}}{\mathrm{Jan}}$ | $\begin{gathered} 401 / 2 \\ 100 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\text { Feb }}{\text { Mar }}$ |
| Railroads- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C N O \& T P, com .... 100 |  | $350 \quad 350$ | 48 | 350 | Mar | 365 | Mar |
| Bonds- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| U S Print \& Litho 6s.. 1929 |  | 100花10014 | \$10,000 | 10014 |  | 10034 | Mar |
|  |  | 1001/4 100\% | 1,000 | 1001/4 |  | 1001/4 | Mar |
| Wurlitzer deb 63....-1938 |  | 102102 | 1,000 | 102 | Mar | 102 | Mar |
| * No par value. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.-For this week's record of transactions on the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange see page 1627.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.-For this week's record of transactions on the St. Louis Stock Exchange see page 1627.

New York Curb Market.-Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from Mch. 12 to As noted in our issue of July 2 1921, the New York Curb Market Association on June 271921 transferred its activities from the Broad Street curb to its new building on Trinity Place, and the Association is now issuing an official
which forms the basis of the compilations below.




| Mining Stocks. (Concluded) | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { FTiuay } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price. } \end{gathered}\right.$ | Week's Ranoeof PTices.Lovo. Hion. |  | Range Since Jan. 1. |  |  |  | Bonds- (Concluded) | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Friday } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price. } \end{gathered}$ | Week's Ranoe of Prices. Low. High. | Sales <br> for <br> Week. | Range Stince Jani 1: |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| Wenden Copper Mining - 1 <br> West End Consoldated.-5 <br> Western Utah Copper...-1 | 21/4 | $\begin{array}{cc} 21218 & 23 / \\ 12 \mathrm{c} & 150 \\ 6 \mathrm{c} & 6 \mathrm{c} \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,000 \\ & 7,000 \\ & 4,000 \end{aligned}$ |   <br> 23/8 Mar <br> 8e Jan <br> 3c Jan |  | $33 / 8$ Jan <br> 15 c Mar <br> 9 c Mar |  | Ohio Power 7s series A. 1941 |  |  | 2,000 | 105 Jan |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $1063 / 2$ | 1063/3 1063/3 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 74,000 \\ & 19,000 \end{aligned}$ | 993. Mar |  |  |
|  | ----- |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 9038 \\ 99^{3} \\ 102 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{cc} 901 / 8 & 90^{3 / 8} \\ 983 / 8 & 99^{1 / 6} \\ 102 & 102 / 2 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | ${ }_{97}^{991 / 2} 9595$ | 83,000 | ${ }_{48}^{48} /{ }_{4} \mathrm{Mar}$ |  |  |  | 993/ Mar | O | $\begin{aligned} & 10236 \\ & 100 \% \end{aligned}$ | 10,000 | 99 Jan | 1031/4 Mar |  |
|  | -501/8 |  |  |  |  |  | Ofsego |  | $\begin{gathered} 10018 \\ 96 \end{gathered}$ | ${ }_{95 \% / 89} 100{ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | ${ }_{95}^{957}$ Jan | $\begin{array}{cc}1001 / 2 \mathrm{Mar} \\ 971 / 2 & \mathrm{Feb}\end{array}$ |  |
| Debe |  |  | 42,000 | 星 |  |  |  |  |  | Pe |  |  | 4,000 | $957 / \mathrm{Mar}^{\text {a }}$ 100 | $\begin{array}{ll} 971 / 2 & \text { Feb } \\ 100 & \text { Jan } \end{array}$ |  |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{ll} 105 & 105 \\ 100 & 1001 / 8 \\ 10256 & 10316 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 49,000 \\ 169,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}105 & \mathrm{Mar} \\ 100 & \mathrm{Feb}\end{array}$ |  | 105\% Jan |  | Penn-Ohio Edison 6s._1950 | 977 |  | 137,000 | ${ }_{175}^{95} / \mathrm{Mar}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \\ & 961 / 4 \mathrm{Jan} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Amer G \& El 6s, .-. 2014 | 1031/2 |  | $126,000$ | 101/4 Jan |  | 103\% Jan |  |  |  | $1181 / 1181 / 2$ | 3,30 |  | 121 Jan |  |
|  |  | $1025 / 81031 / 2$ |  | 100 Mar |  |  |  | Penn Pow \& LIght 5s..-1952 | 11000 <br> 1000 <br> 1 | 99\% $100{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 15.000 14.000 | ${ }_{\text {993 }} 9$ |  |  |
| Bs, without warr -2016 | 102 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Ss series D-7--1.-1933 | $\begin{aligned} & 1007 / 8 \\ & 1041 / 8 \end{aligned}$ | 193\% 100\%6 | $\begin{aligned} & 14,000 \\ & 98,00 \end{aligned}$ |  | $100 \%$ Mar$100 \%$ Mar |  |
| er Sea |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 47,000 \\ & 27,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 1015 / 5 & \text { Jan } \\ 1015 / 8 & J a p \end{array}$ |  | 1053/2 [Feb |  | Phila Elec Pownt |  | 101 |  | 9993 Jan | liots Mar |  |
| merican | ${ }_{84}^{1013}$ |  |  |  |  | 102 Jan |  | Porto Rican Am Tob 6 s ' 42 | -9975 |  | ${ }^{135,000}$ | ${ }_{95}^{98 \%}$ Mar | 100 Mar |  |
| aconda | $\begin{gathered} 10174 \\ 103 / 8 \\ 96 \end{gathered}$ | 102141023 | - 78.0000 |  |  | 102 2/ Feb |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{993}^{95} \mathrm{Mar}$ |  |  |
| palachi |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 100\%/ Mar |  |
| Kansas | 957/8 | ${ }^{953 / 8} 10{ }^{96} 1051 / 81$ |  | 102\% | Feb |  | Jan |  | 10 |  |  | ${ }_{988}^{103}$ Man ${ }^{\text {Jan }}$ |  |  |
| d | $941 / 4$ |  | 27 |  |  |  |  |  | 991/6 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantlo |  | 183\% 1938 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 921/2 |  |  |
| vian |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 87\% ${ }^{87}$ |  | M |  |  |
| Beaverb |  |  |  | 96 |  |  |  | Seab-Al Corporation 6s-1 |  | 86 |  | , |  |  |
| Bell Tel of | ${ }_{98}^{101}$ | 10114101 |  | 101 |  | ${ }^{1017 / 5}$ | Jan | Shawsheen M111s 78.1831 | $961 /$ |  | ${ }_{71} 61$ |  |  |  |
| IIn Ele |  | 100 |  |  |  |  |  | Slemans \& Hemiske ${ }^{\text {S }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 105 | ${ }^{1043 / 1051 / 3 / 1}$ | 149,000 |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{\text {Berilla Elec Elev }}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 98 \\ 102 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  | Jan |  |  |  | 7,00 | 1093/3 | $99 \%$ |  |
| Brunner Tur \& |  |  | 25 | 851/8 |  |  |  | Southeast P \& L 6s.-. 2025 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Copenhagen |  |  | 17 | 94 | Jan |  |  | Sou Call |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canadian |  | $111.1111 / 2$ |  | 111 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Carollina | 1011/4 | 1003/4 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 101/4 1013/4 |  | 101 |  |  |
| Hud Gas |  |  |  | ${ }_{95}^{101 / 2}$ | Mar |  |  | Sou | 103 |  |  |  |  |  |
| He |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Stand Inve |  | 100\% 1003 |  |  |  |  |
| Cittes Service 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Stand Oil | 104 | $10448104 \%$ |  | 104\%/3 Mar |  |  |
| Cities Servi |  | $1263 / 120$ |  | 120 |  |  |  | Stinnes ${ }^{\text {notes Oct }{ }^{\text {1 }} 36 \text { with wart }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| e Ter |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Thyssen (A) | 10 | 1023/2 |  |  |  |  |
| soi Textil |  |  |  |  | Jan |  |  | Trans |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Container Co |  | 981/4 981/2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Cubs ${ }^{\text {Cuban }}$ ( 6 elepho | 971/8 | 1111/1111/3 |  | 1103 | Jan |  |  | Un | 110 |  |  | 109 |  |  |
| Gudahy Pack de |  | 97 | ${ }^{2} 1$ | 94 | Jap |  |  |  |  | 1013/410 |  | 101 |  |  |
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| Detroit C |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 102 |  |  |
| ${ }^{\text {Sf, }}$ etroeries B ${ }^{\text {B }}$ - |  |  |  | 137 | Ma | ${ }_{137}^{100 / 4}$ |  |  |  | 10 |  |  |  |  |
| Duke-Price P | 104\% | 1043/4 105 | 81,0 | 10433 | Jad |  |  | Serial $65 \%$ \% notes.. 1935 | 102 | $1021 / 210$ |  |  |  |  |
| E Term Off Bl |  |  |  |  | Jan |  |  | Serial $61 \% \%$ notes -1936 |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{103}$ |  |
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| cop |  | 901 |  |  | Jap |  |  |  |  | 10 |  |  |  |  |
| Fairb' |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | serlal | 104 |  |  | 1023/2 Feb |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Federal Sugar }}^{\text {First Bohemian }}$ |  | 923\% 93 | 5,000 | 85 | Jan |  |  | United St | 103 | 102 | 68,000 | 88\%/3 Jan | 103 |  |
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| Galena-Si |  |  |  |  | Jar |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| orgla | 97 | 97 |  |  | Mar |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| and |  |  |  | 1081/2 | Jat |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Great |  |  |  | ${ }^{93}$ | ${ }^{\text {Jat }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Hood |  |  |  |  | Ma) |  |  |  | 96 |  |  |  |  |  |
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| diana Limes | 98\%/8 |  | 47,0 | ${ }^{97}$ | Fet |  |  | Austria (Prov of Lower) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Indianapoils ${ }_{59}$ |  | $\begin{array}{cc}104 & 104 \\ 98\end{array}$ | 14,0 60,0 | 10 | ${ }_{\text {Jar }}$ |  |  | ${ }^{71 / 88}$ - | 003 | 100 | $\begin{array}{r} 10,0 \\ 8,0 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| Internat Gt | 100 | $995 / 8100$ | 61,0 | 97 | Jan |  |  | Baden |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ternat Paper |  | 981/ 987/6 | 410 | 97 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rys cent A |  |  |  | 92 | Fe | 92 |  | Boll | 983/2 | 98\% | 27,0 |  |  |  |
| Interstate |  |  |  |  | Jan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interstate Power |  | 1074/971/2 |  | 197 | Jeb | ${ }_{97}$ |  |  |  | 97 |  |  |  |  |
| ddo-Hilghland C | 101 | 1013 |  | 101 | Mar |  |  |  | 95\% | $951 / 2957$ |  |  |  |  |
| ystone Telep | 4 | 90 | ${ }_{13}^{61}$ |  | Mar | ${ }_{91}^{97}$ |  | 78 | ${ }_{95}^{95}$ | ${ }_{95}^{94 / 8} 955$ |  | ${ }_{95} 9$ |  |  |
| upp (Fried) |  | 102 |  | 99 | Jar |  |  | Costa Rica (Rep) | ${ }_{99}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gas Lit |  |  |  | 100 | Feb |  |  | Denmark (Klng'm) 5\% | 1003 | , |  |  |  |  |
| algh Pow Seec |  |  |  |  | Jan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| With stk pur |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | German | ${ }_{98 \%}$ | ${ }_{99}$ | 27,0 | \% |  |  |
| ithout stk pur |  | $\begin{array}{ll}100 \\ 104 & 101 \\ 104\end{array}$ |  |  | Mar |  |  | Hungarlan Lanc |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| mbard Elec Co | 10 |  |  | 94 | ${ }_{\text {Feb }}$ |  |  | 71/88 |  | 1001/8 10 |  | 4 | 1005/ |  |
| ong Isidd Ltto Cob | 1043 | 1041044 |  | 1023 | Jan |  |  | ${ }_{1}$ Ist mtge coll | 100\% | 100441093/2 |  |  |  |  |
| antoba Power |  |  | 70, |  | Jan |  |  | Medellit |  | 104 | 10,00 |  |  |  |
| (Germany) 7 s w |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 78.-.-.-...--.-1951 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Mass Gas Cos 5 5 | 103\% | $103 \% 104$ |  | ${ }_{92}^{1033 / 4}$ | ${ }_{\text {Feb }}$ |  |  | Montev | 931 | $92 \%{ }^{23}$ | 63 |  |  |  |
| CCrory Storea $51 /$ |  |  | 96 |  | Jar |  |  | ${ }_{\text {M }{ }^{\text {ate }} \text { B }}$ |  | ${ }_{1061 / 109}^{963}$ |  | 96\% M |  |  |
| Miag Mill Mach 78. | 106 | 10512 106\% | 16, | 973/8 | Jan |  |  | New S |  | 100\% 100 |  |  |  |  |
| Without stk pur w | 963/8 | $961 / 96$ | 58 |  | Jan |  |  |  |  | - |  | ${ }^{963}$ |  |  |
| Pace RR $5 s$, ser |  |  |  | 100 |  |  |  | Prussis (Fr |  | 991/8 99 | 175,000 | 983/ |  |  |
| ontecatint | 1015 | 101/4102 |  |  | ${ }^{\mathrm{Fe}}$ | 102\% | Mar | $\xrightarrow{\text { Rio Grande }}$ Brazil ex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ontgomery Ward 58. |  |  |  |  | Jan | ${ }^{983}$ |  | Russian Govt 61/2\% ctts 19 |  |  | 50,000 |  |  |  |
|  | 993/6 | ${ }_{104}^{99 / 8} 10$ | 14,0 | 1023 |  | 1043 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Narragansett Cocol 59 |  | $1{ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{51,88}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nat Dist Prod 63/8- 194 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Saxon | 108 | 10013101 |  | 97\%1 |  |  |
| Nat Pow \& Lt 68 | 100 100 | 9933/100\%4 | ${ }_{27}^{60,0}$ | 97 |  |  |  | Switzer d Govt $53 / \mathrm{s}$. 192 | 101 | $1013 / 2013$ | 37,000 | 101\% |  |  |
| vada Cons | 100 | ${ }_{98}^{99 \%} 100$ | ${ }^{27} \mathbf{2 7}$, 0 | ${ }_{95}$ |  | 102 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 10 | 1033/ 1043/ |  |  |  | 104\% |  |  |  |  |  | change this | wee |  |
| hols \& Shepa |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| tes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| tes | 11 | 111 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cont | 98 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cont't Utill $63 / 3 \mathrm{~s}$. |  | 10014100 |  |  |  | 1004 | Feb | dividend. $y^{\text {E }}$ | hts. 2 E | Ex stockdivide |  |  |  |  |

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.-In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the second week of March. The table covers 3 roads and shows $9.61 \%$ increase over the same week last year.

| Second Week of March. | 1927. | 1926. | Increase. | Decrease. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Buffalo Rochester \& Pittsburgh Canadian Pacific | $\begin{array}{r} \$ \\ 416,692 \\ 3,48,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ \\ 346,289 \\ 3,017,000 \end{array}$ |  | \$ |
| Canadian National | 5,144,327 | 4,887,259 | 257,068 |  |
| Total (3 roa <br> Net increase (9 | 9,044,019 | 8,250,548 | $\begin{aligned} & 793.471 \\ & 793.471 \end{aligned}$ |  |

In the table which follows we also complete our summary of the earnings for the first week of March:

| First Week of March. | 1927. | 1926. | Increase. | Decrease. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Previously reported (3 roads) | $\stackrel{\$}{\$}$ | $\stackrel{\$}{\$}, 594,450$ | $58 \mathbf{S}, 266$ | \$ |
| Canadian National | 4,978,257 | 4,546,520 | 431,737 5 1,991 |  |
| Georgia Southern \& Florida | 93,034 46,100 | 87,043 45,100 | 1,991 |  |
| Mineral Range | 7.210 | 6,815 | 395 |  |
| Mevada-California-O | 341,392 | 376,870 4,865 | 180 | 35,478 |
| St Louis Southwester | 501,500 | 508,728 | - | 7,22 $\overline{8}$ |
| Southern Ry System | 3,674,470 | 4,057,472 |  | 383,002 |
| Wexas Pacific- | 706,967 461,307 | 676,523 403,912 | $\begin{aligned} & 30,444 \\ & 57,395 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Total (13 roads) <br> Net increase ( $4.81 \%$ ) | 14,995,998 | 14,308,298 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,113,408 \\ \hline 687,700 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 425,708 |

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


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.



In January the length of road covered was 230,944 miles in 1926, against 236,599
Intes in in 192 ; in February, 236,839 miles, arainst 236,529 miles; in March, 236,774 miles in 1925 : in February, 236,839 miless, againnt 236,529 miles: in March, 236,774


 miles; In December, 236,982 milles, azainst 237,373 miles. In January 1927, 237,846
miles, against 236.805 miles in 1926.

Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.-The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with charges and surplus reported this week:



## FINANCIAL REPORTS

## Canadian Pacific Railway.

(Report for Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)
COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT CALENDAR YEARS.


## Gulf, Mobile \& Northern RR. Co.

(Tenth Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.) President I. B. Tigrett, Mobile, Ala., Feb. 19, wrote in substance:
Financial.-The increase of 22 shares of preferred stock and 20 shares
of common stock shown as outstanding in the hands of the public. represents of common stock shown as outstanding in the hands of the public, represents
adjustments made in connection with the exchange of securities under the plan of reorganization.
$\$ 1,000,000$ 1st mtge. series B authenticated and delivered to the company

Control of the Jackson \& Easestern Ry. was acquired through the purchase
of that company's entire capital stock. An application has been filed of that company's entire capital stock. An application has been filed
with the I.-S. C . Commission requesting authority to enter into an operatwith the $1-$.
ing contract with the Jackson \& Eastern Ry, effective July 1 1927, providing for the exclusive operation of its property by this company.
The payment of a dividend of $4 \%$ Jan. 31927 reduced the The payment of a dividend of $4 \%$ Jan. 3 1927 reduced the accumulated on this stock amounted to $\$ 8.75$ per share.
Additions de Betlerments. The sum of $\$ 562,820$ was expended for addition and betterment projects, less minor retirements during the year. increase over 1925 of $\$ 62,721$ or $1.107 \%$ A A total of $2,550,716$ tons or revenue
freight were handed an freight were handled, an increase over 1925 of 28,412 tons or $1.126 \%$.
Tonnage of products of agriculture, products of mines, manufactures and Tonnage of products of agriculture, products of mines, manufactures and products and cotton. Tonnage of forest products handled constituted
$52.10 \%$ of the total revenue tonnage in 1926 as compared with $57.41 \%$ in 1925.
Passenger revenue for 1926 was $\$ 375.325$, a decrease compared with
1925 of $\$ 25,544$ or $6.37 \%$, due principally to increased automobile competition.
Expenses.- Maintenance of way and structure expenses were $\$ 1,006,296$,
an increase compared with an increase compared with 1925 of $\$ 79,051$ or $8.5 \%$ This increase is
principally due to an increase in number of cross ties placed in tracks, ballast applied, additional joint faclility operations and a a general incterease in
maintenance of tracks such increases being offset to a certain extent by a maintenance of tracks. such increases being offset to a certain
decrease in bridge maintenance charges and personal injuries.
Maintenance of equipment expenses were $\$ 971,574$, an increase compared crease in freight train car retirements, freight tran car and passenger train car repairs, such increases being offset to a certain extent by decrease in
steam locomotive and work equipment repars. Transocortation expenses were $\$ 1.772562$ a a a desrease compared with
1925 of $\$ 88,548$ or $4.76 \%$ notwithstanding that total gross tons handled one mile in 1926 were 1,054,234,474, an increase over the preceeding year was eneral. The average miles per car per day, including bad order cars, was 43.3 miles, as compared with 36.6 miles in 1925. The improvement
is reflected in a decrease of $\$ 57,310$ in the hire of equipment debit. The average train load for the year was 1,258 tons, as compared with 1,218 tons
for 1925 . Percentage of loaded freight car miles to total freight miles was $78.7 \%$ in 1926 and $79.0 \%$ in 1925 .
Acquisitions.- On Aug. 11926 the company extended its freight train
operations from Jackson, Tenn., to Paducah, Ky., 145 miles, by the use别 contract. At Paducah, connection is made with the Chicago Burlington \& Quincy RR. and other carriers. The line of that company connects with the main line at Union, Miss.;
and is now built and operated about 33 miles to Lena, Miss. The present line is being rehabilitated and the construction of about 40 additional miles between Lena and Jackson, Miss., is under way.
It is anticipated that these developments will produce a substantial It is anticipated that these developments wil produce a substantial
increase in tonnage and materially strengthen the company's traffic position. operating results and statistics for calendar years. Average miles operated. Passengers carried Pai-:1926. $^{*}{ }^{527}$ 1925. ${ }^{466} \quad$ 1924. ${ }^{466} \quad$ 1923. 466 $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Average amount received } & 11,348,085 & 11,718,085 & 13,399,288 & 14,799,752\end{array}$




INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS. Oper. revenue-freight
Passenger
Maill Express, \&c...
Incidental revenue--Incidental revenue.-.
Total oper. revenue
Operating expenses-
 Total oper. expenses.
Net operating revenue Net operating revenue
Railway tax accruals, Net operating income_
Rent from equipt, \&c.
Miscellaneous_ Inc.from unf.sec. \& acct Gross income--
Rent for leased roads-
Interest on funded debt Interest on unfund debt- debt
 $\begin{gathered}\text { Balance, surplus-.-.- } \\ \text { Shares com. stock out- }\end{gathered} \$ 249,168$
$\$ 299,262$

$\$ 523,291$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { standing (par } \$ 100 \text { )-- } \\ \text { Earned per sh. on com-- }\end{array}$ | 109,961 | 109,941 | 109,926 | 109,881 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | Profit and loss account for the year ended Dec. 311926 shows: Credits

Balance Dec. 31 1925, $\$ 4,241,487$; balance for 1926. $\$ 1,319,428$ : unrefund

 general balance sheet december 31.
Assets-
Inv. in road 1926.1925.

Inv. in road \& eq-
Depos. In leu
mitge. prop. sold mtge. prop. sol
Misc. phys. prop-
Inv. in arfil coos. Misc. phys. prop-
Inv. In affines.
other Investment Cther Investmen
Cash
Special deposits. Loans \& bilis rec'le Net balances rect'le
from agents and from agents and
conductors
conductors....-.
Misc. acets.
decel
2 Masc. acots. recel
Material tsp
Int. \& dive Int. \& dive recelv
Other curr. assets
Deferred assets

$\qquad$

Deferred assets

| 10,85 |
| :---: |
| 455,82 |

23.453
191.569 413,969 road \& eqrec.. ort

5.009
509,904
5


## United States Steel Corporation.

(25th Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 311926.$)$ The annual report, signed by Elbert H. Gary, Chairman of the Board, will be found at length on subsequent jages of to-day's "Chronicle" under "Reports and Documents," together with many important tables of operations, balance sheet, \&c.
INCOME ACCOUNT, INCLUDING SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES, CAL. YEARS. $\begin{array}{lcccc} & 1926 & 8 . & 1925 & 1924 . \\ & 8 & \$ & 1923 . \\ \text { Gross sales and earnings_1,508.076,091 } & 1,406,505,195 & 1,263,711,469 & 1,571,414\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Gross sales and earnings_1,508,076,091 } & 1,406,505,195 & 1,263,711,469 & 1,571,414,483 \\ \text { Mfg. cost and oper. exp } & 1,211,802,835 & 1,154,532,752 & 1,053,059,068 & 1,265,932,446\end{array}$ Administration, selling \&
general expenses. excl.
gen. exp. of trans. cos.

| n. exp. of trans. cos_ | 713 | 37,065,395 | 35,042,575 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tax., incl.res.for Fed.tax. | 52,399,581 | 50,923,191 |  | 55,082,523 |
| ommercial disc'ts \& int- | 9,595,447 | 8,992,294 | 7,838,338 | 9,207,388 |
| Total expenses | 312,770,578 | 1,251,513,633 | 1,216,835 | $\longdiv { 1 , 3 6 5 , 3 5 1 , 3 9 9 }$ |
|  |  |  | 122.494,634 | 206,06 |
| isc. net | 5,064.748 | 4,073,515 | 4,600,363 |  |
| entals rece | 1,605,120 | 1,611,539 | 1,002.714 | $\begin{aligned} & 4,258,532 \\ & 1,463,642 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Total net income. | 201,975,381 | 160,676,616 | 128,097,711 | 211,785,258 |
| whose oper. are not in | 24 | 296 |  |  |
| t., \&c., on investmen |  |  |  |  |
| and on deposits, \&c- | 12,694,402 | 12,378,379 | 13,820,653 | 13,841,989 |
| ov. res. conting. llab | T. 2,64 | Dr.2,411,245 |  |  |
| Total income Deduct- | $12,269,508$ | 170,940,549 | 142,178,558 | 226,03 |
| Bal. prot. sub. | .4.924,355 | Cr. $2,842,875$ |  |  |
| State occupation taxes |  |  |  |  |
| Res've for conting. |  |  |  |  |
| Est. sum due U. S. by Subsidlary rallroads |  |  |  |  |
| Res. for inven, depletion. |  |  |  |  |
| Int. on bonds \& mortgages |  |  |  |  |
| subsidlary companies.- | 8,286,284 | 8,244,960 | 8,068,656 | 8,306,993 |
| Net earnings.-.-. Deduct Charges, $c c$ | 199,058,869 | 65,538,465 | 3,114,812 | 179,646,674 |
| Depr. \& extraor. replac't. also sinking funds on |  |  |  |  |
| bonds of subsidlary cos_ | 53,171,076 | 45,463,054 | ,687,668 |  |
| Charges off for adjustm't- | Cr.301,101 | Cr. 15,026 | Cr.87,070 |  |
| Int.on U.S.St'1 Corp.bds_ Sinking fund, \&c., U. S. | 17,228,669 | 7,761,389 | 18,274,207 | 18,764,56 |
| Steel Corp. | 12,037,760 | 11,504,065 | 10,990,464 | ,49 |
| Prem on bonds redeemed subsidiary cos. |  |  |  |  |
| Approp. for add'l proper |  |  |  | 165,612 |
| and construction | 30,000,000 | 25,000,000 | 20,000,0 | 40,000 |
| Preferred dividend (7\%) | 25,219.677 | 25,219,677 | 25,219,677 | 25,219 |
| Common divid | $\underline{35,581.175}$ | (7) 35.581 .175 | (7) $35,581,175$ (5 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { K) } 29222,6797 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Total deduction | 173,192,315 | 160,736,664 | 148,848,471 | 165,386,681 |
| Balance, surplus......-. | 25,866,553 | 4,801,801 | 4,266,340 | 14,259,993 |
| Shares of common stock outstanding (par \$100) Earned per share | $\begin{array}{r} 5,083,025 \\ \$ 17.97 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5,083.025 \\ \$ 12.86 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5,083,025 \\ \$ 11.77 \end{array}$ | $5,083,025$ |

* *These profits were earned by individual subsidiary on Intercompany sales made and service rendered to-for other subsidiaries, but at close of 1926 were not to that date included as part by the purchasing companies he combined organization. Such proflts are so embraced only in the year in which
hey.are converted into a cash asset.
$\begin{array}{cccccc}\text { CONSOLIDATED } & \text { GENERAL } & \text { BALANCE } & \text { SHEET } & \text { DECEMBER } & 31 . \\ \text { S } & 1926 . & 1925 . & 1924 . & 1923 .\end{array}$ Assets-
Pron. owned and oper. by
the oseveral Advanced mining royalities Deferred charges, future
operations, \&ec. Mining royalties Cash held by truste- or Casch hela by trustes on
account of bond sinking funds (in 1926. s21ng,-
204,000 par value 204,000 par value of ro-
deemed bonds held by treestees nond treated as
liabilities) Hiabilities)--
Inv. outside real estate
\& $\begin{array}{llll}1,609,034 & 1,480,586 & 1,399,862 & 2,950,752\end{array}$ other property owned
Depr. $\begin{array}{llll}25,370,335 & 21,247,014 & 14,791,748 & 13,379,235\end{array}$ \& purch. bonds avali sink. fund reatren
 Bills recelvable-
Agents' balances $\mathbf{1 0 4 , 7 0 8 , 6 2 6}$
$281,255,461$
18 Sundry marketable esecuri ties (incl. U. S. L.bert) bonds \& treasury ctits.)
Time bank apopits and
secured demand loans.. secured demand loans.
Cosh
Contingent fund \& miso.


## Total assets Liabilities-

## Common sties-ck- Preterred stock.

 Bonds held by pubic.-.byor sub. .os. not hetby U. Steel Corp.
(par value. Sub. cos. mining royalty Currest accounts payable and pay-rolls-.......... Accr. taxes not due (incl
reserves for Fed 1 taxes) reserves for Fed intaxes
Acruer intest and un Presented coupons, ${ }^{\text {se }}$ Preterred stock dividend
Common stock dividend Appr. for adt'ns doc constr.
 reserve funds. m. s . $\mathrm{St}^{\circ}$
Undiv surp. of Undiv. surp. of U. S. St
Corp. \& subsidiary cos.
Total liablitiles. $\qquad$ 553,502,40 $\begin{array}{rrrr}2,814,917 & 2,896,302 & 3,089,811 & 3,236,436 \\ 58,789,585 & 58,194,784 & 57,135,602 & 30,519,450\end{array}$
otal liablilities $\qquad$ ${ }_{2,454,139,185} \frac{521,863,}{2,45,513}$

| 476,754 | 573,719 | 514,329 | 306,142 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 26,408,316 | 27,910,865 | 28,701,259 | 30,519,450 |
| 50,597,901 | 54,686,451 | 61,710,370 | 69,231,509 |
| 42,439,212 | 39,980,757 | 37,967,422 | 45,191,463 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 6,884,600 \\ & 6.304,919 \\ & 8.805 .204 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7.050,742 \\ & 6.304,919 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8.081,112 \\ & 6.304,919 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7,779.841 \\ & 6.30 .919 \\ & \hline 8 \end{aligned}$ |
| 270,000,000 | 240,000,000 | 200,898,914 | 180,898,914 |
| 40,173,468 | 36,987,946 | 33,783,008 | 31,053,860 | amounting to $\$ 41,660,366$ held in these funds, as such obligations are excluded from Habilities in this balance sheet. Such securitles were acquired direct from U. B . steel subsidlartes Note. - That part of the surplus of subsidiary companies representing profts

accrued on sales of materials and products to other subsidiary pompanies hand in latters' inventories is in the above balance sheets deducted from the amount of inventories included under current assets.-V. 124, D. 1526.

The North American Co., New York.
(37th Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)
The remarks of President Frank L. Dame, together with the report of Vice-President and General Manager Edwin Gruhl, are given under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages. A comparative income account and a comparative balance sheet are also given. Our usual comparative income account was given in V. 124, p. 1067.

Hayes Wheel Co., Jackson, Mich.
(18th Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)
The remarks of President C. B. Hayes, together with income account and balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1926, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page. income account for calendar years.

| Sales <br>  | $\begin{aligned} & 1926 . \\ & \$ 9.753 .481 \\ & 9.493,890 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1925 . \\ & \$ 16.484,83 \\ & 14.527,976 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1924 . \\ \$ 15,366,493 \\ 14,456,538 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1923 . \\ \$ 19.737 .725 \\ 18,225,117 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underset{\text { Gross }{ }^{\text {pr }} \text { (her inco }}{ }$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 259.590 \\ & \mathbf{1 3 2 , 0 3 9} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,956,857 \\ 141,761 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 909,954 \\ & 100.038 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,512,609 \\ 110,297 \end{array}$ |
| Total income Interest charges, \&c Cash discount on sales.- | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 31,-79 \\ 17.175 \\ 10,133 \\ 56 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 2,098.618 \\ 87.057 \\ 12.556 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,009,992 \\ 114.166 \\ 23.933 \end{array}$ | $\$ 1,622,907$ |
| Subsaliary cos.;- profits | 56,000 | 280,00 | 85,00 | 190.0 |
| Preferred dividends | $1088.73 \overline{6}$ | 137,867 | 71,629 91,911 |  |
| Common dividends | 640,3 | 689 | 591,132 | 591,132 |
| Surplus <br> Rate on commo | (5340 | \$891.484 | \$32,2 | 8710, |
|  | 197.044 | 197.044 | 197.044 |  |
| arns per share on com. | \$1.01 | \$8.02 | \$37.46 |  |






Dera ch $\overline{-87.335,332} \frac{12.718}{89,550.498}$

Total
$\overline{\text { s7,335,332 }} \overline{\text { 89,550,498 }}$ a After deducting $\$ 2,882,266$ reserve for depreciation. $\times$ Represented
by 197,044 shares of no par value.- V . 124, p. 655 .
Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co., Milwaukee, Wis
(14th Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)
The remarks of President Otto H. Falk, together with comparative income account and comparative balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1926, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages.

## Sales billed.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS Cost (incl deplec............
vel. seling, pubicity
\& adm. exp.).
 Earns. per share on
-V .124, p. 924 .
Famous Players-Lasky Corporation, New York City (Annual Report-Fiscal Year Ended Jan. 11927. The statement for the late fiscal year is given in full under 'Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page.
CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS Operating profit.

Less prov, for Fed. taxe | 1926. |
| :--- |
| $\$ 6.100 .816$ |
| 500,000 |

 Oom. div. pd. \& reserved $4,443,640$ (to outside interests).
Balance, surplus Previous surplus.-.-.-.
$\qquad$

Total surplus_.... $\overline{\$ 15,733,423} \overline{\$ 15,209,317} \overline{\$ 12,350,077} \overline{\$ 9,480,113}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { outstanding (no par)- } & 574,590 & 235,931 & 235,931 & 235,931 \\ \text { Earns. per share on com- } & \begin{array}{lllll} \\ \text { as8.65 }\end{array} & \$ 21.45 & \$ 20.08 & \$ 1,\end{array}$ a Based on the average number of shares outstanding, the earnings per share amounted to $\$ 10.82$ in 1926.
 Assets Land, buildings,
leases and equip-

 | Bills recelvable-- |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Accounts recelv- | 153,729 |

 Securttes.
Inves.
ver.-...id
ind consol.)-...---21,780,415 $\quad 3,952,691$ $\begin{array}{lll}\begin{array}{c}\text { Depostrs to secure } \\ \text { contracts }\end{array} & 788,388 & 1,054,533\end{array}$


5,115 7,671,, 2 5
 0

## 



Note.- (a) Contingent mortgage liability of subsidiary companies,
$\$ 1.087 .500$ : $(b)$ contingent liability on investment notes discounted, $\$ 2$,760,000; total, $\$ 3,847,500$.
a Purchase money notes and mortgages bond being obligations of subsidiary companies, maturing serially after one year. . Serial payment on
investments due after one year ( $\$ 1,198.595$, payable in advance of maturity investments due after one year (s), buildings, leases and equipment after depreciation and after giving effect to increase in land values arising through independent appraisals of $\$ 8,624.000$. y Representing 574,590 shares of no par value. -V. 124, p. 1073, 654 .

## Columbian Carbon Co. (and Subsidiaries).

(Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)
The remarks of President F. F. Curtze, covering operations for the year 1926, together with comparative income account and balance sheet, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages.-V. 123, p. 2782.

## Freeport Texas Co.

(Annual Report-Fiscal Year Ended Nov. 30 1926.)
The remarks of Pres. E. P. Swenson covering operations for the fiscal year ended Nov. 301926 will be found under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages. Our usual comparative income account and comparative balance sheet were given in V. 124, p. 1075.

Allied Chemical \& Dye Corporation.
(7th Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)
The remarks of Wm. H. Nichols, Chairman of the board of directors, together with the income account and balance sheet, will be found in the advertising columns of this issue.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.
Gross income after prov.
for deprec., obsol., ali

 Total surplus - - $\quad \begin{aligned} & 174,465,132 \$ 161,854,691 \$ 152,749,929 \$ 145,576,808 \\ & 2,749,943 \\ & 2,749,943 \\ & 2,749,768 \\ & 2\end{aligned}$

 Profit \& loss surplus $\$ \overline{\$ 161,913,698} \$ \overline{150,392,312} \$ 141,288,099 \$ 134,209,968$ | Shares com (ntock out- | $2,178,109$ | $2,178,109$ | $2,178,109$ | $2,177,843$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| standing (nar) |  |  |  |  |
| Earned per share.-..-- | $\$ 9.79$ | $\$ 8.18$ | $\$ 7.25$ | $\$ 7.54$ |

Surplus
Previous



 | CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET, DEC. 31. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1926. | 1925. | Ltabuttes | 1926. |
| $\$$ | $\$$ | $\$$ | $\$$ |

 x After deducting $\$ 21,014,632$ for depreciation reserve. y After deduct-
ing $\$ 806,605$ reserve for doubtful accounts.-V. 123, p. 461.

United States Cast Iron Pipe \& Foundry Co.
(28th Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.) INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.


 $\stackrel{r}{\text { Oth }}$
I

| CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (Incl. Sub. Cos.), |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1925. | Ltabilites- | 1926. |  |
| eal est., plant, equip., mines, |  | Preferred stock- | 39,284,900 | 39,284,900 |
| equip., mines, | 163,819,852 | Common stock-x | +10,890,545 | 10,880,545 |
| vestments .-- $6,291,379$ | 6,932,797 | Acc'ts payable.- | 5,540,121 | 5,412,687 |
| ......-1 13,585,344 | 11,435,492 | Accrued wages | 431,318 | 376,401 |
| U.S.,.ec.securs | 68,626,967 | or depre | 0305709 | 8 |
|  | 17.439500 |  | ${ }_{13}^{93,605}$ | ${ }^{89,12803,273}$ |
| Inventories -...- 31,727 | 17,439,500 | Tax reserve ges. | 退 | 2,979,498 |
| Deferred charges | 851,631 | Insu | 2,183,307 | 2,115,214 |
| ents, |  | Other | 3,114,580 | 3,085,357 |
| will, \&0.-.-.- 21,305,943 | 21,305,9 | Surplus. | 161,913,698 | 150,392,312 |
|  | 320,333,990 | Total ....... | 337,675,836 | ,3 |

Crane Company, Chicago.
(Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)
The remarks of President R. T. Crane Jr., together with a balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1926, will be found in the advertising pages of this issue.
results for calendar years.

$\qquad$
Depreciation $\qquad$ 1926.
$13,285.6$
2,6 $\begin{array}{rrr}2,604,0243 & \$ 1,510,631 \\ 3,916,360 \\ 3,438 & 14.330 \\ 1,394,394 & 1,237,911\end{array}$
 Net income -nds.-----... - $\$ 9,250,957$ Preferred income dividends

 $\begin{array}{ll}957 & \$ 8 \\ 085 \\ 1\end{array}$ \begin{tabular}{l}
$8,342,029$ <br>
$1,004,122$ <br>
$3,038,002$ <br>
\hline

 \$8,008,862 

$, 008,86$ <br>
9.957777 <br>
\hline$, 274,085$ <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}


,

Total earnings........

Total income_-.-...\begin{tabular}{lrrrr}
Interest-_-...------ \& 736,383 \& 701,232 \& 504,512 \& 30,884 <br>
\hline \& 62,140 \& 118,496

 

Balance, surplus....- \& $\$ 5,049,367$ \& \& $\$ 5,501,265$ \& \& | $\$ 6,020,920$ |  |
| ---: | :--- | <br>

Previous surplus \& $\$ 3,471,268$ <br>
Rescinded dividends \& $15,161,678$ \& $11,101,784$ \& $5,920,863$ \& $3,409,596$ <br>
\hline
\end{tabular} Total surplus_-.-. $\overline{\$ 20,211,045} \overline{\$ 16,603,049} \overline{\$ 12,061,784} \overline{\$ 6,880,863}$

Approp. for imt., addiApprop, for imt., addi- $5,000,000$
tions, \&ce dividends.- $(7 \% \% 840,000(12) 1441,371$
Preferred
Common dividends_( $10 \%) 1,200,000$
 Profit \& loss surplus--- $\begin{gathered}\text { S13,171,045 } \\ \text { Shares of common out- }\end{gathered} \xlongequal[\$ 15,161,678]{\$ 11,101,784} \xlongequal{\$ 5,920,863}$ $\begin{array}{lrrrr}\begin{array}{lll}\text { standing } \\ \text { star } \\ \text { Earns. per share on com- }\end{array} & 120,000 & 120,000 & 120,000 & 120,000 \\ & \$ 35.08 & \$ 38.84 & \$ 43.17 & \$ 21.93\end{array}$ $x$ Earnings are after deducting cost of operation and maintenance
plants $(\$ 2,326,280$ in 1926 , against $\$ 2,250,903$ in 1925) expended for upkee of tools, machinery, buildings and equipment, expenses of sales and general offices, and provision for taxes and doubtful accounts.

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\text { BALANCE SHEET DEC. } 31 .
$$




 Cash with trustee.
Total_......--44,663,377 42,205,903 Total.---....-44,663,377 42,205,903 x After deducting deprecation of $\$ 4,116,444$. y After deducting $\$ 165,729$
for doubtful accounts. $z$ Incl res. of $\$ 4,979,138$ for improvements, adfor doubtrul accounts. z Incl res, of $\$ 4,979$
ditions and new construction.-V. 124, p. 520 .

## The American Sugar Refining Company.

(Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)
Chairman Earl D. Babst, New York, March 9,wrote in substance:
General Statement. - The year 1926 was more favorable for refiners, but
very unfavorable for sugar producers. The slowly rising prices in the very unfavorable for sugar producers. The slowly rising prices in the
second six months afforded opportunity for a better return from refining operations, notwithstanding the inadequate margin prevailing most of the year. In 1926 we refined the company for the year from all sources aggregated $\$ 9,136,971$.
The meltings in
have have been as follows.
 Refining
*Loss.

* Loss. under the influence of governmental interference at some, and most of the time, at several points. Some students of sugar believe it will be years before there is a return on a purely economic basis to the batanced condid for
of production and consumption such as existed throughout the world for many years prior to 1914. Therefore, in these annual reports we have endeavored to present, year after year, the outstanding features of the situation which affect the operating profits, not only of your refining
properties, but also of beet sugar and cane sugar producers. These features
heretofore have been: first, the unstable character of the market in its effort
to reach a balance after the violent changes incident to interference of various governments, including our own; second, the excess capacity, both war effort of the United States and of Cuba, but not safeguarded by bither government securing post-war markets.
There now must be added a third
There now must be added a third feature, of more recent development, namely, that of import duties and internal taxes on sugar. By reason increasing production, and followwing our own taxiff example, various systems
of duties and taxes throughout the world have been of duties and taxes throughout the world have been set up until at the
present time 100 countries out of a tabulated total of 108 have of import duties. The rapid erection of these tariff barriers naturally is introducing great confusion in the flow of international trade. The The pro-
gressive effect an the United States field, and more directly on Cuba, most
likely will become of increasing importance hereafter.
changes in the price of raw sugar as against 115 in each of the three preceding years. The width of the price fluctuation between the high and low point was 1.1875 cents a pound as against 1.125 cents in 1925 and 2,8125
cents in 1924 and 3.375 cents in 1923 . It will be observed that sumar as a
progress toward stabilitity in theer as as a commodity has made considerable years, but at a d level of prices
temporarily inadequate for profitable oweration by most Cuban producers.
tem temporarily inadequate for profitable operation by most Cuban producers.
It was this situation which parly in
ference, this time in Cuba, which so far led to a rresh governmental interference this time in Cuba, which 0 o far lned tud a fes limitation of plantings,
of the harvesting season and of the size of the crop. of 1915 we called attention of the stockholders to the destructive compertitit conditions prevaling in the refining industry, due largely to the fact that the refining capacity of the country was greatly in excess of consumption ing that fact. Indeed eeven then the excess capacity was so great that
$1,000,000$ tons could have been exported with ease competitive refineries have been built and existing ones enlarged. Mean rhie company, without increasing capacity, has concentrated its efforts on
rehabilitating its plants, replacing old refineries with new, rebuilding and improving ot
in operation.
based on largest consumption is abouts for the country from cane refineries, capacity of all refineries based on 300 working days is about 7,500 , while the This gives an excess of about $2,500,000$ tons, or $50 \%$ in excess of the
country's needs. So large is this excess that the refineries on the Atlantic country's needs. So large is this excess that the refineries on the Atlantic
Coast. on an even melting program, could supply the requirements of the country, without calling upon thome coulde suppy the requirements of the
Problem of Finding Emplon thent for Excess Cor on the Pacific Coast. United States consumers that the Cuban Eress Capacity - It is desirable to and fair prices. It is essential to that end that Cuba should receivplies prices, which at the same time would also assure fair prices to all domestic producers serving our market, It is equally essential that the refiners should secure adequate earnings. All these ends would be aided and
promoted by the adoption by Cuban producers. in co-operation with
筑 United States refiners, of a systematic producers, in co-operation with Cubas surplus production in export markets.
esulted in a decontrol with a carryment interfered in the sugar situation it large new crop under way. Such was the situation at the op sugar with a when a s suggestion of the company, along the bobove lines, was adopted by a refined for export and sold by a sugar Export Corp a large tonnage to be Webb Act, and under the joint direction of refiners and producers the eadership ressulted in the distribibution not only of the carry- prover orers. Tho This
lons. but of all of the $1921-22$ crop in addition, without any "control" or We wish to point out that Cuba continues to face a race for the sugar
markets of the world that United states reat assistance to Cuba in finding world's markets for its national crop, hat in doing so they would also, over a period of years, serve domestic Export Business in Refined Sugar Sharply Deciined in
from the United Stat Res of refined sugar for the year 1926 (95.441 tons) were malume than in any year since the outbreak of the European wars. were volume of exports for previous years see V. 122 , p . 1449.1 . This export
business aesily might have been largely increased if refiners and Cuban roducers had co-operated. Of the exports, about $45 \%$ were made by the company through the Sugar Export Corp. The distribution of exports as made to 62 countries.
must depend upon the voluntary selection by the public of its Domino and Franklin package sugars, the stockholders of the company now numbering promoting the good will, not only of the company but also of issistance in with the public and especially with the retail grocery trade products, especially anxious to increase our sales of Crystal Domino Tablets. Which are
now available to the retail grocery trade in all states of the Mississippi Valley and Eastward.
powerful force of over 40,000 people, capable or advanization constitute a aterest the merchandising efforts of the company. They easily can secure of their company. Co-operation along theset lines is mocers for the products
desirale
ways of mucn encoura

A comparative income statement was published in V. 124, p. 1514 .

| sets- | $1926 .$ | $192$ | 1924. | 23. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Real estate and plan | 63,281,782 | 61,868,722 | 62,26 |  |
| Merchandise \& supplie | 14,729,930 | 11,995,052 |  |  |
| Prepaid accounts | 3,812,371 | 4,513,855 | 2,748,157 |  |
| Accounts receivab | ,139,902 | 6,153,544 | 4,005,002 | 6,288,627 |
| Accrued income | 142,2 | 143.079 | 126,322 |  |
| Invest | 21,941,060 | 22,349,707 | 21,769,914 | $20,822,810$ |
| Customers' acceptance | 665,836 | 20,932,759 | 25,981,421 | 27,888,528 |
| Cash_------ | 23,104,824 | 28,003,084 | 31,200,282 | 9,707,830 |
| Accts. receivable (a | x1,164,363 | 2,710,922 | 3,900,616 | 5,296,216 |
| Liabilitie | 93,97 | 164,063,791 | 162,853,870 | 155,778,901 |
| Preferred stock | 45,000,000 | 45,000,000 | ,000,000 |  |
| Common st | 45,000,000 | 45,000,000 | 45,000,000 | 45,000,000 |
| Sundry re | 0,000,000 | $30,000,000$ $19,706,955$ | 30.000 .000 | 30,000,000 |
| Accts. \& loa | ,696,344 | $19,706,955$ $5,781,825$ | $20,809,949$ $4,996,752$ | 22,222,946 |
| Divs declared \& outst'g | 1,375,513 | 1,374,178 | 811,508 | +678,177 |
|  | 18,137,823 | 17,200,832 | 16,235,661 | 8,066,239 |
|  <br> $x$ Accounts receivable (additional) are account claims 1920 contracts, $\$ 113,812$; accounts receivable, undelivered 1920 contracts, $\$ 1,050,552$. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

## Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co.

(10th Annual Report - Year Ended Dec. 311926.$)$
Pres. Myron E. Forbes and Chairman Charles Clifton report in brief:
New Models.-A new model passenger car-Pierce-Arrow Series $36-$
was placed on the market during the fall of 1926 . The mechanical was placed on the market during the fall of 1926 . The mechanical im-
proverents and more modern lines of style and beauty which were incorporated in the new model materially strengthened our position in the
fine car market. This new Series 36 , larger car car, give us a range of cars or refinement and style appeal which reaches a widened market and continues the reputation of our products in the The cost of placing the Series 36 car into production has been absorbed in the operating expenses for the year.
Our commercial vehicles continue to rank as the leaders in the industry

Acquisitions.-During the year we further extended the activities of
our selling subsidiary-Pierce-Arrow Sales outright of the entire assets of the Harrolds Motor Car Co. who
been been our distributors in N. Y. City for many years, and through this A very favorable purchase, providing that payment of $\$ 972,000$ representing a arge part
of the purchase price, be spread over a period of 10 years in annua installments
During the year the Boston branch of the Pierce-Arrow Sales Corp commercial vehicles. Land costing, having formerly handled only our cash for the erection of a permanent sales and service station in Boston.
Working Capital.- Company carried on its year's bank loans, with the exception of the outstanding bank loans of the $\overline{\text { b }}$, any Motor Car Co., which were assumed at the time of acquisition. These oan Cure paid
Current liabilities were $\$ 1,783,713$, or a ratio of 8 to 1 . Nas Nas cash. assets, therefore, show a surplus of $\$ 7,726,112$ over and above cur $\$ 3$,
931,20 of outstanding debenture bonds and $\$ 972,000$ 10-year notes Co . on the acquisition of their property. With the introduction of the financial condition of company is excellent with the growing popularity of our Series 80, smaller car, and the quality
of our commercial vehicles, we look for an increasing volume of busines during the coming year.
Financing Plan. - The following plan was approved by the sor directors may deem te sale of which should be applied for the retirement proceeds from debentures. (2). At an appropriate time to issue 40,000 shares of 2 d
dref, stock, carrying a and unpaid dividends on the pref stock, amounting to $\$ 4,000$, 000 Directors have not yet felt that the time was opportune for putting
into effect any part of this plan. orror any part or pian.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.


 $\begin{aligned} & \text { Balance, surplus--1-1 } \\ & \begin{array}{c}\text { Bhares of common out- } \\ \text { on }\end{array} \\ & \$ 667,695\end{aligned} \$ 1,546,023 \quad \$ 625,060 \quad \$ 278,212$ $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Earn. per sh. on common } & 328,750 & 328,750 & \$ 1.42 & \$ 250,000 & 250,000\end{array}$ x After providing for depreciation of $\$ 866,951$ in $1926, \$ 865,727$ in
1925, $\$ 737,931$ in 1924 and and 8779,827 in 1923 y Net profits of Pierce-

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31

Mierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. and Pierce-Arrow Sales Corp.]
Property account-
Pat'ts, trade-mks gat ts, trade-mks,
god will, 80 .

 Notes \& acctat. rec .
less reserve less reserves......
U. S . Govt.
ilscell Miscell. invest. deposits........ Deferred charges.
Total - ..... $26,476,378$ $\begin{gathered}\text { a After deducting } \\ \text { allowances. } \\ \times \text { Plant } \\ \text { site, }\end{gathered} 11,411$ reserve for doubtful notes, accounts and 180,145, less reserve for depreciation, $\$ 6,202,141$. y Investment, $\$ 11,-$ advances to foreeign and domestic branches $\$ 274,801$; less reserves $\$ 52,392-$
investment in stock of Pierce-Arrow Finance Corp... $\$ 1,106,291$, nvestment in stock of Pierce-Arrow Finance Corp., $\$ 1,106,291$, z Repre-
sented by 328,750 shares of no par value (stated value $\$ 1,643,750$ ).
Y. 124, p. 517 .

## Pierce-Arrow Finance Corporation.

(3d Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.) INCOME ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED DEC. 31.

Int. \& charges earned \& misc. income-
Gen. \& amin ex. incl prov. or
credit losses \& contingencles.-...
Profits of Pierce-Arrow Exch. Corp
Total income
Deduct int. on gold notes, trustee's Organization expense written off.-.
Provision for
Net profit for year.
Net profit for year.......................
$\qquad$ 1924.
$\$ 197,495$ 52,234. $\underset{\substack{\$ 378,131 \\ 5,880}}{\substack{\$ 291,070 \\ 12,432}} \begin{aligned} & \$ 145,261\end{aligned}$ $\$ 384,011 \quad \begin{aligned} & \$ 303,502 \\ & \$ 145,261\end{aligned}$

## BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 .

Cassets in bank \& Notes recelvable.
Cash with trustee.
Notes rec.not in tr.
. Cash with trustee.
Notes rec.not in tr.
Acc'ts recelvable
Acc'ts recelvable.-.
Invest. in stock of
Plerce-ArrowEx-
Dep. State Bank1926.
$\$ 753$.
$4,336,2$
3,
9
19 Ing Dedt........
Prep. Int........exp.
Furn. fixtures.

21,312
$\mathbf{x}$ After deducting $\$ 2,102 \$ 5,788,526$ Total_......... $\overline{\$ 5,296,102} \overline{\$ 5,788,526}$
American Woolen Co. (\& Subs.).
(28th Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)
Pres. Andrew G. Pierce says in part:
 all branches of the textile industry had to contend. The combination is
one which renders manufacturing and merchandising operations extremely
difficult and makes it almost impossible to difficult and makes it almost impossible to operate at a profit.
An average $20 \%$ decline in wool premely Anaverage 0 decline in wool prices entailed not only a severe shrinkage
in the value of the company's raw material supplies, but automatically
affected stock in process and finished goods. This, coupled with the abnormally poor demand for goods. tells the story
Buying of goods was and still is of the hand-to-mouth variety that
prevents the large-scale manufacturing operations that spell substantial profits. The Government figures indicate that the woolen and worsted industry in 1926 operated at about $62 \%$ capacity. The number of indldistribution is obviously a sign of good merchandising and implies a firm grip on the trad of income

In spite of the adverse operating results, the company ended the year in the best financial condition in years. Bank loans were reduced by over
$\$ 5,700,000$ and cash increased by over $\$ 1,000,000$. The working capital $\$ 5.700,000$ and cash increased by
of $\$ 64,000,000$ is a mple for all needs.
Inventories have been taken with the greatest detail and care and strictly
at cost or market, whichever was lower. and the inventory of $\$ 45.864 .990$ is at cost or market, whichever was lower, and the inventory of $\$ 45,864.930$ is
the lowest since 1922, at which time the Webster and Shawsheen mills were the lowest sinct
not included.
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING DEC. 31.
 Com, divs. (cash)
Subsidiary
dividends
 Total
Res. restored to surplus ef 5. 4,750
$\qquad$ $x 1923$.
$\$ 9.326 .623$
3.120 .83
$(7), 100.800$

 x Incl Shawsheen Mills and Webster M.
exclude Shawsheen and Webster Mills.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

|  | ${ }_{8}^{1926 .}$ | $\stackrel{1925 .}{8}$ | Ltabilities- |  | 1925. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Plant \& mill fix- |  |  | Common stock | 40,000.000 | 40,000,000 |
| tures-.-.....x | -5.293.748 | ${ }_{5}^{57,763,055} 3$ | Preterred stock Subsid .cos.sthek | $50,000,000$ 25,300 | 24,300 |
| Wool \& fabr |  |  | Shawsheen notes | 5,500,000 | 5,500,000 |
|  |  |  |  | 5,500,000 | 5,500,003 |
| \& in proce |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{*}$ sipplies | 45,864,9 | 54,165,289 | Bk acceptances-- |  |  |
|  |  |  | - |  |  |
| able (net) | 23,080,511 | 28,204, | Curr. ac | 4,931,228 | 6,288,770 |
| Accept | 105,40 | 1,014,343 | Acc | 729,604 | 729,604 |
|  |  | 564,940 | Res. |  |  |
|  |  |  | contingencles. |  |  |

 x Plants and mill fixtures, office and warehouse buildings, less $\$ 45,096,867$ reserve for depreciation. a Report says the item of reserve for taxes and
contingencles of $\$ 4,063,176$, appearing as a liability. is the balance of the special reserve of $\$ 5,5000000$ set up as of Dec. 3111923 out of profits for 1923 , the sum of $\$ 1,436,82$
$1924 .-\mathrm{V} .124$, p. 1070.

## Adams Express Company

(Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)
income account years ended dec. 31 (INCL. SOUTHERN

| RevenueInterest on balances Int. on securities owned. Divs. on securities ownedInc. from collat. pledged |
| :---: |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |

$\qquad$ 96

Reduction in Rates.-Another voluntary reduction was made by the
company in its maximum rate for service, from $71 /$ cents to 7 cents a company in its maximum rate for service, from $71 / 2$ cents to 7 cents a
kilowatt hour, effective Jan. 1 1927, which means a saving of over $\$ 1,500,000$ a year to consumers. This is the second general reduction in rates in two
years, with a total saving of over $\$ 2,500,000$ a year to Brookiyn users of electricity the sale of stock was not necessary to do any financing during 1926 through capital during the coming year. while at the end of 1925 there were 11,066 . $674,741,645$ kilowatt hours, an increase of $80,164,665$ year amounted to
13.50 Meters-During the year company made a net meters, giving it a total of 684,454 meters connected to its system on Dec. 101226. Operating Plant.-Company's operating plant consists of 3 generating
stations and 27 substations. The present total capacity of the generating stations and 27 substations.
stations is 419.500 kilowatts.
New Substing
New Substations.- Two new substations were put in operation, one at
Hicks and West Ninth streets, with an ultimate capacity of 50.000 kilo Hicks and West Ninth streets, with an ultimate capacity of 50.000 kilo
watts. and the other at Johnson and Pearl streets, to have an ultimate watts, and the other at atohn
capacity of 30,000 kilowatts.
The usual comparative income account was published in V. 124, p. 919

COMPARATIVE CONDENSED BALANGE SHEET DEC. 31.

 Fixe
Cash
Act
Int
${ }_{\mathrm{M}}^{\mathrm{In}}$
Market'le securs
Materiv
Prent Prepayments.-. Subser.to cap.s.stik Misc. investm'ts Penslon fund.
Ins. partin. fund
Sec. dep. Sec. dep. with
state Ind.Com
. Other funds Coup. Int.\& div Cash depos. with
N. Y. City Redemp. \& prem Misecllaneous -1

Reacol \begin{tabular}{l}
Reacquired $\begin{array}{l}\text { sec. } \\
\text { Unamort. } \\
\text { debt }\end{array}$ <br>
\hline

 $\begin{array}{cc}\text { disc. \& } \& \text { exp... } \\ \text { Miscell. suspense } & 1,763,81 \\ 155,40\end{array}$ 

100.000 <br>
.084 .126 <br>
73.493 <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

## Total

## Total........ $\overline{153,308,843} \overline{146,812,002}$

## Cap. St scribe Prem.on

 scribed --.-.-.Prem.on cap.stk.
Underlylag mig

908,800
10,542 $\begin{array}{ll}11,951,000 & 11,951,000 \\ 33,500,000\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { ads } & 9,148 \\ & 37,612\end{array}$
 144,426
67.270
863,033
8

President K. Report-Year Ended Dec. 31
First Annual Report. -This is the first annual statement of the Standard Oil Co. of California, in which all the assets of the predecessor Standard the Pacific Oil Co to toether with other incidental assets of the latter corporation, were consolidated The physical consolidation was accomplished
on Mar. 29 , effective as of Jan. 11926 . Many anticipated economies have already been realized, and others are still in processs of development. Results. - The net income for 1926 before deduction of depreciation and deppetion and income tax was the year 1925 on the properties
$\$ 18,670,314$ for depreciation and depletion and a reserve of $\$ 4,850,000$ for
Federal income Federal income tax, the net profit for the year 1926 was $\$ 55.122,014$, an
increase of $\$ 11,492.719 .0$. $26.34 \%$ over the 1925 combined profits ort the
Standard oil Co. (Calif.) and the properties accuired from the Pacific oil incease Oil Co. (Calif., and the properties acquired from the Pacific Oil
Standard Ois rep
Co. This represents a profit of $10.14 \%$ on the combined issued capital Co. This represents a profit of $10.14 \%$ on the combined issued capital and outstanding capital stock as or that date. Corresponding profits of the consotandiec croperties con, were $\$ 346$ a share. Of the non-operating income, $\$ 2,049,300$ of profit resulted from the sale of the Asscific Oil Co.; and of the dividends, $\$ 1,863,000$ was received from the Pacific Oil Co. on stocks owned by this company. diny the year
Cash Demands. The cash demands upon the company during the were heavy: $\$ 20,933,334$ for the retirement of $\$ 20,000,000$ of gold notes,
$\$ 15,769,945$ for the purchase of the properties of the Pacific Gasoline Co.,
 These cash demands were met without any new financing.
Financial Position Sound. At the end of the year, after the payment of the customary dividends and an extra dividend of 50 c . a share, cash on
 The ratio of current assets to current liabilities was over 8 to 1 . Aside from
current accounts unpaid, the company has no obllgation ahead of the current a accounts umpaid, the company has no obligation ahead or the
common stock. Company still owns the 414.000 shares of Pacific Oil Co.
Col
 Standard Gasoline Co.- The properties of the Pacific Gasoline Co. were
acquired in June 1926. That company owned, among other assets, 28 acquired in June 1926. That company owned, amas. A new corporation, plants for the extraction or gasoline trom nard Gasoline Co. Was formed for
wholly owned by this company, the Standar the purpose of operating the plants acquired from the Pacific Gasoline CO.,
together with the 19 plants owned by this company. These 47 plants for
 the
380,000 gallons daily of natural gasoline from $313,000,000$ cu. ft. of gas.
The The Standard Gasoun
in the United States. Surplus.-Surplus increased $\$ 29,765,686$. Of this amount, $\$ 29.662,720$
wereadditions to earned surplus and $\$ 102,966$ additions to capital surplus. Finances. The capital stock outstanding on Dec. 311926 consisted of
$12,594,098$ shares, or 8,336 shares less than on Jan. 11926.1 This 8,336 $12,594,098$ shares, or 8,336 shares less than on Jan. 1 . 126 . This 8,386
shares was stock held by the trustees of the "employees stock investment and savings plan" at the termination of that plan on May 31 1926. It was returned to the treasury and canceled. Inis stock was orin he hands of the trustees, owng to emppoest in plant as of Dec. 311926 was $\$ 597.560$,-
instead of stock.
Plant. -The total investment ${ }_{697}$ Plant. - The increase during the year of $\$ 40.460,793$.
Dividends.- A quarterly dividend of S50c. a share was pald Mar. 15 by Standard Oil Co. (Calif.), and this company paid dividends of 50 c . a share for the year was paid on Dec. 1519.196 . In accordance with the terms of the consolidation, an amount equivalent to 50 c. quarterly a share on the
outstanding stock of the Pacific Oil Co. was reserved by the Pacific Oil Co. outstanding stock of the Jan. 1 to Mar. 151926 . A reserve was established
to cover the period from at the organization of the company to cover that amount and also an amount equivalent to the Mar. 15 dividend of the Standard Oil Co.
(Calif.). These two items, therefore, do not constitute a deduction from (Calif.). These two items, thererore, do no
the company's earned surpius for the year. the company's earned surplus for the year,
Tazes.-Total taxes for the year 1926 were allows: Federal income tax, 1926 (estimated), $\$ 4,850,000$; franchise and licenses, $\$ 542,752$; properly
taxes, $84,594,640 ;$ total, $\$ 9,987,392$. During 1926. gasoline taxes were collected for account of the States of,
California Arizona. Nevada, Idaho, Utah, Oregon and Wa hington, amountin. to $\$ 8.092,369$
Oil Wells.-During the
doned as dry holes. On Dear. 154 there were 83 stringle seled and 16 aban47 of which were employed in drilling new wells.
had 2,906 completed oil wels and 15 gas wells.

At tuntington Beach a town lot area was opened up and developed during had approximatoly 260 acrese of land under feverered Diserevernincompany company winn a recove
made during the year.
 $\begin{array}{lll}554,020.20 & 296,157.55 \\ 37,829.25 \\ 888,007.00\end{array}$ ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Oil and gas rights in foe. bG Government permit.
 Pipe Line. Oompan's pine lines had total crude oil runs from wells
durin 1926 or $78.32,355$ barrolss an averaze of 213,787 bbls. per day.

 daily, During the year the company commenced construction on 8 pressure
 Of this total, $35.75 \%$ Were women. Ot the stockholdars, $95.42 \%$ hold 500
shares or loss $84.17 \%$ held 100 shares or less; and $50.12 \%$ held 25 shares
 ing capital stock. $41.23 \%$ of whom are residents of the
$18.64 \%$ of the stockholders are employees of the company.
EARNINGS AND SURPLUS YEAR ENVD DECEMBER 311926.



Total net income7,801,692 Depreciation and daeniētion

Incomet tax (estimatect) | $878,642,329$ |
| :---: |
| $18,670,314$ |

Net profit to surplus
urplus beginning of 4,850,000

Surplus beginning of year- Capital, $\$ 170,464,672 ;$ earned $\$ 55,122,014$ Adjustments-Capital, Cr. $\$ 102,966 ;$ earned, Dr. $\$ 8,266,930 \ldots$.... $\$ 199,079,492$ Total surplus $\begin{array}{r}-\$ 254,037,542 \\ -\quad 25,192,364 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Surplus end of year-Capital, $\$ 170,567,637$; earned, $\$ 58,-$
$277,541 \ldots, \ldots, 228,845,178$ Earnings per share on $12,594,098$ shares capital stock (no par)- (Calif.) and 38
a Not including Mar. 15 dividend paid by standard Oil Co. (Catic proportionate payment to Pacific Oil Co. provided for at organization.

## Assets-

 Inventories-Oils_-...--
do Material $\&$ supp_ Other current assets.-Inv. in non-affil'd cos_
do affiliated cos..-

Special trust funds |  | $5,74,0$ | General insurance res'ver |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- |
| Special trust funds....- | $4,825,704$ | Reserve for employees |

 Prepaid \& deferred chgs.
the shareholders, was taken advantage of and the incom this new accounting method. account, as undepleted drilling costs of prior years, as well as $\$ 16,709,175$ being the
balance of appraisal of leaseholds. This tion above cost of property values determined by an appraisal made as of
July 1 1920, and does not reflect in any way the present enhanced the properties so RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.
 $\begin{array}{rrrrrrr}\text { Net earnings_-_- } \$ 16,670,139 & \$ 16,111,047 & & \$ 5,252,511 & \$ 2,504,447 \\ \text { Dividends Comar Oil Co. } & 9,500,000 & 7,900,000 & & 3,750,000 & 5,000,000\end{array}$ $\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Reagan County Purchas- } \\ \text { ing Co-_-.-.-.-. } \\ \text { Dividends Romarti Gaso- }\end{array}\end{aligned} \quad 809,364$

 Res. for depletion on co Net operating income_
$\$ 11,690,811$
$\$ 16,234,992$ Red.of crude oil inventory
to market_-........ Disc. \& premium on bds.
retired Investment charged off-
Prov. for Fed taxes Prov for Fed, taxes.
Dividend paid.
Surplus
Shares of cap. stk. out-
$\$ 4,039,744$
$\$ 10,219,195$
$\$ 1,723,000$ $\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { standing (no par) } & 1,9 .- & 1,930,614 & 1,895,103 & 1,549,961 & 1,132,184 \\ \text { Earn. per share on com. } & \$ 605 & \$ 781 & \$ 023 & \$ 152\end{array}$ Surplus account for year 1926, $\$ 4,039,744$; surplus balance Dec. 311925 ,
$\$ 23.978,679,51 \%$ Reagan County Purchasinc Co. earnings to Dec. 311925 : $\$ 436,385 ;$ adjustment of Federal taxes for $1925, \$ 677,000$; total, $\$ 29,131,809$;
Deduct: Remainder of appraisal as of July 11920 charged off, $\$ 16,709,176$; undepleted drilling costs of prior years charged off, $\$ 3,871,566 ;$ sundry
adjustments, $\$ 152,199$; total, $\$ 20,732,941$; surplus balance Dec. 1926, adjustment.
$\$ 8,398,868$.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (INCL. SUB. COS.)

 Apparisal....b $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Marriand Oil of of } & & 16,709,176 \\ \text { Mexico-Stock.-. } & 3,693,762 & 3,693,762 \\ \text { Consol. Oll of Mex. }\end{array}$
 (minority int.)-
Ils pavable
and
20,906
120,306 Reagan Co. Purch. Acounts pay. taxes Accrued int., taxe
\& insurance...

 Cash .......--1.Bills receivable | Ac |
| :--- |
| Cr |

Total------------- $\$ 573,803,345$ Total a Less reserve for depreciation and depletion of $\$ 145,841,450$. b $12,594,-$
098 shares, no par value-stated value.-V. 123, p. 2403; V. 124, p. 805.

## Marland Oil Co. and Subsidiary Companies

 (Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.)Pres. E. W. Marland, March 1, wrote in substance During 1926 company increased and expanded its volume of business in
every branch in which it was engaged, as shown by the accompanying table: every branch
Net production of crude oil
Crude oil run to refinery
Inventory of crude oil at Dee. $31 .-31$ Sales of crude oil \& refined products. Orude oil sales by Reagan County
Purchasing Co. ( $51 \%$ owned)
Casinghead gasoline production (gals.) Natural gas sales ( (acres) cu. ft.)
Oil leases owned (ates.) $\qquad$
$\begin{array}{rr}1925 . & 1924 . \\ 1,259,664 & 8,500,208 \\ 1,504,855 & 14,816,910\end{array}$ Oil leases owned (acres)
$\begin{array}{rr}1926 . & 19 \\ 13,137,048 & 12,2 \\ 21,658,305 & 15,5 \\ 7,528,196 & 5,9 \\ 5,603,317 & 2,6 \\ 2,671,751 & 1,8 \\ 23,036,872 & 21,5 \\ 9,778,054 & 4,7 \\ 27,807,716 & 20, \\ 11,138,604 & 11,7 \\ 1,656,728 & 1,\end{array}$ $14,816,910$
$4,210,123$
$5,874,183$
$1,446,476$

$11,907,884$ | month of December (barrels)...... | 45,898 |  | 3,85 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| It should ber | 680,839 |  |  | oil for the year was that while the average daily net production of crude

as ast month of the year was 45,898 barrels and that the company tion for the began the year 1926 increase or prod Pipe line facilities were materially added to during the year 1926 to
accommodate the business anticipated for the Crude oil run through the compar the future years. to $7,528,196$ barrels, or a daily average of 20,625 barrels 1926 amounted for the month of December of 715.181 barrels, barrels. Company is starting the year 1927 with $30 \%$ increase in refining Company ciosed the year with an inventory of $5,603,317$ barrels of a moderate increase in inventory of refined products. Theare also was Sales of crude oil and refined products showed a healthy increase over
1925 , and contracts made during the year 1926 for delivery in 1927 will The growth of the company's casinghead gasoline business, as shown by
The the increased gallonage in 1926 over 1925 , does not reflect the full growth the year did not come into operation until near the close of the year. use to which gas production was put in the fields. 1926 due to the better Oil leases owned showed an increase of $60 \%$ over the year 1925 and as the production of oil is the most important branch of the industry engaged in The capital investment of the company for additions to property in the above mentioned branches during the year 1926 amounted to $\$ 33,425,565$.
Of this amount stockholders furnished $\$ 20,234,786$ and $\$ 13,190,779$ was The capital expenditures made by the company during the year in every
branch of its business were reflected in an increased volle its various branches and improved efficiency during the last two months of This increased volume should be noted in refinery output as well as in crude oil production. The amount of gasoline made by the refinery in the
first two months of 1926 was $25,000,000$ gallons. For the first two months of 1927 it was $35,000,000$ gallons. 1926, had the opportunity to charge to operations the entire labor expense and all other intangible costs incidental to the drilling of wells. This
opportunity of increasing the reserve charges, being of material benefit to

Yellono Cab Co.-P. P. R. T., as a necessary step in co-ordination, entered
he field oo taxicab operation by the purchase of the vellow Cab Co. for the field of taxicab operation by the purchase of the Yellow Cab Co. for
$\$ 3.00 .000$ This was determined to be the fair price for a business of
the proven earning capacity of ellow Cab, and was so approved by the Pubic Service Commission. The absorption of all taxicabs, when effected,
will work toward the ellmination of taxi cruising and a corresponding will work toward the elimination of taxi cruising
lessening of vehicular congestion in the city streets. Equipment- -P. R. T. has recently purchased 218 new gas-electric motor-
bus units, as here developed by us. The useful life of the motorbus is bus units, as here developed by us. The useful life of the motorbus is
more than doubled by this gaseocectric feature.
used to accomplish this purchase extend over a 10 -year period. During the past year company purchaved 50 new surface cars and 135
gas-electric motorbuses. With a double purpose of serving the Sesqui-gas-electric motorbuses. With a double purpose of serving the Sesqui-
centennial-and so honoring the city and of pushing orward the develop.
ment of the too backward southern section of the city, more than $\$ 2,000,000$ ment of the too backward southern section of the city, more than \$2,000,000
was expended in constructing and equipping Sesquit track extensions. of those for which provision was nade, the eimmediate losses sustained by
of the
the company in this respect are not regarded as of a permanent character the company in this respect are not regarded as of a permanent character.
but rather as an investment made in advance of the immediate needs of the section served. The rapid building of homes encouraged by this forward
move will later justify that which has been done by providing a larger number of short riders to and from this southern section.
Acquisition.-P. R. T. in 1926 extended itself to meet the
miews of the city. Company took over the bankrup F . T. \& A . A. Sireet Ry. To supply
increased feeder service to the Frankfore from the city centre, by means of a free transfer with the Frankford El, was extended
northerly to Rhawn St., and a motorbus service with 10c. fare and 3 c . northerly to Rhawn St, and a motorbus service with 10c. Pare and noc. paying street car lines were removed.
Frankford Rental. - At the urgent request of the City, company agreed to
 capacity might be released to the extent of some 314.0000000 , to accomcapacity might ere theased necessary that the lease be extended to 1957. The
plish which tit was the
determination of the P. S. Commission to withhold its approval or this lease extension until the completion of its investigation now being convestigate
into P. R. T. matters makes for the fullest opportunity to inver what has been done and what should be done in this respect-an altogether wise decision
point at or near Pensacola, all in Yancey County, N. O. The total mileage
proposed to be abandoned is 11.826 miles of main line and 0.337 mile of spur Burlington Muscatine \& N. W. Ry.-Operation of Line. company to operate a line of railroad issued a certificate authorizing the somphy o district and immediately adjacent to the City of Muscatine
Iowa. Iowa. formed a part of the Muscatine Burington \& So. RR. It was bounht at partnershilp agreement between him and True. Webber \& Co., each party owning an undivided one-half interest.- $\mathrm{V} .121, \mathrm{p} .69$.
Canadian Pacific Ry. -To Increase Stock.to authorize an issue of $\$ 75,000,000$ additional ordinary capital stock in cide. At the prese time the company has an authorized issue of $\$ 130$ 000,000 preferred $4 \%$ non-cumulative stock, of which $\$ 100,148,537$ is out-
standing and $\$ 335,000,000$ ordinary stock, of which $\$ 260,000,000$ is out-
standing standing
Central RR. of New Jersey.-New Equipment.tives, 10 heavy switching passenger locomotives and 25 all-steel pascomo-

Charleston (S. C.) Union Station Co.-Final Value. The I.-S. O. Commission has placed a final valuation of $\$ 274,226$ on the
owned and used property of the company as of June 30 1917.-V. 122, p.

Chicago Milwaukee \& St. Paul Ry.-Minority Denied Appeal.-
District motion of the bondholders' defense committee to appeal from the District Court order approving the sale and reorganization plan of the
road was denied by Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson in Chicago, Mar. 14. -V. 124, p. 1353 .
Chicago \& North Western Ry.-Bonds.-
The I.-s. C. Commission on March 2 authorized the company to issue coupons attached thereto, to be appropriately stamped, to bear interest ceeds to be used for corporate purposes. (See offering in $V$. 124, , p. 916.) -V. 124, p. 1216.
Fordyce \& Princeton RR.-Construction of Line.The I.-S. O. Oommission on Feb. 18 issued a certificate authorizing the company to construct an extension or its existing line, designated as engineer's station $175 \times 90$, in a general north westerly direction to a point in the southeast quarter of Section 35 , Town-
ship 9 south, Range 13 west. a distance of approximately 5 miles, all in ship 9 south, Range 13 west. a dista.
Dallas County, Ark.-V. 124, p. 917 .

Gulf Mobile \& Northern RR.-Lease of Jackson \& Eastern-Acquisition Approved.26 approved acquisition of control of The proposed lease provides, among other things, that all of the property of the
 and ending at midnight Dec. 31 1928, and thereafter until terminated
Either party is given the right to terminate the lease on Dec. 31 , of any
 the interest on the lessor's first mortsage bonds, outstanding or hereafter
to be issued, plus a sum equal to the interest on amounts advanced by the Jackson \& Eastern has now outstanding $\$ 230.000$ in bonds, bearing $6 \%$ interest. The Gulf Mobile \& Northern has advanced to the Jackson \& Eastern for construction purposes approximately 8600,000 andinis estimated that the total amounh or advalice about $\$ 2,500,000$
of the Jackson \& Eastern will be
The stockhondders havern wpproved the purchase of the bonds and stock and
the leasing of Birmingham \& Northwestern Ry. See V. 124, p. 1062, 1355 . Jackson \& Eastern Ry.-Lease to Gulf Mobile \& Nor. Ry. See Gulf Mobile \& Northern Ry. above.-V. 123, p. 979.
Jacksonville \& Havana RR.-Notes. -
on on Feb. I8 authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$26,694 of promissory notes, or lease warrants, 110 .
Mahoning Coal RR. Co.-Earnings.-

 Taxes. funded debt-

Net income. Dividends accrued---

Surplu
Mexican Ry. Co., Ltd.-Electrifying Road.-
An extension of 22 miles to the electric zone of the above company over
the Maltrata inline to Paso del Macho has been started and will pleted this year the Geen last week. This will解 70 miles of electrified track running through the severest grade section of the line between Mexico city and Vera cruz.
The extension now under way will require an additional sub-station, which will be located at Portrero, a short distance east or Cordoba. Equipment for this extension, which wirial and binding, and a complete 3.000 kiliowatt sob- station with motor generator sets, transformers, switchboards
kind switching equipment. This station will be a duplicate of the present and switching equipment. This station will be
sub-station except in capacity. - .123, p. 3035 .
Minneapolis \& St. Louis RR.-Stockholders May Withdraw Deposited Stock - No Improvement in Company's Operations under Receivership.-
Holders of certificates of deposit of the National City Bank, New York, for stock of the cents a sherding to notice sent out by the deposit by paying 15 cents a sinte, Wailure of the road to improve
stockholders under the receiver has postponed the working out of a plan for reorganization, the letter said.
Discussing the outlook for the road, the letter pointed out that "in addiproperty, the present tendency toward consolidation of carriers will, it is property.
hoped ofer to your committe an opportunity to urge the inclusion of
Your your property in one
in process of formation. not request the withdrawal of deposits but simply offers any depositor the opportunity to withdraw, The committee wih continue to function in the of withdrawal at any time after May 11927. to terminate this priviege or way do so by presenting ateir certificates of
Those wishing to withdraw min mean
deposit to James McLean, secretary of the committee, 55 Wall St., New deposit to James McLean, sec
York Clity.-V. 124. p. 1506 .
New Castle \& Ohio River Ry.-Abandonment of Oper'n. The I.-s. O. Commission on Feb. 26 issued a certificate authorizing the
company to abandon operation as to inter-State and forelgn commerce, of

Its line of railroad，which extends from Hanging Rock to New Castle，a
distance of 3.5 miles，all in Lawrence County The company was incorp．in 1996 in Ohio for the purpose of leasing and
operating the railroad lines theretofore operated by the Hanging Rock Iron Do．It is represented that the railroad was constructed in 1845 for
the purpose of carrying coal to the Ohio River，and to serve the blast fur－ the purpose or carryng coal to the The The blast furnace has not been in
nace op the Hanging Rock ron Co．
operation since Oct． 30 1923，and it is represented that there are no indus－ operation since Oct． 30 1923，and it is represented that $t$ ．
tries dependent on the line for transportation facilities．
Oregon Trunk Ry．－I．－S．C．Commission Approves Set－ tlement of Oregon Construction Controversy．－
The I．－S．C．Commission on Feb． 26 made public a supplemental report by Commission Aichison in the Oregon construction case，expressing the
opinion that the proposal of the Southern Pacific，offering the joint use or
Its line between Paunina and Klamath Yalls，ore，to the oregon Trunk with certain modifications，is in substantial compliance with the conclusions announced the consruation of several new lines in oregon，including a
authorized the the the
line of the oregon Trunk from Bend to a point of connection with the line of the Oregon Trunk from Bend to a point of connection with the
Southern Pacific＇s Natron cut－off，if it should be granted trackage reights uthorized the Pregon California \＆E Eastern to construct promssion also authorized the oregon，California \＆Eastern to construct proposed exten－
sionsand authorized the Southern Pacific to acquire control ofthe 0.0. ．E．
condition upon its
grant to the Oregon Trunk of operating rights over its condition upon its grant to the Oregon Trunk of operating rights over its
ine or that of the o．． C ． E ．
The railroads after several conferences failed to reach an agreement but The railroads after several conferences failed to reach an agreement but
recently submitted to the Commission the results of their negotiations in
the form of memoranda．The Oregon P．Sommission which had filed a complaint with the Commission asking it to require the railroads to
build various new lines in Oregon，which complaint was dismissed by the Commission，also filed a petition for a re－opening of the case，with a view Harrimanan and Odell，Ore．，，but the Commission，in the supplemental report，
suggests that the grounds of complaint of the Oregon Commission can best be dealt with upon a new record and the petition was denicd without preju－ dice to the filing of an appropriate new complaint．
Commissioner Eastman，in a concurring opinion，expressed the opinion that in determining the compensation for the use of the South aportioned on the basis of ouse，and and that the the petiting expon of the Orestould bot
apission for re－opening and rehearing should have been rranted．Com－ mission for reopening and rehearing should have been granted．Com－ missioner McManamy dissented，saying that the Oregon petition should
not have been denied on technical grounds but should at least be con－
sidered on its merits，and，he believes，should be granted in full．The majority opinion says in part：
In our report．order and certifcate，issued May 31926 （V．122，p．2944）．
we dismissed the complaint in Docket No．14392，and granted tionally the authority requested in Finance．Docketes Nos 4914,5111 and 4924，but reserved final action in the remaining cases pending the con－
sideration and acceptance or rejection be the carriers of proposed modifi－
cations of their plans which we believed to be in the public interest general question thus reserved，briefly stated，was that of the best arrange ment whereby the Oregon Trunk Ry，and its connecting lines，collectively
referred to as the northern lines，may be given access to the traffic originat－ ferg in or destined to the Klamath Basin in southern Oregon． held by the interested carriers with each other and with us．Thes have bouthen
Pacific first proposed that the Oregon Trunk use its line between Paunina， Pacific first proposed that the Oregon Trunk use its line between Paunina，
Ore．，and Klamath Falls，merely as a bridge iline．performing no local service between those points．The Oregon Trunk objected to such limitation of operation，as well as to other terms of the proposal，whereupon the Southern
Pacific offrered various concessions．The latest and final proposalso of the
The carriers have been reduced to memorandum form and are supported by
briefs filed with us setting forth in detail the contentions of the parties． The Oregon Trunk Ry．is offered the joint use of the line of the southern
Pacific between Paunina and the north switch at Klamath Falls，with年解mission to perform Jocal service，either party to construct branches either
 summit of the Cascade Range．and the eastern branches shall not extend into

 urther to be permitted to use the line of the Southern Paciric through Trunk south of Klamath Falls．The Oregon Trunk is to pay rent at the
rate of $5 \%$ per annum on one－halo of the cost of the facilities，but not to
 $5 \%$ phe proposal of the Oregon Trumk Ry is is that it shall pay in its share．of
a minimum of one the cost of the property in proportion to its use，with
ond the respective companies，in proportion to use；that the be assomed by by therespectritond to purchase and own onehalr interest in the Orunk
shall be permithen
California \＆Eastern at cost to the Southern Pacific，with the understanding that extensions to that railway shall be Joint，except Where one of the
parties declines to participate in tho extension
Sould the oregon Trunk
not be permitted to accuire the proposed interest in the Oregon California Eastern it insists that it be pernitted to construct its own line from
Chiloquin，a point 27 miles north of Klamath Falls on the Natron cutoof
 Landing，such extensions，in order to conserve capital expenditure．to be be
made at，oint expense．It has beorere us no applications for the isuance
of a certificate of convenience and necessity for the last ment in H corvever the Oregon Trunk and nesecessity for the the last mentione annuat linesc
Harge at the the terms offered by the Southern Pacific，together with the capitalargost of the tranch
from Chiloquin，would exceed that of its own proposed line from and
to Klamath Falls；hence it urges the acceptance of the the from Paunina plan．It
states that since the hearing it has been informed that more lumber is that time：that its proposed line between Paunina was anticipated at
thauld reach more timber than is reached by the Natron cult purpose of giving the Oregon Trunk access to the Klaamath Frials trat the
vill not be accomplished unless it can have access to the timber tributary oo the Oregon California \＆Eastern：and that it can not count upor a
fair opportunity to share in the outsinipments or lumber produced from
年 the various influences which tend to link up the out－shipments with the
inshipments． n－shipments．
The Southern Pacific，on the other hand，takes the position that the
ond has no supportable right to enter the Klamath Easing sit all pointing out that the quantity of timber tributary to the Oregon Truik in northern
Oregon is nearly equal to the quantity in the Klamath Basin，but that She Southern Pacific has made no attempt to secure an interest in that
the
timber traffic in the former territory．It represents that it needs the traffic of the Klamath Basin to pay a return on the great cost of construction
 on our report or May 3 1926．Attempt has been made to set forth heres
only the main contentions．The memoranda of the carriers are necessarily
 record herein．open to inspec
As stated in the original report，a controlling purpose in our decision
upon the application of the Oregon Trunk was that while Southern Oreson should be linked with the northern lines，in doing so unnecessary capital expenditure involved by the construction of an additional through line
between Paunina and Klamath Falls should be avoided by the utilitile oetween Paunina a and Klamath Falls should be avoided by the utilization the Oregon Trunk for the independent construction of its own line are in－ consistent therewith．We regard it as important that there shall be no
unnecessary duplication of facllities．We are of the oninion that unnecessary duplication of facillities．We are of the opinion that the present is in substantial compliance with the conslusions announced in our oribinal report．proposed terms are generally fair．Some modifications in detalls thoned between the parties on the basis of use，in conformity with the more
tusual practice under similar circumstances．The Oommision and the
carriers are proceeding upon the basis of the facts as now apparent．Ob－
viously the parties should not undertake to disable themselves or the Com mission from taking any action required or warranted by law，in the future， come inequitable to either party or to the public，or may be now fair be－ with law．Suitable reservations should be incorporated，applicable to the The proposed limitation upon the construction of branch lines，or the visions could have no value or force，save as declarations of intention pro－ Visions courd have no vaiue or force，save as dectaratons of thitention or as
a chiling of applications with us． $\begin{aligned} & \text { oviously，we must deal } \\ & \text { with any future applications in connections with either main or branch line }\end{aligned}$ projects upon the basis of the public convencin It might，under the circumstances，be incumbent upon us to require
construction by one or the other of these carriers，in which event there should be no outstanding contract which would even nominally interfere wht the compliance with an order for construction．However，no com－
plete contract has yet been predared．so far as has been shown．There are many details necessarily incident to trackage agreements that have not yet
been discussed． An order which will give finality to these conclusions will not be entered
at the moment：the Southern Pacific will be allowed 25 days from the service hereof in which to prepare and present to the Oregon Trumk and to file
with us a complete drat of contract，and the Oregon Trunk within 20 days or to except to them as not consistent with our conclusions or with proper usage in trackage agreements．Compliance herewith will facilitate removal and upon the accuisition of the control by the Southern Pacific of that line．
The Public Service Commission of Oregon has recommended that the Oregon Trunk be given access to the Kramath Basecommento the territory between Paunina and Klamath Falls，substantially as requested by that
company．For the reasons given we are unable to conclude that such result would best serve the public interest．
The Oregon Commisision has also filid with us atition for the reopening of the proceeding under Docket No． 14,392 for rehearing．It represents that
important developments and chanzed conditions occurring since the important developments and changed conditions occurring since the
proceeding was submitted have prevented us from passing on the merits of the complaint in the light of such changed conditions．An opportunity is sought to present new evidence，particularly as to the proposed line between But passing this matter of orderly procedure，the manner in which the
changed grounds of complaint of the Oregon Commission can best be dealt with is upon a new，clean record，based upon the conditions as they may exist at the time of hearing，unincumbered by the mass of matter which was
proper in these consolidated cases but would be irrelevant upon the narrower issue now supported by the Oregon authorities．
As indicated the record in Docket No． 14.392 is based upon a situation which，to a considerable extent，no longer exists．will construction proposed by the carriers under to te innance appications wil serve a portion of the
territory proposed to be served by the lines sought in Docket N．14．392． Our rules provide a means whereby the former record，so far as pertinent， much in the former record which can have no pertinency upon the present state of facts．If，after considering our views as to the disposition of the
finance dockets．the Oregon Commission destres to urge the building of the Harriman－Odell line，a new complaint with that object may be filed．The
application to reopen the proceeding for rehearing will therefore be denied application to reopen the proceeding for rehearing will therefore be denied
by an appropriate order．-V .122 p． 2944 ．

Rutland RR．－New Director
W．Seward Wrebb has been elected a director to succeed the late P．W．
Clement．－V．124，p．1355．
Seaboard All－Florida Ry．－Bonds．－
Northern RR．，the East \＆West Coast Ry．and the Seaboard－All Florida Ry．to issue，jointly，$\$ 2.194 .000$ or Seaboard－All Florida Ry． 1 Rt mtge． $6 \%$
gold bonds．series B．to be dellivered to the Seaboard Air Line Ry．in reim－ bursement of an equal amount of advances made by that company to the
Florida Western \＆Northern RR．for captilal purposes．The Commission also authorized the Seaboard Air Line Ry．to assume obligation and lia－
bility in respect of $8,114,000$ of bonds by indorsing its guaranty thereon．

Tennessee Kentucky \＆Northern RR．－Final Valuation The 1．－s．C．Commission has placed a final yaluation of $\$ 825$ on the owned
and used property of the company and $\$ 195,000$ on the used but not owned property，as of June 30 1918．－V．122，p． 2490

Texas \＆Pacific Railway．－Equip．Trusts．－
Company subject to the approyal of the I－S．C．Commission，has sold to Freeman \＆Coo a new issue of $\$ 1,425.000$ equipment trust certificates，
to be dated April 11927 and to mature in firteen equal annual installments
 （ther
604．The certificates to be known as series＂JJ，＂probably will be offered
for sale shortly．－V． 124 ，p． 1355 ．

Toledo \＆Ohio Central Ry．－New Director． Louls S．Emery has been
Sheldon．－V．123，p． 2893 ．

Wabash Ry．－Equipment Trusts．－
the approval of the I．－s．©．Commission，a new issue of $\$ 2.625,000414 \% \%$ equipment trust certificates，series G．These certificates are to be datod
April 1927 and to mature in 15 annual installments from April 1928 to April 11927 and to mature in 15 annual installments from April 1928 to
1942，both inclusive．Certificates are to be issued under the Philadelphia plan and are to be secured on standard equipment costing not less than

West Jersey \＆Seashore RR．－ $3 \%$ Dividend．－ The directors have declared a dividend of $3 \%$ ，payable April 1 to holders
of record March 15 ．This makes a total of $5 \%$ declared out of earnings for the year 1926 ，which compares with $51 / \% \%$ charged against 1925 earnings
and $41 / 2 \%$ out of 1924 earnings．$V .123$ ，p． 1630 ．

## PUBLIC UTILITIES．

All America Cables Inc．－Registrar．－
 x Renewal and replacement（depreciation）appropriations for the 12
months ended Dec． 31 1926，were $\$ 3.524,808$ ；1925，$\$ 3,078,591$ ，and for
$1924, \$ 2701$ ．


## Assets- Investments.

Investments.....
Cash.-.............
Loans and accts
Loans and accts.
rec'rble -subs.-. rec'ble-subs-.-
Loans and aects.
rec'ble-others rec'ble-others.
Unamort. disc. \& Unamort. disc. \&

Expensed debits...- \begin{tabular}{cc|c}
\multicolumn{4}{c}{ Balance Sheet Dec. 31.} <br>
1926. \& 1925. \& Labrtities -

 

$82,073,763$ <br>
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\end{tabular} $\begin{array}{cc}\stackrel{S}{8} & \stackrel{\S}{S} \\ \mathbf{6 7 3}, 763 & 62,532,09 \\ 2,231,73\end{array}$ Labilities-

Cap. stk. (no par)
Deb. bonds, 6\%-4
Contractual Llab-

Deb. bond subscr|  | 1926. |
| :---: | :---: |
| S | 1925. |
|  | $\$$ |
| 085,945 | $40,008,68$ | $\begin{array}{cc}\text { S } & \text { S. } \\ 1,085,945 & 40,008,689 \\ 5,791,100 & 35,922,100\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{cc}5,791,100 & 35,922,100 \\ 1,360,975 & 1,845,975 \\ 37\end{array}$ $, 360,975$

357,704 107,704
107,857

33,664 \begin{tabular}{|lr|l}
1683,829 \& $3,646,809$ \& $\begin{array}{l}\text { Deb. bond subscr- } \\
\text { Dividends declared }\end{array}$ <br>
168,944 \& 11,144,364 \& $\begin{array}{l}\text { Accounts payable- }\end{array}$ <br>
\hline

 

168,944 \& $11,144,364$ \& $\begin{array}{l}\text { Accounts payable- } \\
\text { Accound } \\
\text { Accrued accounts. } \\
\text { Reserve }\end{array}$ <br>
\hline 188,756 \& $3,592,738$ \&
\end{tabular} Reserve.

Surplus.

Total
tal-... Dec. 311926. 238. 31 1926. Dec. 31 shs. 81950 238,469 shs. 235,775 shs.
$, 728,150$ shs. $1,646,397$ shs. *Stock Outstanding Preferred
Common Common
Common
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V. 123, p. 2773 scrip equivalent to

American Telephone \& Telegraph Co.-Denies Split-up Following a sensational market in Company's stock March 16 and 17 ,
President Walter S. Gifford emphatically denied that any plan of recapitalation," said Mr . Gifford. "The corporate reorganization, stock split-up
and increased dividend suggested in a morning newspaper is absurd. It is out of harmony with the aims and ideals of the company, as anyone who has
followed its progress and read its reports must know.
American Utilities Co.-Bonds Offered.-J. G. White \& Co., Inc., Parsley Bros. \& Co. and Paul \& Co. are offering at 100 and int. $\$ 1,225,500$ additional 1st lien \& ref. gold bonds series "A" 6\% Dated Dec. 1 1925; due Dec. 11945 (see original offering in B. 122, p. 478)
D. 478 ded Dec. 1 1925; due Dec. 11945 (see original offering in V. 122,
 In excess of $83,128.500$ and constituting the sold funded debt of the issuing
companies $)$ and ail of the capital stock except directors
oualirving shares
 Co., the Texas General Utilities Co., the Kentucky Service Co., the Pan-
Debentures Offered.-Parsley Bros. \& Co. and Paul \& Co., Philadelphia, are offering at $961 / 2$ and int., yielding about $6.88 \%, \$ 350,000$ additional 15 -year $61 / 2 \%$ gold debentures. Dated Nov. 1 1926, due Nov. 1 1941. (see original offering in V. 123, p. 3179.)
Data from Letter of S. W. Fleming Jr., President of the Company. Capitalization -
W. Fleming Jr., P Common stock (voting trust certificates)

Authorized Outstanding
$150,000 \mathrm{shs}$
$50,535 \mathrm{shs}$. \$7 dividend cumulative preferred stock
1st lien \& refunding gold bonds, 1945
.-- 50,000 shs $\quad 14,445$ shs.
shs.
 $x$ Additional bonds may be issued only subject to the restrictions of the
trust indenture. y The issuance of $\$ 76,500$ par value of these bonds is trust indenture. y The issuance of $\$ 76,500$ par value of these bonds is
subject to the approval of the Missouri P. S. Commission.
Company - Through its various subsidiaries, supplies in 60 communities one or more of the rollowing servicessi electric, light and power, gas, water and ice. These communities, of which 27 are county or parish seats, are Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, The aggregate population supplied with
one or more services is estimated at over 163,400 . The company owns the entire capital stock, except directors' qualifying Co., Inc, the Arkansas General Utilities Co., the Texas General Utilities Co., the Missouri General Utilities Co, the Kentucky Service Co., the also owns 44.4\% of the common stock of the Mansfield Light \& Power Earnings -Consolidated earnings of the company and its subsidiaries
for the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1926, including earnings from properties for the 12 months ended Dec. 311926 , including earnings from properties Gross earnings .-.........
Oper exp, maint. \& taxes, except Federal taxes.
Annual interest 1st lien \& refunding $6 \%$ bonds.- $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{r}-\$ 1,362,743 \\ -\quad 955,775 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Balance-
Interest, 15 -year $61 / 2 \%$ gold debentures (this issue)
During the past 12 months the subsidiary complen
$\overline{8229,1788}$
$\$ 750,000$ for improvements, extensions, \&c., the benefits from which are Earnings as above limited extent in the above figures.
times annual interest requirements on the debenture in excess of 2.52 Purpose.- Proceeds from the sale of the present issues. of bonds and deben-
tures will, together with other funds, provide for payment for cert properties recently acquired by subsidiaries, for construction, for the properties recently acquired by subsidiaries, for construction, for the
retirement of $\$ 997,000$ Union Edison Co. $5 \%$ notes and for other corporate purposes.-V. 124, p. 1356

American Water Works \& Electric Co., Inc.-Acqui-silion.-
The company on March 15 announced the purchase of the Ashtabula vice pumping capacity of $18,500,000$ gallons dailly has a nominal high ser-
pany now purchasing com-

Ashtabula (O.) Water Supply Co.-Control-
See American Water Works \& Electric Co., Inc., above.-V. 105, p. 391.
Associated Gas \& Electric Co.-Dividend on Class A Stock, \&ec.-
The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend payable of $21 / 2 \%$ of one share of class A stock for each share held. At this rate the
stock dividend is equivalent stock dividend is equivalent to about $\$ 4$ cash per share per year based on
the present market price of about $\$ 40$. A distribution of $21 / 2 \%$ in stock The regular quarterly dividends of Feb. 1 last.
series preferred stock and of $\$ 1.621 / 2$ per sharer on the $\$ 6.50$ dividend series preferred stock were declared, both payable June 1 to holders of record also provided for, at the option of the holders, the exact details to be determined subsequently, as customary, by the executive committee.
Consolidated Statement of Earnings of Properties Since Dates of Acquisition.
12 Months Ended Jan. 31-
Gross earnings \& other income-
Oper. exps., maint., all tax., \&c.
$\begin{gathered}\text { Net earnings } \\ \text { Pref. divs. of sub. \& affil. cos. }\end{gathered}$

 Prov. for replacements \& renew
Class A priority divs.( $\$ 2$ per sh.)

Athens (Ga.) Electric Ry.-Bonds Called.-
All of the outstanding first mtge. $6 \%$ gold bonds, due 1931, have been

Brooklyn Borough Gas Co.-To Retire Pref. Stock.-
The directors have called for redemption as of April 1 all of the outstand-
ing $61 / 2 \%$ preerred stock at $\$ 53.75$ per share
 Preereread stock were offeeded the parew stock at par, but could not exchange
Buffalo Niagara \& Eastern Power Corp.-Acquisition of Western New York Utilities, Inc., Approved.The Now York Public Service Commission has authorized the corporation or Western New York Utilities, Inc., upon the express condition that in granions hee ordar the commission does not pass upon the value of the
property of consideration proposed to be paid for the stock: nor shail such consideration constitute any evidence in any proceeding, suit or of matter hereafter in-
volvint or rates, charges or service of the company or its successorks U tillties. Inc..
stoct stock to be acquired by the Buffalo corporation consists of 27,500 shares The Western. New York Utilities, Inc., supplies gas in Albion and elec tricity in Batavia, Albion, Medina and various other municipalities in Erie given in territory contiguous to that served by the Niagara Lockport \&
Ontario Power Co. More than $95 \%$ of the common stock of the latter company is now owned by the Buffalo Niagara \& Eastern Power Corp.-
V. 124. p. 1218.

Chicago North Shore \& Milwaukee RR.-Report (Incl. Chicago \& Milwaukee Electric Ry.).
$\qquad$ Operating revenues_-
Operating expenses

Net rev. railway oper
Net auxiliary oper. rev-

| $\begin{gathered} 1926 . \\ \$ 7,568,362 \\ 5,644,846 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1925 . \\ & \$ 6,850,165 \\ & 5,066,956 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1924 . \\ & \$ 6,198,987 \\ & 4,650,030 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1923 . \\ & \$ 5,945,272 \\ & 4,464,421 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{r} \hline \$ 1,923,516 \\ 99,808 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \$ 1,783,209 \\ 86,994 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | \$1,548,957 800 | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,480,851 \\ 11,444 \end{array}$ |
| $\begin{array}{r} \$ 2,023,324 \\ 400,838 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,870,203 \\ 408,255 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,549,757 \\ 298,609 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,492,295 \\ 279,448 \end{array}$ |
| $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,622,486 \\ 191,805 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,461,948 \\ 151,673 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,251,148 \\ 60,155 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,212,847 \\ 26,626 \end{array}$ |
| $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,814,290 \\ 1,082,863 \\ \times 729,741 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,613,621 \\ 832,991 \\ \times 525,360 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,311,303 \\ 610,583 \\ \times 393,301 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \$ 1,239,473 \\ 552,608 \\ \mathbf{y} 158,267 \end{array}$ |
| $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,686 \\ \$ 919,507 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 255,270 \\ \$ 733,594 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 307,419 \\ & \$ 640,216 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 528,598 \\ & \$ 350,237 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{array}{r} 50,000 \\ \$ 0.03 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 50,000 \\ \$ 5.10 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 50.000 \\ \$ 6.15 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50.000 \\ & \$ 10.57 \end{aligned}$ | por share on co x Being

sents $3 \%$ d
outstandin pref. stock and $11 / 2$

## (Including

Ehicago \& Milwaukee Electric Ry.

|  | 1926. | 1925. | Llabilities- | 1926. | 1925. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

Sinking funds
Deposits in Heu of
mtgd. prop. sold
Mis. phys. prop. prop.
Adv, to asfil prop
Miscell. invests.-:
Misc. bds. in treas.
special deposits...
Cash
Valley Linn tinanc-
ing account_...
Loans \& notes reo-
Ace ts
Acc'ts receivable -
Materials \& sup Materials \& suppl's Land contracts
Prepald exp.
Lede
Prepard exp. \& det.
Items
$-\mathrm{V}, 124, \mathrm{p} .1069647$

## Chicago Surface Lines.-Review.-

Chicago Railways, Chicago City Railway, Calumet \& South Chicago and Southern Street records as to property assets, franchises, cash reserves,
control traffic, operations and earnings, and concerning the defaults on
 prospects, are reviewed by Wm. Hughes Clarke of South La Salle St.
Chicago in the "Financial World" of Feb. 26 and March 5 . This summary urges a prompt solution for the surface companies alone, within the thary opportunities now available, for the immediate relied of investors and
car-riders. Mr. Clarke informs us that reprint copies of the articles can car-riders. Mr. Clarke informs us that rep
be obtained on application.-V. 124, p. 790 .
Cincinnati \& Suburban Bell Telephone Co.-Larger Dividend.-
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.13$ per share on the outstanding capital stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 19. Referring to the income account for the calendar year 1926 published in the "Chronicle" of March 12, the last line should have read "Earnings per share on 366,558 shares of cap
1926) $\$ 5.27,-\mathrm{V} .124$, p. 1508 .
Cities Service Co.-Dividends-Debentures Called.Regular dividends of $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ in cash on the preferred and preference stocks, $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ in cash on the common stock and $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ in stock on
the common stock have been declared, all payable May 2 to holders of The company has called for redemption all of its outstanding convertible gold debentures of the following series: B $7 \%$, D $8 \%$, $\mathrm{E} 8 \%$. The
bonds will be redeemed April 211927 at the Bankers Trust Co 16 Wall St, N. Y. City. Conversion privileges will expire on all issues. April 21 . 106 and int.
Henry L. Doherty Disavows "One-Man Control".-
Pres. Henry L. Doherty, whose serious illness on March 3 was used as a
pretext by professional traders to bring about a sensational break in the pretext by professional traders to bring about a sensational break in the
common stock of the company, has addressed a letter to stockholders of his companies describing the condition of his health and announcing that he never expects again "to take an active part in the routine work" or the
business. He denied emphatically that the company was a "one-man concern;; and insisted that hisis organization had bean so perfected that it
would function perfectly without him. He intimated that on account of his health it had become necessary for him virtually to retire from active business and sald that he was "still unable to conduct business in the
ordinary way," He regretted that he was not on the "firing line" when ordinary way." He regretted that he was not on the "firing line" when
the attempt was made to raid the company's stock. citive last thing I want to do is to say anything that may sound like impatient man and am not given to making impatient statements, but I have got to the poime where mis hard for me to preserve the semblance of man concern." There are many reasons why I have been so closely assoclated with the company in the public mind that perhaps many people never think of one without thinking or the other, but wnen people talk some single individual. "I am perfectly willing that you should go for verification of what I
say to our own competitors, and I do not think that there is any question say to our own competitors, and I Io not think that there is any question
but what they will say that the company does not deserve the reputation of being a one-man concern. It is possible to have organizations and
aggregations. We have an organization well knit together, most of the
men having been associated with our concern since they left universities.
We have done at least more than our share of training the men who make up We have done at least more than our share or training the men who make up
the great army who carry on the public utility business of the country, and
if there is any one concern that could carry on under any or all circumstances regardless of what happened to me, or what happens to other prominent men in the company, it is the company, and you will do me a
great favor by asking these questions of the men who are in the public great favorness and who know what they are talking about, and you will utility a very great favor if you can find a single man who does not admit
do me
that this is one concern that does not depend on thelife or health of any single that this is one concern that does not depend on the life or health of an
individual to continue to carry on its operations.-V. 124, p. 1357

Columbia Gas \& Electric Corp. (\& Subs.).-Earnings Period Ended
Gross earnings
 Reserved for renewals and replacements \& depletion

Net operating earnings
Total income


Net income applicable to dividends on pref. and
com. stks of Columbia Gas \& Elec. Corp. on
basis that all shares exchangeable therefor
have been deposited
have been deposited
nnual. div. requrements 951,848 shs. of $6 \%$
preferred stock issuable.-....-......... $6 \% ~ \$ 3,821,204 \$ 26,336,284$
In his monthly letter to shareholders. Pres. Philip G.- Gossler says: stock recently offered were due Feb. 251927 . Miditional shares of common have been subscribed for and approximately $88 \%$ thereof paid for in full and stock certificates therefor issued, while subscribers for approximately
$13 \%$ of the shares took advantage of the installment method of payment offered. Funds so collected to date amount to more than $\$ 20,300,000$.

Consolidated Gas Co. of New York.-Stock Changes.This company and the following subsidiaries have filed certificates at
Albany, N. Y., increasing its authorized capital stock, viz.

Nar value. York Edison Co., $2,508,080$ to $4,308,080$ shs., no par value.
s., no par

Value. York \& Quens Gas Co., 6,000 to 70,800 shares, no par value.
New
Westchester Lighting Co., 384,400 to 700,000 shs., no par value. See Westchester Light
also $\mathrm{V} .124, \mathrm{p} .1508$
With a view to the retirement on or before May 11927 of all shares of
the $6 \%$ cumul. partic. pref. stock of the Consolidated Gas Co of York now outstanding, the transfer book of the said stock was permanently closed on March 151927 . Hereafter no transfer of the said stock will be
recorded. $\mathrm{V} .124, \mathrm{p} .1508$.
Dakota Central Telephone Co.-Annual Report.Calendar Years-
Total telephone revenue
Operating expense....
Current maintenance-.
Depreciation
Taxes

Net telephone earns
Sundry net earnings.
Total net earnings Divs.. pref. \& common.
Balance for surplus
-V .122, p. 1308.


Denver Tramway Corp.-Notes Sold.
Boettcher \& Co. and the International Trust Co. as underwriters an-
nounce that subscription books have been closed for $\$ 1,750,0006 \%$. (underlying) mtge. collateral trust sinking fund gold notes dated April 1 1927 maturing Oct. 1 1933, which the corporation is issuing in connection
with its April 1 maturities of $\$ 2,598,000$ of underlying bonds. All the with its April
notes were taken undurtites preferential opportunity giveng the hold. Alder of the
maturing bonds to subscribe for the new notes. See V. 124, p. 150.
East Bay Water Co.-Dividend.-
The company has increased the dividend rate on the "B" preferred stock to $\$ 6$ annually from $\$ 5$, with the declaration of a quarterly dividend of
$\$ 1.50$ per share, payable April 15 to holders of record March 31.-V. 123 .
Eighth \& Ninth Avenue Ry.-Registrar.
The American Exchange Irving Trust Co. has been appointed registrar
for the capital stock.-V. 124, p. 110 .
Electric Bond Share Co.-New Vice-Presidents.C. E. Groesbeck, for several years a Vice-President, has been elected Share Securities Corp. A.S. Grenier and P. B. Sawyer have been elected additional Vice-Presidents of both companes.-V. 124, p. 1066.

Electric Power \& Light Corp. (\& Subs.).-Earnings.Calendar Years-
Exposs earnings
Expenses of Electric Power \& Light Corp
Interest deductions of Elec. Pow, Interest deductions of Elec. Pow. \& Lt. Corp-
Preforred dividiends of Elec. Pow. \& Lt. Corp.
Second pref. divs. of Elec. Pow. \& Lt. Corp.
 a Of Electric Power \& Light Corp. and undistributed income of subsidiary companies applicable to Electric Power \& Light Corp. after renewal (depreciation) appropriations for the 12 months ended Dec. 311926 . $\$ 4,070,876$, and for the 12 months ended Dec. 311925 they were $\$ 3,637,068$. Gross and Net Earnings of Operating Subsidiaries 12 Months Ended Dec. 31.
Gross earnings of subsidiaries.
 Balance Sheet Dec. 31 (Electric Power \& Light Corporation) $\underset{\text { Investments }}{\text { Insets }}$ Cashtments ..... Subsidiaries.
Others Others...s........
Accots ree., subsid Acc'ts rec.,.subsid.
Acc'ts ree., others Reacq'd cap, stock


Sted taxes... *Stock outstanding Dec. 31 $\$ 7$ cumulative preferred stock. Common stock
Option warrants for common stock Uncalled balance on pref. stock subscriptions
Shares shares Amount



Holders of option warrants outstanding are entitled to purchase one
share of common stock, without limitation as to time, at $\$ 25$ per share for each option warrant held, and each share of the company's 2 nd pref,
stock, Series A, when accompanied by four option warrants, will be stock, series A, when accompanied by four option warrants, will be ac-
cepred at $\$ 100$ in payment for such common stock in lieu of cash.-V. 124 , cepied
Essex \& Hudson Gas Co.-Merger Operative.-
Frankford Tacony \& Holmesburg Street Ry. - Final Payment. -
Non-assenting bondholders are notified that the final account of the by the Taconeen approved by the Court and that distribution will be made ttached.-V. 121, p. 2037.
Gary Railways Co.-Income Account. Calendar Years-
Operating revenueOperating expenses-
Other charges, including taxes Interest on funded debt
Dividends declared


Balance
$\$ 20,090$
\$81,792


Georgia Power Co.-Underlying Bonds-
A ist of the underlying bonds, to be outstanding upon completion of

Ref \& impt 5 S , 1949-1.
Georgia Electric Light Co. 1st 5 s , 1930
Atlanta Stret Ry. 1st 6s, 190. 190 .
Atanta Consolidated St. Ry. 1st cons. 5 s , 1939
Atlanta Consolidated St. Ry. 1st cons. 5s.
Athens Ry \& Elec. Co. 1st \& ref. 5. 1900
Rome Ry. \& Light Co. 1st mtge. 5 s. 1946 .


#### Abstract

-............- $81,177,000$


311926 $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Amount to Call } & \text { Date of Date of Notice } \\ \text { be Called. } & \text { Price. } & \text { Call, } \\ \text { of Call. }\end{array}$ (a) Bonds Being Called- $-\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Amount to } \\ & \text { Georgia Ry. }\end{aligned}$ \& Powled.

 1st mtge. 30-year 6s, 1931
Gen. mtge. 8s, 1936.....
Milledgeville Ltg. Co.
1st mtge. 25 -yr. $6 \mathrm{~s}, 1949$ _ 387,000

131,400 | 1thent Gas Lt. \& Fuel Co. | 147,100 |
| :--- | :--- |



$\begin{gathered}\text { Rome } \\ \text { 1st mtge. } 30 \text {-yr. } 5 \mathrm{~s}, 1946\end{gathered} 115,000 \quad 105 \quad \&$ int.

Hanover \& McSherrytown Water Co.-Notes Offered.Vought \& Co., Inc., New York, are offering at 99 and int., to yield $6.13 \%, \$ 350,000$ 10-year $6 \%$ gold notes, series A. Dated March 1 1927: due March 11937 . Principal and int. (M. \& S.)
payable at Seaboard National Bank, New York, trustee. without deduction por the normal Federal income tax, not exceeding $2 \%$. Penna. 4-minl tax
for thas. income tax not exceeding $6 \%$ refunded. Denom. S1-000 and and ${ }^{*}$ Red, at any time upon 30 days notice, as a whole or in part.
\$500ush drawing by lot, at 103 during first three years from date, at 102
thro through drawing by lot, at 103 during first three years from date, at 102
during succeeding three years, and at $1001 / 2$ during remaining four years during succeeplig inree in each case.
to maturity, plus int. in
Company, - Incorporated in 1895 as the Consumers Water Co. of Hanover
and in 1905 merged with the MeSherrytown water Co., at which time the present corporate name was adopted. Supplies water for domestic and industrial purposes to the Boroughs of Hanover and McSherrystown
Pa., and also territory adjacent thereto located in Penn and Conewago townships, in central Pennsylvania. Total population served estimated to be over 17,000
Capitalization-
$6 \%$ 1st ref.
$6 \%$ thtge. gold bonds, due 1941 -
$6 \%$ 10--ear gold notes,
Copital stock (par $\$ 50$ )
Authorized. Outstanding
$\$ 550,000$

$\qquad$ Earnings-Year Ended Dec. 311926.

Net earnings
on 1st ref. metge. $6 \%$ gold bonds A (this issue) $\begin{array}{r}\$ 76,451 \\ 33 \\ \hline\end{array}$ Annual interest on 1 st ref. mtge. $6 \%$ gold bonds
Annual interest on 10 -year $6 \%$ gold notes, series A (this issue) $\begin{array}{r}33,000 \\ 21,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Balance--
Purpose.-Purpose,-Froceeds wil be used to reire cosing indebtednes ond betterments and for other corporate purposes.
and Management
Hudson County Gas Co.-Merger Operative.-
See Public Service Electric \& Gas Co. below.-V. 124 , $\mathbf{~ D ~} 235$
Indianapolis Power \& Light Co.-Initial Pref. Div.March directors declare quarterly dividend for the period ending March 31 1927, of $13 \% \%$ on the outstanding preferred stock,
April 1 to holders of record March 10. See also V. 124, p. 506 .
International Tel. \& Tel. Corp.-Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.-
 Plant, property \&
concessions . $53,520,852$ Capital stock...... $51,290,221$ 31,905,821 Pats. Adv., to \& invest in arfil. Interests $22,544,437 \quad 10,076,965$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Special deposits-... } & 479,833 \\ \text { Deferred charges } & 2,911,215 & 2,597,468 \\ \text { C } & 2,56\end{array}$ Cash Ma -atabie securs. Accts. \& notecrerec
Due on subsc. Due on subse. to
capital stock. Materials \& suppl-
Deposits to $\underset{\substack{\text { Deposits } \\ \text { maturing int. } \& \\ \text { dive }}}{\text { meet }}$ divs. payable...
Miss. .acts. \& Inv.
Sundry curr, assets
$\qquad$

Total_........ $\overline{130,982,243} \overline{99,183,597}$ Total_....... $\overline{130,982,243} \overline{99,183,597}$ Our usual comparative income account was given in V. 124, p. 1510 .

Radio telephone communication was established to-day between Great
The circuit commenced at the Havana office of the Britain and Cuba. The circuit commenced at the Havana office of the
Cuban Telephone Co, a subsidiary of the International thence by way of the deep sea telephone cable connecting Cuba to Key West, passed over in New York City and from there by radio acrass to. to Ao Ats headadicuarters Ocen to
England, where it was connected with the long distance line of the British
Ge General Post Office to its headquarters in London. The distance covered in the conversation, including the total radio
and land lines. was an follows From Havana to London via New York and
Wrount Wroughton, 5,250 miles, and from London to Havana via Rugby, Noulton
and New York, 5,380 miles.-V. 124, p. 1510,1359 .

International Utilities Corp.-Earnings.[Including subsidary operating companies.]
Years Ended Dec. 31 -
Gross earnings, incliciuding other income--...-
Oper exp., incl. depl., amortiz., deprec., maint.
\& taxes, incl. Federal taxes and earn. applic.
to minority interest in common stock of subsids.
Net earnings-
Interest and disc
$\begin{array}{cc}1926 . & 1925 . \\ \$ 4,966,147 & \$ 4,615,440\end{array}$
$\frac{3,255,118}{31,086,833}$


Net income to surplus
$\begin{aligned} & \$ 621.193 \\ & 4.302 \\ & 43 \$ 525,878 \\ & 15,521 \\ & 14.017\end{aligned}$

44.302
443,017

Combined net earnings on the basis of stock
ownership-onsolidated Sürpluis Account as ai Dec. 311926.
Consolidated surplus Dec. 31 1925, including earned, donated
and paid in surpus
and paid in surplus.
Less proportion prior to a aqui
Profit on class A stock retired
Holding co
Total
made by subsid. on pur. of own stock
 $\begin{array}{r}\$ 1,472,284 \\ 208,572 \\ 467,563 \\ \hline\end{array}$ Total surplus earned, donated and pald in
Add-Surplus (earned and capital) accuired Add-Surplus (earned and capital) acquired by purchase tions' stock over cost of exceuss of par value of sub. corpora
tion of such stock Total consolidated surplus Dec. 311926
-V .124, p. 920.


 Total income..... Rental of leased ry- pr
Int..... funded debt.
Other deductiond Divs. on prior lien stock
 Preferred dividends.. Balance, surplus.---
Profit \& loss, surplus $\mathbf{x}$ Also (in 1926) inclu

The companies to be acquired, which are interconnected and under one
control are contiguous to the Long Island Iighting Co. properties and will


Michigan Bell Telephone Co.-Annual Report.Telephone oper. $\begin{aligned} & \text { rev.- } \\ & \text { Telephone oper. exp.- }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{array}{r}1926 . \\ -\quad \begin{array}{r}130 \\ 21,120.469 \\ \hline\end{array} \\ \hline\end{array}$ Net telep. oper. rev-
Uncollectible oper. rev.
Operating income.
Net non-oper. revenues.- $\begin{array}{r}\$ 5,991,584 \\ 168,526\end{array}$
Total gross income---
Rent \& misc. deductions Interest deductions.. Other appropriations $\underset{\substack{\text { Balance, surplus } \\ \text { Shares of }}}{ }$ Earn outstanding (par \$100) Earn. per sh. on cap. stk M23, p. 3183.

## Midland Utilities

 Total expenses, incl. administration, \&c., charges.
Interest on loans and serial gold notes........ Interest on loans and serial gold notes.-.
Appropriated as reserves for contingencies
Net income for the year-
Dividends on prior lien stock

| 310,369 | 314,779 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 150,000 | 150,000 |

 Commond on class " A " and " B " pref. stock....... $\begin{array}{ll}932,596 & 740.992 \\ 494,594 & 219.048\end{array}$ accruing to Midiand Utilities Co...---.........-Cr.155,090 Cr.376,878
Balance.
Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31 (Midland Utilities Co.) ${ }_{\text {Assets }}$

 Securs., contracts, goow-will,
good-will, \&C_-. $35,949,934$ 28,903,330 Common stock.-
Com. stk. subser
Funded debt

Def. paym'ts on
purch. contracts $2,385,287$
Der
d22,481
 Consolidated Income Account Year Ended Dec. 31.1926 (Midland Utilities Operating revenue and other income-1.-.-. $\$ 20,191,060$
Oper. exp. \& taxes (incl. charge for retirement $\$ 1,058,742$ )-- $13,537,045$ Profits on sat $\frac{209,963}{\$ 6,354,052}$
 Amorlizancy or discount on securitie.

 | 169,863 |
| :--- |
| 150.000 |
| 845,669 |




 pantes $5,087,836$ Minor. stockhol. equity in


Total (each side) de) $\qquad$ Current liabilities.Der. pay. on purch.oblig. \&e.
Retirement \& other rese. $14,970,739$
$52,576,294$
$6,244,123$
2,990
$x$
Repren
Mississippi Power Co.-Bonds Offered.-Harris, Forbes \& Co., Bonbright \& Co., Inc., and Coffin \& Burr, Inc., are offering at 96 and int., yielding about $5.27 \%, \$ 2,000,000$ 1 st \& ref. mtge. gold bonds, $5 \%$ series of 1955. Dated Sept. 11925 ; due Sept. 11955 (see original offering in V. 121, p. 979; V. 122, p. 2799)

Data from Letter of B. E. Eaton, President of the Company Company,-A subsidiary of Southeastern Power \& Light Co. Was organ-
ized in Maine for the purpose of developing water power and distributing and selling hydro-electric power. Supplies electric service to a population estimated at over 150,000 . in 39 cities and towns, including almost all the important communities in the eastern half of the State of Mississippi from is rendered in 4 of these communities and gas service in three. Practically $80 \%$ of gross earnings for the 12 months ended Jan. 311927 were derived During the past year tis
been connected with the hydro-electric of the company's properties have The cities of Moridian, Laurel and Hattiesburg are connected with that system by a 110.000 -volt transmission line. Further north a second line Tupelo, Aberdeen and Booneville. A third line from Alabama serves Iuka, in the extreme northeastern section of the State. The isolated steam plants formerly serving these communities are for the most part held in reserve and hydro-electric power to meet a very large proportion of current
demands is being purchased at wholesale prices from Alabama Power Co. Earnings for 12 Months Ended Jan. 311927.


 Capitalization -
Common stock (no par value)
 First $\&$ ref. mted. bonds, $5 \%$ series due 1955 (in-
cluding this offering).

Closed
Onortgage
$\$ 7,750,000$
893,500
$x$ Limited by the conservative restrictions of the mortgage.
Purpose, Company has recently acquired properties serving a group of
communities in the northeastern section of the State, including the City of Columbus. The proceeds of the present issue of $\$ 2,000,000$ bonds will be
connection with the acquisition of these properties, the constructio
transmission lines, and other corporate purposes.-V. $123, \mathrm{p} .982$.
Montana Power Co.-Annual Report.$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Calendar Years- } & 1926 . & 1925 . & 1924 . & 1923 . \\ \text { Gross earnings_--- } & \$ 9,140,205 & \$ 8,438,726 & \$ 7,939,479 & \$ 8,056,200 \\ \text { Oper. expenses and taxes } & \times 2,684,886 & \times 2,697,543 & \times 2,735,189 & \times 2,666,962\end{array}$ Net earnings.----
Income from invest-
Interest received...-
Net incomeInterest charges....-.-.
Federal income taxes.
Depreciation.... Depreciation.--
Preferred divs.
Common divs

Balance, surplus_Shares of common out
standing (par $\$ 100$ ).

Earn. per sh. on com. | arn. per sh, on com-- |
| :--- |
| x Except Federal taxes.-V. |

Mountain States Te Calendar Years- 1926. \& 1925. Co.-Annual Report $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Catendar Years- } & 1926 . & 1925 . & 1924 . & 1923 . \\ \text { Telephone oper. revs._- } \$ 17,845,882 & \$ 16,870,928 & \$ 16,021,250 & \$ 15,659.958 \\ \text { Telephone oper. exps_-- } 11,431,467 & 11,149,404 & 10,556,451 & 10,486,786\end{array}$

Total net oper. rev.
Uncollectible oper. revs
Uncollectible oper. re............
Operating income
Operating income-...
Net non-oper. revenues
Total gross income-.Rent \& misc. deducti Dividends ( $7 \%$ )
Approp. for employees

Balance, surplus_-.-
Shares of capital stoc Earn. persh. on cap. stk

Mutual Telephone Co., Erie, Pa.-Permanent Bonds. R. F. DeVoe \& Co., announce that permanent Mutual Telephone Co.,
series "B" $5 \%$ bonds, due 1945 , are now ready for delivery at the Erie
Trust Co., in exchange for and upon surrender of temporary certificates now outstanding. For offering, see V. 123, p. 1504 .

Nassau \& Suffolk Lighting Co.-Control Sought.-
See Long Island Lighting Co. above.
The Nassau \& Suffolk Lighting Co. announced on March 9 last that March 20 it would reduce its rates from $\$ 2.05$ per $1,000 \mathrm{cu}$. ft. of gas to
$\$ 1.75$. The rate is still 60 cents per $1,000 \mathrm{cu}$. ft. higher than that in
New York City. V . 117 , p. 2797 .

National Electric Power Co.-Subs. Acquire Utilities.Acquisitions by two subsidiaries of the above company were announced
last week. The Kansas Electric Power Co is acquiring the properties of last week. The Kansas Electric Power Co is acquiring the properties of
the Emporia (Kan.) Gas Co. and the Southwest Power Co. is taking over
the properties of the McAlester (Okla.) Gas \& Fuel Co. Both the Kansas the properties of the McAlester (Okla.) Gas \& Fuel Co. Both the Kansas
Electric Power Co. and the Southwest Power Co. operate the electric power

National Fuel Gas Co.-To Split Up Shares.-
The stockholders will vote April 28 on changing the authorized capital
stock from 370,000 shares of $\$ 100$ par value (all outstanding) into 3 stock from 370,000 shares of $\$ 100$ par value (all outstanding) into $3,700,000$
shares of no par value, 10 new shares to be issued in exchange for each share of present stock. Jusident $W$. Judge, says in substance: "The propose 1 exchange adds It should not be assumed that there will be any increase in the amid dividends to be paid, as such change is not contemplated."-V. 123, p. 3183 .

National Public Service Corp.-Change in Control.Day \& Zimmermann of Philadelphia announce that they and their associates have acquired from A. E. Fitkin the controlling interest in the above corporation.
Mr. Zimmermann will be President of the latter company. No change in the operating personnel is contemplated but the company will have the
benefit of the long experience of Mr. Zimmermann and his organization in
the public utility field. the public utility field.
The corporation, with
up by Mr. Fitkin, who remains on the board. $\$ 27,000,000$, has been built in The most important properties controlled by the company are situated lina, Georgia and Florida, and serve an aggregate population of over
$2,000,000$. The principal companies controlled by the corporation include Jersey Central Power \& Light Co., Virginia Public Service Co.. Tidewater
Power Co. Forida Power Corp., Eastern Shore Gas \& Electric Co. and
Municipal Service Co. control and supervision of the affairs of the company because of his desire
to devote all of his time and attention to his Western properties known as the Inland Power \& Light Corp. system.-V. 124, p. 1360.

New York Telephone Co.-New Director.H. F. Thurber.-V. 124, p. 1503. ${ }^{\text {The }}$.

Pacific Gas \& Electric Co.-Dividend.-
The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 50 cents on This is equivalent to the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 2$ paid on the old

Paterson \& Passaic Gas \& Electric Co.-Merger.-
See Public Service Electric \& Gas Co. below.-V. 124, p. 236 .
See Public Service Electric \& Gas Co. below.-V. 124, p. 236.
Philadelphia Co.-Tenders.-
The Provident Trust Co., trustee, 1508 Chestnut St., Phila., Pa., wil bonds, dated March 11899 , to an amount sufficient to exhaust $\$ 115,464$,

Public Service Co. of Oklahoma.- $-2 \%$ Common Div.-
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of $2 \%$ on the common the directors have declared a quarterly dividend of $2 \%$ on the common stock, payable April to
company paid a dividend of $1 \%$ on the common stock, compared with $2 \%$
in the previous quarterly and $3 \%$ on June 301926 .-V. 124, p Public quarterly and $3 \%$ on June $301926 .-\mathrm{V} .124$, p. 922
Public Service Corp, of Long Island.-Control Sought.-
Public Service Corp. of New Jersey.-Subsidiary Ac quires Control of Five of Its Lessor Companies.
Soe Public Service Electric \& Gas Co. below.-V. 124, p. 1511, 1505.
Public Service Electric \& Gas Co.-Acquires Control of Five Lessor Companies-New Station.-
A notice to the holders of certificates of deposit for stocks of companies exchange of the capital stocks of certainent dated Dec. 281926 for the exchange of the capital stocks of certain companies leased to the above
company, it was provided that upon the date therein named, but since
extended until and including March 12 1927, the agreements of purchase
or exchange should forthwith become operative in respect of the stock of each lessor of which a majority of the stock shall then have been deposited. A majority of the stock having been deposited of Essex \& Hudson Gas Co.
Hudson County Gas Co., New Brunswick Light, Heat \& Power Co. and Hudson County Gas \&o., New Brunswick Light, Heat \& Power Co. and operative as to the stocks of said companies under all of the options. TPercy that there have been deposited enough shares of stock of the Somerset
Union \& Middlesex Lighting Co., together with the shares already held, to give the corporation a majority of the outstanding stock.]
It was further provided in the deposit agreement that in respect of the stock of any one or more of the lessors deposited under option B and-or
option C, the Public Service Co. might by written notice given to the depositaries, declare the agreement of purchase or exchange to be operative irrespective of whether or not a majority of the stock of such lessor shall
then have been deposited, but that as to any stock of such companies deposited under option A, such agreement should in such case only be de-
clared operative with the consent of the holder of the certificate of deposit representing the same. Substantial percentages, but not a majority, of
the stocks of the remaining companies have been deposited. |The four the stocks of the remaining companies have been deposited.
companies the stock of which is not under control, due to max
jority of stockholders to accept the offers, are the South Jersey Gas, Electric \& Traction Co., with a capitalization of $\$ 6,000,000$; the Newark Consolidated Gas
$\$ 2,000,000$ and the Ridgewood Gas Co., $\$ 100,000$. J
Accordingly the Public Service Corp. and Public Service Electric Co have by written notice to the depositaries declared the agreement operative option C and as to any stock deposited under option A with the consent to be communicated in writing to the depositaries not later than March 21 The depositaries were prepared on March 14 to make settlement under deliver new stock certificates under option A or option C (with adjustment of dividends as of March 12), except as to stock deposited under option A
in cases requiring the consent of holders of certificates of deposit. This company plans to start work soon on the new electric switching
station for the It will cost
approximately $\$ 3,000,000$ and will be called the Hudson switching station. The others are at Trenton and Athenia, near Passaic, N. J the company. The Hudson station will distribute electric power generated at Essex,
Kearny and Marion generation stations so as to take care of the growing Kemands of Jersey City, Union City Hoboken, Hackensack, Bayonne, Rutherford, Englewood, Edgewater, Leonia and other municipalities in
Hudson and Bergen counties. The site comprises about 7 acres in the The portion of the station to be completed this year will represent a
The poricient to distribute the present total output of the Muscle Shoals power plant. The ultimate capacity is designed to be
$288,000 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$. or $40 \%$ of the total capacity of the electric development of
Puget Sound Power \& Light Co.-Pref. Stock Increased. The stockholders have voted to increase the authorized no par value
preferred stock from 200,000 shares to 300,000 shares. See V. 124, p. 792 . Quebec Ry., Light, Heat \& Power Co., Ltd.-Report.$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Calendar Years- } & 1926 . & 1925 . & 1924 . & 1923 . \\ \text { Gross income.......- } & \$ 3,546,951 & \$ 3,243,123 & \$ 3,133.806 & \$ 2.973,004 \\ \text { Operating expenses.-.-- } & 2,392,945 & 2,194,987 & 2,156,492 & 2,100,731\end{array}$ Operateng oxpenses...

Per cent of payable to Quebec.-Interest on bonds Gepreciation reserve Discount on bonds-| 46,406 | 44,665 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 792,624 | 756,363 |
| 7,850 | 15,867 |
| 200,000 | 220,000 |
| $-\cdots .-$ | ..--- | Extraord. repairs, \&c. Balance, surplus.

$\times$ Subject to deduction for income tax.
N Jan. 1924 was deducted from profit and loss account while balance of latter account at Dec.
-V .124, p. 237

Queens Borough (N. Y.) Gas \& Elec. Co.-Acquisitions. Ren Gas \& Flo Calendar Years
Kilowatt hours sold
Gas sold (M. cubic Gross earnings. Operating expenses.
Interest charges Trterest charges.
Balance---
Previous surplus.-.-. Total.-
Dividends paid.-.
Other deductions from $\begin{array}{r}1926 . \\ -256.649 .78 \\ 3,995.6 . \\ -\$ 11,676,3 \\ 6,388 \\ -\quad 1,338.22 \\ -1,263,76 \\ \hline\end{array}$
 $\begin{array}{r}- \text { Report } \\ 192 \\ 4213,043 \\ 694 \\ 3,480 \\ 57 \\ \hline 9.69 \\ 5.570 \\ 221 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{rr} & 1923 . \\ 339 & 199.985 .438 \\ 350 & 308.967 \\ 813 & \$ 9.181 .001\end{array}$ Surplus Dec. 31 $\overline{\$ 2,556,377} \overline{\$ 2,346,326} \overline{\$ 2,083,659} \overline{\$ 1,863,065}$
Rio Grande Valley Gas Co.-Bonds Offered.-G. E. Barret \& Co., Inc.; Estabrook \& Co., and Frederick Peirce $\&$ Co. are offering at 100 and int. $\$ 3,500,000$ 1st mtge. $7 \%$ gold bonds, series A.
 exceeding $2 \%$. Principal and int. payable at principal office of trustee 105 and int. on or before April 11932 and at $1021 / 2$ and int.; thereafter until
maturity. Calif., Conn.. Maryland. Mass. Orecon. Pen maturity. Calif., Conn., Maryland, Mass, Oregon, Penn., Wash.,
Mich., Kentucky and Dist. of Col. taxes refunded. Chatham Phenix
National Bank \& Trust Co., New York, and James F Stock Purchase Privilege.- Each $\$ 1,000$ bond (other denominations in proportion) will entitle the holder thereof to purchase 20 shares of no par incl. April 1.1937 , irrespective of previous redemption of the bonds, and at the following prices per share:
To April $1928, \$ 5 ; 1929, \$ 7.50 ; 1930, \$ 10 ; 1931, \$ 11 ; 1932, \$ 12 ; 1933$.
$\$ 13 ; 1934, \$ 14 ; 1935, \$ 15 ; 1936, \$ 16: 1937, \$ 17$.

Data from Letter of John W. Gaines, President of the Company. Capitalization Upon Completion of the Present Financing. Authorized. Outstanding. 1 st mtge. $7 \%$ gold bonds, series " $A$ " (this issue)- $\$ 1,700,000 \quad 1.700,000$
$7 \%$ cum. pref. stock (par $\$ 100$ ) Common stock (without par value) --............. 335,000 shs. 265,000 shs.
$x$ Additional issuance of bonds limited under restrictive provisions of trust indenture, y 70,000 shares reserved for stock purchase privilege. All outstanding common stock will be held in a voting trust. the cities and towns and larger industrial consumers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, This rapidly growing territory with a population of approximately 75,000 and an area of 1,500 square miles is said to produce
agricultural tonnage in excess of any equal area in the United States, and has also substantial industrial activities. Construction of distribution systems and 171 miles of high pressure pipe line to the gas fields of Zapata, Jim Hogg and Webb Counties will be by Hope Engineering \& Supply Co., Business.-Uniform franchises, without burdensome restrictions, have been granted for 20 to 30 years in Brownssille, San Benito and 10 other
communities in southern Texas. Company has an exclusive contract for
a period of 10 years, with the Central Power \& Light Co. (an Insull prop-
erty), to supply fuel for that company's generating station at San Benito. erty, to supply fuel for that company's generating station at san Benito.
Other long term contracts will be made to supply fuel to other large industrial consumers.
Company's gas supply is assured under definite contracts with repre
sentative producers in the Zapata, Jim Hogg and Webb County fields, and
 llow in excess of $500,000,000$ cubic feet, now allocated to the exclusive use of the company. These fields constitute in the opinion of geologi
deearnale surce of gas extending beyond the life of these bonds.
Earnings.-The following entimate of earnings has been made by Earnings.-The following estimate of earnings has been made by Ford,
Bacon \& Davis, Engineers, Inc., after a detailed surver of tod Bacon \& Davis, Engineers, Inc., after a detailed survey of both domestic
and industrial demand immediately available in the communities to be
served. served.
Gross income
Operating expenses and local taxes
Net available for interest....-.-.--
Maximum annualinterestrequirements
1st mtge. $7 \%$ gold bonds (this issue)

| $1 s t$ | Year. | $3 d$ Year. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 886,800$ | $\$ 1,338,684$ | $\$ 1,631,066$ |
| 341,800 | 482,965 | 562,670 |

$\overline{\$ 495,000} \quad \overline{\$ 855,719} \overline{\$ 1,068,396}$ $\begin{array}{ll}1 \text { st mtge. } 7 \% \text { gold onds (this issue) } & 245,000\end{array} 245,000 \quad 245,000$ will be secured by a direct 1st mtge. upon all the physical property and
franchises of the company and by deposit of important contracts, leases and agreements.
Purpose.- Proceeds of this issue, together with the proceeds from the
sale of pref. and common stocks will sale of pref. and common stocks will be used to construct the company's
gas tranmision lines and distribution systems in the several towns and
to provide worling to provide working capital.
Southeastern Power \& Light Co.-Initial Common Div An initial quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock has been declared, payable April 20 to holders of record March 31 . $\$ 1.75$
The directors have also declared the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.7$ per share on the $\$ 7$ preferred stock, $\$ 1.50$ per share on the $\$ 6$ preferred
stock, and $\$ 1$ per share on the participating preferred stock, all payable April 1 to holders of record March 1 .
The operating subsidiaries of the company, serving principally the in Tustrial opections subsidiaries of the company, serving principally the inFeb. 1926 . The output for the 12 months ended Feb. 281927 was 2,015 ,$312,025 \mathrm{k} . \mathrm{w} . \mathrm{h}$, , an increase of $269.928,025 \mathrm{k} . \mathrm{w} . \mathrm{h}$., or $16 \%$, over the pre-
Southern Bell Telephone \& Telegraph Co.-Acquis'n The I.-S. O . Commission on Feb. 18 approved the acquisition by the
company of the properties of the Oldham Telephone Co.-V. $124 . \mathrm{D} .1362$.
Southern California Edison Co.-To Offer $\$ 4,268,300$ Additional Common Stock to Stockholders at Par-Also to Offer to Customers $\$ 10,000,0006 \%$ Preferred Stock.-
E. H. Rollins \& Sons announced on March 15 that, in accordance with
new policy, the above company has applied to the California RR. Commission for permission to issue $\$ 4,268,300$, or 170,732 shares, of common tock. If approval is received, this stock will be offered to preferred and
common stockhoders at par $\$ 25$ ) on the basis of one share of new common for every 12 shares held.
The announcement further
at par to stockholders of record is a new one with of issuing common stock Edison Co stockholders of record is a new one with the hoouthern California
the that this will be continued each year as long as
the large constriction the large construction activity is in progress.
The company has also applied for permission to issue $\$ 10,000,000$ addi-
tional $6 \%$ preferred stock, the latter to be disposed of by the company on tional $6 \%$ preferred stock, the latter to be disposed of by the company on
Southern Ohio Public Service Co.-Bonds Called.All of the outstanding $\$ 1,000,000$ 1st \& ref. Mtge. $6 \%$ gold bonds. series O5 and int. at the Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives, \&cc., trustee, Philadelphia, Pa. The company will pay off any of the said bonds upon
presentation any time after March 21 prior to the above redemption date presentation any time after March 21 prior to the above
at 105 and int. to the date of delivery.-V. 121, p. 2523 .
Somerset Union \& Middlesex Lighting Co.-Merger.-
See Public Service Electric \& Gas Co. above.-V. 124 , p. 237 .
Southwest Power Co.-Acquisition.-
See National Electric Power Co, above.-V. 123. p. 1507.
Standard Gas \& Electric Co.-Increases Quarterly Dividend.-The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of $871 / 2$ cents per share on the common stock, payable April 25 to holders of record March 31. This places the common stock on a $\$ 3.50$ annual dividend basis instead of $\$ 3$ previously paid. In addition a dividend of $\$ 1$ per share in common stock was declared last year, payable as follows: 50c. on July 25 1926, 25c. on Oct. 251926 and 25 c. on Jan. 251927. The annual report of the company for 1926 to be published soon will, it
announced, show consolidated earnings equal to approximately $\$ 6.50$ per shane on the common stock outstanding equal the oto ape of theximately year $\$ 6.50$
The
ctual earnings indicated are approximately $\$ 5.25$ per share on common stock outstanding during the year and equivalent to 84.25 per

Standard Power \& Light Corp.-Registrar.
The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed trustee and

Texa \& Co. Trouisiana Power Co.-Bonds Sold.-R. E. Wisey York, have © Co., Chicago, and A. E. Fitkin \& Co., New mtge. 20-year $6 \%$ gold bonds, series A. Dated Jan. 1 1926; due Jan. 11946 (see original offering in V. 122, p. 613).
Data from Letter of A. P. Barrett, Prosident of the Company
Company.-A public utility operating company incorporated in Dela-
ware. O . wns and operates a number of previously existing public utility properties serving without competition 17,746 electric and pas customers and 675 water customers in 76 prosperous and growing communities located in Texas, Oklahoma, Kentucky, New Mexico and Louisiana. Company
furnishes electric and gas service to a population in excess of 141.000. While its principal earnings are derived from the sale of electric c light and power,
the company also serves 14 communities with ice, including Ft. Worth, the company also serves 14 comn
irst mtge. 20 -year $6 \%$ gold bonds, series A .....Authorized. Outstanding. $15-$ year $6 \%$ sinking fund debenture, sold bonds....$7 \%$ cumulative preferred stock--..............--- $5.000,000 \quad 1,200,000$ $x$ Limited by conservative restrictions of the trust indenture, but not to Iny principal amount
In addition to the above there are outstanding $8307,5006 \%$ and $61 / 2 \%$ purchase money morttgages, pavabie in annual installments of $\$ 27,500$. ${ }^{\text {and }}$
Earnings of Properties Nove $\begin{aligned} & \text { Orned } \\ & \text { Feb }\end{aligned}$ and Being Acquired for Year Einded Gross earnings
Oper. exps., maint. \& taxes (except Federal taxes) \& prior charges $\begin{aligned} & \$ 1,541,839 \\ & 946,057\end{aligned}$

Balance
Net earnings as shown above are more than twice the amo-- $\$ 316,782$ for annual interest charges on this issue of bonds. Recently completed
increase the above earnings as the benefits from such expenditures are not
fully reflected in the earnings for the year ended Feb. 28 1927.
Purnose. Purpose.- Proceds from the sale of these bonds, together with the pro-
ceeds ceeds from the seale of $\$ 1,250,00015$-yeere $6 \%$ debentureser and additiona-
preferred stock will be used for the
 to reimburse the company's treasury in part on ac
for improvements and extensions to its properties.

Toho Electric Power Co.-Earnings

## Converted into dollar 12 Months Ented Oct. Grossoperating earnings Operating expenses. Gross operating earnings- Operatimg expenses, maintenance and taxes. Deprecion

Net operating earnings. per yen.)
1925.5

19.900. \begin{tabular}{c}
$\$ 929.900,675$ <br>
$12,261,310$ <br>
1031,344 <br>
\hline

 

1926. <br>
$\$ 21.393,356$ <br>
12 <br>
12057.523 <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

Interess income available for interest. $\begin{array}{r}\$ 6,608,02 \\ 2,838,30 \\ \hline\end{array}$ \$9,446,325 $\$ 9.9$

Balance for dividends, reserves, \&c-
-V .123 , p. 3186 .
Union Edison Co. (Del.).-Notes Paid.-
The $8800,0005 \%$ notes due March 11927 were paid off at maturity at
ffice of Central Trust Co.. Chicago, Ill., trustee. The company was bought by the American Utilities Corp. late in 1926 and funds for the retirement of the notes were provided in part through the issuance of bonds of
the American Utilities Co. (see above)-V. 123, p. 2903, 3186 .
United Rys. \& Elec. Co. of Baltimore.-List The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of $\$ 2,500,000$
 -V. 124, p. 1222.
Western New York Utilities, Inc.-Control.-
.
Western United Gas \& Electric Co.-To Issue Bonds.The company has applied to the Hlinois Commerce Commission for
authority to issue $\$ 3,000,000$ of $5 \%$ 1st mtge. bonds, series ' B.'-V. 124 , p. 1222

Wisconsin Power \& Light Co.-Report.Calendar Years-
Gross earnings.
Operating expenses.
Uncollectible bills
Taxes ${ }_{\text {Rent }}$
 Dividends on preferred stock-
Dividends on common stock




1924.04
$\$ 4,79.064$
$2,628.738$
263.240
263.020
54,037

During the year 1926 company purchased all the property and assets of Wisconsin River Power Co. Southern Wivconsin Power Co., Belotit
Water, Gas \& Electric Co. and Central Wisconsin Power Co.i and also purchased in this period the local electric distribution systems and highvilectric transmission lines and plants and other property of McFarland Co.. Delton Electric Co, Columbiactric Light \& Power Co. Friend Caroline Electric Power \& Mfg. Co., Scandinavia Electric Co and the municipal electric also properties serving Blanchardville and Milton Junction. Company of New Gas Light Co. of Janesville the outstanding common ca
During the year company sold $\$ 3,901,400$ common stock, $\$ 2,648,100$ proceeds of which were used to retire $\$ 75,300$ underiying bonds, to purchase the properties acquired during the year, and to acquire the entire common
capital stock of New Gas Light Co. of Janesville, and for company's corporate purposes.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1926$ | $192$ | Labilut | $1926 .$ | $925 .$ |
| Fixed capita | 886,226 | 19,835,789 | 7\% cum. pref. stk | 8,182,100 |  |
| Cash. | 611,060 | 435,994 | Common stoek | 9,703,800 | 5,802,400 |
| Notes, accts., \&e., receivable. |  |  | Pref. stock subscr | 446,800 | 227,400 |
|  | 900,701 | 783,723 | Funded debt. | 2,056,600 | 1,907,000 |
| Int. \& divs. rec.--- | 8,305 |  | Purch. mon. oblig. | 513,327 | 257,156 |
| Materials \& suppl | 531,895 | 361,851 | Notes payable | 25,750 | 12,750 |
| Prepayments....- | 68,153 | 49,413 | Accounts payable- | 545,532 | 658,874 |
| Subser. to cap.stk. | 87,019 | 136,992 | Consumers' depos_ | 78,029 | 76,471 |
| Investments | 690,904 | 3,009,981 | Misc. current liab_ | 22,786 |  |
| Sinking funds-... Special deposits | 258,684 | 14,526 | Taxes, int. \& misc- | 872,847 | 94 |
|  | 454,634 | 164,481 | Adv. fr. affil, cos | 40,094 |  |
| Install. rec. on sale of property |  |  | Res. for retir., \&c. Misc. unadj. cred. | $\begin{array}{r} 1,025,113 \\ 125,935 \end{array}$ | 692 |
| Unamortized debt discount \& exp. | 871,259 |  | Surplus | 1,009,004 | 907,567 |
| Misc. def. debits.- | 188,879 | 1,252,575 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | -V.tal_-.......44,

West Virginia Water Service Co.-Bonds Sold.-G. L. Ohrstrom \& Co. have placed privately $\$ 350,000$ additional first mortgage $5 \%$ gold bonds, series A, due Aug. 1 1951, bringing the total of these bonds outstanding up to $\$ 2,600,000$ (see original offering in V. 123, p. 1879).
Preferred Stock Offered.-Hale, Waters \& Co. are offering at 91 per share and dividend, to yield $6.60 \%, 9,800$ shares (no par) $\$ 6$ cumulative preferred stock.
Data from Letter of A. W. Cuddeback, President of the Company. Company.-Will supply water for domestic and industrial purposes to be in excess of 105,000 . The communities served are Charleston, Bluefiela, Montgomery, Welch, Hinton, Avis and Princeton
Capilalization-
Authorized. Outstanding.
 ommon stock (no par)
$\times$ Limited by the restrictions of the indenture.

 $\qquad$ | ec. 31.25 .5 |
| :--- |
| 8678,110 |

 mortgage, and taxes, other than Federal taxes $\begin{array}{r} \\ \$ 275,628 \\ \hline\end{array}$


 Which controls and operates one of the largest groups of water-works systems The the Ulited Water service Corp.
stock.-V. 123, p. 2780,189 .

## INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

Refined Suzar Prices. On March 14 Arbuckle Brothers reduced price 10
tts. to 5.90 c . per is. for prompt shipments, but left price unchanged at pts. to 5.90.o. per live for prompt






 estate mortyage bonds, p. 1452. . (c) New York stock Exchange accords
trading privieges to hail voting stock of International silver Co., p. 1454 .

Abitibi Power \& Paper Co., Ltd.-Notes Sold.-Peabody, Houghteling \& Co. and Royal Securities Corp. have sold at par and int., $\$ 4,000,0004$-year $6 \%$ gold coupon notes. (Of this issue $\$ 2,000,000$ has been withdrawn for sale in Canada.)
Dated March 15 1927, due March 151931 . Principal and int. M. \& S .,

 Denom. S1,000 and $850 \mathrm{c}^{*}{ }^{*}$ Red. ail or part on any int. date on 60 dayss 1928; $11 / 2 \%$ if red. thereafter and on or before March $151929 ; 1 \%$ if red.
thereafter and on or before March 15 1930; $1 / 2 \%$ if red. thereafter and on or before Sept. 15 1930; and thereafter at par until maturity; in each case fined in the indenture. Interest payable without deduction for Federal

Capitalization as at Dec. 311926 (but including this issue of Notes). Funded debt
Year $6 \%$ gold coupon notes, due 1931 (this issue)
$88,943,600$
$4,000,000$
 aid and retired and $\$ 134,310$ has been paid to the trust company as sinking fund on gen. mtge. bonds.
Data from Letter of Alexander Smith, President of the Company. Company.-One of the largest newsprint paper manufacturers in Canada
has been uniformly successful since. its incorporation in 1914. Properties, in northern Ontario, were originally acquired and have subsequently been cost mill: large pulpwood reserves of high quality, ample water-power, readyaccess to large consuming markets, and satisfactory selling connections. Company s potential It it owns to-day, directly or through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, a modern newsprint mill of an annual capacity of 160,000 tons, complete with its own sulphite and groundwood mills; a modern sulphite mill of an annual capacity of 50,000 to 60,000 tons; Crown timber
limits estimated to contain not less than $13,000,000$ cords of spruce pulpwood; and 4 hydro-electric power plants having a developed capacity of $115,000 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$. Taken as a whole, these properties, located as they are and managed by a skilled organization, represent an industrial development
which it would be difficult to duplicate, in view of the rapid decrease in the number of sites favorable for a successful newsprint operation.
Assets. Net tangible assets, after deduction of all funded debt and after
deducting $\$ 10,510.077$ of reserves, as shown by the compant's deducting \$10,510,077 of reserves, as shown by the company's balance sheet at Dec. 311926 and after giving effect to this financing, amount to
$\$ 17,847,894$ as against $\$ 4,000,000$ of these notes presently to be issued. Earnings.-Net earnings, available for interest, depreciation, depletion been as follows: $1922, \$ 3,614,837 ; 1923, \$ 4,279,579 ; 1924, \$ 4,385,552$正 $\$ 4,154,979$ or over 4.9 times annual interest charges on the company's notes presently to be issued. In addition to earnings derived from operations, the company now has other sources from which income may be expected in future. These comprise its ownership of the entire capital of two affiliated newsprint manufacturing companies. Purpose. - Proceeds will be used toward reimbursing the treasury of the company for amounts invested in the capital stock of two affiliated news-
print paper manufacturing companies and in the purchase of all the preprint paper manufacturing companibi Fibre Co., Ltd., which has acquired at Smooth Rock Falls, Ont. in the same vicinity, a complete plant of modern construction with a yearly capacity of 50,000 to 60,000 to
bleached and unbleached sulphite pulp.-V. 124, p. 924 .
Ahumada Lead Co.-Smaller Extra Dividends.-

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 5 cents per share and the
regular quarterly dividend of $71 / 2$ cents per share, both payable April 4 to holders of record March 25. On Jan. 5 last an extra disbursement of $71 / 2$ cents per share was made, while in each of the pres
ters an extra dividend of $171 / 2$ cents per share was paid.

(J. P.) Allen \& Co., Inc., Atlanta, Ga.-Bonds Offered. -The Canal Bank \& Trust Co. of New Orleans recently offered at par and int. $\$ 350,000$ 1st mtge. leasehold $61 / 2 \%$ guaranteed gold bonds Dated Jan. 11927 , due annually, Jan. 1 1929-1942. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and or at Canal Bank \& Trust Co... trustee. Callable or any int date at 102 Federal normal income tax up to $2 \%$ paid at source. C. F. Niebergall These bonds are the direct obligation of the company, and are further secured by a 9 -year leasehold estate covering the corner lot of ground
located in the best commercial section of Alanta, Ga, measuring 102 feet by a depth of 180 feet on Cain st.t. together with the impartument store builiding covering the entire lot, to be occupied by J. P.
dellen
Allen © Co ., Inc by endorsement by S . M. Goldberg and J. P. Allen, Pres, and Vice-Pres.
respectively, of P . P . Their combined personal net worth
approximates $\$ 1,500,000$.
Amalgamated Leather Cos., Inc.-Annual Report.-
 Bal. of capital surp
Eans
$\$ 2,805,310$
$\$ 2,004,620$
$\$ 1,143,335$
$\$ 1,003,634$ Earns.
shares pref. stock,
No divs. have been paid on the pref. 23, p. 1116 .
American Bakery Co.-Bonds Paid.-
The $\$ 540,0006 \%$ bonds due March 11927 were paid off at maturity at
American Bank Note Co.-Combined Income Account.-

Balance.
Miscellaneous income
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 2,056,333 \\ \hline 219,498 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\qquad$ Pension fund
Profit- sharing pian ---Profit-sharing plan
Pref. ividends $(6 \%)$
Common divs Pref. dividends ( $6 \%$ )
Common divs
Divs.pf. F . Ft .for'n sub.cos $\begin{array}{r}\$ 2,275,83 \\ 6,20 \\ 40,00 \\ \mathbf{y 2 1 0 , 8 0} \\ 269,73 \\ 0) 1,335,21 \\ 29.20 \\ \hline\end{array}$

Balance, surplus Previous surplus.--
Val. of bldgs. \& mach-
Profit \& loss surplus $\overline{\$ 6,598,869} \xlongequal{\$ 6,223,051} \xlongequal{\$ 5,917,299} \frac{\cdots \cdots{ }^{-120}}{\$ 5,502,385}$
 Earn. per st. or common extra stock $\$ 50$ par value and 40 c . regur a $10 \%$ regular and $6 \%$ extra on stock $\$ 50$ par valuu, and 40 . regular on
$\$ 10$ par value stock. bsockholders on Dec. 11925 approved the change in the authorized common stock from 200.000 shares, par value $\$ 50$, to $1,000,000$ shares, par value $\$ 10$, and the exchange of five new shares
 buxiness, rued, including income taxes, but before providing for special compaxes accrued for depreciation. y Special compensation of $15 \%$ of com-
pensation or for
bined net profits of American Bank oote Co. and subsidiaries in excess of fixed minimum
$\mathrm{V} .123, \mathrm{p} .2781$.
American Brown Boveri Electric Corp.-Contract.-
This corporation has received a contract from the Bethlehem Steel Corp.
for the two largest turbo-blowers ever built, it was announced last week. Por the two largest turbo-blowers ever built, it was announced last week.
The units, which are six-stage single inlet uncoled blowers, driven by
10 $10,200 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$. impulse and reaction turbinines, are to be installed at the Spar-
rows Point plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corp. near Baltimore, and are to rows Point plant or the Bethleem stee corp. near Batimore, and are to
be used as blast furnace blowers. This follows an order for turbo-blowers. be used as blast furnace flowers. Tars fillows an order for turboblowers
for blast furnace work from the Carnegie Steel Co,, a subsidiary of the United States steel Corp.
Each of these giant blower
Each of these giant blowers will have a maximum output of 80000 cu . ft. of air per minute at a pressure of 35 lis. per square inch. President of the American Brown Boveri Electric Corp. in charge of pro-
jects. $\mathrm{V} .124, \mathrm{p} .1069,925$.

American Cellulose \& Chemical Mfg. Co., Ltd.-To
Issue New Stock-Earnings.The directors have authorized a further issue of
cumative stive partic. pref. stock and 1 s. 750 shares of common, in in 13,750
blocks, each of which will consist of 4 shares of preferred and 1 share of common stock, which will be offered to the common stockholders for for each block, or which s49a block wili be set aside in a special reserve
for the equalization of dividends on the prefred shares with dividends on
for preferred shares of the same class issued prior to June 30 1926. The proportion of one block of stock for each 15 shares of common held. The purpose of the issue is to provide funds for the doubling of the company"s
factory as its present capacity is insufficient to supply the increasing demand for its products. operations of $\$ 1,458,517$, and profit available for dividends amounting to $\$ 908,912$. The surplus after dividends paid or declared on the 1st partic. preferred shares was $\$ 338,62$ and and the close of 1925 .
of which cash $\$ 969,107$, and current liabilities were $\$ 367,200$ in of which cash $\$ 969$, The funded debt was $\$ 1,898.316$ and total ratio of Were $\$ 2,013,944$. The expenditures on new buildings and plants during

## 1926 amounted to $\$ 661,741$.-V. 124, p. 1069.

American Cigar Co.-Earnings.-
The balance surplus for the year ended Dec. 31 1926, after allowing for payment of dividends of $\$ 1,200,000$. American Ice Co.-A cquires Plas.
American Ice Co.-Acquires Plant.-
The company announces that it has purchased the Washington Ice Co.'s with that of its washington Ice Con sis plant is is a modern, electrically driven plant
with a capacity of 180 tons daily centrally with a capacity of 180 tons daily, centrally located on 23 St. in Washing-
ton. Its acquisition gives the American Ice Co. four large plants in the Capital City. . New York, Newark, Boston, Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington and nearby points.-V. $124, \mathrm{p} .925,651$
$\underset{\text { Calendar Years- }}{\text { Amo }}$ Co. (\& Subs.).-Report.- 1926 . $1923 .{ }_{1925}$

$\begin{array}{lllll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Cosen } \\ \text { min. \& gen. exp., incl. } \\ \text { deprec. \& Fed. taxes_ }\end{array} & 11,285,178 & 10,599,968 & 12,920,302 & 10,905,141\end{array}$
 $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Shares of complus-atock } & \$ 991,996 & \$ 800,194 & \$ 640,541 & \$ 1,361,212\end{array}$




American Locomotive
[Including American Locomotive Co., Montreal Locomotive Works. LtUnfilled orders Dec. 31- $\quad$ G1926.

Int. on bonds of consti
tuent cos., \&cc......

U. S. \& Can. inc. tax

Balance before divs
Previous
 purch. of Ry. Steel
Spring Co
Total
Res. for add'ns \& better
ments
 Com. divs. (regular).
do
do
(extra)
Profit \& loss, surplus-
Shares of com. outstand-
$\$ 30,678,739$
$\$ 16,396,385$
$\$ 27,989,707$
$\$ 26,965,199$ ing (no par) outstand

| ing (no par) |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Earns. per sh. on com--. | 770,000 | $\$ 7.45$ | 500,000 | 500,000 | x Included in expenses above. y Includes results from operations of

Railway Steel. Spring Co. from May 14 1926, when such business was
acquired.-V. 124, p. 925 .

American Pneumatic Service Co.-2d Preferred Stock Put on a $\$ 2$ Annual Dividend Basis.-
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 c . a share on the
${ }^{6} \%$ no
March 2 counul .2 d pref. stock, payable March 22 to holders of record March 21. Previous dividends, payable March 22 to hollared semi-annualders of record
Total pary-
ments in 1926 amounted to $\$ 1.75$ a share, the same as distributed in 1925.
 1st pref. stock payable on the same dates.
Robert $G$. Stone has been elected a direct

> Combined Income Account Years Ended Dec. 31. $m_{m}$ Sales \& son Rental- 1926. 1925.1924. on. 1923.

Income from Sales \&
Installations on Rental
The
below). The Lamson Co. (see
below).-. income- leess
mail tube amort. of remabilita-
tion cost \& int. on
notes) -.-............. Gross combined earns-
Int. on Am. Parus.
Serv. Co bonds. Maint. oo. Bonds.
\& Sontic.
St. L. Mail Tube cos. \& exp. of parent
company. company ill $\stackrel{\mathrm{R}}{\mathrm{R}} \mathrm{D}$
Res. for Fed. inc. tax---
Dvidends paid.
MIninority Lamson stk-
First preferred stock
Preferred stock.
Balance, surplus
Shares of
or standing common par) out
Earns. per share on comIncome Account -

Income from sales and Cost of sales \& onerenting
installations on rental_
Operating income-
Gross income
Interest
Tividends.-..................
Surplus for year-
1926.

| 107,795 | 72.054 |  | 65,462 |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\$ 612,274$ | $\$ 746,344$ | $\$ 668,212$ | $\$ 506,919$ |

American Surety Co.-Dividend Rate Increased.-
The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of $5 \%$ ( $\$ 2.50$
per stare payablo March 31 to holders of record March 19. The last
quarterly divand
American Tobacco Co.-Earnings -


## American Window Glass Co.-Omits Common Div.-

 $13 \% \%$ usually declared at this time on the commor quarterly dividend of tribution at this rate was made inJanuary last. For record ofdividends 271926 p. 1511. The directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of $13 \% \%$ on thepreferred stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 21 . preferred stock, payable April 1 to holcers of record March 21 . President, W . L. Monro, in commenting on the omission of the dividend
 on the common stock from time to time as the earnings ustified, as is shown
by the dividends declared for many years on this stock. the company during the past quarter did nct justify the continuance of the
dividend on the commen stock, none was eclared Operations of the company's factories continue to be very satisfactory,
and show the highest efficiency in the history of the company, but its sales during the first 6 months of the fiscal year show a considerable decrease from the corresponding 6 months of the preceding year. This was due to

Che very large increase in the importations of window glass from Furope
during the calendar year ending Dec. 31 1926. Government reports for
that year show total imports
 on - seventh of the total annual consumption of this country
ons his about increase in imports of $78 \%$ over those of the preceding year."- V . 123 , p.
2393 .
American Rolling Mill Co.-Acquisition. -
and a comethiry has accuired $90 \%$ of the stock of the Norton Iron Works
Thterest in the Ashland Steel Co., both of Ashland Ky. The arton ron works has a blast furnace, wire mill, nail mill wire cloth a blooming mill and a rod mill
Calendar Years-
Net sales Cost of sales Maint. \& repairs to pla
Depreciation reserve
Gross profit from oper.
Other operating income. Total income. Advtal \& seome sling expens
Admin. \& selling exp.
 Net profit-
Other income Gross inc.
Interest paid sourc Interesst paid
Federal taxes Federal taxes-1-1
$\qquad$ $\begin{array}{r}1925 . \\ \$ 34,25,812 \\ \$ 2,212,30 \\ 3,65.143 \\ 1,283.162 \\ \hline \$ 5,097,1\end{array}$

 $\begin{array}{r}1923 . \\ \$ 26.691,235 \\ \$ 18,40,788 \\ 2,047,139 \\ 1,066,375 \\ \hline\end{array}$ On7\% deb. pref. sto $\begin{array}{lrrr}\text { On 7\% cum. pref. stk } & 824,842 & 819.401 & 820.9748 \\ \text { On common stock ( } 8 \% \text { ) } & 1,807,545 & 1,721,196 & 1,639,622\end{array}$ $\xrightarrow[1]{\$ 5,174,843} 32$
 Shares com (stock
standing (par $\$ 25$ ) $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { standing (par } 825 \text { ) } & 925,527 & 881.561 & 839,677 & 797.429 \\ \text { Earned per share... } & \$ 3.49 & \$ 2.34 & \$ 2.40 & \$ 3.21\end{array}$ x After payment of a stock dividend of f1,102,035 on
in $1926, \$ 1,049,644$ in 1925 and $\$ 1,000,000$ in 1924 .

|  | 1926 | 192 |  | $31$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| machit |  |  | 6\% |  |  |
| vest. in | 4,388,345 | 4,141,348 | Common stock | 138 |  |
| contorte | 2,445,330 | 12,779,0 | Com. stock scrip |  | 10,619 |
|  |  |  | Capital |  |  |
| rketable | 335,549 | 333,551 | 15 -yr. $6 \%$ sk. |  |  |
| purch |  |  | gor |  |  |
| sh \& U. S. | 369,540 | 396,807 | Current notes pay- |  |  |
| ny bo | 3,235,908 | 2,272,410 | stk, purch. plans | 316,8 |  |
| notes aca. | 182,000 |  | Acco |  | 1,917,289 |
| in hands |  |  | ${ }_{\text {tax }}$ |  |  |
|  | 66,400 |  | D1 | 463,094 | 645,265 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Note- Contingent liabilities at Dec. 31 1926 were as follows: American $\$ 325,000$; guarantee of Portsmouth By-Products Coke Co. bank loans,


American Steel Foundries.-Annual Report.-




Balance, surplus.-.i-
Shares of common out-
 $\times$ Represented by shares of $\$ 33.331-3$ par value.

Balance Sheet (Including Subsidiary Cos.), Dec. 31.


## Real estate, plant. equipment

Misceil \&o......a3 Inventorles Pret. sti. s. .f. Fund Investments.
IU. S. Gove Cash. Govt. securs Deferred charges
Total..
 a Real estate, buildings, plant, machinery, tools, equipment, patents and
ood will, as per balance sheet Dec. 31 1925, $\$ 36,219.503$, plus additions ord
during year, $82,223,649$. lesss reserve. for depreciation, $85,999,322$. b Com-
mon stock autiorized mon stock authorized, $1,000,00$ shares; issued, 900,775 shares. of no par
value. c Preferred stock authorized, $\$ 25,000,000$; issued, 87,130 shares value. ce Preferred stock author
of $\$ 100$ each.-V. 123 , p. 3187 .
Architects Building (Wright-Aiken, Inc.), Los An-geles.-Bonds Offered.-The California Co., Los Angeles, recently offered at 100 and int. $\$ 390,000$ 1st mtge. leasehold $61 / 2 \%$ serial gold bonds.
Dated Dec. 1 1926: due serially Dec. 1 1930-1943. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and
$\$ 500 \mathrm{c} *$. Principal and int. (J. \& D.) payable at the Security Trust $850 \mathrm{c}^{*}$ Principal and int. (J. \& D.) payable at the Security Trust \&
Bavings Bank. Los Anseles, trustee, without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to $2 \%$. Callable, all or part, on any int. date on 30 days' notice at par and int., plus a premium of 1, of $1 \%$ for each year
of iffe. or portion thereof, to maturity, said premium, however, not to exceed or $3 / 1 \%$ of principal of bonds so calied. Company owns a valuable leasehold under a 9 - year lease commencing
Feb. 1924 on property located at the southeast corner of 5 th St. and
Figueroa St. Los Ancest
 $\$ 1,000$ per month for the remaining 94 years, This rental for the firist two
twars
years is $6 \%$ on a valuation of $\$ 2.500$ per front foot and rental of the remaining 94 years is $6 \%$ on a valuation of $\$ 3,350$ per front foot.
concrete, height limit office building, of the loft corporation type with 12 floors and basement. The building, will cost, ticluding carrying charges, approximately $\$ 650,000$, and appropriate provision will be made in the
trust indenture to cover retirement of the bonds of this issue in case the
cost of the tren cost of the building is less than anticipated.

Arnold-Constable Corp. (\& Subs.).-Earnings.Net sales (incl. leased departments).-.

 Profit taxes-- $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{r}\$ 379,149 \\ 18,428 \\ 4,312 \\ \hline\end{array}$ Shares of capital stock outstanding (no par) Earnings per share on capital stock
x This provision is made for F
Stewart \& Co.-V. 123, p. 1253 .
$\$ 356,409$
220,390
$\$ 1.62$ -Distribution of 25c. a Share, Payable March 31 The company is chansing the date, for payment of quarterly dividends
from the end of January, April, July and October to the end of March, June. September and December; (25c. per share, payable March 31 to
An adjustent dividend of $21 / \%$ (2ere
holders of recerd March 21, has been declared for the two months of Februhonders or record March 21, , has been declared for the two months of Febru-
ary and March, being at the rate of $371 / 2$ c. for a quarter. The hext dividend ary and March, being at the rate of 371 ch. for a quarter. The next dividend
declaration will be at the June meeting when dividend payable June 30 will be declared.
Previouslared. the company paid quarterly dividends of 25 c . per share,
and in addition it paid an extra dividend of 50 c . per share on Jan. 10 asst. and in addition it paid an extra dividend of coc. per share on Jan. 10 last,
In Jan 1926 an extra distribution of 40 c . per share was made.- V . 123 , In Jan.

Associated Dry Goods Corp.-Annual Report.-
Calendar YearsCalendar Years-
a Profitar
Other inc. of parent co.-
 Reserve for Federal taxes
of the parent co. and
wholly owned stores.-

- $470,000-480,736 \longrightarrow 490,000 \quad 480,000$
 Common dividends ( $\$ 2.50$ Balance, surplus_...- $\$ 1,028,635$
$\$ 1,714,230$
$\$ 2,216,529$$\frac{1.0,71}{\$ 2,078,820}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { standing (no par) } & 599,400 & 599,400 & \times 49,850 & \times 149,850 \\ \text { Earn. per share on com- } & \$ 4.21 & \$ 4.73 & \$ 19.77 & \$ 17.85\end{array}$ a Profits of retail dry goods stores wholly owned, after deducting from all other adjustments except reserves for Federal taxes. b Includes, and dividends of $114 \%$ each on the old $\$ 100$ par value stock and two dividends aggregating $\$ 1.25$ on the new no par value stock exchanged during the year in the ratio of 4 new shares for on
$\$ 100$ par value. -V. 122, p. 3087 .

Associated Laundries of America, Inc.-Trustee.trustee of an issue three year $61 / 2 \%$ convertible gold notes, due March 1

Associated Oil Co.-Subsidiary Company Dividend.The West Coast Oil Co. has declared an extra dividend of $\$ 3$ a share and the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.50$ a share, both payable April 5 to
holders of record March 21 . Like amounts were declared 3 months ago. Of the $\$ 1,040,800$ pref, stock (par $\$ 100$ ) outstanding, the Associated Oil Co., a subsidiary of the Tide Wate
$60.40 \%$.-V. 124, p. $1364,795$.

Atlas Tack Corporation. - Annual Report.| Catendar Years- | 1926. | 1925. | 1924. | 1923. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales-_----. | $\$ 2,03,151$ | $\$ 2,252,290$ | $\$ 2,145,218$ | $\$ 2,235,240$ |
| Operating costs, \&cc.--- | $1,996,819$ | $\mathbf{2 , 1 1 7 , 6 0 3}$ | $2,252,974$ | $2,234,685$ | Net profit after chge

-V. 123, p. 2143 .

| Autosales Corp., Calendar YearsEarns. after cost of goods Oper., gen ., \&c., exps. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { New Yo } \\ & 1926 \\ & \$ 1,153,149 \\ & -, 074,901 \end{aligned}$ | City | Annual Report.- |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 1923 . \\ \$ 1,260,452 \\ 1,114,751 \end{array}$ |
|  |  | \$1,192,752 | \$1,211,874 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Net earning | \$78,248 | \$112,351 | \$125,032 | \$145,701 |
| ther incon | 55,441 | 33,753 | 33,624 | 62,408 |
| Total incon | \$133,689 | \$146,104 | 8158,656 | \$208,109 |
| Federal taxes | 14,103 | 29,645 | 6,600 | 1,000 |
| Other charges | 11.250 | 18,939 | 89,974 | 198,237 |
| Preferred divid | 107,169 | 93,772 |  |  |
| Balance, surplus | \$1,167 | \$3,748 | \$62,082 | \$8,872 |
| Previous surplus (adj.) | $\begin{array}{r}309,224 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 302,964 | 243,944 | 235,270 |
| Miscell. adjustment.- | Dr.356,360 |  |  |  |
| Net capital surplus. | 1,198,815 |  |  |  |
| Total surplus | \$1,152,845 | \$306,712 | \$306,026 | \$244,142 |
| Shares of preferred outstanding (par $\$ 50$ ) | 25,798 |  |  |  |
| Earn. per share on pref.- | \$4.20 | \$1.69 | \$1.08 | 57,730 $\$ 0.15$ |
| V. 123, p. 2904. |  |  |  |  |

Baltimore Brick Co.-Reduces Dividend Arrears. The directors have declared a dividend of $3 \%$ on account of accumulation This payment will reduce the arrears on the stock to 75\%. On Sept, 27
a similar dividend distribution was made on account of arrears. (Baltimore a similar dividend distribut
"Sun.")-V. 123, p. 1509.

Barker Bros., Inc., Los Angeles.-Annual Report.-



Babcock \& Wilcox Co.-Annual Report.-


 Depreciation, \&c .-.-.-.| 434,104 | $1,955,651$ | $\$ 14,900$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 175,397 | 95,000 | $528,68$. |
| 425,000 |  |  | Loss on sale of Barberton

 Divs. declared payable Jan. 2 and April 1. $(31 / 2 \%) 794,500(31 / 2) 700,000(61 / 2) 1300000$ $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Surplus_......... } & \$ 400,266 & \$ 42,264 & \$ 700,068 & & \$ 839,819 \\ \text { Profit and loss surplus.- } & 6,205,999 & 5,805,733 & 5,763,468 & 5,063,400\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Profit and loss surplus.-- } & 6,205.999 & 5,805,733 & 5,763,468\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrrrr}\text { Standing (par } \$ 100 \text { )-- } & 227,000 & 200,000 & 200,000 & 200,000 \\ \text { staned per share. } & \$ 8.98 & \$ 7.21 & \$ 17.00 & \$ 12.95\end{array}$ Unfilled orders at Dec. 31 1926 amounted to $\$ 8,683,858$, as compared
with $\$ 8,112,984$ at Dec. 31 1925, and $\$ 7,747,133$ on Dec. 311924 .

| Balance Sheet Decomber 31. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets- | $1926 .$ | $1925 .$ | Liabilities | $1926 .$ |  |
| Real estate,mach., equipment, \&e. |  |  | Capital stock (par |  |  |
|  | 6,569,207 | 6,409,163 |  |  |  |
| Dies, patt. \& draw. | 228,000 | 228,000 | Accounts payable. | 530,337 |  |
| ash | 2,504,704 | 3,535,402 | do affil'd cos | 39,697 |  |
| otes \& accts. rec., |  |  | Dividends payable | 794,500 | 00,000 |
| \&c. (less reserve) | 5,261,62 | 4,698,553 | Advances on contr. | 52,541 |  |
| nventories | 4,913 | 5,438,024 | Comm., wages, \&c. | 307,682 |  |
| S. Gov't seeurs | 3,817 | 5,300,055 | Res'v |  |  |
| ccrued interest on |  |  | contrac | 436,256 |  |
| bonds and notes | 59,913 | 38,363 | Res. for Fed'l taxes | 175,000 | 95,000 |
| v. in other cos.- | 8,653,907 | 3,988,798 | Res. for contin | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 |
| cash advanced to affiliated cos... | 1,095,300 |  | Surplus | 6,205,999 | 5,805,733 |
| Foreign righ | 777,520 | 577,520 |  |  |  |
| Prepaid insura | 60,278 | 65,477 |  |  |  |

## Back Bay Post Office, Boston.-Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding first mtge $5 \frac{1 / 2}{} \%$ sinking fund gold bonds, dated called for payment April 15 next at 102 and interest at the Now York Trust
Co., corporate trustee, 100 Broadway, N. Y. City.- See also V. 122, p.2656. Barnet Leather Co., Inc.-Annual Report.$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Calendar Years- } & 1926 . \quad 1925 . \quad 1924 . \\ \text { Sales-net }\end{array}$ Sase net-.inc. depr-
Cost sales ind
Admin. \& sell. exp. and $\quad$ Not reported $\{\times 4,361,005$
1923.
$\$ 3,330,326$
$2,926,62$

3 Admin. $\&$ sell. exp. and
sales discount. $\qquad$
Net income -
Total income

| $\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{y} \$ 312,664 \\ 15,902 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} y \$ 223,165 \\ 39,822 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| \$328,566 | \$262,987 |
| 55.497 70.000 | ${ }_{3}^{77,652}$ |

Fed, \& State tax reserves Fed ered dividends.-.
Prefres
Sinking fund provision.
55.497
70,000
37.652
96.250
$\begin{array}{r}111,070 \\ -28.205 \\ \hline\end{array}$
\{ 341,231

Balance, surplus.-...
Shares of common out $\$_{\$ 203,068}^{\$ 129,085} \overline{\text { def } \$ 22,135} \overline{\text { def } \$ 164,232}$
 x Includes $\$ 102,265$ for depreciation. y. After deducting $\$ 77.342$ for
depreciation in 1926 and $\$ 104.533$ in 1925 . depreciation in Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 Assets- 1926. 1925. Liabilitites- 1926
 mextures. \&c Corelgn Accts. recelvable.-.
Bills recelvable Advancees
Inventorie le.. $\quad 70$ Advances-...
Inventories.
Investments. $\ldots . . \begin{array}{r}7,930 \\ 3,5165,452 \\ 205,83 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\qquad$
$-\quad 8,796$ Surplu
plus......
Prepald exp

$$
-85,792,995 \$ 4,794,135 \quad \text { Total_ }
$$ $\$ 5,792,995 \$ 4,794,13$ x I Isued 40,000 shares of no par value. y After deducting $\$ 822,594$

reserve for depreciation.- V . 123 , p. 2265 .
Baxter Launderers \& Cleaners, Inc.-Large Consolidation of Laundries and Dry Cleaning Establishments in Middle West.
The above company was incorp. in Delaware, March 15, a re-incorpora-
tion of the Baxter Iaunderers \& Cleazers Co. of Grand Rapids tion of the Baxter Ltiunderers \& cleaners co. of Grand Rapids, Mich.
The nempany wil acquire other similar establishments, and it is stated that plans that are under way for a State-wide laundry and cleaning system in Michigan and for establishing similar systems in other States. State combined companies. Plants in Grand Rapids, Muskegon, and Kalamazoo have already been accuired and negotiations are bing' consummated for plants in other Mrichicizan cities. It is stated that one of the most important dry cleaning
establishments in Chicago has indicated that it will bea part of this conestabation and that active negotiations are proceeding for other laundry and dry cleaning plants in middle western cities. Howe, Snow \& Bertles,
Inc., are the bankers, and it is expected that a public offering of securities Inc, are the bankers. and it is expecte
will be made within the near future.

Beaumont Medical Building Co., St. Louis.-Bonds Offered.-Taussig, Day, Fairbanks \& Co., Inc., Real Estate Mortgage Trust Co. and L. E. Anderson \& Co., St. Louis, are offering at 101 and int. for 1928-1942 maturities and at 100 and int. for 1943 maturity $\$ 550,000$ 1st mtge. serial $6 \%$ real estate gold bonds.
Dated May 111926 diue serially May 1 1928-1943. Denom. 8500 and
Principal and int \$1,000. Prinust Co St, Lowis trustee Callable at the option of the borrower on any int, date on 60 days notice at 105 and int. if called on or
befor May 1929 an 103 and int if called after May 1929 , and on or before May $11929 ;$ and at 102 and int. if called thereafter.
before May 11935 , and on or
The bonds are secured by a closed 1st mtge. on the land owned in fee The bonds are secured by a closed ist mtge. on the land owned in fee
and the recently construted 10-story office building erected thereon,
known as Beaumont Medical Building, located at 3726 Washington Bouleknown as Beaumont Medical Building, located at 3726 Washington Boule-
vard. St. Louis. Mo. vard. Shile the building will not be ready for occupancy until about June 1 . 1027. yet over $85 \%$ of the space in the building has already been leased.
It is expected that practically the entire building will be occupied shortly after completion. Based on those leases now in effect, the following is (after reasonable allowance for vacancies), $\$ 127,877$; operating expenses,
$\$ 45,135$; net income, $\$ 82,742$.

Black \& Decker Manufacturing Co.-Listed.The Boston Stock Exchange on March 9 Iisted 100,000 shares of common
stock (without par value).-V. 124, p. 1364 .
(The) Bergonian Hotel, Seattle.-Bonds Offered.Seattle Title Trust Co. is offering at 100 and int. $\$ 350,000$ 1 st mtge. leasehold $61 / 2 \%$ gold bonds.
Dated March 1 1927; due serially, March 1 1930-1934. Denom. $\$ 100$,
$\$ 250$. $\$ 500$ and $\$ 1,000$. Int. payable M. \& , without deduction for nor sal Federal income tax not in excess of $2 \%$. without deduction for nor-
meattle Title Trust Co . trustee. A Building.-The bonds will be secured by a 12 -story modern hotel of class "A" firreproof building having 231 hotel rooms and a dining room, 7 stores. Pron bath except one small room on each floor. There will be This excellent corner lote, 70108108 ft., Is under lease to Stephen Berg for 99
years on a very favorable annual rental basis, i. e., two years, $\$ 13,500$;
 pided during the first ten years. Based on experience, gross anmual income for the Bergonian is estimated at $\$ 172,000$, total expenses at $\$ 65,880$, leaving a net annual inco
$\$ 106,120$, or about 5 times maximum interest charges on this loan.

Bertha-Consumers Co.-Sale of Mine.-
see Cosgrove-Meehan Coal Corp. below.-122, D. 2656
Bethlehem Steel Corp.-Stock to Employees.-
Anouncement was made March 15 by the corporation that under this year's savings and stock ownership plan 37.302 employees have applied
for a total of 72 . 034 shares of $7 \%$ preferred stock at $\$ 107$ per share. The
employees applying this year constitute approximately $60 \%$ of the tota ${ }^{1}$
number of employees in the corporation This is the fourth year in which Beniehem employees have been given
an opportunity to acquire $7 \%$ preferred stock upon a deferred payment an opportunity to accuire $7 \%$ preferred stock upon a deferred payment
basis. In the past three years 350000 Bethlehem employee stockholders
have saved $\$ 8,000,000$ under Bethlehem saving and stock ownership plans. See also V. 124, p.
(W. F.) Bleck \& Co., Inc., Chicago.-Bonds Offered.Hitcheock \& Co., Chicago, are offering at prices to yield from $5 \%$ to $6 \%$, according to maturity, $\$ 375,000$ 1st mtge. $6 \%$ serial gold bonds.
F. \& A. at Chicago Titie \& Trust Co., Chicago, trustee, Interest payable for normal Federal income tax not in excess of $2 \%$. Callable on any int. life, except that premium shall not exceed $2 \%$. Denom. $\$ 1,000, \$ 500$ and
$\$ 100$. The company manufactures interior wood trim for all types of buildings
and carries one of tha largest stocks of moldings and doors in Chicago
The business was established in 1904 and incorporated in bonds are secured by a direct closed firist mortgage on all of the land owned
in fee by the company, together with the buildings, machinery and equipment thereon, having a net sound depreciated value of $\$ 786,283$. After giving effect to the financing, the certified balance sheet as of Dec.
311926 shows net tangible assets of $\$ 3,434$ and net current assets of $\$ 1,229$ for each $\$ 1,000$ bond. The annual average net earnings after depreciation,
but before Federal taxes, for the 7 years ending Dec. 311926 have been over $31 / 2$ times the maximum interest requiremen
past 3 years over $41 / 2$ times these requirements.

Borg \& Beck Co., Chicago.-Earnings.$\$ 907$ 222, after all charges, for the full year of announced net earnings of $\$ 7.26$ per share on the 125.000 shares or $\$ 10$ par stock outstanding, Net to \$5.17 per share on the same amount of stock. the earnings of $\$ 309,236$ shown in 1924 . Shipment for January were approx
year.-V. 123, p. 2659 .
Boulevard Temple Methodist Episcopal Church, Detroit, Mich.-Bonds Offered.-Union Trust Co., Detroit, and Wm. L. Ross \& Co., Inc., Chicago, recently offered at 100 and int. $\$ 615,000$ 1st mtge. $6 \%$ serial gold bonds.
Dated May 1 1926; due serially 192936. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. $\$ 500$ and $\$ 100$.
Int. payable (M. \&, N.) at Union Trust Co., Detroit, trustee. Red. on any int. date at 102 and int. If less than total amount of outstanding bonds
are to be redeemed, such redemptions are to be in reverse numerical order beainning with the hichest numbered bonds then outse numinerical and pro- pro
rated among the denominations. Company agrees to pay interest without rated among the denominations. Company atrees 0 pay interest without Security. The bonds are a binding and enforceable obligation of the
Boulevard Temple Methodist Episcopal Church, an ecclesiastical corporation duly authorized under the laws of the State of Michigan. The Boule-
vard Temple Church and the Atkinson Avenue Methodist Church have been consolidated into one organization, which has added very materially
to the strength of the corporation. The church now has a membership if approximately 1,100 members, wich a church budget of $\$ 36,0 \backslash 0$ for the
ppesent conference year, About $25 \%$, or $\$ 9,000$ of the Budget is allocated
for missionary work. on the property located at the northwest corner of West Grand Borteard
and Twelth Street, being 100 feet on the Boulevard by 202 feet on Twelfth are a 9 -story commercial building $100 \times 74$ ecet thereon. These buildings shops offices and high class apartments on the 5 upper floors, and a a 5 -story
church and sunday school building to contain an audi-orium seating about church and sunday school bulding to contain an audi-orium seating about
1,200 people, a gymnasium, club rooms and other rooms fitted and equipped for social activities connected with the church and Sunday school. The
buildings are of steel, stone and brick, of modern design and fireproof con-

Brillo Manufacturing Co.-Earnings. Net earnings for the last quarter of 1926 were $\$ 74,376$, or at the rate of
approximately siono..000 per annum, Busines for the last quarter of 1926
was the largest on perion in the company's history, as is also that for the
first two months of 1927 . V . 123 , p. 1880 . British-American Oil Co., Ltd.-Dividend DateThe dividend of 20 cents per share declared last week on the no par value
capital stock is payable April 1 to holders of record March 15.-V. 124 , capital ${ }^{\text {p. }} 1514$.
Burns Bros.-To Pay Regular Dividends.-
Pres. Sanders Wertheim, says: There has been no discusion of a reduc-
tion in the dividends on our stocks and at the April meeting we will declare the regular payments of $\$ 2.50$ a share on the Class $A$ and 50 cents a share on the class B stocks.-V. 124, p. 1515, 1364
Butterick Publishing Co.-Debentures Called.-
Certain ten-year $61 / 2 \%$ sinking fund gold debentures, aggregating $\$ 25,000$, have been called for payment April 15 next at 105 and interest at the office
of Halsey, Stuart \& . Inc., 14 Wall St., N. Y. City, or 201 So. La Salle
St. Chic.

California Petroleum Corporation.-Acquisition.-Vice-President F. V. Gordon recently announced that the corporation
has accuired the producing properties of the Daaney Oil Syndicate at
Signal Hill settled production of 2,050 bbls. The leased property consists of some 13.85 acres located on the top of the structure at Signal Hill. Payment was ade in Caiforna Petroleum stock.
Contraits to Develop Property in South America.-
The California Petroleum Corp, has completed negotiations with the pantepce
800.000 acres of the latter's land in Venezuela on a $50-50$ basis. The terms of the agreement, according to Jaccues Vinmont, President of the Cali-
fornia company, require that company to spend $\$ 3,500,000$ in actua fornia companyn, require that company
development over a period of 5 years.
The properties accuired in the transac
Basin, Silva and other districts which give promise of oil production, Mr. Vinmont said. Some of the properties are arjacent to the already proven holdings of the Shell, Standard Oil Co., Laso and other large operators. The acquired acreage is practically contiguous to the holdings of the
Union Oil Co. which recently made a similar trade with the Pantepec
company.
By way of confirming the contract with the California company. William
F. Buckley, President oo the Pantepec Oil Co. of Venezuela, pointed out F. Buckley, President of the Pantepec Oil Co. of Venezuela, pointed out into the Pantenec treasury and that of the $\$ 3,50,000$ to be spent over the
5 -vear period. $\$ 250,000$ must be expended before Nov. 1927 . Mr. Buckley 5 -year period, $\$ 250,000$ must be expended agrere No. 1927 Mr. Buckley ornia Petroleum Co. of Venezuela which will take title o 800,000 acres of Pantepec concessions. Halif of the stock in this company will beo owned by the Pantepec company and half by the California Petroleum
Caro Cloth Corp.-Stock Increased-Rights.-
The stockholders on Feb. 15 increased the total number of shares authorzed to be issued by the corporation from 20,000 shares, no par value (con-
 The stockholders
cribe on or before Feb. 9 for the then remaining outstanding 5.000 shares of class "B" stock at \$10 per share on the basis. of one share of class " B " tock for each 3 shares of class "A" or class "B" stock held. with offices at 43 Exchange P1., New York City.

Central Hudson Steamboat Co.-Receivership.Hherbert R. Odell and George Hutchinson (Pres. of the Newburgh Barbano, a bondholder, who said that a suit brought by Armour \& Co. for \$7.011 for goods sold and delivered has brought about a situation requiring
the attention of the court. The appointment of receivers was consented to
by
 Its bonded ind
about $\$ 300,000$

## Century Electric Co.-Annual Report.Gross earnings - <br> Cash dividend-- Stock dividenas $\begin{array}{r}1926 . \\ \$ 1.321 .138 \\ 431.965 \\ 178.581 \\ 225.559 \\ 354.5110 \\ \hline\end{array}$ <br>  <br>  --- surplus. $\underset{\substack{\$ 130,923 \\ \$ 800,154}}{\substack{\$ 439,933 \\ \$ 636,075}}$

Chandler-Cleveland Motors Corp.-Sales. models showed a gain of $20 \%$, Over those of the corresponding month af 1926 and 47\% over January of the current of the Sorresponding month or
model in February were $210 \%$ in excess of January.-V. $124, \mathrm{Roval}$. 927 . Eight

## Chicago Electric Mfg. Co.-Listing.-

The Chicago Stock Exchange. has authorized the listing of 25,000 shares
Class A stock of no par value. See also V. 124, p. 927 . Calendar Years- Coal Corp.-Annual Report.Nealenarar Years
Fixed chings...
Sinldinarges. Sinking fund-
Federal income taxes
Prent Pederarred dividendends
Common dividends.

Balance, surplus
Shares of comple

 $\begin{array}{r}1923 . \\ \$ 1,011,691 \\ 107,882 \\ 55,193 \\ 135.571 \\ 86,596 \\ 109,107 \\ \hline \$ 517,342\end{array}$
 March flatther which was charged to profit and loss, being a distribution of

Colditz Earthenware Co. (Steingutfabrik Colditz Ak-tiengesellschaft).-Registrar.-
The Central Union Trust Co. of New York has been appointed registrar
for $\$ 400,000$ 10-year $7 \%$ sinking fund mtge. gold bonds, due Nov. 11936 .

## Collateral Bankers, Inc.-Bonds Offered.-

$6 \%$ coupon bodson at Cor, New York, announce an offering of $\$ 2,000,000$ maturing May 11953 , and are callable after Feb. 11932 at 105 and int. The company was incorp. in 1921 in New York State. It is a holding company,
controlling industrial loan banks located and doing business in 42 cities in 17 states. The participation feature in connection with the present offering entitles
the registered owner to share (in addition to the $6 \%$ interest on the bond) in the net profits of the corporation annually up to $4 \%$ extra per year. collateral Bankersionc., have never paid ess than 1, participandin in any
year on their previous participating issues, which are in the hands of 5,000 year on their previous participating issues, which are in the hands
investors located in 44 States and a number of foreign countries.
Conde Nast Publications, Inc.-Bankers Acquire Interest. Goldman, Sachs \& Co,., and Shearson, Hammill \& Co., have concluded
negotiations for the purchase of a substantial common stock interest in this company, controlling a number of the most successful magazine properties in the United States. Offering of the stock, scheduled for the near future, now a closely held corporation, have been made available to the public. Among the magazines published by Conde Nast Publications, Inc., are "Vogue, "Vanity Fair" and "House and Garden," These three magazines, while "Voue" and "Vanity Eair" stood second and third respectively, in the total volume of such advertising carried during 1926. The company in addition publishes French and British editions omong its other
a magazine in Paris known as "Jardin des Modes." Amor properties are the Vogue Pattern Service, which enjoys national distribution,
and a modern printing plant consisting of $166,000 \mathrm{sq}$. ft. of floor space, at
and
Greenwich, Conn
The stock offering will not involve any change in control of the com-
pany, which will continue under its present management.-V. 117, p. 1996.
Congoleum-Nairn, Inc. (\& Subs.).-Annual Report.-


 Adjustment of inventory
General contingencies.-

Depreciation | 135,838 |
| :--- |
| 491,616 |
| 200,000 | Depreciation_-.......

Balance avail. for divs.
Divs. paid-Pref. stock.
Balance, surplus
Profit \& loss Profit \& loss, surplus Earn. per share on com. $\begin{array}{lllll} & \$ 0.21 & \$ 2.23 & 1,64,0.81 & 960.000 \\ \$ 4.69\end{array}$ above report: earnings of both companies for the year are included in the above report; however, the proper.
last two months of the year 1924.

 a Notes and accounts receivable, $\$ 2,411,364$, less $\$ 219,010$ reserve for
discounts and doubtful debts. b Land, buildings and equipment. $\$ 21 .-$ 761,725 , less $\$ 7,206,964$ reserve for depreciation. c $1,641,026$ shares of

Consolidated Lead \& Zinc Co.-Larger Dividend.The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25 C . a share on the class A stock, payabe Aprise isbursemen of $121 / \mathrm{c}$. a share was made on this issue compared with
V. 123, p. 2782 .
Continental Baking Corp.-Dividend Rate Decreased on Class "A" Common Stock-New Chairman.
The directors have declared a dividend of $\$ 1$ per share on the class "A" common stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 24 . Previously
quarterly tividend of $\$ 2$ per share were paid on this issue.
The regular quarterly dividend of $2 \%$ on the preferred stock was declared payable on the same date. Buffalo, N. Y. has been elected temporary
Elliott C . McDougal, of Burn
Mr Chairman to succeed George G. Barber. Mrittee.
memr. MeDougal is Chairman of the board of the Marine Bank \& Trust Oo.. of Buffalo. Besides being a stockholder in Continental Baking Corp,
himself, he is understood to represent large stockholding interests.-V. 124 ,

Cosgrove-Meehan Coal Corp.-Acquires Mine.The company has accuired, by purchase, from the Bertha-Consumers
co. the Rachel mine in the Fairmont field, West Virginia, for approximately $\$ 1,000,000$.-V. 124, p. 116.
Crescent Pipe Line Co.-Liquidating Dividend.It is reported that announcement has been made by the trustees in liqui-
ation that the amount available for liquidation will be $\$ 891,233$, equivalent to about $\$ 14.85$ a share on the 60,000 shares of $\$ 25$ par value stock ont standing. The trustees will file account about April 1 and tra.
are to be permanently closed as of March 24.-V. 124, p. 513 .

Crown Willamette Paper Co.-Gets Big Newsprint Contract.
Archie B. Martin, Executive Vice-President, announces that the company has signed a contract with William Randolph Hearts to supply the entire
requirements of his Pacific Coast papers or newsprint over a 10 -year requirements
period. The
$\$ 150,000,000$.

First preferred dividends.
Balance, surplus
Earns. per share on $1,000,000$
shares common outstanding -85,570,854

Earns. per share on $1,000,000$ shares common outstanaing..... $\$ 1,392,642$ Note.- The above statement does not incluce the proportion of net
earnings of Pacific Mills, Ltd... applicable to stock of that company owned
Curtiss Aeroplane \& Motor Co., Inc.-Gets $\$ 1,000,000$ Order from United States Government.-
This company, it was officially announced last week, was awarded another large Air Corps contract under the new procurement law. The contract, which involves more than \$1,000,000, calls for tre delivery or
90 planes. These aeroplanes are modifications of the Curtiss Falcon to 90 planes. These aeroplanes are mocincaucns or the air force. Forty-
the particuar requirements of various branches of the are
five of them are to be powered with the Curtiss D-12-high performance five of them are to be powered with the Curtiss D-12-high performance
pursuit moter and the balance are to be the Liberty motor It is stated that this new type of ship with the D-12 motor is the fastest
observation ship in the world and therefore, the delivery of these planes obil replace to some extent war-time aeroplanes and begin to equip the
wir Corps and observation planes comparable in efficiency and performance Air Corps and observation planes, comparabbe in efficiency and performance
to the American Air Corps pursuit planes of Curtiss \& Boeing types, which to the American Air Corps pursuit planes of Curtiss \& Boeing types, which
are not to sell in any other military service. Deliveries will be made in are not to sell in any other military
about 4 months.-V. $124, p$. 1516 .
Danville (Pa.) Structural Steel Co.-Bonds Offered.Wills, Deane \& Singer, Inc., Pittsburgh, are offering at $991 / 2$ and interest, $\$ 350,000$ first collateral (closed first mortgage) sinking fund $61 / 2 \%$ gold bonds.
Dated April 1 1927: due April i 1939. Interest payable M. \& S. withou deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding $2 \%$ Principal and
 Pennsylvania. A monthly sinking fund, payable to the trustee, commenc-
ing April 301927 , will retire approximately $70 \%$ of this issue by maturity. Stock Purchase Warrant.- Each bond wiil carry a detachable warrant entiting the owner to purchase, at any time during the life of the bonds,
ten shares of common stock of the company at a price of $\$ 15$ per share. Capitalization-

 warrants.
Company-A Aelaware corporation; is a re-incorporation of the Danville Structural Tubing Co., to acquire, in addition to that company's assets and
business, the properties of the Pemnsylvania Brake Beam Co. and the Penn business, the properties orty tocated at Danville, Pa. Company ownens ap-
State Steel Co. Proper
proximately 23 acres or land on which there are mill buildings, warehouse, proximately 23 a ares of land on which there are mill buildings, warehouse,
roll shop, garage and office buildings. this issue of $61 / 2 \%$ bonds, a first closed mortgane in the amount of 400.000 , so that, in the opinion of counsel, these bonds will be secured by a ciosed first mortgage on all of the land, buildings and machinery of the company. and the Manufacturers' Appraisal Co., have a depreciated value of $\$ 862,347$. Total net tangible assets, as per balance sheet, amount to $\$ 1,043,611$, or
over $\$ 2,980$ per $\$ 1,000$ bond. alone for the eight years ending Dec. 31 Danville Structural Tubing Co. alone, for tan eigederal taxes, have averaged over 21/4 times interest requirements on this issue. Such earnings have averaged, for the last four years,
$21 / 8$ times reauirements, for the last three years $21 / 2$ times, and for 1926 were aproximately $2 \pi /$ times requir ment. With the largely increased capacity it is conservatively estimated that such earnings should be at the annuai rate of over $61 / 2$ times interest requirements.
Purpose- Proceeds will be used to acquire the assets of the Pennsylvania debt bearing a higher rate of interest and to furnish additional working capital for this company.

DennisonManufacturing Co.-Annual Report.-
 Balance, surplus....-
-V .122, p. 2048.
$\$ 508,301$
$\$ 585,244$
$\$ 203,773$
$\$ 622,212$

Donner Steel Co., Inc.-Tenders.-
The Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo, trustee, will until. April 11 receive bids
for the sale to it of 1st ref. mtge. s. f . gold bonds, series AA, and series A for the sale to it of 1 st rer. mitge. s. $f$. gold bonds, series AA , and series A ,
to amounts surficient to exhaust $\$ 75,420$ and $\$ 88,36$, at prices not exto amounts surficient to exhaust $\$ 75,420$ and $\$ 28,366$, at prices not ex-
ceeding 106 and $1021 / 2$ and int., respectively. V . 124 , p. 1366 .
Economy Grocery Stores Corp.-Earnings.-


Federal Motor Truck Co.-New Director.
Federal Sugar Refining Co.-New President.
Federal Sugar Refining Co.-New President.-
Rudolph Spreckels, of San Franciso, has been elected President, succeed-
 15950 Woodward Avenue Corp.-Bonds Livingstone \& Co., Detroit, are offering at 100 and int. $\$ 325,0006 \%$ (closed) 1st mtge. serial gold bonds. Dated Feb. 11 1927: due serially 1928-1937. Principal and int. payable at
Highland Park Trust Co., Highland Park, Mich., trustee without deduction for Federal income tax not in excess of $2 \%$. Red. all or part upon 30
days' notice at 102 and int. Denom. $\$ 1,000, \$ 500$ and $\$ 100 \mathrm{c}$. closed first mortgage upon the tand and building situated at Woodward and Ferris Avenues, in Highland Park, Mich. The building, is 4 stories in
height, of brick and steel construction with full basement and contains 84 apartment
facilities.
Earnin
Carnings. - After allowing $20 \%$ for vacancles and expenses of every
nature, itis conservatively estimated that the net earnings will be approximately 860,000 per year, equivalent to over 3 times the maximum interest Guaranty.-These bonds are uncorditionally guaranteed both as to prin-
cipal Jand interest jointly and severally by Messrs. George W. Mathews
and James S. Fisher.
Financial \& Industrial Securities Corp.-Extra Div.The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend (No. 2) of
50 cents a share on the common stock, plus an extra dividend of 25 cents a
share, both payable April 1 to holders or record March 17. Like amounts The directors also declared the resular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.75$ a
share on the $7 \%$ preferred stock, payable April 1 to holders of record share on the $7 \%$ preferred stock, payable April 1 to holders of record
March $17 . \mathrm{V}, 14, \mathrm{p} .1517$.
First National Stores, Inc.-Bonds Offered.-Lee, Hig-
First National Stores, Inc.-Bonds Offered.-Lee, Hig-
inson \& Co., Harris, Forbes \& Co., Inc., and Old Colony Corp., Boston, are offering at $993 / 4$ and interest, $\$ 1,500,000$ first mortgage sinking fund gold bonds, series A, $5 \%$. Colony April 1 1927; due April 11952. Interest payable A. \& O. . at Old
days notice, as a whole at any time. Denom. \$1.000 co. Calabe on 30
din part on any interest date at 105

 certificates of the oid Colony Trust Co.. carrying warrants for interest at
rate or $5 \%$ per annum, payable ret. 11927 and April 11928 , exchangeable
for first mortgake $5 \%$ bonds afuer April 11928 . Capitalization Outstanding on Completion of Present Financing.
First mtge. sinking Pumd gold bonds ( $\$ 2,000,000$ auth.) serles A $\$ 1,500,000$
$5 \%$, due April 11952 (this issue)
 4,909,859
 Company.-A consolidation, completed early in 1926 , of the Ginter Co.,
John $T$. Connor Co., O'Keeffe's, Inc., and Arthur E. Dorr \& Co., Inc.,
 near Boston. Since consolidation the number of stores has Deen increased
to 1.720 Each store sells groceries, vezetables and fruits, and a small but
incen increasing number also sell meats. All retall sales are upon a strictly cash
basis. total sales ser $\$ 59,500,000$ in 1926 , as compared with about $\$ 54,-$
900000 in 900.000 in 1925.
the a a result or the merger it has become possible to consolidate many of
 to serve as a central administrative headquarters, warehouse, bakery and
 the neve central headquarters group or buildings now being erected.
Earnings.- N et earrinins of company and its pred beensors interest after all depreciation, but before Federal taxess, for the last fiy Years have averaged $\$ 1,980,686$, or over 26 times the interest requirement
of $\$ 75,000$ on these bonds. $\$$ In of $\$ 75,000$ on these bonds, In no one of these years have earnings been
Iess than 21 times this requirement. For the 12 months ended Dec. 31926 These earnings include those of restaurants recently sold. The proceeds of this sale are to be used in esta blshing additional stores, the earnings from Assets.- Total net assett, based on balance sheet of Dec. 31 1926, but nncluang tue proceeds debt capital stock and surplus, were $\$ 9,678,40$, or $\$ 6,452$ per
than funded det
$\$ 1,000$ bond. Net current assets alone, after allowing for estimated minimum cost of new construction (not including equipment) equaled $\$ 4,595$, Sinking Fund.-Annual sinking fund, beginning 1932, sufficient to retire
$70 \%$ of series A bonds by maturity.-V. 124, p. 1226 .
Foundation Co.-Earnings for Calendar Years.-

| Gross incom | 1926. \$2,237.089 | $\begin{aligned} & 1925 . \\ & \$ 2,067.222 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1924 . \\ & \$ 1,997.842 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Feder | 50,000 | 35,000 |  |
| Expenses, \& | 1.180 | 1,022,661 | 95 |
| Common dividen | - | 687,792 | 318,805 |
| do sto | 112,981 |  |  |



## Fox Film Realty Corp.-Trustee.-


Freeport Texas Co.-Dividend Increased.
Freeport Texas Co.- Dividend Increased.-
The company has declared a quarterly dividend of $\$ 1$, thereby placing the record April 15. On Feb. 1 last the company paid a dividend of 50 c . per
share. Prior to that no dividend had been pald since 1920 . $V .124, \mathrm{p} 1075$.

Fuller-Lehigh Co.-Bonds Called.-

Fullerton-Portsmouth Bridge Co.-Bonds Offered.The Bank of Pittsburgh, N. A., is offering at 98 and int. $\$ 500,000$ 1st (closed) mtge. sinking fund $6 \%$ gold bonds. Dated March 151927 ; due March 151957 . Principal and int. (M. \& S $)$
payable at Bank of Pittsburgh N. A., Pittsburgh, trustee. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500$. Red. all or part on any int. date on 4 week's notice, at it io3 and Which the company may be required to payy deduct or retain therefrom
under any present or future law of the Unite States or of the State of
Kentucky but the liability thus assumed by the company shal not exceed as to Federal income tax, the present rate of $2 \%$ per annum. Penn.

Data from Letter of S. L. Tone, President of the Company, the purpose of constructing, owning and_operating a toll bridge across the

Ohio River between Portsmouth, Ohio and South Portsmouth and Fuller-
ton, Ky. The bridge and approaches will be 2,430 feet long from Second ton, Ky. The bridge and approaches will be 2,430 feet long from Second
and Chilicothe Sts. in Portsmouth, $O$., to the highway in South Ports-
mouth. Ky. Sccurity.-These bonds will be secured by a closed first mortgage on all and upon its franchises including all rights of the company thereunder. The cost of the bridges and approaches will be in excess of $\$ 900,000$. This
issue of bonds will be followed by $\$ 250,0007 \%$ preferred stock and $\$ 250,000$
commo common stock to be presently outstanding. The property will be ade-
quately insured for the benefit of holders of these bonds. The bridge is
at present at present $90 \%$ completed.
Earnings. H it is estimated that the average annual earnings for the first
five years will be approximately $\$ 120.000$ per annum five years will be approximately $\$ 120,000$ per annum. Net earnings, after
deducting Federal and 8 .ate taxes dine nance and repairs, will be approximately 890.000 per annum, or 3 times the
maximum annual interest charge on this issue of bonds. Sinking Fund.-Beginning Sept. 15 1928, a minimum of 818,500 per
annum of these bonds will be retired. This sinking fund provides for the
retir retirement of the entire issue of bonds by maturity.
Franchise. The Congress of the United States has granted a franchise to this company, giving the right to construct, maintan, own and operate
the bridge, and to collect tolls for the use there the bridge, and to collect tolls for the use thereof. The plans for the con-
struction of this bridge have been approved by the United States War
Department.

General Ice Cream Corp.-Reports Successful Year.Corporation for the first full year of operation, reports total revenue of
$\$ 7,823.595$ for 1926 After all deduction sor operating costs, profits totaled
$\$ 005,701$. Atter deductions $\$ 905.7$. Atter deductions for all interest charges and Federal income tax, During the year the corporation accuired 6 ice cream plants owned by 286 gallons, a
the fact that ice cream sales were retarded in in 1926 wecause of the cool Current assets on Dec. 311926 amounted to $\$ 1,143,000$, more than 3
times the company's current liabilities of $\$ 376,551$, The profit and loss times the company's current liabilities of $\$ 376,551$. The profit and loss
surpus amounted to $\$ 1,108,676$. There is no bank indebtedness.-V. 121 ,
p. 1574 .

General Refractories Co.-Report.-
Catendar Years-
Niscerns. from opers...
Miseous income.
Total income-

| ories Co. |
| :--- |
| $\begin{array}{l}1926 . \\ \$ 1,993.608 \\ 64,268 \\ \$ 2,057,877 \\ 20,329\end{array}$ |

Corp, munion exps. \&c.
taxes munc.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { taxes } \\ \text { Int. on bonded \& float. } & 271,476 \\ 219,217\end{array}$
Deprec.
earnings deplec. res. fr.
Balance, surplus
Previance, surploplus (adj.
Deprec.

\& depl. res. 286.981 $\begin{array}{llll}306,440 & 330,142 & 367,356\end{array}$ $6,22-628,350$ | Total surplus |
| :---: |
| Capital stock | Value of capital stock

Dec. 31
Dec. 31 . capital stock
Shh. cap. stk. outst'd' $\$ 15,284,704$
(no par) $\$ 14,864,178 \$ 14,260,867$ \$14,892,389
 May 31923 only.- 123, D. 2398
Gilliland Oil Co.-Probable Reorganization.
It is expected that a meeting of the stockholders will be called shortly
to vote on a reorganization of the company While no official statements
have been to be been made, it is believed that the plans call for the refunding of the whereby the present unwieldy preferred and common stock Issues will be reduced to one class. It is understood that new interests will invest Since the company was discharged from receivershin in 1923 it has made
substantial progress under the manemer substantial progress under the management of P. J Hurley who was one
of the receevers and wa tater elected President of the company. The
finded debt orivinall reduced to $\$ 3,340,736$ as of Oct. 31 last, and properties of the company placed on a sound operating basis. The company has been handicapped, will be met by the proposed reorganization which will bring a substantial amount of new capital into the business.
field and in addition operates 5 gasoline company in the Mid-Continent rrom casinghead gas. It is stated that its properties are in general settled The funded debt as of Oct. 311926 consisted of $\$ 3,340,736$ of $6 \% 1$ 1st mtge. serial gold bonds, which had been reduced to this figyre from $\$ 4,265,754$ a
year previous. In addition there is outstanding 83.236 .600 preferred stock
and 60.000 shares of no par value common stock.-V,
Glidden Co.-February Sales.-
President Joyce states that February was the second best month in the history of the company, sales during that period amounting to $\$ 1,906$,000,
Releases from automobile manufacturers for March, Mr. Joyce intimated,
Goodyear Tire \& Rubber Co. of Canada, Ltd.-To Rearrange Capital Stock.
Special meeting of the stockholders has been called for March 28 , to aprove
rearrangement of capital by the consolidation of the preferred stocks and The conversion of the common stock of $\$ 10$ par into stock of no par value. there is $\$ 3,49,800$ outstansing, and $\$ 4,500,000$ authorized, and the $7 \%$
preferred stock, of which $\$ 4.500,000$ is outstandink and $\$ 15,000,000$ authorized, into a new $7 \%$ cumulative preferred with sinking fund provision
 on its becoming will, it it is proposed, be effective Aprail 1, and, conditional on its becoming operative, the directors state that the $13 \% \%$ arrears of
dividend on the existing $7 \%$ preferred stock will be declared as of March 31 next.
This company is controlled by the Goodyear Tire \& Rubber Co.-V. 123,
Grace Securities Corp., Richmond, Va.-Bonds Sold.The company has sold an issue of $\$ 100,0007 \%$ serial collateral trust gold bonds, series N , at prices ranging from $51 / 2 \%$ to $7 \%$ according to maturity.
Dated March 1 1927; due serially in quarteriy payments from June 1.1927 ,
to March 11930 Interest payable Q-M at American National Bank, These bonds are a direct obligation of the corporation, chartered under
the laws of Virginia with paid-in capital and surplus over $\$ 1.000 .000$. This series of bonds is secured by pledge with the American Trust Co., or
consists and second mortgage notes at cost of $\$ 125,719$. This security
artage notes secured by 50 pieces of improved real giving an average loan of $\$ 2.516$. The conservative appraised value of the
property securing these notes is $\$ 751,200$. property securing these notes is $\$ 751,200$.
Gotham Silk Hosiery Co., Inc.-Annual Report.-

 x Net income after all charges and int, on runded debt and
1926, $\$ 269,103$ for depreciation ("Onys" properties for 3 months).

Analysis of Surplus Year Ended Dec. 311926. Surplus at Jan. 111826
Net profit for 1926 .-
Prior period items-net Net prort for 1920 net
Prior perio. items-net
Amount of surplus applie
mount of surplus applied or appropriated to retirement of old
first and second preferred stocks released throgh amend first and second preferred stocks released through amendment
of charter.................... Total surplus
doduct: Divs. On ist pref stock-
do 2 d perefred stock
do
comm

 Cost of sale of cap, stock and exps. incident to rocapitalization-
Premium on old 1 st $\& 2 d$ pref. stocks called for redemption.
$\begin{array}{r}72,534 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$\$ 940,537$
$2,899,409$
8,305 $\$ 3,900,785$
$\$ 104,973$

48,648
886.813 886,813
$C_{5} 5.683$
527.888
1098 199,220

Surplus, Dec. 311926
The report is the first since
$\$ 2,138,925$ The report is the first since "Gotham" purchased the assets of the
Onyx Hosier. Inc. and subsidiary companies. As this accuisition did
not take place untio the last quarter of the year, the full earning power of
not Onyx" is not reflected in the current statement. equivalent to $\$ 7.42$ per share on the company's outstanding classes of
common stock, based on the average number of shares of common stock actually outstanding for the year.


Total__...... S19,928,284 $\overline{\$ 7,416,070}$ Total__....... $\overline{\$ 19,928,284} \overline{\$ 7,416,070}$ a Represented by 50,000 shares (par $\$ 100) 7 \%$ cumulative preferred stock,
320,000 common shares (voting) no par value: 94.632 shares common stock (non-voting no par value. * After giving effect to new financing. -V .
Grand River-Fenkel Land Co., Detroit.-Bonds Offered. -Fenton, Davis \& Boyle, Detroit, are offering at 100 and int. $\$ 285,0001$ st mtge. $61 / 2 \%$ sinking fund gold bonds.
Dated Feb. 11927 , due Feb. 1 1932. Principal and int. (I. \& A.)
payable at American Trust Co., Detroit, trustee. Denom. $\$ 1,000, \$ 500$
 thereafter. Int. payabie without deduction for normal Federal income these bonds will be a direct obligation of the company, a Michigan 428 lots located in the Grand River Avenue district. near the Five Mile
Road, in the city of Detroit. All public improven Road. in the crty or Detroit. Ald public improvements have been installed Kelvinator and Peninsular Stove pla the new River Rouge Park and the at $\$ 610,850$. These 428 olsts were sold. on lhis property has been appraised
a total sales prace during 1920 for
a tor and
$\$ 345,430$ as of Jan by revilar payments from this original sales price prise to
4192 . This represents an average payment of over the face value of the contracts in the value of thas property (indicated by whe the toppraisal with the inc increase

Greif Bros. Cooperage Corp.-Earnings.Results for the Three Months' Ended Jan. 311927.
Manufacturing profit after deducting materials used, labor, manu
facturing expense and depletion.

Operating profit
nt.
25



Balance Jan. 31 1927-
$-\$ 443.978$
Gulf Oil Corp. (\& Subs.).-Annual Report.-

 Operating profits.-
Other income

Total
Depletion
Shrinkage in val. of inv
Taxes
Taxes-
Net profits. .-...)
Dividends (6\% p. a.)
Deductions from surplus
(affecting prior years)

| $\begin{array}{c}\text { Balance, surplus_-_- } \\ \text { Shares of capital }\end{array}$ | $25,975,864$ | $28,446,029$ | $12,643,565$ | $7,801,455$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |


| $\begin{array}{l}\text { Shares of capital stock } \\ \text { outstanding (par } \$ 25) \\ \text { Earn. per sh. on cap. stk. }\end{array}$ | $4,414,716$ | $4,390.716$ | $4,358,116$ | $4,348,816$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | x Incuding $\$ 2,948,543$ appreciation in value of inventories (oil). $\$ 3.39$

cluntes drilling costs.- $\mathrm{V} .124, \mathrm{p}$. 1076 .
Greater Newark Baseball Club, Inc.-Bonds Offered. Hancock-Nourse \& Co., Inc., Newark, are offering at 100 and int. $\$ 575,0001$ st (closed) mtge. $61 / 2 \%$ gold bonds.
Dated Feb. 11927 due Feb. 11942 . Int. payable F. \& A. Denom,
$\$ 1.000$. $\$ 500$ and $\$ 100 \mathrm{c}^{*}$. Red. all or part on any int. date on 60 days notice at 105 and int. up to and incl. Feb. 1 Ind any this premium den dereasing at the rate of $1 / 2$ on each February thereafter. Principal and int. payable
at the Fidelity Union Trust Co.. Newark, N. J. trustee. Int. Dayable thout deduction for the normal Federal income tax not to exceed $2 \%$. into 10 shares class A participating stock of the company for each holder Data from Letter of Charles A. Davids, President of the Company Business.- The Greater Newark Baseball Club, Inc., owns the Newark and profitably conduct the only professional baseball baseball in Newark, N. J. The club also owns its own exhibition gronized ng the latest design and construction, known as the Davireproor stadium, embody club also, from time to time, leases the stadium and grounds for various
athletic events, which are held in the open air.
the fixed property of the cocured by a direct closed first mortgage on al land owned 1 Appraisal Co. the value of the completed stadium an practically a $60 \%$ mortmage. As additional security there will be deposite with the trustee the club's franchise in the International League which ha of $\$ 300$ 000 Earnings.- For the year ending Dec. 311926 the net earnings of the
club after all interest charges and adjusted to eliminate certain extraordinary
 For for interest on these bonds, will exceed $\$ 225$,000, or 6 times the maximum Sinkinq Fund.- Company will covenant to pay to the trustee on Feb.
1928, \$15,000; on Feb. $11929, \$ 20,000$; on Feb. 1930 and each Feb. thereafter as long as these bonds shall be outstanding, the sum of $\$ 25.000$,
which sums are to be used for the purchase of bonds at or below their The mortgage further provides that the land price. owned by the club and not actually used for stadium and baseball purposes, which has an the proceeds of such sale shall be used for the redemption of bonds in the
 lass A common stock no par value - .-......................- 100,000 Class B common stock (no par value)
F.750 shares of this stock are reserved for the exercise of the conversion
Hamilton Mfg. Co.-Petition of Minority Stockholders Dismissed.
Judge Bishop in the equity motion session of the Superior Court at
Boston. Mass., dismissed the petition on Boston, Mass., dismissed the petition of the minority stockeriolders of the
company asking court to void the receivership and to discharge the re-
ceivers of the company.

Harbauer Co., Toledo, Ohio-Dividends.-
The directors have declared a dividend of 25 c , a share on the common
stock and the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.75$ a share on the $7 \%$
ferred stock, both payable April stock and the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.75$ a share on the $7 \%$ pre-
ferred stock, both payable April 1 te holders of record March 21 .-v. 120 ,
p. 590 .
Harris-Seybold-Potter Co.-Initial Common Dividend.The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 75 cents
per share on tho common stock, no par value, payable April 1 to holders
of record March 21 .-V. 124, p. 655 .
Hearst Magazines, Inc.-Listing.-
There are placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list $\$ 10,000,0006 \%$ serial gold debentures of 1927 , dated March 1.1927 , and due $\$ 1.000,000$
anmualy each March 1 from 1929 to 1938 , inclusive. See offering in

Hibernia Mortgage Co., Inc.-Notes Offered.-Hibernia Securities Co., New Orleans, is offering $\$ 100,000$ 1st mtge. collateral trust $6 \%$ gold notes, series C, 1927, at prices to yield $53 / 4 \%$ for all maturities.
Dated March 1 1927, due March 1 1930-1933. Denom. $\$ 1,000, \$ 500$
and $\$ 100$. Interest payable M. \& S. at Hibernia Bank \& Trust Co New Orleans, trustee. Callable on any int. date upon 30 days notice ait These notes are the direct and unconditional obligations of the company
and in addition are secured ratably and without preference by the and in addition are secured ratably and without preference by the assiny-
ment to the trustee, of first mortgages on improved city real estate. $V$ V. 123, p. 2146 .

Hunts, Ltd., Toronto, Ont.-Pref. Stock Offered.McLeod, Young, Weir \& Co., and Murray \& Co., Toronto, Ont., are offering $\$ 300,0007 \%$ cumul. sinking fund 1st pref. (a \& d) stock at par and div. (with a bonus of $1 / 2$ share of no par common stock.)
Transfer agent, Canada Permanent Trust Co. Registrar, Trusts \& par at any branch in Canada of the Royal Bank of Canada. An annual
sinking fund is provided for the retirement of this issue of $10 \%$ of net sinking rund is provided for tepe retirement of tiding income taxes and dividends on
earnings ant
the preferred stocks. Red. all ore part on in 60 days' prior notice earn preferred stocks. Red. all or part on 60 days' prior notice at 110 and
thiv.. div., or the company may purchase for redemption in the market at a price
not exceeding 110 and div.



Data From Letter of H. W. Hunt, President \& Gen. Mgr.
Business \& Property.-Company operates a chain of 18 candy and ice
cream stores and tea rooms located in the cities of Toronto and Hamilton. Business was founded in 1905 with one store in Toronto on a capital of S1,706. With the exception of $\$ 35.000$ added in 1919 , no further capital has been utilized except hat suppined rom earnings.
certified by Messrs. Thorne, Mulholland, Howson \& McPhers 1926, as assets totalled $\$ 171,294.75$ against current liabilities of only $\$ 36,736.75$. giving a working capital ratio of over 41/2 to 1 , and net tangibile assets were
equivalent to more than $\$ 175$ per share of the first preferred stock outequivalen
standing.
Sales.-Sales for each of the six calendar years 1921 to 1926 were as follows:
 In the five years ending in 1926, sales increased over $117 \%$, and each
year's sales showed an increase over those of the previous year,
 Balance after all charges
Dividend requirements on first pref stock (this issue), $\$ 25,984$ the enlargement of the factory, the purchase of properties, the new stores, thion of working capital, and for othe purchase of properties, the augmenta-
tion orporate purposes; and also, to a
minor extent, in the acquisition of minor extent, in the acquisition of the shares of former holders of preference
shares.
Huyler's of Delaware Inc.-Registrar.-
The Central Union Trust Co. of New York has been appointed registrar
for 200.000 shares of common and 45,000 shares of preferred stock. $V .124$.
Indiana Ice \& Fuel Co., Indianapolis, Ind.-Bonds Offered.-John Nickerson \& Co. and C. D. Parker \& Co., Inc., are offering at 100 and int. $\$ 1,000,000$ 1st mtge. gold bonds, $61 / 2 \%$, series A.
Dated March 11927 , due March 1 1947. Int. payable M. \& S . at New income tax not in excess of $2 \%$. Penn.. Conn. and Calif. taxes not in
excess of 4 mills, Maryland $4 \% / 2$ mills tax, Kentucky and Michigan taxes
xct in exces of excess of 4 mills. Maryland 41/2 mills tax, Kentucky and Michigan taxes
not in excess of 5 mills and Masss. income tax not in excesss of $6 \%$ on the
int. refunded. Red all int.i refunded. Red. and or part. on any ant. ate ate at 104 and int., to and
inci. March 1 and
ind ensuing 5 -year period. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500 \mathrm{c}^{*}$. Bonds limited to restrictions of the mortgage. Mortgage will provevide for a s inkinservand fund of
$\$ 40,000$ annually, which it is estimated will retire at least $74 \%$ of this issue $\$ 40,000$ annually, which it is estimated will retire at least $74 \%$ of this issue
berore maturity. Company. Letter of Henry L. Dithmer, President of the Company.
business of Polar Ice \& Fuel Co. in Indiana to acquire the properties and
Indianapoils, Consumers Ice Co. op

| Fort Wayne, Muncie Ice \& Coal Co. and Marion Ice \& Cold Storage Co. |
| :--- |
| These concerns distribute ice at retail in Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Muncie. | These concerns distribute ice at retail in Indiana, olis, , Fort Wayne, Muncie,

Marion and 15 smaller cormunities in Indiana, and at wholesale in over 30
Mdition additional towns. Ice cream is sold in Marion and nearby communities,
and coal is indied indianapolis and Marion. Including wholesale as
well as retail distribution, these concerns serve over 50 communities having Well as retail distribution, these concerns serve over 50 communities having
a population of over 600.000 . The properties comprise seven artificial ice
a plants with a daily manufacturing capacity of 630 tons, storage houses with
a capacity of 30.500 tons of manufactured ice, and 4, 000 tons on natural
ice, 66 retail stations, one ice cream plant, and four yards for the retail Vistribution of coal depreciated replacement value of the mortgaged properties (without including going value), as appraised by American Apraisal
Co. as of Dec. 31.1925 and April 30 . 1966 . plus subsequent additions
and improvements at cost, is $\$ 2,342,000$. This issue of bonds is therefore
and and improvements at cost, is $\$ 2,342,000$. This issue of bonds is therefore
less than $43 \%$ of the total property value. The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 less than $43 \%$ of the tetat property value. The balance sheet as of Dec. 1 .
 tion of the properties and businesses of the predecessor
provide working capital and for other corporate purposes.
 1st mortgage gold bonds, $61 / \%$, series A- $\$ 15,000,000$
$6 \%$ preferred stock (par 81000 .........- $1,000,000$
Common stock (no par value)

1,000,000 Common stock (no par value) Earnings.-All of the predecessor companies have long records of operation without a loss, and with the excention of a pproximately $\$ 230,000$ of paid in capital the properties represent the reinvestment of earnings.
The net sales, anual output of ice and net earnings before interest, depreciation and Fede
 As shown above net earnings avaliable for interest, depreciation and Federal taxes, for the 4 years ended Dec. 31 1926, averaged $\$ 265,680$.or
over 4 times the annual interest charge on this isse of $\$ 1.00000$ Is over 4 times bonds, and for the year en
mtger $4 \frac{1}{2}$ tid times such interest charges.

Sheet Dec. 31 .

machinery, \&c.
Cash.
U.S. Treas. notes_-
U. S. Treas, Hotes-
U. S. Lberty bds.
Acets. \& notes rec.

Acets. \& notes rec.

x Represented by 180,000 shares of no par value. a After reserves for
amortization of $\$ 704,816$ b After reserve for depreciation of $\$ 863,378$
International Paper Co.-Converting Ft. Edward Mill.Mill int has been started on the conversion of the company's Fort Edward quickly as possible, and it is expected that the new plant will be in operation n less than a year. 400 to 500 men and women will be employed in the new above Albany, and is well located in regard to both rail and water trans portation facilities.-V. 124, p. 380.

## Intercontinental Rubber Co. (Del.).-Stock Placed on

a Regular Quarterly Dividend Basis.-
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25 c . a share, payable March 31 to holders of record March 19, placing the stock on a $\$ 1$ annual
basis. In May 1926 the company paid an initial dividend of $\$ 1$ a share
out of 1925 earnings. out of 1925 earnings.
The company reports for the year ended Dec. 311926 net income of
$\$ 764,000$ after depreciation, Federal taxes, \&c., equal to $\$ 1.28$ a share on
 ( $\$ 220$ which $\$ 2,510,000$ was cash and call loans), and current liabilities of
Island Creek Coal Co.-Cash Dividend of $\$ 1$ per Share Declared on New Common Stock.-
The directors have declared a dividend of $\$ 1$ per share on the common
tock The company on March 10 paid a $400 \%$ common stock dividend. In January a dividend of $\$ 6$ per share was paid on the old common stock, as
compared with $\$ 4$ in October, July and April 1926 .-V. 124, p. 1519, 1228.


## Kerr Lake Mines Ltd.-Dividend.-

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 6 c . a share payable
April 15 to holders of record April
previously the company had paid Lawyers Mortgage Co., N. Y.-Mortgages Accepted.-

Libbey-Owens Securities Corp.-Registrar.-
The Guaranty Trust Co.., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, has been appointed
registrar for the capital stock, no par value.-V. 124, p. 1520 .
(Louis K.) Liggett Co.-February Sales.-

Lockwood, Greene \& Co.-Extension.
The time for deposit of notes under the plan for temporary waiving of About two-thirds of the $76 \%$ r. required to make the plan operative has already
been deposited, it is stated. See V. $124, \mathrm{p} .1369$.
Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co.-Common Stock Increased- $25 \%$ Stock Distribution-Cash Dividends to Be Inaugurated on Com. The stockholders on March 14 (a) increased the authorized common stock (b) approved the issuance of four new $\$ 25$ par shares in exchange for each privilege of the 2 d pref stock so that holders may exchange same for common stock on a basis of 4 shares or new common for each share of 2 d pref.,
mole
instead of share for share as formerly. instead
of 2 dref. storeck. 1 share as formerly. TThere are outstanding 20,00
President
"The company in the past has invested lare amounutso of its eare: the purchase of property and in the construction, extension and improvecounts. It therefore seems to the directors that the holders of common stock (and such holders of 2 d pref. stock as may elect to convert their shares into common stock should have some tangible evidence of the earrings so
invested and to that end it is proposed that $\$ 2,500.000$ be transferred from invested and to that end it is proposed that $\$ 2,500,000$ be transferred from
surplus to capital account and be represented by the issue to such stockholders of a stock dividend.
held unce the formation or the company all of the common stock has been held under a voting trust agreement expiring May 8 1927, when all holders
of stock trust certificates issued and now outstanding thereunder will as
as provided therein, become entitled to an equivalent amount of shares of common stock. The directors plan, if the proposed amendments of the certificate or incorporation are adopted, to issue mmediately to the trustees under par value of $\$ 25$, in exchange for the 80,000 shares now held by them and upon the termination of the trust the United States Mortgage \& Trust Co.
 old common stock represented by such certificates. Subject also to the dividend payable amendments, the directors have declared a 1927 in new common stock to holders of record as may theretofore have been issued on conversion of 2 d pref. stock). Fractions of shares will be represented by scrip.
iThe directors have also declared an initia
share, payable on Aug. 11927 to commmon stockholders of record July 11 1927, and they hope and expect that based upon the continuance of present earnings and conditions, the company will be able to maintain this rate of
dividends quarterly, making an aggregate annual dividend of $\$ 160$ per share. Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
Assets-
Real
gotst.,
godill,
bldgs... good-will, \&c-
Cash ow hand,
Marketable secur Acc'ts receivable
Inventories
Investments
Investments

| $\stackrel{1926 .}{8}$ | $\stackrel{1925 .}{\$}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 13,362,011 | 13,371 |
| 606,087 $1,134,911$ | $1,080,092$ 888265 |
| 2,715,265 | 2,689,330 |
| 3,783,972 | 3,422,831 |
| 1,157,433 | 1,150 |
| 431,759 | 384,377 |

Total(each side) 23,

(P.) Lorillard Co.-New Vice-President.-

Everett Meyer has been elected a Vice-President.-V. 124, p. 1369.
(R. H.) Macy \& Co.-Initial Common Dividend.-

The directors have declared an initial dividend of $\$ 1.25$ on the common
stock, payable May 16 to holders of record April 29 . Net sales for the fiscal year ended Jan. 291927 were $\$ 75,470,315$, against on minor corrections, equal to about $\$ 13.50$ a common share, compared with $\$ 10.05$ in the preceding year.-V. 123 , p. 3193 .
(H. R.) Mallinson \& Co., Inc.-Report.-Period-
Operating income
Other income Other income...-
Deductions.incl.depr.,
Est.


7\% pref. dividends.--
Balance, surplus.-.der $\$ 698,979 \quad \$ 376,841$ def $\$ 341,049$
Shares of com. outst'dg
$\$ 1,096,459$
 End. Oct. 31 -
1923. $\begin{array}{r}36,233 \\ \hline\end{array} \begin{array}{r}\$ 1,556.595 \\ 89,851 \\ \hline\end{array}$ Earn. per share on Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 . [Including Erie Mills and Pussy Willow Co., Inc.]
1926. 1925 .
Assets-
Assets-
Real esta

## en Cast Not

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 Acc'ts recelvSecurlt Securttles.Insur., sur.- val Investments Deferred charges. $\qquad$
584
260
$\$ 257,691,2$
257,0

## Total

otal_-.....-- $\$ 7,275,149$ \$9,015,642 Total...... $\$ 2,301,193$; total, $\$ 3,800,476$; less depreciation, $\$ 1,227,892$; leaving $\$ 2 .-$ z Authorized issue of pref. stock, $\$ 10,000,000 ;$ unissued, $\$ 7,000,000$; out-
standing, $\$ 3,000,000$; acquired for sinking fund, held in treasury, $\$ 1,037,600$. standing, $83,000,000$; acquired for sinking fund, he
a 200,000 shares, no par value.-V. 123, p. 1123.

Marlin Rockwell Corp.-Extra Dividend.-
The corporation has declared an extra dividend of 25 c . a share on the of 50 c . a share, both payable April 1 to holders of record Mar. 25. On Jan. 10 last an extra dividend of 50 c . a share was paid.

Results for Calendar Years.
 Gross profits
Total income Oharges not applicable to oper
Feederal taxees
Preferred dividends 7 \% stock
Common divicends....--$\begin{array}{r}45,5 \\ \hline \$ 1,387.61 \\ \hline 57.62 \\ 205.60 \\ 40.29 \\ \hline \mathbf{2} .50) 841.037 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\$ 1,401,781$
29,385
$\qquad$
$\square$

| $\$ 243.060$ | $\$ 957.776$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 343.761 |  |
|  | 256.225 |
| 3 | 8.15 |

 $\qquad$ ${ }^{\text {s. }}$ 250.225
S. 75
$-123, \mathrm{p}$
1924. $\begin{array}{r}\$ 414.005 \\ 49.862 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r}\$ 463,867 \\ 142,661 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\stackrel{\mathrm{x}}{95,298}$

Merchants \& Miners Transportation Co.-Re Calendar Year
Oper. revenue
Other income

Total income-
Maint. (incl. de
Maint. (incl. deperrec.). Rentals-
Interest
Taxes (incl. Fed. tax res)
Balance, surplus..... $\$ 310,684 \overline{\$ 1,040.782}$ $\begin{array}{r}1924 . \\ \$ 7,362.469 \\ 121.760 \\ \hline \$ 7.484 .229 \\ 1.027 .188 \\ 5,170.952 \\ 164.180 \\ 1.162 \\ 283.027 \\ 384,000 \\ \hline \$ 453,720\end{array}$

## Middle States Oil Corp.-Production.-

The stockholders' protective committee has issued a letter to stockholders stating that the company's production, due to bringing in 3 new
wells in the Seminole Pool, has been increased from 2.700 barrels to approxi-
 same lease. The letter also calls attention to the creation of the ereorganiza-
tion Committee, of which Henry S . Fleming, chairman of the stockholders committee, mittee.-V. $124, \mathrm{p} .933$.
Miner-Edgar Co.-Registrar.-
The Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, has been appointed value.-V. 115, p. 1950 .
Motor Wheel Corp., Lansing, Mich.-Stock Inc.The stockholders have authorized the directors to increase the authorized
common stock, no par value, from 600,000 shares 550,000 shares outstanding) to $1,000,000$ shares and to issue such quantity of the increased
Mount Royal Hotel Co., Ltd.-Preferred Stock Placed on a 6\% Annual Dividned Basis.-
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of $11 / \%$ on the pref.
. The stock is now stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 21
on a $\$ 6$ annual dividend basis. See V. 123 , p. 3330 .
Mountain \& Gulf Oil Co.-Extra Dividend.-
The directors have declared an extra dividend of $1 \%$ and the regular quarterly dividend of $2 \%$, both payable April 15 to holders of record March
31. Like amounts were paid in the previous eight quarters.-V. 123, p.

Municipal Service Corp. (N. Y.).-Sales-Earnings.-


National Acme Co., Cleveland, Ohio.-Earnings.Calendar Year-
Net sales
Cost of goods sold,
sco-Admin. sales, \&c., exp.
Balance-1--.-......... Net profit-1.-.-.- $\$ 207.722 \overline{\$ 573,402} \overline{\text { loss } \$ 626,649} \xlongequal{\$ 240.717}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Shares capital stock out- } \\ \text { standing (par s10) }\end{array} & 500,000 & 500,000 & 500,000 & \times 500,000 \\ \$ 0,41 & \$ 1.15 & \text { Nil } & \$ 0,48\end{array}$


National Bellas Hess Co.-New Name.-
See National Cloak \& Suit Co. below.
National Cloak \& Suit Co.-Consolidation Approved.Susiness of the company with that of Bellas Hess \& Co. The necessary authorization was given to change the capitalization in order to give effect
to the merger. The change of name to the National-Bellas Hess Co. also the merger.
Under the terms of the consolidation the National Cloak \& Suit Co. will
Y approximately $\$ 2,300,000$ in cash and will issue 80.000 shares of its no par value common stock out of a total of 200,000 shares for the assets and good-will, as a going concern, or belias Hess \& Co Net tangible


## National Enameling \& Stamping Co.-Par Value of

 Common Shares Changed.The stockholders on March 8 changed the par value of the common
tock from $\$ 100$ a share to no par value, one new share to be issued in exchange for each present common share. The company has an authod ized
iscue of $\$ 20,000,000$ common stock, par $\$ 100$, of which there is $\$ 15,591,800$ outstanding.
The number of directors was reduced from 15 to 11 . Those retiring are:
Tames Brown, A. S. King, F. C. Pritzlaff and F. C. Orthwein.-V. 124, 1522.

National Fabric \& Finishing Co.-Defers Pref. Div.The directors on March 18 voted th take no action on the quarterly divi-
Tend on the preferred stock, due at this time

National Lead Co.-To Increase Capitalization-Stock Dividend Probable.-
The stockholders will vote April 21 on increasing the authorized capital stock $\$ 25,000,000$ common somsock to $\$ 100.000,000$, to consist of 250,000
and
shares of $7 \%$ cum. class A pref. stock, 250,000 shares of $6 \%$ cum. class B
s. shares stock, and 500,000 shares of common, stock, all par $\$ 100$ a share. corporation of the company for the redemption of the preferred stock, which has equal voting power with the common stock, be stricken out.
President Edward ee made and permanently maintained. Before taking such action the articles of incorporation should be amended increasing sthe authorized capital stock, thereby permitting a stock dividend, and striking out the
amendment providing por the retirement of the preferred stock at par
at the discretion of the board. Thereafter a stock dividend in effect changing the surplus (or such portion thereof as may be deemed desirable)
into capital stock, can be declared; to be followed by a dividend on the
common stock at such rate as the board believes can be permanently maintained.

## xNet earnings <br> xNet earnings. Preferred dividends Common dividends

 Results for Calendar Years.Balance, surplus-
Profit \& loss surplu x After deducting expenses, tax
New England Furniture \& Carpet (Del.).-Pref. Stock par and div $1,000,000$ Co., Minneapolis, are offering at (a. \& d.) stock.

Dividends payable $P$-F. Callable at 105. Transfer agent, Peoples

Trust \& Savinks Bank, Minneapolis. Registrar and sinking fund depository Minneapolis Trust Co, Minneapois. | in Minneapolis. Company is the company was started on March 11887 |
| :--- | lishment in the Northwest. It has been built up out of accumulated customers' list comprising more than 200,000 names. The main store

building, located at Stht. and First Ave. North, is a 7 story and basement brick and concrete structure having 185,000 sq. it. of floor space.
Caupialization-
Outstanding $7 \%$ cumulative preferred stock-

 part for the retirement of certain short time notes now outstanding in the
hands of the public and the balance for additional working capital. Sales \& Profits. - Net sales for the past 22 years have never been less
than $\$ 1,000,000$ in any one year, and during the past 10 years have averaged over $\$ 2,200,000$ per year. The average yearly net merchandising profit
for the 7 years and 10 monthe ending Oct. 311926 has been $\$ 24497$ per
year, which is inual to 3.49 times the dividend requirements on this issue of preferred sto

New York Title \& Mtge. Co.- $1 \%$ Extra Dividend.The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividiend of $5 \%$ and
an extra of $1 \%$, both payable April 1 to holders of record March 24. Like amounts were paid in the previous quarter. (Compare V. 123, p. 3331.)-
V. 124, p. 1371.

Norfolk Parcel Post Office (Norfolk Post Offices, Inc.).-Bonds Offered.-Love, Van Riper \& Bryan, St. Louis, are offering at 100 and int. $\$ 350,000$ 1st mtge. $6 \%$ sinking fund gold bonds.
Dated March 1 1927; due March 1 1935. Principal and int. (M. \& S.)
payable at American Trust Co., St. Louis. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500$ c* Red. in part for sinking fund purposes upon 30 days, notice to and incl.
March 1 1931, at 102 and int.; thereafter to and incl. Sept. 11934 at 101
 nt. Interest The property upon which these bonds are a first mortgage is under lease to the United States Government for a period extending beyond the maturity
of the issue. The lease is in the form designated by the Post office Depart of the issue. The lease is in the form designated by the oost Office Depart-amount to $\$ 39,800$, whereas the maximum annual interest charge on these
bonds is only $\$ 21.000$. bonds is only 321,000 .
and sinking fund payments beginning March 1 1927. The operation of this sinking fund through purchase in the open market or by redemption is calculated to reduce this issue to less than $\$ 228,000$ at maturity.
North American Title Guaranty Co.-Directors.The following directors have been elected. Edward (V. Edwards (chair-
man. William E. Walter. President., Carl Sherman (Vice-Pres.). George
O. Van Tuy Vice-res.). Rusel R. Whitman (Vico-pres. and Secy.), O. Van Tuyl (Vice-Pres.), Russell R. Whitman (Vice-Pres, and Secy.),
John F. McCabe (Treas.) Walter B. Adams (of E. H. Rolins \& Sons)
 Charles T. Williard and Arthur S. Van Winle
Norwalk Tire \& Rubber Co.-To Increase Stock, \&c.A special stockholders meeting has been called for March 28 to vote on a proposed change in the authorized common stock from 150,000 shares,
par $\$ 10$, to 250,000 shares of no par value, each present share to be exchanged for one new share.
It is also proposed to offer immediately to both common and preferred
stockholders the right to subscribe for 75,000 shares of additional stockholders the right to subscribe for 75,00 shares of additional no par
common tsock at $\$ 5$ a share. pro rata to their holdings of stock as on March common stock
31. Tte stock buoght by stockholders will be offered publicly and and
stockholders will be asked to approve the underwriting of the additional stockholders will be asked to approve the underwriting of the additional
no par common stock.-V. 123, p. 2787.

Ohio Brass Co.-Extra Dividend of \$1.-
The directors have declared an extra dividend of $\$ 1$ per share and the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1$ per share on the common stock, both
payabile April 15 to holders of record March 31. An extra of like amount was paid on Oct. 15
Oppenheim, Collins \& Co., Inc.-Earnings.Sales..... End. Jan. 31 -

| 1926. |
| :---: |
| $11,394.554$ |
| $1,082,736$ |
| 150,000 |


Earns. per sh. on 20 Balance Sheet as of Jan. 29
 less depreclation


Notes rece secur-
Cash val. Insurance
 1927.
§
$5,341,33$
1,11881
198.82
162.93
345.25
150.25
$2,932,29$

 | nventories-...- | $1,111,372$ | $1,168,126$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Deferred charges.- | 132,496 | 123,898 |$\quad$ Total (each side) $\overline{10,249,252} \overline{9,307,743}$ $x$ Represented by 200,000 no par shares.-V. 123, p. 2787.

Otis Steel Co., Cleveland.-Resignation.-
accepted. -V 124 of L . Kemper as Vice-President and Treasurer has been
Pabst Corp., Milwaukee.-Bonds Offered.-First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee, Wis., are offering at prices to yield $51 / 4 \% \$ 1,500,000$ 1st (closed) mtge. $51 / 4 \%$ serial gold bonds. Dated March 1 1927; due serially March 1 1930-1939. Int. payable M-s. Co., Milwaukee, Wis., trustee, Denom. $81.000 . \$ 500$ and $\$ 100 \mathrm{c}^{*}$. Red.
on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at 100 and int. plus a premium at $3 / 2$ red. date and maturity of the bond, with maximum premium not to exceed

Corporation.-Was organized in 1920 in Wisconsin. Business consists mainly of (1) the rental of part of its property, (2) the manufacture and
sale of food and beverage products marketed yider the nationally known
t made names of Pabst Wonder Process Cheese, Pabst-ett, Pabst Malt trade names of Pabst Wonder Process Cheese, Pabst-ett, Pabst Malt
Syrup, Pabst Grap-devine, Pabst Cherene and Pabst Ginger Ale and
Root Beer. Corporation owns in fee simple a substantial amount or real Root Beer. Corporation owns in fee simple a substantial amount or real
estate located in Milwaukee. The buildings contain approximately 1,355 .-
000 sq. ft. of floor space, about $44 \%$ of which is ander lease to reliabie tenants.
Valuations.- The market value of the land and buildings covered by this
mortgage has been recently appraised by the Milwaukee Real Estate Board mortgage has been recently appraised by the Mil waukee
at over $\$ 3,525,000$, or about $\$ 2,350$ per $\$ 1,000$ bond.
Camitalization-
1st mtge. bonds (this issue)
Earnings.- A summarized statement of earnings of the Pabst Corp, and
$1,500,000$
$1,500,000$ Profit from operations
Net income available for interest charges and
income taxes

| Net income available for interest charges and income taxes | \$346,393 | \$323,0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Interest charges | 36,564 | 30 |
| Non-recurring expenses | 47.625 54.875 | 19,350 |

Surplus net profits. $\qquad$ \$207,327 $\$ 227,849$ Maximum annual interest charges on this issue of bonds amcrease working
s78.750 per annum.
Purpose.-To fund current indebtedness and further increas Purp
capital

| Period- <br> Gross earnings Operating expenses, \&cTaxes | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 1926 . \\ & \begin{array}{l} \$ 5,017,218 \\ 4,419.097 \\ 177.681 \end{array} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1924,37 \\ \hline, 979,385 \\ 463,985 \\ 163,258 \end{array}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 108,506 |
| Net earnings Other income. | $\begin{gathered} \$ 420,440 \\ 3,557 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 530,835 \\ 24,635 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r}\$ 527,729 \\ 25,483 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}\$ 177,289 \\ 9,255 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| al net | \$423,997 | \$555,470 | \$553,212 | 186,544 |
| Interest on bonds | \$245,833 | \$250 | \$25 | 00 |
| Interest on notes | 16,355 | 18,481 |  |  |
| General interest (net |  |  | $13.3{ }^{3} 2$ | 0,579 |
| Div. on first preferre | (5\%)76,250 | (1\%) 40.000 | (21/2) 38,125 |  |
|  | 874,441 | \$169,089 | \$246,815 | \$37,664 |
| standing (par \$100) -- | , 000 | 70,000 | 70.000 | 000 |
| rned per share on | , | \$0.70 | \$0.69 |  |

Pantepec Oil Co. of Venezuela.-Contract With California Petroleum Corp. to Develop Properties.-

See that company above.-V. 123, p. 1886, 2665.
Paramount Famous Lasky Corp.-New Name.-
See Famous Players-Lasky Corp. above.
Parke, Austen \& Lipscomb, Inc.-Stock Offered.An offering is made of 2,777 shares of $7 \%$ cumulative preferred stock andmon at $\$ 1.000$ per unit by A. D. Phelps \& Co Nev York. And 3 shares of
Dividends exempt from present normal income tax. Transfer agent, Dividends exemp from present normal income tax. Transfer agent,
LaHyers Trust Co., New York. Registrar, Interstate Trust Co. New York:
Authorized.
Outstanding. Capitalization-
$7 \%$ cumul. pref. stock (no par, no voting power,
callable at $\$ 110$ ).
callable at \$110)
 making and distributing essential source books for public and private libraries, colleges, schools and convents. company sells direct to users, saving middlemen's profits. Dirrects and
 The average is equal to 3 times dividend requirements on present preferred stock, leaving more than $\$ 9$ per share on the common. Cash dividends paid in same period were $\$ 799,500$, and $\$ 228,967$ was passed to surplus. Institution series of books for a period of 30 years. The contract calls for the deponit or a guaranty frond of $\$ 250,000$ to be used exclusively on the
Smithsonian Institution books; and it is to raise that fund that this offer smithsonian ln

Penn Seaboard Steel Corp.-To Reduce Capital Stock.The stockholders will vote March 23 on a proposal to reduce the author-
zed capital stock from $3,500,000$ shares of no par value to 710,000 shares and to exchange the present $3,100,000$ outstanding shares into 310,000 held.
The stockholders will also be asked to approve a bond issue not exceeding $\$ 2,000,000$. J. B. Warren in a letter to stockholders, says in part: "The corporation has now no mortgage or other funded indebtedness and its
properties during the past year have been well maintained and are in properties during the past year have been well maintained and are in
excellent operating condition but the corporation still faces the problem or securing sufficient working capital to operate its properties in a satisfactory and profitable manner. Moreover, the transfer charges upon the $3,100,000$
shares of stock now outstanding are not only unduly burdensome to the shares of stock now outstanding are not only unduly burdensome to the
company, but are out of proportion to the present market $\begin{aligned} & \text { alue of the shares. }\end{aligned}$. company, but are out of proportion to to the present for reducing the number of
The directors have approved the foreoin plan for ren sheres and for issuing noved exceeding in the agergeate $\$ 2,000,000$ of bonds
shat notes which in the discretion of the directors, may be secured by a general or notes which in the discretion of the directors, may be secured by a general
mortgage on the property of the corporation for the purpose of obtaining mortgage on the property of the corporation for th
the required working capital."-V. 123 , p. 2788 .

Pittsburgh Coal Co.-Annual Report.-

 Federal taxes-
Pref dividends $6 \%$ )...

Common dividends. $\qquad$ 2,100,000 | $2,100,000$ |
| :---: |
| $(3 \%) 965,076$ |




Postum Cereal Co., Inc.-Capital Stock Increased and Name of Company Changed. -
The stockholders on March 9 ( $a$ increased the authorized common stock of no par value from 1,475,000 shares (all outstanding to $2,000,000$ shares,
and (b) changed the name of the company to Postum $C O$ Inc contemplated to
p. 1232,1209 .
Postum Co., Inc.-New Name, \&c.-
See Postum Cereal Co., Inc. above.

Prairie Pipe Line Co.-Dividend Increased.The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of $\$ 2.50$ a share payable $\$ 2$ a share had been paid.-V. 124, p. 1524 .
Pro-phy-lac-tic Brush Co.-Annual Report.-
Calendar Years
Other ing profit-
Total income-
Tan, insurance, apreciation, \&c.
Preferred dividends
Tax, insurance, depreciation, \&c.
Preferred dividends............
Common dividends. $\qquad$
 a 66 2.3 cents ( 866.667 ) on Pro-phy-lac-tic stock and $\$ 15.50(\$ 310,000)$
on 20,000 no par Florence Mfg. Co. stock. V. 124, p. 935.
Reid Ice Cream Corp.-Earnings.-
Salesenar 1ears-
Expenses and depreciation.
Operating income
Other income
Total income
Interest and exp
Traxes
Prefrred dividands
Common divicends


V. $123, \mathrm{p}$. 1643 .
-Also Declares a $1 \%$ Stock Dividend on the Common Stock.The directors have declared an initial dividend of 40 cents a share and $1 \%$
in stock on the common stock and also initial quarterly dividends of $13 \%$ on thek 1 st pref. stock and of $2 \%$ on the 2 d pref. stock.
The cash dividend on the common stock is payable April 4 to holders of record March 24 and the stock dividend is is payable April 30 to hodiers or
record April 11. Both preferred dividends are payable April 1 to holders ${ }_{\text {of record March } 24 .}$ President J. H. Rand Jr. stated that the company has acquired $90 \%$ of the common stock of each of the following three companies: Remington
Typewriter Co Rand Kardex Bureau and Dalton Adding Machine Co.
 the other companies are not being acquired by exchange but by direct pur-
chase of the stock in them.-V. $124, \mathrm{p}$. 1372 , 1080 .
Remington Typewriter Co.-Exchange Lifts Ruling.With the stringency in the market position of the stock relieved, the New
York Stock Exchange advised its members March 14 that it will not be necessary for them to submit further reports as to their interest in Reming-
ton shares. The Exchange called upon its members about three weeks ago to make daily reports of their aggregate long and short position in the corner was developing. The bankers interested in the merger of the Remington, the Rand Kardex Bureaur and other office equipment manufacturing companies prompty took steps to make, sumpertienter the Exchange avallable to keep the market frock, but apparently found no reason for
watched the situation in the stock, any action. .

Rickenbacker Motor Co., Detroit.-Sale.
All the assets of the company and of the receivers, with the exception of cash, will be offered for sale as an entirety and in several large, suitable
parcels on April 14 by William S. Sayres Jr.; Special Master. The property parcels on April 14 by William S . Sayres Jr . Special Master. The oroperty
for sale, as per books of the company as of Oct. 31 1926, consists of: Land and buildingss, main plant
Land and buildings - Body plant
All other assets, incl. good-will, but excepting cash.
Total
he business of the company has been carried on to some e $86,335,864$ receivers and is in condition for almost immediate resumption.- V .124 ,
Replogle Steel Co.-Plans Reorganization.-The stockholders will vote March 29 on approving a plan of reorganization outlined as follows:

1. The formation of a new corporation in Delaware, to be known as Warren Foundry \& Pipe Corp.
2. The acquisition by the new corporation of the assets and assumption
of the liabilities of Replogle Steel Co. as at Dec. 311926 at their proposed of the liabilities of Replogle Steel Co. as at Dec. 311926 at their proposed
sale values and the issuance as consideration therefor of 250 ,000 shares of common stock with a par value of $\$ 41$ per share.
3. The reduction of the par value of the com
share to 835.40 per share. share to $\$ 35.40$ per share.
4. The exchange of the $\$ 35.40$ par value shares for shares of no par value share for share.
The new corporation will have, after appropriate corporate action, au-
thorized and outstanding 250,000 shares of stock of no par value and a distributized and ourplus of $\$ 1,400,000$, approximately equivalent to the present earned surplus of the Replogle company's subsidiaries,
The Replogle Steel Co. will be dissolved and as
The Replogle Steel Co. will be dissolved and, as a result, will distribute to the stockholders, upon surrender of their stock, all of the stock of the
new corporation, one share of new stock for each two shares of stock held.
President Leonard Peckitt in connection with the plan says in substance:
The new shares of stock will represent exactly the same interest in exactly the same assets that the present outstanding shares of stock now represent.
The new corporation, however, will not have to contend with the high book values below mentioned and the resulting large depreciation which embarrasses the present company. On the basis of present earnings, the new
corporation should have a surplus which should strengthen the credit of the company and be annually a vailable for distribution as dividends or for such other uses as the directors may determine.
If the plan is adopted the New York Sto
If the plan is adopted the New York Stock Exchange will be requested to
In the annual report for the year 1926 President Leonard Peckitt further says in substance:
The year's operation has shown very little change from the previous yea The pipe plant has been as productive as was expected.
The company prior to its accuisition of the stock of Warren Foundry
 County, N. J. Due to conditions in the merchant iron industry during the
past 5 years, the directors have since 1924 deemed it inadvisable to operate tue blast rurnaces and certain of these mines, and is now of the opinion that, of the company to continue this policy. The values at which these assets
of the Replogle Steel Co. have been carried on its books reflects their cost and that of the various improvements that have been made to date. These costs represent labor and material at the peak of wartime construction,
and do not, under the existing conditions in the merchant iron industry, in the opinion of the board, represent the value realizable to-day from these
assets. Further, counsel advise us that, while these assets are continued ant ine books at the present high values, it is and will continue to be impossible for the company, even with the substantial earnings of the pasty yar,
to pay dividends until large depreciation Items, accrued and to accrue, are met. It is also the beliee of the directors that the company should do
business under a name more appropriate to the nature of the business in
which it it now engaged, and that there should bo outstanding in your
hands a lesser number of shares than are at present issued.
 $\underset{\substack{\text { s7,2022.312 } \\ 6,053,415}}{1,2}$ Miscellaneorating income Total income--Miscellaneouscharges-.............-




Root Glass Co., Terre Haute, Ind.- Bonds Offered.-
Ames, Emmerich \& Co., Inc., New York, are offering $\$ 1,000,-$ 000 first (closed) mortgage $6 \%$ serial gold bonds at prices, ranging from 100 and interest to 101 and interest, to yield from $5.10 \%$ to $6 \%$, according to maturity.
Dated Feb. 11927 : due serially from Feb. 11928 to Feb. 1 1937, inclusive.
Redeemaole, all or part. on 30 days notice on any interest date at 100 and

 5500 c* interchanyeabie and registerable as to principal. The National

 mills per annum
Company.-Incorporated in Indiana. Company is the outgrowth of a engaged in the manufacture and sale of bottles for the beverage trade. It owns and operates a complete manufacturing plant at Terre Haute, Ind.,
and builds all of its own bottle blowing machines. Its bottles are manufacured for Coca-Cola, soda water and ginger ale bottlers, and for Pluto and other well-known brands.
sates and Earnings.- The business has earned a net profit in every one of depreciation, available for interest on these bonds and Federal taxes, for $\begin{array}{cccc}\text { the years ended July } & 31 \text {, have been as follows: } & \\ 1925 . & \\ \$ 446.675 & \$ 426.837 & \$ 650.913 & \$ 1927 . \\ \mathbf{\$ y} & & & \end{array}$ x Six months ended Jan. B1.
Average anaual net earnings, as thus computed for the $31 / 2$ years from
Aug. 11923 to Jan. 311927 totaled $\$ 519,966$ or over 8.6 times maximum Aug. 11923 to Jan. 311927 totaled $\$ 519,966$, or over 8.6 times maximum
annual interest charges of $\$ 60,000$ on this issue and over 3.7 times maximum annual interest and serial repayment charges on this issue.
Purpase. Proceeds of the present financing will be used to organize the business and acquire certain outstanding interests, but the present manage ment and officers who have been in charge since the founding of the business

Balance Sheet of Jan. 311927 (Adjusted to Present Financing)

| Assets- | Liabilities |
| :---: | :---: |
| Cash---------------- \$100,884 | Accounts payable. |
| Receivables-------------- 273,663 | Deposits on orders |
| Inventories ...-.-.--------- 872,054 | Reserve for Federal taxes- |
| Prepaid expenses .---- 1,886 | First mtge. $6 \%$ ser. bonds |
| Land, silica deposits, build- $1,561,513$ | Unsec. $5 \%$ notes due 1932 |
| gs, \&c--------------1,561,513 | $7 \%$ cumulative pref. stock |
| Total (ea |  |

Ross Island Sand \& Gravel Co.-Bonds Murphey, Favre \& Co. and Ralph Schneelock Co., Portland, Ore., are offering at 100 and int. $\$ 550,0007 \%$ ist (closed) mtge. \& collaterally secured gold bonds.
Dated Jan. 1 1927; due Jan. 1 1937. Principal and int. (J. \& J.) payable
in gold coin at Titie \& Trust Co., Portland, Ore, trustee. Company agrees to pay int. without deduction for normal Federal income tax not at 103 and int. Sinking fund of minimum of 5c. per cu. yd. of sand and
gravel recovered from company's deposit to purchase bonds in market up gravel recovered from company's deposit to purchase bonds in market up
to, or call by lot, at 103. Company.-An Oregon corporation. Is engaged in the production, Portland and Salem, Ore. It owns immense deposits in the Willamette River, within the corporate limits of Portland, located just above the and through it controls other large sand and gravel deposits in the Willamette River at salem. Company in addition owns the majority of the stock of ts subsidiary, the Beaver Portland Cement Co., one of the largest manuplant and huge lime rock and shale deposits in southern Oregon. valuable Earing ss.-Based upon past four years' earning records of the Beaver
Portland Cement Co. and Oregon Gravel Co., the amount of net income Portland Cement Co, and Oregon Gravel Co., the amount of net incomene of these two companies applicable to the Ross Island Sand \& Gravel Co.
in each amounts to $\$ 67,000$ per year. Income from booming rights along company's river properties will amount to approximately $\$ 12,000$ per
year. Estimated minimum production of sand and gravel by company during 1927 is $500,000 \mathrm{cu}$. yds. Based upon sales already made and upon contracts with this company for their entire requirements for 1927 , more
han half of the estimated 500,000 yards has been sold. Upon this basis is estimated that net earnings of Ross Island plant for 1927 will exceed maximum interest requirements on this issue and more than three times

Roxy Theatre Corp.-Earnings at a High Rate.
Box office receipts of the Roxy Theatre for the first 4 days-March 12 to March 15, inclusive, -are reported at approximately $\$ 77,000$. This
figure does not include earnings from the opening performance March 11 According to the bankers, Bennett, Bolster \& Coghill,
earnings for the first week are about $\$ 130,000$, exceeding by some indicated the best weekly returns of any other motion picture house, among which the Oapitol and Paramount have hitherto been reported as the leading earners. 15 months ago when wonstruction of the theatre was begun and the stock
was originally offered.-V. 124, p. 1373 .

St. Albans Apartments (Carco Realty Co., Inc.) N. Y. City.-Bonds Offered.-Empire Bond \& Mortgage Corp., New York, recently offered at 100 and int. $\$ 340,000$ guaranteed $6 \%$ 1st mtge. serial loan
Dated March 1 1927; due March 1 1929-1939. American Trust Co.,
New York, trustee. Principal and int. (M. \& S.) payable at office New York, trustee. Principal and int. (M. \& S.) payable at office of
trustee or at office of the Empire Bond \& Mortgage Corp. Denom. \$1,000 $\$ 500$ and $\$ 100$ c ${ }^{*}$. Callable at 104 after March 11932 , and at 103 after
March 11935 . Normal Federal income tax up to $2 \%$ will be paid at the source. The income tax of any State up to $6 \%$ and the personal property
ax of any State up to 5 mills will be refunded, if requested, within 60 days after payment. first mortgage on the land fronting 169.8 ft . on Heat 1 ve. and 141 ft . on Albany Crescent with a depth ranging from 125 ft , to The plot contains 21.000 sq . ft. The building contains completed thereon. into 87 apartments of 3,4 and 5 rooms. The building is designed to meet
the increasing demand for apartments renting at not more than $\$ 20$ per
month per room. This location is in the Kingsbridge section three block west of Jerome Park Reservoir and within easy walking distance of Van Cortlandt Park. Transportation facilities include the Interoorough
subway and the Putnam division of the New York Central, stations of both Ste. Catherine Improvement Co., Montreal.-Bonds Offered. Johnston \& Ward, Toronto, are offering at par and int (with bonds of 4 shares of common stock with each $\$ 1,000$ bond) $\$ 300,00061 / 2 \%$ 1st (closed) mtge. leasehold, 20-years, sinking fund gold bonds.
Dated Jan. 1 1927; due Jan. 1 1947. Principal and int. (J. \& J.) payable at Bank of Montrea, in Montreal, Toronto, Quebec, St. John, N. B, or
Hallfax, N. S. or at the holder's option at the Agency of the Bank orf
Montreal in N.' Y. City. Denom. $\$ 1,000, \$ 500$ and $\$ 100$ c*. Callable in Montreal in N.' Y. City. Denom. $81,000, \$ 50$ and $\$ 100 \mathrm{c} *$. Callable in
part or in whole, at company's option on any int date, upon 60 days
notice notice, at 103 and int. up to Jan. 11 1932, incl.; at 102 and int. thereafter
up to Jan. 1 1937, incl.z at 101. and int. thereafter and prior to maturity.
Trustee, Royal Trust Co., Montreal. Capitalization-
$61 / 2 \%$ (closed) mtge. leasehold 20 -years, sinking
 Data From Letter of George A. Ross, President of the Company, Company.- -Incorp. in Province of Quebec. Owns the leasehold of the Grey Nuns property suand and measuring 45,320 sq. ft. On these premises a modern 2 -story, reinforced concrete, fireproof
builing, known as the Automobile Sales. Building, has been constructed
by Church Ross Co , Ltd. This building provides an approximate rentable floor area of 87,640 sq. ft . in the most suitable section of Montreal. Purpose.- Proceeds of the bond issue will be used to liquidate a bank loan pletion or the preseat financing the only indebtedness of the company will Earnings.- The average annual net earnings during the life of the bond issue. based on present rentals, after deducting operating expenses, taxes,
sinking fund, \&cc., available for bond interest is established at $\$ 31,900$ of more than 3 times the average annual bond interest requirements. After earnings a vailable for common stock would be equal to more than $\$ 2$ per
Safety Cable Co.-Annual Report.-


Total income
Bond interest
Federal taxes
Divs. applicable to minority holders.--
Dividends paid.--
Balance, surplus
Balance, surplus
Shares of capital stock outstading (no par)
Earnings per share on capital stock Earnings per share
-V .124, p. 1233 .
Safety Car Heating \& Lighting Co.-Acquires Generator Business of Electric Storage Battery Co.-

Savage Arms Corp. (\& Subs.).-Income Account.$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Calendar Years- } & 1926 . & 1925 . & 1924 . & 1923 . \\ \times \text { Total earnings- } & \$ 701,031 & \$ 616,527 & \$ 703,227 & \$ 412,613\end{array}$ Reserve for Fed. \& state $\qquad$ Surplus
Pref. dividends --
Balance--u-- - $\$ 264,245 \quad \$ 506,587 \quad \$ 655,640 \quad \$ 371,128$ ordinary repairs and maintenance of plants, ordinary taxes, and depreciation charges. y No Federal tax due

| Assets- | $\begin{gathered} \text { Com } \\ 1926 . \\ \$ . \end{gathered}$ | $\stackrel{1925 .}{\$}$ | Labiluties- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fixed assets. | x,262,259 | \$3,219,550 | First pref. stock. | 300 | 41,800 |
| Invest J. S. Arms |  |  | Second pref. stock | 222,200 | 222,200 |
| Co...-.-.----- | 1,144,926 | 1,112,882 | Common stock.-. | 8,747,400 | 8,664,400 |
| Patents,goodwill, \&c | cy $2,622,337$ | 3,150,579 | Accts. \& notes pay. | 830,353 | 390,784 |
| Cash | 256,254 | 797,157 | Def. pur. notes |  | 42,832 |
| Acets. \& notes, rec. | 663,482 | 622,340 | Def. liabil |  | 68,159 |
| Inventories.- | 2,723,205 | 2,097,226 | Reserv | 30,205 | 84 |
| Misc. assets. | 5,619 | 23,503 | Surplus | ,330,886 | 2,066,641 |
| Deferred assets. | 483,262 | 558,560 |  |  |  |

Total
x Aftern Total.-.......-. $11,161,344$ 11,581,796 or amortization z After deducting $\$ 1,000,000$ set aside to reduce $\$ 4,499,092$ $\&-$., and certain deferred items such as assets of
since the sale of the Sharon plant.-V. 123, p. 2275 .
Sayers \& Scovill Co.-Extra Dividend of \$1.-
The directors have declared an extra dividend of $\$ 1$ a share on the common stock and the regular quarterly dividends of $\$ 1.50$ a share on the common
and preferred stocks, all payable April 1 to holders of record March 19

- 122 , p. 1623.

Schulte Retail Stores Corp.-Sales.-
January and February sales, it is announced, increased $11 \%$ over the
same months a year ago.-V. 124, p. 517 .
Security Bond \& Mortgage Co. (Fla.).-Bonds Offered. -J. A. W. Iglehart \& Co.; Bodell \& Co.; Harrison, Smith \& Co.; Reinholdt \& Co. and James C. Willson \& Co. are offering at 100 and int. $\$ 500,000$ series $\dot{G}$ 1st mtge. $6 \%$ coll. trust gold bonds. Secured by guaranteed first mortgages on completed fee simple properties.
Dated April 1 1927; due serially, April 11928 -32. Denom. $\$ 1,000$,
$\$ 500$ and $\$ 100 c^{*}$. Principal and int, trustee, without deduction for the amount of the normal Federal income tax up to $2 \%$. Red. at any time upon 30 days notice at par and int.
plus $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ for each year or fraction thereof to maturity. Legal investments for national banks.
Company is engaged in making first mortgage loans on completed, fee several local mortgage companies, operating in the cities in which most of its loans are made. The security for the bonds of this issue is threefold: (1) The bonds are the direct obligation of the company; (2) they are further
secured dollar for dollar by first mortgages on completed fee simple real estate owned by responsible borrowers; (3) they are still further secured by the Maryland Casualty Co.'s
each mortgage - V. 123, p. 3049 .

Shanklin Mfg. Co.-Initial Class A Dividend.-
the directors have declared an initial dividend of 50 cents per share on the class "A" stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 22 ,
This is in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.75$ per share
on the cumulative convertible preferred stock. $\mathrm{V} .121, \mathrm{p} .3017$.
$\underset{\text { Calendar Years- }}{\text { Siberling Rubber Co. (\& Subs.).-Earnings.- }}$
 Net profit after ail exps.,
taxes. int., \&cc., chgs_* taxes. int.. \&c., ct
Divreciation charge
Divide paid. $\mathbf{y}$.
 * After deducting. Federal income taxes of $\$ 85,540$. $x$ Gross sales.
 expenses and deferred charzes incurred in 1922 and $\$ 24,665$ patents written
down to book value of $\$ 1$. b Capital surplus of $\$ 750,000$ included.-
V. 123 , p. 2403 .
Shredded Wheat Co.-Annual Report.-
 $\begin{array}{lrrrr}\text { Depreciation---.-.-- } & 222,799 & 188,403 & 176,950 \\ \text { Reserved for taxes_--- } & 253,788 & 247.819 & 297,635\end{array}$

 Credteed to tax reserve-:-
Special advertising res've
Profit \& loss surplus- $\$ 1,570,223 \quad \$ 1,751,316 \quad \$ 1,852,608 \$ 1,462,216$



 ${ }^{2}$ trade marks Cash.-.....i.-. Accits rececivable.-
Inventories $-\mathrm{V} .122, \mathrm{p} .3354$.
 25,000 ${ }_{2,083,472} \frac{2,100,352}{12,322,650}{ }_{\text {Total }}$ $\qquad$
$\begin{array}{ll}383,162 & 388.626 \\ 105.088 & 18.20\end{array}$

Siemens \& Halske (A. G.).-Dividend Increased.The company has declared a dividend of $10 \%$ for 1926 , as compared with
$6 \%$ for 1925 . The company is being transformed from a private into a s. 1081 .

60 Broad Street Building.-Bonds Offered.-Greenebaum Sons Securities Corp. of New York is offering \$1,195,000 first mortgage $6 \%$ serial bond participation certificates at prices $t$ yield from $5.45 \%$ to $6 \%$, according to maturity.
Dated Feb. 11927 : due serially $1929-1939$. Principal and int. (F. \& A.)
payable at ofice of Greenebaum Sons Investment Co. Chical, and colpayable at office of Greenebaum Sons Investment Co. Chicago, and con
lectable at all offices of the company, and at office of Greenebaum Sons Securities Corp. New York. Interest also payable at office of Chase
National Bank. New York, rustee. Interest warrant certificates in $\$ 500$
而 and $\$ 1,000$ denom. Certificates are red. in whole or in part on any int.
late, on 60 days notice, at 103 and int. The borrower agrees to pay $2 \%$ date, on 60 days notice, at 103 and int. The borrower agrees to pay $2 \%$
Federal normal income tax, any state taxes up to 5 mills of principal amount. and $6 \%$ Mass. income tax, upon proper and timely application. Security. -These certificates will be secured by a closed first mortgage on aproximately 5.050 sq. ft. of land owned in fee, and 21 story office
building of fireproof construction, nearing completion; equipment and frice spe . Exchange Place and Beaver St., in the heart of the Wall Street district. Appraisals.- Independent valuation of the land, by Charles F . Noyes
Co., Inc., and of the building when completed, by Clinton \& Russeli, fow:

Total- On this basis the land and building when completed have a valuation of over $150 \%$ of the loan.
Earnings.--Independent estimate, by George R. Read \& Co.. of income from property when completed, allowing for $10 \%$ vacancies, follows: Operating expenses, \&c.
Net income. greatest yearly interest charges on the entire loan. a direct obligation of
Borrowing Corporation.-These certificates are a 60 Broad Street. Inc.
Simmons Co. (and Subs.).-Annual Report.-

 | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Cost of sales, incl. selling, } \\ \text { admin. and adv. }\end{array}$ exp-- $26,254,159$ | $25,149,517$ | $26,362,078$ | $30,995,244$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |





 Profit \& loss sur. Dec. $3183,832,301$
$\$ 3,901,377$
$\$ 3,616,793$
$\$ 2,922,551$ $\begin{array}{cccccc}\text { standing (no par) } & 1,000,000 & 1,000,000 & 911,601 & 876,540 \\ \text { Earned per share) } & 1,0237 & 1,0374 & \$ 254 & \$ 223\end{array}$ $\mathbf{x}$ After deducting adjustments for prior years of $\$ 1,330,559$ for deprecia ment and after an appreciation of $\$ 1,903,367$ resurting from appraisal of
mixed assets at Elizabeth, N. J., Atlanta, Ga., and Canada. Cixed assets at Elizabeth, N. J., Atlanta, Ga., and Canada

Consolidated Balance Sheet November 30 . | Consolidated Balance Sheet November 30 . |
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| 1926. |







ng reserves of \$441,691. y Represented by $1,000,000$ x After deducting reserves of $\$ 441,691$
hares of no par value. $-\mathrm{V} .123, \mathrm{p} .466$.
(Franklin) Simon \& Co., Inc.-Consol. Income Account. Years End. Jan. $31-1$
Net sales.
Cost sell. Cost sell. op
Depreciation
Miscellaneous earnings.


| $\$ 1,314,301$ |
| :---: |
| 144,791 |

$\$ 1,560,860$
95,204
 Net income................
Earns. per share on pres
ent putstanding 150 ent outstanding 150 , $\overline{\$ 645,339} \overline{\$ 1,075,237} \overline{\$ 1,208,592} \overline{\$ 1,399,065}$

Skelly Oil Co.-Debentures Offered.-A banking group, comprising Taylor, Ewart \& Co., Inc., New York; Continental \& Commercial Co., Chicago; Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Inc., New York, and the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, are offering at $981 / 2$ and interest, $\$ 15,000,000 \quad 12$-year sinking fund $51 / 2 \%$ gold debentures.
Dated March 1 1927; due March 1 1939. Principal and interest (M. \& S.)
payable in Chicago or New York, without deduction for Federal income paxes up to 2\% O. Derom. $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500$ c* Rededeemable, all or part,
co
on any interest date on 45 days notice at 103 and interest if redeemed on or prior to March 1 1929, such premium to decrease $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ for each succeeding two-year period therearter. Company will rerund Penn. and Conn
taxes not to exceed 4 mills, and Mass. income tax not to exceed $6 \%$. Continental \& Commercial Trust \& Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee.
Data from Letter of W. G. Skelly, President of the Company Company-Is engaged in the production, transportation, refining and dis-
tribution of petroleum and its products. The principal properties of the company include 25,297 acres of producing oil lands in the Mid-Continent and over 400,000 acres of undrilled lands: a 16,000-bbl. refinery, 23 natural gasoline plants, including 2 under construction, over 500 miles or pipe lines, 1,023 tank cars, and approximately 300 bulk and service stations.
Purpose. To retire present indebtedness of the company and to provide funds for the expansion of its business.
Net Profits from Operations Befores. Depletion, Depreciation, Interest and
 before depletion, depreciation, interest and Federal taxes averaged $\$ 8,020$, 265 per annum, or over $51 / 3$ times the maximum annual interest and sinking fund requirements ore Earnings of the company for the above five year period before interest
and Federal taxes but after depletion and depreciation, averaged $\$ 3,248,217$ ond Sinking Fund. The trust indenture will provide for semi-annual sinking fund payments beginning Sept. 1 1 1927 , sufficient to retire $55 \%$ of these Listing.-Application will be made to list these debentures on the New York Stock Exchange
Capitalization-
Compar $\$ 25$ )
Debentures (this issue) $\qquad$ Authorized. Outstanding
$-\$ 35,000,000$
$\$ 27,341,740$ Debentures (this issue)

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 311926 (After This Financing), Assets-s
Leaseholds, prop's. \&c- $\$ 62,616,482$${ }^{\prime}$ Liapilitites-
Leaseholds, prop's. \&c-- $\$ 62,616,482$ Capital stock.-...-.....- $\$ 27,341,740$
Inv, in \& adv. to affil cos. 662,172 Surplus Other investments.
Adv. for leases, drilling,
 Adv, to officers \& empl.
 Inventories-
Materials and suppilies.-. Materials sand suppiles.--
$26,802,939$ 252,488
$5,000,000$ $\begin{array}{r}365,998 \\ , 972,333 \\ \hline 533,998\end{array}$ 533,998 Total $-\quad \begin{array}{r}4,67 \\ \hline\end{array}$ Res. for earn taxes, dc--26,609 - V. 124, p. 936.

881,660,303 Total_ \$81,660,303 Southern Dairies, Inc.-Sales.- 2 Mos. 1926.

Southern Wood Preserving Co., Atlanta, Ga.-Bonds Offered.-J. A. W. Iglehart \& Co., Baltimore, and Courts \& Co., Atlanta, are offering at 100 and int. $\$ 350,000$.1st (closed) mtge. $61 / 2 \%$ gold bonds (with stock purchase warrants attached).
Dated March 1 1927; due March 1 1939. Int. payable M. \&\& S. a
Continental Trust
Co., Baltimore, trustee, without deduction for norma Federal income tax up to $2 \%$. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500 \mathrm{c}$. Red. as whole or for sinking fund on any int. date at par plus a premium of $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$
for each year to maturity, upon 60 days' notice. Refund of State, county for each year to maturity, upon 60 days nothe .
and municipal tax not exceeding 5 mills in the agregate
These bonds will carry detachable stock purchase warrants entitling the holder to purchase common stock in the ratio of 12 shares of stock for each
$\$ 1,000$ of bonds at $\$ 83$ per share.
Data from Letter of R. H. White, President of the Company. Company.- Incorp. In June 1908 in Georgia and is engaged in the business pipe and other wood, by the pressure process of creosote preserving. Company owns two modern plants. one at Atlanta, completed in 1921, and one
at Chattanooga completed in 1926 , and has branch sales offices in the principal Eastern cities. secured by a first mortgage on all the fixed assets now or hereafter owned. The American Appraisal o. has appraised the 7 and the General Valua tions Co. has appraised the depreciated value of the Atlanta plant at $\$ 300$, mate
012 as of Nov. 211926 . These values do not include additions and better-
ments to be made with part of the proceeds from the sale of this issue of ments.
Capitalization- Authorized. Outstand'g
 Common stock (no par value)-arne a 4,200 shares reser

 operating expenses and depreciation
Net earnings. $\qquad$ $\$ 78,818$ \$102,768 $\$ 145,603$ The above net earnings for 1926 are more than 6.4 times the interest on this issue of bonds. Such earnings, after deduction of interest, reserve for Federal income tax and dividends on preferred sto
per share on the common stock to be outstanding.
per share on the common stock to be outstanding.
Purpose. Proceeds wint be used to retire the ounding bonds of the company, for additions and betterments to the comapny's property, and to
provide additional working capital.-V. 119, p. 335 .

Southside Warehouse \& Bakery Building (Chicago Warehouse \& Bakery Building Corp.).-Bonds Offered. E. H. Ottman \& Co., Chicago, recently offered at 100 and int. $\$ 160,000$ 1st (closed) mtge. building and fee $6 \%$ sinking fund gold bonds.
Dated Feb. 1 1927. due Feb. 1 1939. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500 \mathrm{e}^{*}$.
Callable on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at 103 and int. Interest payable FF \& A. Without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of $2 \%$. State taxes not in excess of 5 mills refunded. Chicaso
Trust Co., trustee. Cumulative sinking fund calculated to retire approxi-
mately 65 . mately $65 \%$ of this issue by maturity.
Security. The bonds of this issue Warehouse \& Bakery Building Corp., and will be secured by a chicsed)
inst mortgage on: (1) The warehouse and bakery building, loading sheds. zc. (2) the land owned in fee thereunder, consisting of approximately
28,000 sq. ft. being the entire block in Chicago bounded by 57 th St, Fed under the mortgage of all the right, title and interest of the borrower in
und to the long-term lease to the Great Atlantic \& Pacific Tea Co. and of all rentals accruing therefrom. As still further security, the bonds are
guaranteed principal and interest by James G. Hodgkinson, who has made a sworn statement showing a substanital net worth. has leased the entire
Lease. The Great Atlantic \& Pacific Tea Co. has building for a period of 10 years from and after completion of the building
(the lease containing two additional 5 -year renewal options) at an annual
Spear \& Co. (\& Sub. Co.).-Annual Report.Calendar YearsGross profit on sales.

xseling, gen, \&c., exp-
Deprec., amortization o
leasehold, \&
Interest --.--
Net profit--..........
previous balance.-....
$\qquad$


Disc. on
Disc. on preer.-sti.. purch.
charged off --....-
doubtful accounts, \&c.
Adjust. of horse \& wagon

Divs. on $\%$ prer. stic.-.
Common dividends.
Reserve for conting-..--

| $\begin{array}{r} 96,865 \\ 66,031 \\ 135,778 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 97,046 \\ 58.314 \\ 111,805 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 78,808 \\ 129,368 \\ 120,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 57,034 \\ 82,82 \\ 124,698 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{r} \$ 869,986 \\ 1,601,482 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 782,636 \\ 1,107,649 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \$ 1,483,957 \\ 8,544,114 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 2.040,95 \\ 6,695,66 \end{array}$ |
| $\begin{array}{r} \$ 2,471,478 \\ C r .45,620 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,890,285 \\ \text { Cr.9,800 } \end{array}$ | \$10,028,071 | \$8,736, |

67,603

Barnce surplus $\$ 2106.672$ X Including bad a
for, less recoveries.


Standard Oil Co. (Kansas).-Annual Report. Calendar Year Vet earnings
Bal., sur. or def revious surplus Profit \& loss, surplus
Shares of capital stock 1926.203
$\$ 163,203$ 1925.
$\$ 494,296$ 1924
loss 8480
$(4 \%) 320$ 1923. of capital surplus - $\$ 636,936$ outstanding (par \$25)-
Earns.per sh.on cap.stkConsolidated Balance Sheet December 31.




Total (each side) $-14,395,578$
$12,990,391$ a After deducting depreciation reserve of $\$ 253,980$. b After deducting
$\$ 600,000$ for doubtful, \&c., accounts. c Represented by 225,000 shares of $\$ 600,000$ for doubtful, \&c., acc
no par value.-V. 123, D. 593 .

Standard Oil Co. of Indiana.-Earnings.-

$\qquad$ $\begin{array}{cc}1926 . & 1925 . \\ \$ 62,598,764 & \$ 60,532,648 \\ \$ 46,088,8\end{array}$ . 868 \$46.9 1923. Net earnings | $7,500,000$ | $7,600,000$ | $5,300,000$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $-31,876,737$ | $22,521,638$ | $22,284,750$ | $\begin{array}{r}5,400,000 \\ 22,106,839 \\ \hline\end{array}$ Surplus $\overline{\$ 23,222,027} \overline{\$ 30,411,010} \overline{\$ 18,504,118} \overline{\$ 19,431,660}$ Shares of capital sion $\begin{array}{rrrr}9,136,618 & 9,052,908 & 8,950.250 & 8,868.264 \\ \$ 6.03 & \$ 5.84 & \$ 4.69 & \$ 4.68\end{array}$ Earn. persh. oncap. stk. $\$ 6.03$. Stewart states: "It will be noted that company is carrying the largest inventory in its history, the value of the company and manufactured petroleum products on hand being estimated at $\$ 71$,302,199 , as compared Win $\$$ may be accepted as an indication that the the the

previous inventory.
board considers the outlook for business during 1927 to be favorable. Our inventory, however, is adequately balanced by cash reserve, so that while carrying the the company at the same time is fully protected against any possible unforeseen condition which might disturb the petroleum
industry or the economic structure of the nation, by the fact that it is industry or the economic structure of the nation, by the fact that it is
carrying in cash, Government securities and investments a total of $\$ 66$,carrying in cash, 229,552 , representing the largest protective financial reserve in its bistory. This is an increase of $\$ 19,099,298$ over 1925 , when the same items totaled
$\$ 47,200,254$.
associates, experinanies affinated with this, eirs.
its best showing in four years with earnings, after taxns, of $\$ 9.310 .948$, in equity of $99.88 \%$ in the Midwest's undivided earnings for 1926 of $\$ 6,814,624$
which, of course, does not appear upon the balance sheet. the Standard Cil Coo. (Ind.) justified our faith in its future with earnings paying back money loaned it by this company for the purpose of derelogun. "Sinclair Pipe Line Co., in which the Standard Cil Co. (Ind.) has Our company's share of this amounted to $\$ 1,949,110$, only a substantial. part of which is included in our balance sheet through dividends received.
"Sinclair Crude Oll Purchasing Co., in which we have a $50 \%$ interest has a large investment in the storage of crude oil in the Mid-Continent until the oil has been disposed of. the best year in its history under a management which we assisted in the best year in its history under a ming this company received dividends nominating, and from its 1926 earnings this co
and possesses an equity in those still undivided

Assets-
Real estate.. Personal prop'y Accts. recelvable Merchandise.

| Total_.......446,496,863 |
| :---: |
| $406,059,896$ |
| Total......... |
| Dr. William M. Burton has retired as President but remains a director |
| $406,059,896$ | of the company. He is succeeded by E. G. Seubert, formerly Vice-President R. H. McElroy, traffic manager, and E. J. Buliock, director of purchases,

who are already directors, have been elected Vice-Presidents.-V. 124 p. 805 .

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## Total_........-11,540,263 $\overline{11,456,386}$ Total_.......... $\overline{11,540,263} \overline{11,456,386}$

 E. A. Metcalf has been elected a director, succeeding J. C. McDonald;E. Hopkins has been elected President, succeeding J. Honald
E. A. Warren. V.-Pres., succeeding Thomas Black.-V. 122, p. 1624 .

Stanley Co. of America.-Buys New Jersey Chain.-
This company has purchased the Bradder-Pollock chain of theatres in New Jersem, through the Staniey-Fabian Corp., its New Jersey subsidiary
 dent of the stanley-Fabire
Fabian Corp. to 57 theatres, and of the Stanley Co. to 217 No Steps Taken Toward Reported Combine with Keith and Orpheum Circuits.- The directors of the So. of America, when questioned regarding reports of a hure combination with the Keith-Albee, Orpheum and other
vandeville and motion picture circuits, said that while consideration was vandeville and motion picture circuits, said that whire consideration was
being given to further expansion plans no actual steps had been taken
Station "A" Post Office, St Petersburg, Fla., (Florida Post Office Co.).-Bonds Offered.-Love, Van Riper \& Bryan, St. Louis, recently offered at 100 and int. $\$ 225,000$ 1st mtge. $6 \%$ sinking fund gold bonds.
Dated Jan. 15 1927, due Jan. 15 1947. Principal and int. (J. \& J.15)
payable at Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis, trustee. Denom. R1,000, $\$ 500$ and $\$ 100 \mathrm{c*}$ Red. all or part upon 30 days notice to and
incl. Jan 151937 at 102 and int.: thereafter to and incl. July 151946 at
 tax not in excess of $2 \% \%$ A. H . Roudebush, co-trustee.
The property under which these bonds are a first. contract for lease to the United States Govermment for a period extending beyond the maturity of this issue at an annual rental of $\$ 22,300$ This
lase is to be in the form designated as non-cancellable by the Post office Department. $\$ 13.500$.
Statio
Station "A" Post Office will be located on Third Avenue North between
Eighth and Ninth Streets. Ninth Street is one of the principal thoroughfares of the city. Values are not only stable along this thoroughfare but are steadily increasing.
The building will be
struction throughout. of two stories, fireproof reinforced concrete constructiontions approved by will be erected in accordance with plans and
specificit Office Department and will contin approximately 25,000 square feet of space.
The trust indentire will provide for a semi-annual sinking fund, commencing July 151927 . From the rentals of $\$ 22,300$ the trustee shall receive mencing each year payable semi-annually during the life of this loan for the
$\$ 18,500$
payment of interest and retirement of bonds of this issue. The operation of this sinkins fund through purchase in the open market or by redemption of this sided for should reduce this loan at maturity to about $\$ 44,000$, an as prount less than the present value of the ground alone.
(Hugo) Stinnes Industries, Inc.-Permanent Bonds.Halsey, Stuart \& Co.. Inc., and A. G. Becker \& Co, as joint fiscal
agents, announce that the permanent Hugo Stinnes Industries, Inc.,
 Sundstrand Corp.-Transfer Agent.-

The Chase National Bank has been appointed transfer agent for 17,000 shar

| Calen | $91$ | \$6,160,592 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ${ }_{\text {Sales }}^{\text {Sales }}$ | $91$ | \$6.160.592 | $\$ 5,626,752$ 116,504 | $8,749,442$ 101,894 |
| Cost | 5,954,652 | 5,28 | 4,925.169 | 57 |
| Adm |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{r}162,87 \\ \times 117,96 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 86,222 | 150,000 51,727 |  |
| alan | \$354,830 |  | \$126,364 |  |
|  | 79,9 | 72 | 83,602 |  |
| Total inco |  |  |  | 90 |
| rest charg |  |  |  |  |
| Amor. of debt disc. |  | See x | 42,43 |  |
| Reserve for Feaerai taxes Int. on Fed tax prior yrs. | 2,090 | See $x$ |  |  |
| lance, surp |  | \$122.011 |  |  |
| Hou | 637,608 | 31, |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Other charg |  |  |  |  |
| Sinking fund pref. |  | O |  |  |
| Common dividends--(\$1 | 50)150,000 |  | (\$3)300,000 | 196 |
| Profit and loss surplus hs. cap. stk. outst'd'g Earned per share | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 559,426 \\ 100.000 \\ \$ 2.71 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.000 \\ & 0.000 \\ & \$ 1.22 \end{aligned}$ | $\$ 531,967$ 100,000 <br> nil | $\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{y} 60.000 \\ 88.97 \end{array}$ |

 ment. \&c. $y$ y0,000 shares common stock (par $\$ 100$ ). z Dividends on 1 st and 2 d pref. stocks, sinct

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| 41/2s Fed. Land Bk |  |  |  |  |  |
| Miscel. assets.... |  |  |  |  |  |
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| x Capital stock, par value $\$ 100$ each: issued under laws of Virginia which permit the issuance of common capital stock, at less than par value. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| wiss Oil Corp.-Suit by Sharehol |  |  |  |  |  |
| dispatch from Lexington, Ky, Feb. 23 states that the company has |  |  |  |  |  |
| lant in a suit fred in the united and, astockholder. Pynchon |  |  |  |  |  |
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| derendants in the petition, which asks cancelation of $\$ 2.194 .000$ of stock |  |  |  |  |  |
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| and the other stockholders made derendants, and also ainst Pynchon \& Co- |  |  |  |  |  |

The petition alleges that in 1924 the Swiss oil Corp. secured a contract
for acquisition of the capital stock of the Union Gas \& Oil Co., paying for Sor acquisition or the capital stock of the Union Gas \& Oil Co., paying for
such contract in excess of $\delta 91,000$ Tt is stated that Martin Insull, James
L. Martin and Dudey Cate oo Chicaso and Thomas A. Combs and E.
L. McDonald op Ievin
 P2,444.00 conspiracy cy to catause the corporation to issue to Pynchon a
and fraudulently issued. Scribers of Pynchon \& Co. are credited with saying that the action de-
scribed above was inspired by a former officer of the company who was scribed above was inspired by a former officer of the company who was
croped at the last meeting of the directors in January. Coussel have
assured the bankers that there is assured the bankers that there is no foundotion for the suit, they said.
William H. Lamprech of Cleveland. who owns 8,174 shares of ar value
Wi $\$ 5$ each . decided to brin the and of $\$ 5$ each, decided to bring the action, it was explained, after the stock-
holders at their annual meeting had reejected a resolution calling for a suit
against against James L. Martin of Pynchon \& Co. and othe
against the resolution was 803,140 shares.
in purson of or 898,
iny proxy, it was stated.]-V. 123 , p. 855 .

Taylor-Wharton Iron \& Steel Co.-Annual Report Nalendar Years 1 interest Appropriated to reserve
$\begin{array}{ccccc}\begin{array}{c}\text { Balance, surplus- } \\ \text { Shares of pref. outstand- }\end{array} & \$ 43,004 & \$ 34,185 \text { loss } \$ 143,772 & \$ 334,242\end{array}$


Telling-Belle Vernon Co., Cleveland.-Larger Div. common sirectors, have declared a quarterly dividend of $\$ 1$ a share on the common stock, and regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 a share on the
preferred ".B" stock, both payable April to holders of record March 21.
Previously the company paid quarterly dividends of 75 . a share on the common stock.-V. 123, p. 466 .
Tennessee Copper \& Chemical Co.-Definitive Bonds.exchangorary for deefinitive bonds at the benture told bonds may now be
see V. 123 , merica. (For offering
Thompson-Starrett Co.-To Reduce Capital Stock The common stockholders will vote Aprill 15 on reducing the number of
shares which the company is authorized to issue from 65,750
shares without par value, divided into 15,750 shares of preferred stock and 50,000 shares of common stock, to 50.000 shares without par value, ali of one class. The
preferred stock has been called for redemption as of April 1 next at $\$ 110$ and
dividends,
Tidal Osage Oil Co.-Annùal Report.-
Crasenarar Years
Operating expense
Ont Operating expenses.---
General and admin.

Balance-
Other inco
Batal income.......
Int., discount, taxes, \&
Develop., deprec. \& dep

$$
\begin{array}{r}
1925 . \\
\$ 3.466 .630 \\
713.58 \\
208,121 \\
\hline \$ 2,544,921 \\
\hline 50,681 \\
\hline \$ 2,595.612 \\
29.154 \\
1,805,506 \\
-36,463 \\
\hline
\end{array}
$$

1924. 

$\$ 2,673.057$
$683 ; 46$

2053 | 688.460 |
| :--- |
| 205.416 |

$\begin{array}{r}\hline \$ 1,784,181 \\ \hline 54,074 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r}1923 . \\ \$ 2.181 .595 \\ 518.503 \\ 124,392 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\$ 1,488,700$ |
| :---: |
| 41,151 |
| $1,50,51$ | $\begin{array}{lr}\text { Develop, deprec. \& clepi } & 1,766.242 \\ \text { Etst Federal inc. tax.... } & 28.429 \\ \text { Pref. dividends ( } 7 \% \text { ). } & 36.463\end{array}$



Tidewater Associated Oil Co.-Syndicate Dissolved. solved by the managrers of afternoon that the syndock syndicate the had been dis-
ferred stock held by the synd
fide Perred stock held by the syndicate was disposed of last year and there were
various rumors to the effect that the common stock would be disposed of
en bloc to other oil interests which to
 per share per annum. Now that the syndicate is dissolved it is expected
that application will be made promptly for listing of tho preferred and com-
mon on the New York Stock Exchange.-V. 124, p. 1233 .

Timken Detroit Axle Co.-Extra Dividend.The directors hare declared an extra dividend of $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ in addition to
the regular quarterry dividend of $11 / 2 \%$, both payable April 1 to holders of
record Mar. the regular quarterly dividend of $11 / 2$, , both payable
record Mar. 21 . Like amounts were paid on Jan. 1 last. Calendar Years-
Net arter depreciation and Federal taxes.
Preefred dividends Preferred dividends
Common dividends $\qquad$
Balance, surplus
Shares or of conmon stock outstanding (par $\$ 10$ )
Earnings per share
$\$ 929.831$
827345
$\$ 180$
Balance Sheet December 31 .
Assets-
Land blgs., \&ec.
Good wills.
Cash. pat'ts.
Cas.

Cash - ..........-
Notes.
Inventories

Securities owned:-
Sinking fund
$10.010,395$
186,894
$4 \%$ demand cits.


| 1925. |
| :---: |
| $\$ 1,382.065$ |
| 305,283 |

$\begin{array}{r}\$ 1,076,782 \\ 823.920 \\ \$ 130 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Interest thereon. } & 2,033,994 & 1,019,888 \\ \text { Ilscellaneous_-- } & 416,035 & 162,57\end{array}$

$\mathbf{x}$ After $\$ 4,284,556$ reserve for depreciation. V V. 123, p. 3052 .
Trinity Portland Cement Co.-Notes Offered.-First National Co., Mississippi Valley Trust Co. and G. H. Walker \& Co. are offering at 100 and int. $\$ 1,000,000$ 1st mtge. coll. trust 3 -year $51 / 2 \%$ gold notes.
Dated Jan. 31927 , due Jan. ${ }^{1} 1930$. Int. payable J. \& J. Denom.
$\$ 500$ and $\$ 1,000$. Principal and int. payable at St. Louis Union Trust Co. in St. Louis. Not subject to call. City National Bank of Dallas,
Texas truste. Texas, trustee
Date from Letter of C. E. Ulrickson, V.-Pres. \& Gen. Mgr. of Company.
Company. -Organized in West Virginia Company.-Arganized in West Virginia with a permit to do business
in Texas. At the present time it hasin operation two plants: one located
in Dallas County near the City of Dallas. Texas and the ont County near the City of Fort Worth. Texas. Both are situated Tirectly upon large deposits of limestone, the Danlas tract containing 539 acres
and the Fort Worth tract 602 acres. Each plant is a complete and the Fort Worth tract 602 acres. Each plant is a complete unit equipped
with the most modern and efficient low-cost production Another plant is in course of construction in Harris County near the City. of Houston, Texas. The combined annual productive canacity of the
 plants is such that for a comparatively small additional expenditure their capacities can be doubled.
First mortgage and collateral trust notes_. Authorized.


Issued.
$1,750,000$
$1,750,000$

Purpose.-Proceeds will be applied to the reduction or the present
current debt, the completion of the Houston plant, and to other corporate purposes
Eearni
been as follows:

Tulip Cup Corp.-Capital Increased, Acquisition, \&cc.-
 the pref. stock from 2,086 shares to 4,086 shares, par $\$ 100$, the additional
2.000 shares to be known as 1 st pref. stocc , the present isue of $\$ 208,600$
pref. stock to be known as 2 d pref. stock, with the richts pref. stock to be known as 2 d pref. stock, with the rights on the part
of the holders of the latter stock to exchange the same for common stock
at the rate of 10 shares of common for one share of preferred. The stockholders also approved a proposition to purcharreed. from the Tulip
Container Corp. (a New York corporation) all of its property, rights. privi-
lega loges and gorp- all and yover cortoration) all of its property, rights. privi-
sideration of the insuance to the Cost therein or any part theroof in consideration of the issuance to the Container corroration of 20,000 shares of
the full paid and non-assessable capital stock of this company, and the
 Authorization was also cranted this corporation to sell from time to time debentures or notes in such form and in such amounts and upon such terms of the company. such debent may deem advisable or tor the best interests may include the right of the
debenture or note holders to convert same into common stocle per share as the directors may deem adve into common stock at such price in substant Simon Bergman, in a recent letter to the stockholders, said At a meeting of the directors on Feb. 8 last 11,000 shares of common
stock were set apart to be offered to the stockhoiders at $\$ 10$ per share Pursuant to this resolution each stockholder is given the right to subscrioe 10 shares held by him of record on Feb. 8 . 1927 . one share of stock for every
for the proceeds will be used While prospects of the company's business for the year 1927 indicate
an advance over that for 1926, the directors have decided on the conserve
tive businesper tive business policy of building una a substantial and safe surplus, and toward that end have deemed it advisable to place the common stock for the yea For some time past our offficers have been negotiating to acquire all of paper containers and cans. This company has after years of effort and experimental work perfected products which are now being sold in the open
market in considerable quantities, in fact practicaly to capacity. The Container company occupies approximately $45,000 \mathrm{sq}$. ft of space in College Point is fully equipped and has a complete and well
organized personnel. It is conservetivel of the Container company for the current year will be between $\$ 50,000$
and $\$ 75,000$. no cashe wrill beose required to accuire the property of the Container company is to be 20,000 shares of common stock and assumption of the liabilities
of the Container company. Net Income Account for Calendar Year 1926
Preferred dividends $\quad(7 \%)$, $\$ 14,602 ;$ common dividends $(\$ 1.50-\$ 217,702$ per share), $\$ 157,500$; total
Federal income tax paid in 1926
Polan

Balance, surplus
Surplus Jan. 1 1926.


Surplus Dec. 311926
Earnings per common
hares in 1926 before Federal taxe
Cash.-....Assets.
Acts. recelvable (less reseve)
Notes \& trade accept. recelv
Inventory- .-. ...............
Mach'y equip. less res've)
Aurniture \& fixt. (less res've)
Fat
Pat's, good-will \& trade-maks
Det. charges to operations.

| \$105,944 107,438 |  |
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| 95,241 |  |
| 271,087 |  |
|  |  |
| 13,479 |  |
| 1,250,594 |  |
| 1,22,910 |  |

 Notes \& accouts payithes.
Dividend payable Contract deposits-
Acrued Habilitles
 44,904
22,760
22,095
2080.60
1500.000
198,747
$-\mathrm{V} .122 . \mathrm{p} .2963$. $\qquad$ Total..
$.82,109,784$
250 West 39th Street Building (Sobel-Mirken Holding Corp.), N. Y. City.-Bonds Sold.-Peabody, Houghteling \& Co., New York, have sold at $981 / 2$ and int., to yield over $6.20 \% \$ 1,350,000$ 1st mtge. 10-year sinking fund $6 \%$ gold loan.
Dated Feb. 1 1927; due Feb. 1 1937. Interest payable F. \& A. at Chatham and $\$ 500$ c*. Red. all or part by lot on any int. date at 103 and int., to and
incl. Feb. 1 1930; at 102 and tint thereatter. incl. Feb. 1 1930; at 102 and int. thereafter, to and incl. Feb. 1 1933, and at
101 and int. therearter, to and incl. Aug. 1 1936. Interest payable without
deduction for any Federal income deduction for any Federal income tax up to $2 \%$ per annum. Company agrees to refund certain State taxes as defined in the indenture.
Data From Letter of Abraham Sachs. President of the Sobel-Mirken Building.-The building is located between Seventh and Eighth Avenues New Times Square and within 6 blocks of Pennsylvania Station. The The building
is a is a 17 ssory and basement fireproof steel frame mercantile building recently completed containing approximately 161,000 sq. ft. of rentable area. The
building is protected by a sprinkler system throughoutand is equiped with
5high-speed elevators, three fror passenger servico and two for freight. Although
it igh it is located in the manufacturing zone, practically all of the tenants are using a substantial amount of their space ofr showroom purposes. Notwithstanding
that it was only ready for occupancy by Nov. 1926, the entire building is fully rented except one unit.
Security.- Secured by Security. Sene und by a closed first mortgage on the land and building
owned in fee land contains approximately $12,146 \mathrm{sq}$. ft., about 123 ft .
on West on west 39 sth St. by 98.7 ft deep on which has recently been completed a
17 -story fireproof, steel, brick and stone mercantile building. The title to the property and vallidity of the first mortgazeane lien securing this loan will be
guaranteed by the Title Guarantee \& Trust Co. The mort tage will provide guaranteed by the Title Guarantee \& Trust Co. The mortgage will provide
that the corporation will carry, in favor of the trustee, adequate fire and other insurance for the protection of this loan.
The land and building have been independently appraised as follows:
Land (Charles F . Noyes Co.), $\$ 676,500$ building (McKim, Mead \& White)
 Earninss. The building was completed in Nov, 1926, and to date over
$97 \%$ of the building has been leased. The annuai gross income receivable from leases actually signed to date is:

Balance
Maximum
 ments, commencing Aug. 1 1927, which will, through purchase in the open market or through call by lot at the redemption price, reduce the loan to
$\$ 995,000$ or approximately $47 \%$ of the present appraised value before maturity

236-240 West 27th Street Building, N. Y. City.-Bonds Offered.-American Bond \& Mortgage Co., Inc., New York, are offering at 100 and int. $\$ 575,0006 \%$ 1st mtge. serial gold bonds
Principal and int. (M. \& S.) payable at offices of American Bond \& Mort
gage Co.. Inc. Callable at 102 and int. Individual trustee, Oharles C

Moore. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of $2 \%$ Penn., Conn. and Vermont 4 mills tax, Dist. of Col.
and Mich. 5 mills. tax. Mass. and Now Hampshire income tax up to $6 \%$
Hig of the interest refundable. Corporate trustee, American Exchange-lrving
Trust Co New York. Guaranty. Payment of principal and interest guaranteed by 234 West
27 th Street Corp. by endorsement on each bond. Security- Secured by a closed first mortrage on the land owned in fee
and the 14 story, penthouse and basement froprooof steel frame commercial
bit building to be erected at $236-240$ West 27 th St. N. Y. City The land
has a frontage of 74 ft. 7 inches on West 27 th St. by 98 ft 9 inches deep, for a total land area of approximately 7,365 sg. Ft.
The property has been leased to the 2344 West
When
Wheet Corp. for a period or 21 years, with two renenvels of like duration, which corporation
has beon organized to improve this plot of ground with the building aforehas been or
United States Distributing Corp.-Plan for Readjustment of Capital Stock A pproved.- The stockholders on Mar. 16 approved a plan providing (a) for the readjustment of the capital stock and (b) for the acquisition by the corporation through the medium of a new subsidiary company to be entirely owned by it of the assets, business and good-will of the United States Trucking Corp., a New York Corporation, including the right to use its corporate name.-V. 124, p. $1525,1376$.

## United States Trucking Corp. $\$ 9$ Dividends-Offer

 Made to Stockholders.-- a dividend of $\$ 9$ per share on the preferred The directors have declared a dividend of $\$ 9$ per share on the preferredstock, payable March 30 to holders of record March 17 This eliminates accumulated dividends on the preferred stock to Dec. 311926 .
See also United States Distributing Corp. above.-V. 124, p. 520 .

United Steamship Co., Ltd. of Copenhagen.-Earns.Improved conditions in the Danish shipping industry are evidenced by
ecent cable advices from Copenhagen to Brown Brothers \& Co., indicating recent in 1926 thin interest on the $6 \%$ sinking fund bonds, due 1937 , was acarned
639 times before depreciation, as compared with 3.30 times in 1925.
 as against 1.99 times in 1925 . Comparative
from Kroner into dollars at par of exchange).
Year Ended Dec. 31 -
Net profit for year

Interest on $6 \%$ sinking fund bonds, $193 \overline{7}$ $\qquad$ | 1925. |
| :---: |
| $\begin{array}{l}1.190 .975 \\ 360.781 \\ 48.700\end{array}$ |

| Interest on reserve fund certificates | 482,400 | 482,400 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

 $\$ 5,000,000$. The amount of bonds retired to date and those against which sinking fund moneys have already been paid amount to about $\$ 1,300,000$.
This reduces in direct proportion the annual interest charges of the company. This reduces in direct
$-\mathrm{V} .120, \mathrm{p} .1216$.

Victor Talking Machine Co.-Sales.-
Sales for the- months Jan and Feb. S2 1927 amounted to $\$ 6,861,650$,
compared with $\$ 5,070,114$ for the same period of 1926 . Advance orders on the new automatic victrola, which plays for more records, are said to be very large and should materially increase sales during
the balance of the year.-V. 124, p. 938,807 .

Virginia Bond \& Mortgage Corp.
Bonds Offered.-Wheat, Galleher \& Co., Inc., Richmond, Va., are offering at prices to yield from $51 / 2 \%$ to $7 \%$, according to maturity, $\$ 100,0007 \%$ serial collateral trust gold bonds, Series Q.
Drited March 1 1927 ; due quarterly from June 11927 to June 11929.
Principal and interest payable at Contral National Bank, Richmond, Va.,
trustee. Denominations of trustee. Denominations of $\$ 100, \$ 500$ and $\$ 1,000$. Secured ratably and
Seccurity. A direct obligation or the company. amount of $\$ 125,391$, deposited with the Central National Bank, trustee. This security consists of mortgage notes secured by 69 pieces of improved
real estate, giving an average loan of $\$ 1.817$. The conservative appraised
 loans hereunder equal total loans on the 69 properties equal to $65.6 \%$ of
lon appriased value. Total of prior liens plus the $\$ 100,000$ of these bonds the appriased value. Total of prior liens plus the $\$ 100,000$ of these bonds
is but $62.3 \%$ of the appraisals. These percentages are reduced as payments are made on the loans pledged. in Dec. 1924 with a capitalization of
Company.-Was incorp. in Virginia $\$ 150,000$, and has successfully grown until now it is recognized as one of the capital, surplus and reserves, exclusive of unearned interest reserve, of $\$ 837,100$.-V. 121, p. 1473.
Warren Brothers Co.-Notes Sold.-Paine, Webber \& Co. and the First National Corp. of Boston, have sold at 100 and int. $\$ 2,500,000$ 10-year $51 / 2 \%$ sinking fund gold notes.
Date March 1 1927; due March 1 1937. Tnterest payable M. \& S. in
Boston and New York. Denom. $\$ 1,000$, and $\$ 500$ c* ${ }^{*}$. Callable in whole or in part on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. on or before March 11928 , the premium thereafter decreasing 1, of $1 \%$ each 12 months of expired life of
the notes up to and incl. March 1 , 1936 , and thereafter the notes up to and incl. March 1 1936, and thereafter at face value. Mass. income taxes on interest not exceeding $6 \%$ refunded. First Nationai Bank of Boston, trustee.
Data From Letter of John Dearborn, President of the Company. Company 900 the largest road-building organization in the world. Was
incorp. in 190 to carry on a paving business in which the organizers had incon engated for periods dating back to 1882 . Beginning in 1912 with the
beeall area of 16,400 sq. yards in but sistently progressed uquil at the present time its pavement has been constructed and contracted for in over 1,000 cities, countiesen and states in this
and foreign countries to an aggregate area of over 125, and forelgn countries to an aggregate area of over 125,00,000 sq. yards
which is equivalent to more than 11.000 continuous.
18 ft in widthes of road
roxelusive 18 ft is widtth, exclusive of the recent Cuban contract. During these years.
company has developed an efficient or inanization company has developed an efficient organization.
Company specializes in a paving construction
Company specializes in a paving construction of its own design, Warrenite-
Bitulithic. Warrenite-Bitulithic is protected by broad patents, the most important of which was issued in 1924. In addition to its own road-building business and the licensing of others to construct Warrenito-Bitulithic under its supervision, company operates the largest plant in the world devoted
exclusively to the manufacture of bituminous paving machinery. Securrity-A A direct and only of obigation of the company. Indenture shall
provide that company shall place no mort ance or other lien upon its property provide that company shall place no mortgage or other lien upon its property
or any part thereof unless the notes at the time outstanding are secured equally with the obligations intended to be secured thereby, provided, however, thas this restriction shall not apply to purchase money mortgages
or toobligations of the company without limit as to maturites secured by
obligations of any nation, State, municipality or to mernmental subdivision obligations or
theraof, which obigations shall have been taleen by governmental subdivision
thempany as payment upon contracticensee or subb-contractor of the company in the usual course of
or with any the business of the company, use primarily to finance the company's
Purpose. Proceds vill be used
growing businoss in foreibn countries. The Government of Cuba has recently awarded the company a countries. The Gover for the building of a national highway which is considered the largest paving contract ever awarded.
Sinking Fund. Indenture shall provide for an Sinking Fund. - Indenture shall provide for an annual sinking fund
beginning March 1930 , sufficient to retire $\$ 100,000$ of the notes by call or purchase at prices not exceeding the call price then effective, the amount Increasing by 850,000 each March 1 thereafter up to and including March 1 1936. This wil retire all rut sity anticipate sinking fund payments.

Earnings.- The average net profits of the company and its entirely owned
subsidiaries, Warien Brothers Co. of Mass.; Warren Brothers Co. of Argentina and Warren Construction CO.. for the 5 years ending Doc. 31 were in excess of $51 /$ times the annual interest on this issue of notes. The corresponding net profits f
8 times the same interest.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Gross income, \&c } \\ & \text { Cost, \&c. } \text { (including } \\ & \text { local taxes) } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 4,300,408 | 4,466,348 | 6,214,464 |
| Net income- Other income |  |  |  |  |
| Interest charges1st pref., 2 d pref. \& com.dividends............ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 565,630 |  | 309.142 |
| Net prof tax. |  |  |  |  |
| Com. shares outst'd'g <br> (no par) <br> 硅 |  |  |  |  |
| $x$ Includles entirely owned subsidiaries and Warren Construction Co. <br> y Not including Warren Construction Co. <br> Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 311926 (After this Financing). <br> [Company and entirely owned subsidiaries]. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash in banks \& on hand.-ïa Accounts \& notes recelvable Acc'ts \& notes rec.-licensees Inventories. <br> bicipal sec. \& U.S. Liberty <br> Road constr. in progress at <br> contract prices.- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Accounts |  |  |
|  |  | dor |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | - |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Int. \& dividends receivable. Employees' accounts rec. Municipal tax liens, \&c. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Municipal tax llens, \&c <br> Expend. on contr. for future road construction. |  |  |  |  |
| Southern Roads Co |  |  |  |  | road construntrion.

Southern Roads C .
Ace'ts \& notes rec. \& muniMipal see.- not current--Retained money on compl. contracts.....-
Deferred charges
 Fxed assets: Lana, bldgs., b1,646,883
mach., \&o. Patents, license, good will, \&c 15,538 Total (each side) -.........-s12,705,614 a Shares of controlled company (Southern Roads Co.), $\$ 250,000$; shares
of licensee companies, $\$ 1,432,301$ : notes receivable with shares of licensee companies as collatera, $81,868,791$; miscellaneous investments, $\$ 3,602$,
b After deducting depreciation of $\$ 1,287,545$. e Represented by 115,485 shares of no par value
Note.-Contingent liaility as endorser or guarantor of notes of licensee Note-Contingent liability as endorser or guarantor
companies and of municipal securities sold, $\$ 513,649$.

Usual Dividends, \&c.-
The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividends of $\$ 1$ per
share on the common, 75 c . per share on the 1 st pref. and $871 / \mathrm{c}$ per
 stock. A. C. Tozzer, of the Turner
as a director.-V. 123, p. 3336 .

Washington Oil Co.-Annual Report.-
$\begin{array}{ccccc}\text { Calendar Years- } & \text { 1926. } & \text { 1925. } & 1924 . & 1923 . \\ \text { Gross income for year-- } & \$ 277,951 & \$ 195,573 & \$ 128,630 & \$ 112,830\end{array}$ Oper exp., taxes, depr. $\begin{array}{lll}122,055 & 105,135 & 112,867 \\ 134,717 & 2,000 & \end{array}$

118,413

|  | 124,717 | 105,135 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$21,179 |  | 815762 |  |

 x On Feb. 151926 stockholders increased the capital stock from $\$ 100,000$ (par $\$ 10$ ) to $\$ 500,000$ (par $\$ 25$ ) and app.
additional stock as a stock div. of $300 \%$.

| sets | 1926. | 1925. | Lhabitutes |  | 1925. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Prod. \& non-pro. | \$128,206 | \$133,001 | Capital stock | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 396,225 \\ & 14.749 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 100,000 \\ 40,075 \end{array}$ |
| Compressor stations, |  |  | Surplus. |  |  |
| real est. \& bldgs. | 143,991 | 154,803 |  |  |  |
| Investment secur. |  | 58,000 |  |  |  |
|  | $27,084$ | $59,996$ |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Bills \& accts. rec. } & 16,430 & 1,201 & \text { Total (each side) } & \\ \$ 447,181 & \$ 455,103\end{array}$ D. 1526 A $300 \%$ stock div. was issued out of surplus on Feb. $151926 .-\mathrm{V}$. 124,

Wellman-Seaver-Morgan Co.-Resumes Dividends.The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of $13 \%$ on the $7 \%$
cumul. pref. stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 21 . The last quarterly distribution on this issue was made in April 1921.

| Assets- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Plant, mach., \&c.xs |  |  |
| Notes \& acctar rec | y213,106 |  |
| ento |  |  |
| ther a | 3,794 |  |
| Patents and good- will |  |  |
| xp., | 0,7 |  |

 $\$ 50,714$ allowance for doubtrul accounts. z Declared Ater dedene cacitit.
represented by $25,870.70$ shares of no par value
(The) Westover (253-263 West 72d St.), New York.It is announced that definitive certificates issued against a 1st mtge,
on the above premises are now ready for delivery. For offering of certifion the above premises ar
cates see V. 124, p. 807.

White Eagle Oil \& Refining Co.-Debentures Sold.Dillon, Read \& Co. have sold at 100 and int. $\$ 5,000,000$ 10 -year $51 / 2 \%$ sinking fund debentures (with stock subscription warrants).
Dated March 15 1927; due March 151937 . Int. payable (M. \& S.)
without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding $2 \%$ per


after 101 to and incl.'March 151936 and $1001 / 2$ on Sept. 15 1936. Seaboard
National Bank of the Oity of New York, trustee. National Bank of the Oity of New York, trustee. in cash or in debentures theretofore purchased by the company as ionows two equal ssmi-annual installments aggregating $\$ 250,000$, or $20 \%$ of net
 Stock Purchase Warrants.-Each debenture will have attached thereto
upon original issue a warrant, non-detachable prior to March 151929
except in case such debenture is redeemed entiting the holder to
 thereafter $\$ 34$ a share to and incl. March $151029 ;$ thereafter $\$ 36$ a share
to and incl. March 15 1930; thereafter $\$ 38$ a share to and incl. March 15
1931. thereater $\$ 40$ and Listing.-Company agrees to mand incl. Mapplichation in due course to list the
debentures on the New York Stock Exchanze.

Data from Letter of Pres. L. L. Marcell March 15. Company.-Organized in 1919 in Delaware as a consolidation of si
companies operating in the mid-continent field. Is one of the leadin companies in that field in the refining and marketing of petroleum and
its its products. Company operates and controls 861 distributing and service
stations or which 516 are owned by the company) in Kansas, Nebraska,
Minnesota, the Dakotas. Colorado and other mid-Western States. Its
Mis. refineries, located at Augusta, Kan., at Ft. Worth, Texas, and at Casper,
Wyor, have a combined capacity of 13,500 barrels of crude oil a day.
Each of these rembineries is situated near large and settled oil-producing In addition to its refineries and marketing properties, the company's holdings include leases covering anproximately 3,700 acres of developed in the production department during 1926 resulted in a net addition of 44 producing oil wellss net production for the year amounted to 919,439
barrels of oil. Facilities at refineries and distributing stations provide Company also owns aproximately 300 miles of pipe line, and operates a fleet of 635 tank cars. From time to time the company finds it advantageous
to sell crude oil to other refiners and to purchase refined products for resale.

Results of Operations-Years Ended Dec. 31

Net sales
Net before- depre-............

int. $\&$ Fed. taxes...... |  | $2,720,190$ | $2,459,194$ | $2,817,878$ | $3,359,181$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | Net earnings before interest and $\$ 1,340,110 \quad \$ 1,697,124 \quad \$ 2,181,865$ aged \$1,683,889 per annum, or more than six times the maximum annual interest charge on the debentures. Such net earnings for the year 1926

were nearly eight times such interest charge. After deducting from net earnings before interest and Federal taxes, for the year 1926, the maximum annual interest charge on the delentares, nd Federal income tax at $1313 / 2 \%$ there remains $\$ 1,649,438$, or $\$ 3.36$ a share of capital stock now outstanding.
Assets. -The balance sheet as of Dec. 311926 (giving effect to the issuance of these debentures) shows current assets of $\$ 6,821,855$ (approx-
mately $\$ 1,425,000$ of the procesd of the debentures being included in the mately $\$ 1,425,000$ of the proceesd of the debentures being included in the
cash item) and current liabilities of $\$ 1,110,309$. Net tangible assets, not including net appreciation based on discovery values and appraisals mately $\$ 17,000,000$, or $\$ 3,400$ for each $\$ 1,000$ debenture.
Purpose. - The proceeds of the debentures will be used for the redemption Purpose. The proceeds of the debentures will be used for the redemption
on July 1927 of the $\$ 2.000$, oon of 5 -year $51 / \% \%$ sinking fund gold notes
due July 1929 thow due July 11929 , now outstanding, for payment of other indebtedness, Aroport showing the capital, earnings (years 1919-26), scope of activities,

White Rock Mineral Springs Co.-Divs. Increased.share on the 2 d pref. and the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.75$ on the 1st pref. stock, payable April 1 to holders of record Mar. 26 . Previous quar-
terly dividends were 30 c . on the common and $\$ 1.25$ on the $2 d$ pref., with extras (see V. 123, p. 3196).-V. 124, p. 807.

Wolverine Petroleum Corp.-Dividend No. 2.The directors have delared a quarterly dividend of 50 c . per share on the common stock, payable March 30 to holders of record March 21 . An
initial dividend of ther share was taid Der. 31 . 1926 Ther Shell Union
Oil Corp. owns $662-3 \%$ of the 8899,585 outstanding common stock. V. 123 Oil Corp.
 Calendar Years-
Gross Sales:
Of mff merchandising Gross receints of mis.
companies
$\begin{array}{rlll}\text { Combined recipts.-... } \$ 190,394,895 \$ 172,274,3555140,861,131 \$ 188,214,839 \\ \text { and } & 37,886,393 & 35,760,770 & 19,464,761 \\ 22,565,470\end{array}$
Consol. gross sales \&
receipts Disct receipts cost of sales Net profits Gross income
Depreciation \& depletio


\section*{Consolidated Balance Sheet. <br> |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { solida } \\ 1925 . \\ \$ . \end{gathered}$ | Labatutes- |  | 1925. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| cili |  | Pret A stock-- | 4,970,000 | 4,969,899 |
| equip, \&o, | 67,367,582 | Common stock Funded debt out standing |  |  |
| assoc., \&c.,.cos. 4,11 |  |  |  |  |
| ventories |  |  | 25,959,500 |  |
| , |  | Notes payable--- Accts. | 121,000 $3,392,522$ 1 |  |
| contracts.--- 641,87 | 454,978 | Accr. liabilities Divids. payable | $1,881,695$862,414 | 1,766,247 464,267 |
| ess r |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Res. for relining, Res for accidents \& conting Surplus | 988,191 | 1,124,129 |
| me |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 3,774,205 \\ & 9,863,746 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,851,196 \\ & 7,789,837 \end{aligned}$ |
| on hand...- |  |  |  |  |
| Deferred charges | .755 |  |  |  |
| Total_......-113,856,773$\overline{113,335,214} \overline{\text { Tota1_........ }} \overline{113,856,773} \overline{113,335,214}$ <br> a After deducting reserve for depreciation and exhaustion of minerals mounting to $\$ 21,746,331$. <br> Note.-The corporation was contingently liable, at Dec. 311926 as V endorser on notes of an associated company in the amount of $\$ 75,000$. V. 23 , p 2915. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## CURRENT NOTICES

-In an attempt to conserve the nine million dollars of insurance money which is the estimated loss in Cleveland, the Chamber of Commerce of that city is distributing 50,000 copies of a book called "Your Money and Your Life." The mailing of these booklets is one step in a civic campaign to interest Cleveland people in the life insurance trust plan offered by banks, trust companies and insurance companies. Cleveland has been its Group Plan its Public station of the nation, and its Community Fund ts Group Plan, its Public Library system, its Auditorium, and other pubib
 safeguard Cleveland dommerce is now taking hers safeguard Cle of dins aganst fake investment scheme an to poin pality. The book is the work of Willinm Ganson Rose President of Wiliam Ganson Rose, Inc. and is publiched under the auspices of the life insur ance trust committee of the Chamber of Comerce, headed by Harris Creech, President of the Cleveland Trust Company It has been estimated that the proceeds of $90 \%$ of life insurance policies paid in lump sums direct to beneficiaries is either used up or lost within seven years, and the purpose of the Cleveland program is to lower the percentage of loss by safe guarding the proceeds of insurance policies through trust agreements.
-Donald J. McDonald, who has been connected with the New York offrce er Herfiower \& Weaks sinco 1906, has been aphes ald has in the past been actively engaged in the management of properties in which Hornblower \& Weeks have banking interests.
-Robert S. Fowler, formerly efficiency engineer for the Board of Estimate and Commissioner of Accounts in the Mitchel administration, ha become associated with Harris, Irby a Vose, members New York Stock and Cotton exchanges, 60 Beaver St., New York, as head of the statistica and new business department
-Metropolitan Security Company, Incorporated, 120 Broadway, New York, announce that J. Stuart Evans Jr. has been elected a Vice-President and L. Stowell Clark has been elected Treasurer. Justin Henderson, for merly with th
sales manager
-Harry D. Cleveland who, during the war, was Vice-President John S. Emery \& Co., and later Vice-President of the Union Insulating Co.
 Chancellor of New York.
-Stein Bros. \& Boyce, Baltimore, Washington and Richmond, announce that they have become members of the New York Stock Exchange and have established a department, under the management of Philip L. Poe to render service in securities listed on the Exchange
-C. B. Foster and E. D. Massena, formerly of the dissolved firm of Foster, Jewkes \& Co., and Robert Housley have formed the firm of Foster. Housley \& Co., for the transaction of a general investment business with offices in the Union Bank Building, Pittsburgh.
-Warren A. Tyson \& Co., dealers in investment securities, have moved their offic
delphia.
-Dudley C. Graves and H. Stanley Gilson, formerly with Millett, Roe \& Co hav formed a co-partnership under the name of Graves \& Gilson, to deal in investment securities, with offices at 50 Broad St., New York.
-Louis J. Groch, formerly in charge of the Philadelphia office of Taylor, Ewart \& Co., Inc., is now in charge of the syndicate department of that firm in New York
-Redmond \& Co., announce that Richard J. Hennessey has become associated with them in their trading department, specializing in public utility bonds.
-Donald V. Brayshaw, formerly with the public utility department of Theodore Prince \& Co., has become associated with Robjent, Maynard \& Co., 111 Broadway, New York.
-H. P. Lilienthal and H. R. Kneezel, formerly with McCown \& Co. and Clinton Gilbert, have formed the firm of H. P. Lilienthal \& Co., Inc., 74 Trinity Place, New York, to deal in bank and insurance company stocks.

- H. E. Phillips, formerly of Conover \& Phillips, has established his in listed and unlisted securities.
-Lackner, Butz \& Co., Chicago, announce that Everett L. Harris, President a
President and dealers, 115 Broadway New YoA. V. OBres $V$. Lang, who was formerly with Brown Brothers \& Co has become associated with them.
-E. Everett Van Tuyl, formerly with H. L. Doherty \& Co. and Robjent Maynard \& Cith Stranahan, Harris \& Oatis, Inc in New York, in charge of their corporate bond trading department.
-J. Robert Thomas has become associated with the sales department of Zwetsch, Heinzelmann \& Co., Inc., 57 William St., New York.
-Clinton Gilbert, 2 Wall St., New York, has prepared a statistical analysis covering 16 casualty insurance companies and 49 fire and marine nsurance companies, with complete figures for 1926.
-Prince \& Whitely have prepared for distribution an analysis of Fisk Rubber Company
-George Nelson is now located at 74 Trinity Place, New York.


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## UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

## TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1926.

## To the Stockholders:

Jice of United States Steel Corporation,
51 Newark Street, Hoboken, New Jersey, March 8th 1927.

The Board of Directors submits herewith a combined report of the operations and affairs of the United States Stee? Corporation and Subsidiary Companies for the fiscal year which ended December 31 1926, together with a statement of condition of the finances and property at the close of that year.

## INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1926

The total earnings were, after deducting all expenses incident to operations, including ordinary repairs and maintenance (approximately
$\$ 121,000,000$ ), allowance for employes' profit sharing fund, and taxes (including reserve for Federal income taxes), per General Profit and Loss Account, page 16 (pamphlet report)


Less, Charges and Allowances for Depletion and Depreciation applied as follows, viz
To Depreciation and Replacement Reserves and Sinking Funds on Bonds of Subsidiary Companies
\$53,171,075.95
To Sinking Funds on Bonds of U. S. Steel Corporation
$11,049,835.37 \quad 64,220,911.32$
\$134,837,957.59

## Deduct:

Net Income in the year 1926
$\$ 9,178,602.50$
erest on U. S. Steel Corporation Bonds outstanding, viz.:
Fifty Year 5 per cent Gold Bonds......
Ten Sixty-Year 5 per cent Gold Bonds.
$\$ 17,228,669.16$
Premium paid on Bonds redeemed by sinking funds, viz.: On Subsidiary Companies' Bonds. \$255,059.29
On U. S. Steel Corporation Bonds. 987,924.94

1,242,984.23Balance-
\$116,667,404.89
Dividends for the year 1926 on U. S. Steel Corporation Stocks, viz.:
Preferred, 7 per cent
$\$ 25,219,677.00$
Common, 7 per cent
35,581,175.0
Surplus Net income in the year 1920
ms apprerind
Balance carried forward to Undivided Surplus 30,000,000.00

## UNDIVIDED SURPLUS OF U. S. STEEL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

 (Since April 1 1901)



$5,772,737.67$
$\$ 502,635,846.70$
Add, Balance of Surplus Net Income in the year 1926, as above
25,866,552.89
528,502,399.59
Total Undivided Surplus, Dec. 31 1926, exclusive of Profits earned by subsidiary companies on inter-company sales of products on hand in Inventories at that date (see note below) $\$ 53,502.399,59$ Note.-Surplus of Subsidiary Companies amounting to $\$ 38,230,574.21$, and representing Profits on sales of materials and products to other subsidiary companies which are on hand in latter's Inventories December 31 1926, is deducted from the amount of Inventories included under Current Assets in companies which are Balance Sheet.

## OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR.

The very favorable conditions which prevailed in the steel industry in the opening quarter of 1926, mentioned in last year's annual report, were not wholly maintained during the entire year. T e volume was, however, of suf icient proportions of total capacity to permit of economical operations, and to produce generally satisfactory results for the year. In the first quarter the operations of the subsidiary companies, as reflected by their tonnage output of rolled and finished products for sale, was 94 per cent of capacity, while for the entire year the average was 88 per cent, compared with 78.4 per cent in 1925. As shown by the detailed table of production statistics of the several principal departments for 1926, page 20 (pamphlet report), the increase in output compared with 1925 fluctuated widely in respect of the different classes of finished products for sale, very large increases being shown for rails, track fittings and car wheels, tubing and pipe, sheets and tin plate and finished structural work, while in the other classes of output the increases were relatively small or nominal. The following is a condensed summary of-


There were built during 1926 at the car plants of the subsidiary companies 4,040 railroad freight cars and 1,969 mine and industrial cars. At the shipbuilding plants 2 ocean and coastwise steamers, 3 lighters and 100 barges and car floats were completed and delivered. In addition, a very considerable quantity of repair and overhauling work, including the production of equipment and ship parts, and other machine and fabricating shop work, was handled by the car and shipbuilding plants.

## SHIPMENTS AND BUSINESS.

The shipments of all classes of products in comparison with shipments during the preceding year were as follows:

| $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Domestic Shipments- } & 1926 . \\ \text { Tons. }\end{array}$ | $1925 .$ <br> Tons. | Increase or Tons. | Decrease. <br> Per Cent. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 12,340.010 | 630,867 | 5.11 Inc. |
|  | 213,479 | 14,058 | 6.59 Inc. |
|  | 761.676 | 342,515 44 | 44.97 Inc. |
|  | 124,019 | 8,005 | 6.45 Inc. |
|  | 13,439,184 | 995,445 | 7.41 Inc. |
|  | 14,753,487 | 348,301 | 2.36 Inc. |
| Export Shipments- |  |  |  |
|  | 1,048,836 | 278,216 26 | 26.53 Inc. |
|  | 4,970 | 2,083 41 | 41.91 Dec . |
|  | 130,562 | 12,838 | 9.83 Inc ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |
|  | 1,184,368 | 288,971 | 24.40 Inc. |
| Aggregate tonnage of Rolled and Finished Steel Products shipped to both Domestic and Export Trade $\overline{14,297,929}$ | $\overline{13,388,846}$ | 909,083 | 6.79 Inc. |
| Total Value of Business (Covering all of above shipments, including cement, completed cars, ships, barges and car floats delivered and other business not measured by the ton unit): |  | Increase. |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 1925 . \\ \$ 847,089,777 \end{gathered}$ | Amount. <br> \$39,620.744 | $\begin{array}{rr}  & \text { Per Cen }_{t} \\ 4 & 4.68 \end{array}$ |
|  | 81,060,949 | 19,365,696 | $6 \quad 23.89$ |
|  | \$928,150,726 | \$58,986,440 | $0 \quad 6.36$ |

Prices received in 1926 were fairly stable throughout the year with, however, a downward tendency. The average prices received for the total tonnages of rolled and other finished products shipped, netted on the domestic shipments $\$ 1.12$ per ton less than the average received per ton for an equal tonnage of similar products respectively shipped in 1925; and as to export shipments the per ton price netted $\$ 2.82$ less than the average secured in the preceding year. The average price received for domestic and export tonnage combined was $\$ 1.28$ per ton less than in 1925 . The export business in point of tonnage showed a substantial increase over 1925 and was the largest in any year since 1920. Prices obtainable in the foreign markets, and to some extent for domestic tonnage in markets bordering on the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Coasts of the United States, were, however, relatively low owing to the severe competition of European manufacturers, whose labor cost in production and transportation cost in delivery were materially less than that of the mills in the United States. As a consequence the direct profit results from the export business as a whole were not fully compensatory for the proportion of capital invested and employed in the business, but this was to a considerable extent offset by the reduced average cost of operation in producing and supplying domestic tonnage by reason of the increased volume and continuity of employmen ${ }_{1}^{\mathrm{t}}$ afforded the mills through the export business, which in 1926 equalled $9.28 \%$ of the total tonnage of rolled and finished stee products shipped.

## VOLUME OF BUSINESS

The total value of business transacted by all companies during the year 1926, as represented by their combined gross sales and earnings, equaled the sum of $\$ 1,508,076,090$, as compared with a total of $\$ 1,406,505,195$ in the preceding year.

This amount represents the gross value of the commercial transactions conducted by the several subsidiary companies, and includes sales made between the subsidiary companies and the gross receipts of the transportation companies for services rendered both to subsidiary companies and to the public.

The earnings for the year resulting from the above gross business represent the combined profits accruing to the several corporate interests on the respective sales and services rendered, each of which is in itself a complete commercial transaction

The following is a statement of the gross sales and earnings classified by operating groups. Gross sales of products are stated on basis of f. o. b. mill values.

Gross Sales by Manufacturing, Iron Ore and Coal and Coke Companies:
To customers outside of U. S. Steel organization
Inter-company sales (sales between subsidiary companies).
Gross Earnings and Receipts of Transportation and Miscellaneous Companies:* Transportation Companies Miscellaneous Companies

Total
\$1,371,723,338
30,805,962
1925. $\$ 928,150,726$
\$1,276,213,530

101,155,127 | $101,155,127$ |
| :--- |
| $29,136,538$ |

$\$ 1,406,505,195$

Increase.
\$58,986,44 36,523,368
$\qquad$ $4,391,663$ 1,669,424
\$101,570,895

Includes earnings and receipts both for inter-subsidiary company business and of business with interests outside of the U. S. Steel organization TAXES
The total charges and allowances from income for accrued Taxes for the year compared with similar charges for 1925 were as follows:


## MAINTENANCE, DEPLETION AND DEPRECIATION

The expenditures made during the year for general maintenance and upkeep of the properties and the further pro visional allowances for accruing deterioration and obsolescence of improvements, equipment and facilities, and for depletion of natural resources, in comparison with similar expenditures and allowances for the preceding year, were as follows:


## BONDED AND MORTGAGE DEBT.

Retirements and issues made during the year as follows:


## CAPITAL STOCK.

The amount of outstanding capital stock of the United States Steel Corporation on December 311926 was the same as at the close of the preceding year, viz.:
Common Stock_
Preferred Stock $\$ 508,302,500$ $360,281,100$

No issues of capital stock have been made except in connection with the organization of the Corporation and the acquirement at that time (1901) of cash working capital and the capital stocks of the several subsidiary companies then purchased.

## SPECIAL DIVIDEND.

On December 161926 the Board of Directors unanimously voted to recommend to the stockholders, at the annual meeting of the Corporation to be held on Monday, April 18 1927, that the Common capital shares of the Corporation be increased by $2,033,210$ shares, which is equivalent to 40 per cent of the present outstanding Common shares, for the purpose of distributing the same as an extra special dividend to Common stockholders.

In the period from April 11901 to December 31 1926, after providing for depletion and depreciation arising from exhaustion of natural resources and deterioration of improvements, including the writing off of property abandoned, making payment of interest on bonded and other debt, and setting aside reserves for contingencies, the net profits earned totaled the aggregate sum of

On Preferred Stock, $18014 \%$
Common Stock, $1311 / 4 \%$
-\$672,929,461
667,125,176 $1,340,054,637$
Balance of Surplus earned.
$\$ 1,005,254,086$
This balance of Surplus has been largely reinvested in fixed property of the organization, the amount so applied being:
(1) Formally appropriated to finance net expenditures for extensions, additions, improvements and permanent invest-

Leaving amount of Undivided Surplus Account per the Balance Sheet represented by net working assets in hand. $\$ 299,900,462$ This balance of Undivided Surplus is lodged in the following assets:


Under the charter of the Corporation, the Preferred shares are entitled to receive dividends at the annual rate of 7 per cent before any dividends may be paid on the Common shares and they are limited to that rate; and in case of dissolution of the Corporation the Preferred shares are entitled to be paid in full, at par, before anything is paid to the holders of Common shares. If at any time this regular dividend on the Preferred or any part is not currently paid, it is accumulated and remains a permanent lien which must be paid in full before anything can be paid upon the Common shares. Thus these separate classes of stock are independent of each other and must be protected in accordance with their charter rights. The Directors of the Corporation have no discretion in the matter. They must fully protect each and both; and in doing so they must always have under consideration the future as well as the present. The security for the Preferred must be maintained and after this the Common stock is entitled to the available surplus if and when in the judgment of the Board of Directors it can be distributed with safety. If in order to protect the properties and business of the Corporation it is necessary to use the surplus or a part of it in restoring the properties or in extending, diversifying or enlarging the business, it may properly be done, but it is still surplus so long as tangible property values exist to represent the same. If then it is proper to distribute any part of this surplus so invested in tangible property, it should under these conditions be in Common stock. In this way the rights and interests of both classes of stock are advanced and protected. To the extent surplus is invested in the property and business the Preferred stock is made more secure both as to insurance of payment of the annual dividend and the maintenance of resources available for liquidation of the Preferred. But the additional earnings, if any, obtained from such investment of surplus belong to the Common stock subject to the prior rights of the Preferred stockholders.

The action of the Directors in investing a part of surplus funds for the purpose of increasing capacity and improving properties was intended and thus far has proved to be for the benefit of both Preferred and Common shareholders. It has fortified and strengthened and made more valuable the Preferred shares and at the same time has added to the earning capacity of the Common shares. What has been done or proposed was decided upon after the most painstaking and careful deliberation by the Board.

The annual meeting of the stockholders at which action will be taken on the recommendation to increase the Common stock for the preceding purpose will be held on Monday April 18 1927, notice of and proxy for which have been or will be mailed to stockholders. The stock of the Corporation should be fully represented at this meeting and as the list of Stockholders is very large there is necessarily involved a considerable amount of work in the examination and recording of proxies. It is, therefore, hoped that each Stockholder favoring the proposal who does not expect to attend in person will at his or her earliest convenience sign and return the proxy prepared for that purpose.

## CAPITAL EXPENDITURES.

In continuation of the policy of the Corporation adhered to from its organization, liberal outlays were made during the year for additions, extensions and improvements, largely in order to replace old, obsolete and high cost plants and units, to establish equipment and facilities at modern and efficient standards to insure economical operation and utilize what have been waste residues, in some directions to expand lines of products, and in others to meet the growing demands of the trade. Facilities for increasingthe total production of steel have not, however, been a leading feature of this program as evidenced by the comparative Ingot capacity which at December 311926 was $23,176,900$ tons per annum compared with
$22,749,100$ tons at close of 1925 , an increase of but $1.8 \%$. During the year the following old plants and units were abandoned and dismantled: Upper Union works, Pittsburgh; Allegheny blast furnace, Pittsburgh; Crescent tin plate works, Cleveland. At Homestead works, Pittsburgh, the old 28 -inch blooming mill and the 23 - 33 -inch and 35 -inch structural mills were abandoned, being replaced by a 54 -inch blooming mill and a combination $36-28 / 32$-inch structural mill; National Tube Co. at its Riverside plant dismantled 2 skelp mills, at the Pittsburgh works, Continental department, 2 skelp mills, 1 lap weld furnace and 32 puddling furnaces, and at its National works 3 lap weld furnaces. The investment cost in all the foregoing and of all improvements abandoned is charged off against reserves set aside from earnings, and when new plants or units are built to substitute for abandonments the entire cost of the same is charged to property or capital investment account.

The total of expenditures made by the Corporation and the subsidiary companies for the foregoing purposes during 1926 , less credits from sales of property and salvage, also credit for net reduction in lock-up in advanced charges for stripping and development work at mines, etc., was $\$ 76,060,520$. This net amount was expended for the following classes of property, viz.:

$$
\text { For Manufacturing properties, exclusive of } \mathrm{By} \text {-Product Coke plants................... }
$$

$\$ 59,485328$
 $4,149,217$ - Coal properties:
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Additional coal areas and surface lands---
\$1,385.991
2,055,830
Additions and betterments at coal plants.
3,441,821


Railroads.-.........................
" Water Transportation properties:
Great Lakes fleet
\$1,548,347
cean fleet.
River transportation service

- Water, gas and other public service properties

Expended during year for this work.....
Less, absorbed in operating expenses
5,244,312
305,901
$\qquad$
At the close of 1926 the balance unexpended on authorized appropriations of the subsidiary companies for extensions, additions and improvements, including the budget for 1927 for stripping and development work at iron ore mines, totaied $\$ 121,042,000$. It is estimated that approximately $\$ 100,000,000$ of this will be expended in 1927 . All of this amount, however, will not be for outlays on capital account as a portion of same is for repair and renewal work and will beabsorbed in current operating expenses or from reserve funds provided from earnings.

EMPLOYEES AND PAYROLL.
The average number of employees in the service of the Corporation and the subsidiary companies during the entire year, the total payroll and average wages paid, compared with similar results in 1925, were as follows:


Employees Stock Subscription. The usual offer to employees to subscribe for Common stock of the United States Steel Corporation for the year 1927 has been deferred until approximately June 1 1927. The offer will then be made with reference to conditions prevailing at that time in respect of the stock arising out of the plan approved by the Directors to submit to the stockholders at the annual meeting the proposal for an increase in the Common shares for use in distribution of a stock dividend.

Profit Sharing Plan. In accordance with the Profit Sharing Plan adopted by the stockholders in 1921, appropriation was made from the earnings of 1926 of a fund for distribution under such plan. The allotment and distribution were made in February 1927 by the Profit Sharing Committee of Stockholders elected at the stockholders' annual meeting in April 1926. Of the awards made by the Committee, sixty per cent was paid in cash and the remainder covered by Certificates of Conditional Interest in shares of Common stock of the Corporation in which the Committee invested such part of the appropriation. The stock covered by the Certificates of Conditional Interest is deliverable in January 1932 to employees holding such certificates, provided they are then in the service of the Corporation or its subsidiaries, or is deliverable prior to that date if they die while in the service or are retired under the Corporation's Pension Plan.

Pensions. During the year 1926 the Trustees of the United States Steel and Carnegie Pension Fund paid in pensions to retired employees a total of $\$ 2,537,917$ compared with $\$ 2,068,653$ disbursed in the year 1925 . Pensions were granted during the year to 1,185 retiring employees and at the close of the year there were 5,737 names on the pension rolls, a net increase of 653 during the year. Since the inauguration of the plan in 1911 an aggregate of $\$ 15,833,726$ has been paid in pensions.

Housing and Welfare. During the year the subsidiary companies advanced a net additional sum of $\$ 2,700,067$, largely to employees, on sales contracts and mortgages, bearing interest at $5 \%$ and payable in installments over a period of years, to assist them in acquiring homes under the Corporation's Home-Owning Plan. At December 311926 the total principal amount due for advances as above was $\$ 14,996,480$. The efforts of the Corporation and the subsidiary companies in general welfare and educational work for the betterment of the material interests and living conditions of the employees and their families, were continued on lines previously outlined in these reports. These efforts cover a wide range of activities, are recognized and accepted by the employees as of real interest and benefit to them and correspondingly are in the interest of the Corporation. These activities are one of the established conditions of service.
Sanitation. The expenditures for this particular service in the interest of the employees in 1926 was $\$ 3,218,704$, compared with $\$ 3,641,740$ in the preceding year. The constant attention given to sanitary conditions and practices surrounding the employees while in service has raised these to a high standard and has been beneficial to the health and conveniences of the employees as well as raising the efficiency of their service. At the close of 1926 there were in use in and about the plants and works 4,691 sanitary drinking fountains, 2,138 comfort stations with toilet equipment, including 25,453 washing faucets or basins, 5,291 showers and 183,779 lockers.

Accident Prevention. Expenditures of $\$ 1,867,324$ were made in 1926, compared with $\$ 1,914,100$ in previous year, for safety work, including installation of devices and appliances, rearrangement of equipment and instruction of employees, to minimize liability and danger of injury. While safety work requires continued large expenditures for safety devices and appliances, yet as accidents largely rise from thoughtlessness and lack of proper precaution by employees, strenuous and
continuing efforts are made to educate the employees in safety methods of performing their tasks. In this the service of employees is enlisted to the fullest practical extent. At present selected employees of upwards of 10,000 at a time are serving regularly on safety committees of instruction. In 1926 the disabling accidents per 100 employees in service was $20.5 \%$ less than in 1925, and was the lowest rate in any year since accident prevention work was systematically started.

Accident Relief. Disbursements during 1926 for work accidents, including accrual of liabilities under State compensation laws, the actual payment of which is spread over a period of years, were $\$ 4,920,207$, compared with $\$ 4,628,046$ in 1925. Eighty-eight per cent of the year's charges was paid, or is payable, directly to the injured employees or their families.

Number of Stockholders. The number of registered stockholders at December 311926 was 143,703, of whom 15,914 held both Preferred and Common stock. The number holding Preferred was 73,016 , and of Common 86,601. Included in the total number of registered holders were 43,713 employees.

UNFILLED ORDERS.
At the close of 1926 the unfilled orders of the subsidiary companies for all kinds of steel products totaled $3,960,969$ tons, compared with $5,033,364$ tons at the close of 1925 . This reduction is attributed principally to the fact that in the closing months of 1925 there was a large influx of orders, resulting in the carrying over into 1926 of a substantial tonnage of unfilled orders. During 1926 new business was received on a more nearly uniform basis, as to aggregate tonnage; and this condition has continued since January 1 1927. In short, current offering of tonnage has of late been for more prompt delivery than previously was the custom. The specifications for shipment since January 11927 have been of large volume, the operations of the subsidiaries at date of writing of this report being about $90 \%$ of capacity based on ingot output.

Grateful appreciation is expressed to the officers and employees of the Corporation and of the several subsidiary companies for the loyal and faithful service rendered in the efficient management of the properties and for the results secured during the past year

By order of the Board of Directors.
ELBERT H. GARY, Chairman.

## CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 311926. ASSETS.

PROPERTY ACCOUNTS-Properties Owned and Operated by the Several Companies
Balance of this account as of December 31 1926. less Depletion, Depreciation and Amortization Reserves per table on page 14 MINING ROYALTIES-
Mining Royalties on unmined ore, in respect of part of which notes of subsidiary companies are outstanding in

$\$ 65.789 .584 .74$
DEFERRED CHARGES (Applying to future operations of the properties) 7.000 .000 .00

INVESTMENTSLand Sales Installment Contracts and Mortgages under Employees' Homeowning Plan.-. $\begin{array}{r}\$ 10.373,855.25 \\ 14.996 .480 .20 \\ \hline\end{array}$

SINKING AND RESERVE FUND ASSETS-
$\qquad$ Cash resources held by Trustees account of Bond Sinking Fund
(Trustees also hold $\$ 214,204.000$ of redeemed bonds, $\$ 1,609,034.20$
 Securities * Cash - 3,857,022.90

*Note.-There are not included in this item capital obligations of subsidiary companies amounting to $\$ 41,660,365.54$, held in these funds, as such obligations are excluded from liabilities in this consolidated balance sheet. Such securities were acquire direct by United States Steel Corporation from the subsidiaries.
CURRENT ASSETS -
Inventories, less credit for Reserve and for amouht of inventory values representing Profits earned by subsidiary companies on Inter-Company sales of products on hand in Inventories December 311926. Accounts Receivable
Bills Receivable...



$110,174,683.06$
$58,789,584.74$

2,814,916,83
$25,370,335.45$

589,598,166.86 $\$ 2,454,139,185.15$
LIABILITIES.
CAPITAL STOCK OF UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION-

CAPITAL STOCKS OF SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES NOT HELD BY UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION (BOOK $\$ 868,583,600.00$

BONDED, MORTGAGE AND DEBENTURE DEBT OUTSTANDING-
(For detailed statement see page 22 , panp ilet report
$\$ 179.866 .000 .00$
United States Steel Corporation $10-60$ Year $5 \%$ Bonds.-
$476,754.23$

Subsidiary Companies' Bonds, guaranteed by U. S. Steel Corporation_

| $\$ 340.102 .000 .00$ |
| :---: |
| 98.739 .000 .00 |

Subsidiary Companies' Bonds, not guaranteed by U. S. Steel Corporation $\begin{array}{r}93,187.900 .00 \\ \hline 660.452 .99 \\ \hline\end{array}$
BSIDIARY COMPANIES' MINING ROYALTY NOTES-Maturing over a period of 32 years, substituted for previously
SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES MINING ROYALTY NOTES-Maturing over a period of 32 years, substituted for previously
existing mining royalty obligations-Guaranteed by United States Steel Corporation, $\$ 25,238,316$, not guaranteed, $\$ 1,170.000$; non interest bearing, $\$ 25$

Preferred Stock Dividend No. 103, payable February 261927
Common Stock Dividend No. 90, payable March $30,1927 \ldots$
$492,689,352.99$
$26,408,316.17$

Total Capital and Current Liabilities
121,121,925.59 DRY RESERVES -
Contingent, Miscellaneous Operating and other Reserves.
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 81,183.368 .92 \\ 40,173.467 .66 \\ \hline\end{array}$
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS TO COVER CAPITAL EXPENDITURES-
(See statement on page 14, pamphlet report.)
nvested in Property Account-Additions and Construction.
UDIVIDED SURPLUS OF UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES-
Capital Surplus provided in organization
Balance of Surplus accumulated by all companies from April 11901 to December 311926 per table on page 2 , $\$ 25,000,000.00$
(pamphlet report)
Total, exclusive of Profits earned by Subsidiary Companies on Inter-Company sales of products on hand in inventories


553,502,399.59 $\$ 2,454,139,185.15$

Note,-That part of the Surplus of Subsidiary Companies representing Profits on sales of materials and products to other subsidiary companies and on hand in latters' Inventories is, in this Balance Sheet, deducted from the amount of Inventories included under Current Assets.

We have audited the above Balance Sheet, and certify that in our opinion it is properly drawn up so as to show the financial position of the United States Steel Corporation and Subsidiary Companies on December 311926.

## PROPERTY INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS DECEMBER 311926


#### Abstract

Gross Fixed Property Investment

\section*{ccount,}


 Net of sundry adjustments during 1926Capital Expenditures on Property Account in 1926 $76,366,421.36$

Less, Amounts written off in year 1926 to Depletion and Depreciation Reserves for investment cost of natural resources exhausted and of improvements, equipment and facilities dismantled and retired. Gross Fixed Property Investment, December 311926
Deduct, Balances in Depletion, Depreciation, Amortization and Current Maintenance Reserves, December 311926
Depletion, Depreciation and Replacement Reserves, exclusive of those specifically applied as per succeeding
pecifically applied for redemption of bonds through Bond Sinking Funds
$\$ 426,974,265.93$
Amortization Reserves account excess construction cost arising from war-time conditions $203,862,449.69$
$68,409,608$
Current Maintenance Reserves excess construction cost arising from war-time conditions
$68,409,608.84$
$22,779,980.11$
Net Fixed Property Investment Account, December 311926
Investment in Stripping and Development at Mines and Logging Plants, and in Structural Erection Equipment:
Balance at December 311925
\$38,475,401.99
Expended during the year 1926. 4,938,411.11

Less, Charged off in 1926 to operating expenses
$\$ 43,413,813.10$
Balance December 311926.
38,169,500.71
Total of Property Investment Account, December 31 1926, per Consolidated General Balance Sheet. \$1,667,391,498.21 APPROPRIATED SURPLUS TO COVER CAPITAL EXPENDITURES DECEMBER 311926
Amount of appropriations made from Earnings and from Surplus Net Income to cover capital expenditures for additions, betterments and improvements, and which appropriations in the within Consolidated General Balance Sheet are formally written off in reduction of the Property Investment Account
\$206.751,687.38 Amount of appropriations made from Surplus Net Income to cover the same class of expenditures as above specified, but which in the Consolidated General Balance Sheet are carried in the account "Appropriated Surplus to cover Capital Expenditures"

$270,000,000.00$ Total.-

$\overline{\$ 476,751,687.38}$

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES, CONDENSED GENERAL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 311926.


## OTHER INCOME AND CHARGES.

Net Profits of properties owned, but whose operations (gross revenue, cost of product, expenses, etc.) are not classified
in this statement

12. 1.10


$\$ 12,935.509 .72$
$\$ 214,910,890.31$

Total Earnings in the year 1926 per Income Account, page 15 (pamphlet report)
Less Interest Charges on Subsidiary Companies' Bonds and Mortgages_-
7,565,737.13
Balance of Earnings for the year before deducting provisional charges for depletion and depreciation.................................. $\$ 199,058,868.91$ Less, Charges and Allowances for Depletion and Depreciation:

By Subsidiary Companies --
$\$ 53,171,075.95$
$11,049,835.37$
Net Income in the year 1926
\$134,837,957.59

* These profits have been earned by individual subsidiary companies on inter-company sales made and service rendered to (forl other subsidiaries
being locked up in the inventory value of materials held by the purchasing companies December 31 st 1926 . but being locked up in the inventory value of materials held by the purchasing companies December 31 st 1926 are not to that date included as part of

COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 311926 AND 1925.

| EARNINGS-Before charging interest on Bonds and Mortgages of Subsidiary Compani | 1926. | 1925. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { + Increase. } \\ & \text { Decrease. } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| Second Quart | 150.34 | 42,634,705.17 | 17 |
| Third Quarter | 01 | 44,523,558.12 | $+10,170,297.89$ $+10,809,288.76$ |
| Total for year- Less, | $\begin{array}{r} * 207,345,153.18 \\ 8,286,284.27 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} * \$ 173,783,424.60 \\ 8,244,959.93 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline+\$ 33,561,728.58 \\ +41,324.34 \end{array}$ |
| Balance of Earnings--- | \$199,058,868.91 | \$165,538,464.67 | + \$33,520,404.24 |
| To Depreciation and Replacement Reserves and Sinking Funds on Bonds of Subsidiary Comp | 53,171,075.95 | 45,463,053.99 | +\$7,708.021.96 |
| To Sinking Funds on U. S. Steel Corporation Bonds | 11,049,835.37 | 10,623,625.44 | +426,209.93 |
| Net Income in th | . $\$ 134,837,957.59$ | \$109,451,785.24 | + \$25,386,172.35 |
| Deduct: ${ }_{\text {Interest on }}$ U. S. Steel Corporation Bonds ou |  |  |  |
| Premium Paid on Bonds redeemed | 17,228,669.16 | 17,761,388.75 | -532,719.59 |
| Premin Sussidiary Companies' Bonds-- | ${ }^{255,059.29}$ | $222,329.77$ $880,439.61$ | $\begin{array}{r}+32.729 .52 \\ +107.485 .33 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| On U. S. Steel Corporat | 987,924.94 | 880,439.61 | +107,485.33 |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 116,366,304.20 \\ 301,100.69 \end{array}$ | $\$ 90,587.627 .11$ $15,025.78$ | $\begin{array}{r} +25,778.677 .09 \\ +286,074.91 \end{array}$ |
| Dividends on U. S. Steel Corporation Stocks, viz.:Preferred, 7 \%----------------- | \$116,667,404.89 | \$90,602,652.89 | $+26,064,752.00$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Preferred, }} \mathbf{C o m m o n , ~} 7$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 25,219,677.00 \\ 35,581,175.00 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 25,219,677.00 \\ 35,581,175.00 \end{array}$ |  |
| Surplus Net Income-and expended or to expended account of aditions, improvements or Less, Sums appropriated and expenect | \$55,866,552.89 | \$29,801,800.89 | +\$26,064,752.00 |
|  | 30,000,000.00 | 25,000,000.00 | +5,000,000.00 |
| Balance carried forward to Undivided Surplus $\qquad$ <br> Balance of Earnings after making allowances for estimated amount of Federal income xe \$25,866,552.89 |  | \$4,801,800.89 | + \$21,064,752.00 |

PRODUCTION OF RAW, SEMI-FINISHED AND FINISHED PRODUCTS BY SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES IN


## allis Chalmers manufacturing Company

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT-FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 311926.

To the Stockholders:
On behalf of the Board of Directors, there is submitted herewith the annual report of Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company for the fiscal year ended December 31 1926, together with comparative Income Account and Balance Sheet as at December 311926 and 1925.
COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT.

Sales billed
 opment, selling, publicity and administra-


 Provision for Federal income taxes and
contingencies.-....-.-.............-- $620,000.00 \quad 554,000.00$

Net income, carried to surplus.........-- | $\$ 3,596,891.57$ |
| :---: |
| $\$ 3,417,368.43$ |

COMPARATIVE BALANOE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 311926 ASSETS. ASSETS.
Property-
Factory sites, buildings, machinery, equipment, patents, patterns, drawings and
goodwill.t.-. Deduct-Reserve for depreciation of build- $\$ 41,060,763.04 \$ 40,757,339.66$ ings, machinery and equipment_.........-10,228,916.80 $\quad 9,737,742.21$
Current and Working Assets- $\$ 30,831,846.24 \$ 31,019,597.45$

 Liberty bonds, Treasury notes and other
marketable securities


Other Assets, Etc.-
Land sales contracts, outside real estate and
property not required for manufacturing
operations.--inding unexpired insur-
Deferred charges including
 ance

Capital Stock Issued- LIABILITIES
Capital Stock Issued
Preferred
 1926.
1925.


## Current Liabilities-

Accounts payable and payrolls,
Advances received on contracts $\$ 42,500,000.00 \frac{26,000,000.00}{\$ 42,500,000.00}$ $\begin{array}{cr}\$ 1,601,551.20 & \$ 1,337,427.64 \\ 933,080.88 & 872,105.34\end{array}$ Reserve for erection and completion of con-
tracts billed $\begin{array}{ll}1,185,683.42 & 1,176,242.04 \\ 1,32,027.14 & 1,196,675.84\end{array}$ Divided taxes
Dividends payable:
Preferred-Janua
Preferred-January 15 1927- $\$ 288,702.75$
Common-February $151927-386.560 .50$
 675,263.25 675,263.25 $\$ 5,717,605.89 \$ 5,257,714.11$
 Surphus$\overline{\$ 1,935,147.53} \overline{\$ 1,767,787.94}$
Balance beginning of year_ $\qquad$ - $14,259,302.33$ \$13,542,986.90 Add-Net income for year ended Dec. 31_-- $3,596,891.57 \quad 3,417,368.43$
Deduct-For preferred and common dividends $\begin{array}{r}\$ 17,856.193 .90 \\ 2,701,053.00 \\ \$ 16,960,355.33 \\ 2,701,053.00\end{array}$

## $\$ 15,155,140.90 \$ 14,259,302.33$

$\$$ \$65,307,894.32 $\xlongequal{\$ 63,784,804.38}$

## INCOME ACCOUNT

The net income for the year 1926, after full provision for Federal taxes and all other charges, was $\$ 3,596,891.57$ compared with $\$ 3,417,368.43$ the preceding year, which was equivalent, after preferred dividends, to $\$ 9.48$ per share on the common stock as compared with $\$ 8.78$ in 1925 . Sales bills and net income by quarters for the past two years compare as follows:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sales Billed. <br> 7,328,018. 01 | Net Income. 828 \$ | Sales Billed. | Net Income. |
| Second quarter | 7.354,067.39 | $828,401.45$ | 7,042,750.27 | 830,022.23 |
| Third quarter- | 7,811,853.78 | 925,661.67 | 7,298,570.90 | 826,107.36 |
|  | 8,188,603.58 | 1.016.670.69 | 7,449,083.72 | 914,185.57 |
|  | 30,682,542.76 | 3,596,891.57 | 28,921,357.18 | 3,417,368.43 |

During the year 1926 there was expended for standard development the sum of $\$ 639,123.31$, of which amount $\$ 404,709.57$ was absorbed in expenses. The balance of $\$ 234,413.74$, representing development charges on Reyrolle Electric Switchgear, was deferred and will be assessed against future operations on this line. Expenditures for maintenance and general upkeep of buildings, machinery and equipment amounted to $\$ 1,356,670.79$. The reserve set aside for depreciation of buildings, machinery and equipment amounted to $\$ 649,764.74$.
Current inventories of work in process, manufactured stock, materia's and supplies were carefully reviewed by an Inventory Committee at the close of the year and conservatively valued at $\$ 13,602,763.09$. Accounts and notes receivable of $\$ 7,482,696.30$ were investigated and any doubtful items charged off

## DIVIDENDS.

Four quarterly dividends were paid of $13 / 4 \%$ each on the preferred stock and $11 / 2 \%$ each on the common stock; the total disbursements on this account being $\$ 2,701,053.00$.

## SECURITIES

As at December 31 1926, the Company owned the following securities, which, in the aggregate, represented values lower than the market:
Liberty bonds and Treasury notes
Sundry State, county and municipal bonds.
Railroad, public utility and industrial bonds and stocks.
$\$ 5,463.584 .64$ $\begin{array}{r}373,912.60 \\ \hline\end{array}$

INCREASE IN PLANT AND WORKING CAPITAL
The capital expenditures during the year for additions to buildings, new machinery sundry equipment, etc., less credits applied on account of sales and machinery scrapped, were $\$ 303,423.38$
The working capital as at December 31 1926, comprising eash, marketable securities, accounts receivable and current inventories, less accounts payable, payrolls, taxes, dividends and other current obligations, amounted to $\$ 27,289,820.14$, compared with $\$ 26,283,363.66$ the year before, an increase of $\$ 1,006,456.48$.

## UNFILLED ORDERS AND BOOKINGS.

The unfilled orders at the close of 1926 were $\$ 11,634,711.71$ compared with $\$ 10,147,072.74$ on December 311925 . The bookings of new business in 1926 totaled $\$ 32,170,181.73$, contrasted with $\$ 28,944,401.99$ in 1925, an increase of $11.14 \%$.

## STOCKHOLDERS

At the close of the year there were of record 3,232 holders of preferred stock and 2,964 holders of common stock.

## DEVELOPMENT.

Development and engineering design have continued along the lines heretofore established as standard. Units of larger capacity and greater reliability are characteristic of all engineering progress. Included in the important development work of the year were the following:
The first Allis-Chalmers Reyrolle Armorclad Electric Switchgear was placed in operation near the end of 1926 at the 172nd Street Substation of the New York Edison Company. Other contracts obtained include those with Public Service Company of Northern Illinois and Waukegan Generating Company, the latter covering the largest units of this type ever built.
The Company is building two $22,000 \mathrm{KV}$-A and one 18,000 KV-A vertical waterwheel generators of the "umbrella type" for Phoenix Utility Company.
Six $3,000 \mathrm{~K} . W$. railway rotary converters for the City of Philadelphia were designed and manufactured; these are the largest machines of this type that have been built by the Company.

During the year the Company received orders for transformers which in total KV-A capacity exceeded that of any previous year. Among these are four $15,000 \mathrm{KV}-\mathrm{A} 132,000$ volt for Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago, equipped with motor operated devices for changing taps while in operation; four $10,000 \mathrm{KV}-\mathrm{A}$ now being built for the Southern California Edison Company, arranged to carry 2-3 load as self-cooled and full load by means of blowing air on the radiators.

A new line of motors known as enclosed, self-ventilating motors has been developed and placed in production at Bullock Works.
The $50,000 \mathrm{~K} . W$. ( 80,000 B.H.P.) steam turbine unit sold in 1925 to the Waukegan Generating Company has been built and run in the shops. This unit will be placed in operation about A pril, 1927.
The Company is building a high back pressure 5,000 K.W. non-condensing steam turbine unit. The field for such units, for process work, is increasing.
The Company has designed, built and placed in operation during 1926 a 6,000 K.W., 3,600 R.P.M. high pressure condensing steam turbine unit, which is entirely successful.
A contract with the Susquehanna Power Company covers
dimensions of these machines are the greatest of any ever built in hydraulic turbine work. In addition to the contract for these four turbine units, the Company has a contract with the above for four $271 / 2 \mathrm{ft}$. diameter butterfly valves for direct connection to the spiral casings of said turbines. A 56,000 H.P. impulse wheel for the Southern California Edison Company, to be operated under a head of $2,200 \mathrm{ft}$. is the hirhest power impulse wheel ever built. Considerable study has ben wheel efficiency and it is contemplated that the actual power house tests will show that the Company has made important progress in this direction.
The Louisville Hydroelectric contract covering eight 13,500 H.P. single runner vertical shaft turbines for 35 ft . head have been designed and approximately $60 \%$ completed. These turbines represent the largest machines of this type now built in the United States and have opened new field of development.
A number of new single stage, double suction centrifugal pumps were developed, as well as multistage, double suction pumps. These fit into the Company's standard lines, are more efficient than the older design and lower in cost. Among the larger pumps sold were five 72 inch and five 48 inch horizontal type for the Sanitary District of Chicago and one 72 inch vertical pump for the City of Chicago, all from new designs made during the year.

The Company has developed a new line of forged steel pumps for oil line service and is also developing and will endeavor to place on the market in 1927, a full line of hydraulic casting cleaners.
The pistons of Corliss Engines have been improved in design to make them more suitable for high steam temperatures now frequently used, while the Drop Valve Engine has been developed to operate with steam pressures and temperatures higher than those for which the Corliss Engine is adapted.
Gas compressors for very high pressures ( $4,500 \mathrm{lbs}$. per square inch) for chemical industries, have been developed and built
At the present time the largest gas engines are of 4,000 K.W. capacity, and the Company has made preliminary plans for engines of $6,000 \mathrm{~K} . \mathrm{W}$. capacity.
The Crushing and Cement Machinery Division has completed several machines of new and improved design. The 60 -in. crushers for the Chile Exploration Company have been completed, and one has been shipped.
Advances and improvements have been made in standard ines of gyratory crushers, and the new direct motor drive gearless gyratory crusher has been successfully tried out
In the cement machinery line, the Company has designed and built new and improved carrying and driving mechanisms for cement kilns and coolers of the greater sizes.

The Company has improved and enlarged its line of compeb mills for cement grinding, and is now engaged in building a compeb mill having a capacity from fifty to one hundred per cent higher than any heretofore manufactured.
Improvements have been made in the control and safety mechanisms on large hoists, including an installation for semiautomatic liquid control.
Furnaces and plant equipment for the production of sponge ron in Japan were manufactured and are in course of installation.

The largest creosoting cylinder for timber treating so fas built was designed and manufactured, viz.: 9 ft .6 in . diameter, 165 ft . long, for 250 lbs . working pressure and weighing about 250 tons
Applications of synchronous motors direct connected to band sawmills were made. The Company also developed, for a concern which uses wood byproducts, a new system for cutting up yellow pine stumps, roots and other waste for use in wood chemical work
Efforts in the Transmission Division were largely centrec in further development of the Allis-Chalmers Texrope drive which has evelopded into various classes of industries in increasing volume.

Improvements in design and reduction in costs of the tractor were made which have enabled the Company to mate rially reduce the selling price per unit for 1927.

## GENERAL.

Late in the year the Company acquired from Nordyke nd Marmon, Inc., of Indianapolis, the latter's flour milling machinery business. All records, drawings, patterns, patnts, jigs, fixtures and manufactured stock relating theretc were taken over and the manufacture of this line will be continued at West Allis Works.
The Government's claim against the Company for additional taxes of prior years has not yet been settled. During 1926 some progress was made but it is uncertain when the 1926 some progress

The books and accounts have been examined by Price Waterhouse \& Co., Certified Public Accountants, and thei Certificate is appended hereto.
The annual meeting of the Company will be held at it principal office in Wilmington, Delaware, at 12 o'clock noot on May 51927

The Board of Directors desires to express its appreciation the of the Company.

OTTO H. FALK, President.
By Order of the Board of Directors.

## THE NORTH AMERICAN COMPANY

## THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT-FOR THE YEAR 1926.

LETTER OF THE PRESIDENT,
Newark, N. J., March 151927.

## To the Stockholders of

The North American Company:
The accompanying report of the Vice-President and General Manager, certificate of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse \& Co., Chartered Accountants, and financial statements cover the operations of The North American Company and its subsidiaries during the year 1926.

As has been stated in previous Annual Reports, your Company does not maintain a centralized management or engineering organization. The North American Company does not class as subsidiaries, nor consolidate with its own financial statements the final statements of any companies except those in which it or its subsidiaries own voting control and at least $75 \%$ of the common stock. Control of the companies classed as subsidiaries is held through permanent investments, amounting in one case to about $78 \%$, and in all other cases to from $90 \%$ to $100 \%$ of the common stock of such companies. This is in accordance with the policy announced by your Company in its Annual Report for the year 1905, a time somewhat antedating the era of Commission regulation, that:

The management of your Company believes that the policy which should govern the administration of public utilities, if they are to be stable and uniformly profitable investments, is to develop their facilities so that they may be adequate not only to meet the present demands of the communities in which they operate with service of the highest standard, but also to respond immediately to the growth of such communities and their business, however rapid it may be.
The North American Company stands in a protective relation to these properties. It is not seeking to exploit them for present large profits. It holds their securities as permanent investments, and seeks to establish them in the favor and confidence of the public by just methods and efficient administration, and to maintain their finances on the most conservative basis.

To preserve sound capital structures and provide a proper proportion of the capital requirements of the subsidiaries, the investments of the parent company are increased from time to time by purchases of additional amounts of their common stocks.
Dividends on the Common Stock of your Company are paid quarterly in Common Stock, cash which would otherwise be distributed being reinvested in the growing equities of the subsidiaries. This dividend policy is in effect a combination of cash dividends and subscription rights, with the advantage of greater convenience to stockholders because of the issuance of stock in small amounts at frequent intervals. The Preferred and Common Stocks are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and the London and Amsterdam Stock Exchanges have granted permission to deal in the Common Stock. Any stockholder desiring to convert his dividend stock into cash may do so through his own broker or local bank. For the convenience of stockholders who do not have such facilities, your Company will, upon request, arrange for the sale of their dividend stock.
Increases in annual earnings after the payment of all dividends, and in accumulated surplus, are shown on the charts accompanying the report of the Vice-President and General Manager.

The continued progress of your Company and its subsidiaries has resulted in a steadily growing interest of investors, as reflected in the increased number of holders of the stock of your Company since it was classified into Preferred and Common shares in August 1921. On December 311926 Common shares in August 1921. On December 311926 holders of the Common Stock numbered 25,150 , the average holdings being, respectively, 52 and 163 shares.
In conformity with our long standing policy of informing stockholders of important developments, consolidated income statements and consolidated balance sheets are sent to the stockholders quarterly, supplemented by other pertinent information from time to time. A booklet outlining the history of your Company from its organization in June 1890 to June 301926 was recently prepared for the information of stockholders. Those who may not have already received copies of the booklet may do so upon request.
It is with deep regret that we report the death, since the last annual meeting, of Mr. Richard E. Breed and of Mr. Anson W. Burchard, Directors of your Company, who, due to their unusual abilities, had achieved marked prominence in the public utility industry.

By orders of the Board of Directors.
F. L. DAME, President.

## REPORT OF <br> VICE-PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

During 1926 general business conditions in the territories served by the subsidiaries of The North American Company continued at the active pace which marked 1925 as a year of extensive development. The volume of each class of utility service rendered was substantially larger than in the preceding year, the increased demands for service being reflected in the earnings statements and in the large expenditures for additions to the plants and systems of the subsidiaries. Increases in various income account items also result in part from the inclusion for the full year 1926 of the properties acquired during the latter part of the year 1925.

For the information of stockholders who now receive the Company's Annual Report for the first time, it is appropriate to state that the accounts of its public utility subsidiaries, which produce more than $90 \%$ of total earnings, are kept in conformity with uniform classifications of accounts prescribed by regulatory commissions. Moreover, the accounts of the Company and of each of its subsidiaries are audited each year by independent accountants, under whose supervision the annual financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries are consolidated. In accordance with usual custom there are appended certificate of Messrs. Price Waterhouse \& Co Chartered Accountants, and consolidated finarer financial statements, covering the yended charts showing the progress of the Company and its subsidiaries, and a list of the principal subsidiaries.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND SURPLUS STATEMENTS.
An increase in revenues from each class of utility business contributed to the $\$ 115,850,466.45$ of combined Gross Earnings, which were $\$ 22,821,499.79$, or $24.53 \%$, greater than in 1925.

The increase of $\$ 9,395,752.88$, or $17.09 \%$, in Operating Expenses, Maintenance and Taxes, which amounted to $\$ 64,382,877.83$, occurred chiefly in the three major itemsfuel, labor and taxes. Unit costs of fuel and average wage rates varied slightly from the levels which prevailed during 1925, the greater expenditures for these purposes in 1926 being due to larger amounts of services rendered.
Of the total increase in Gross Earnings, approximately $59 \%$ was retained in Net Income from Operation, which amounted to $\$ 51,467,588.62$, an increase of $35.29 \%$.
The electric and heating business of the subsidiaries provides an increasing proportion of Net Income from Operation, of which more than $87 \%$ was derived from these classes of business in 1926.

Other Net Income in 1926 consisted chiefly, as in the past, of income on investments exclusive of holdings in subsidiaries whose operations are consolidated in the financial statements, and also included profit on the sale of the stock of West Kentucky Electric Power Company, a small utility disposed of early in the year because its location was remote from the Company's other utility subsidiaries.

Increase in Interest Charges was due primarily to the inclusion for the full year 1926 of interest and amortization applicable to obligations of subsidiaries acquired late in 1925, rather than to increase in total funded debt, which on December 311926 was only $\$ 803,874$ greater than at the close of the previous year. Larger disbursements for dividends on preferred stocks of subsidiaries were occasioned by sales of substantial additional amounts of these stocks throughout the year in continuance of customer ownership campaigns. Increase in the amount of such dividends shown in the income statement was due also to the inclusion for the entire year 1926 of dividends on outstanding preferred stocks of those subsidiaries acquired in the latter part of 1925.

Appropriations for Depreciation Reserves aggregated $\$ 11,908,093.97$, or more than $10 \%$ of Gross Earnings, an increase both in amount and in percentage over appropriations in 1925.

Balance for Dividends and Surplus amounted to $\$ 17,563,-$ 507.20 , an increase of $\$ 4,267,396.36$, or $32.10 \%$. After deducting dividends of $\$ 1,820,107.50$ on Pieferred Stock of The North American Company, the balance amounted to $\$ 15,743,399.70$, an increase of $\$ 4,210,908.61$, or $36.51 \%$, and was equivalent to approximately $\$ 3.85$, per share of Common Stock outstanding on December 31 1926, and approximately $\$ 4.05$ per share on the average number of shares outstanding during the year 1926. For the preceding year the corresponding balance was equal to $\$ 3.12$ per share of Common Stock outstanding on December 31 1925, and $\$ 3.74$ per share on the average number of shares outstanding during the year 1925 .

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET.
The net increase in Property and Plant amounted to $\$ 51,489,103.58$, more than $85 \%$ of which represented expenditures for additional electric generating capacity, transmission and distribution lines, sub-stations and extensions of customer services, to provide for the continued substantial growth of the electric business.

Additions to electric generating capacity included the initial installation of 90,000 horsepower in the new Avon plant of The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, placed in operation in August 1926; 50,000 horsepower added in the Lakeside plant of Wisconsin Electric Power Company; and the initial installation of 40,000 horsepower in the new Balch hydro-electric plant of San Joaquin Light and Power Balch hydro-electric plant of San Joaquin Light and Power
Corporation, California, placed in operation in January 1927. Extensions to high tension transmission lines included a 104 -mile 220,000 -volt steel tower line, placed in operation in July 1926, connecting the systems of the California subsidiaries and resulting in substantial advantages to them through equalization of load conditions and interchange of power supply.

Additions to gas facilities consisted chiefly of extensions of high and low pressure mains. Important additions to railway and transportation utilities, the largest of which are operated by The Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company, included extensions of rapid transit lines, new safety passenger cars and motor buses, to improve railway schedules and efficiency

Increases, aggregating $\$ 5,013,526.56$, in Investments were due largely to the purchase by The North American Company of an interest in the common stock of North American Light \& Power Company, and the acquisition of Common Stock of The North American Company by Western Power Corporation, a subsidiary, to be held against the conversion of bonds of that company. These increases were partly offset by sales of certain other investments held by The North American Company and various subsidiaries.

Net working assets amounted to $\$ 16,091,098.78$, a decrease of $\$ 14,933,305.04$, chiefly due to the utilization of such funds which had been provided for additions to Property and Plant and Investments.
The net increase in Funded Debt of Subsidiaries on December 311926 as compared with December 311925 was only $\$ 803,874.32$.

The principal senior financing during the year consisted of the sale of $\$ 10,800,000$ Refunding and First Mortgage $5 \%$ Bonds by The Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company to retire $\$ 9,800,000$ of its $6 \%$ Bonds and provide part of its construction requirements; the sale of $\$ 10,000,000$ General Mortgage 5\% Bonds by The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company to reimburse its treasury for construction expenditures previously made; and the sale of $\$ 10,000$,$00051 / 2 \%$ Convertible Collateral Trust Gold Bonds by Western Power Corporation to redeem $\$ 5,823,000$ of its $61 / 2 \%$ Debentures and provide for additional investments in preferred and common stocks of its subsidiaries. The increase in total funded debt on account of the issues of bonds of The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and Western Power Corporation was practically offset by the retirement of bonds of other subsidiaries, including $\$ 6,500,-$ 000 Consolidated (First) Mortgage Bonds of The Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company which were paid at maturity on February 11926 without recourse to bond financing. The refunding operations referred to above will result in substantial reductions in interest requirements of the respective companies and materially improve their financial positions. Cash for payment of more than \$8,500,000 of bonds of subsidiaries retired without refunding was provided from proceeds of sales of additional amounts of
their preferred stocks, which aggregated \$17,440,049.69 during the year, and from proceeds of parent company purchases of additional amounts of their common stocks.

The increase of $\$ 3,898,040.84$ in Common Stock and Scrip of The North American Company consisted principally of stock issued in payment of dividends

On December 311926 Reserves amounted to $\$ 72,863$,954.63 , an increase of $\$ 8,071,491.71$, or $12.46 \%$

After all dividends on Preferred and Common Stocks of The North American Company, and miscellaneous charges aggregating $\$ 269,286.18$, Surplus increased $\$ 11,541,588.77$, or $37.71 \%$. On December 311926 Surplus amounted to $\$ 42,147,236.94$, in addition to $\$ 23,821,632.84$ Capital Surplus.

## OPERATIONS.

Electric output for the year amounted to $4,753,617,875$ kilowatt hours, an increase of $48.23 \%$; gas output amounted to $4,106,838,900$ cubic feet, an increase of $37.14 \%$; and revenue passengers carried on the railway and bus systems aggrezated $199,969,489$, an increase of $7.10 \%$. On December 311926 electric service was being furnished to 938,680 customers, an increase of $11.04 \%$; heating service to 2,346 customers, an increase of $32.91 \%$; and gas service to 90,555 customers, an increase of $17.28 \%$, from December 311925. Despite continuance throughout the year of unfavorable conditions in the coal industry, the output of the coal producing subsidiaries aggregated $4,221,052$ tons, an increase of $15.02 \%$ over the year 1925 .
Electric generating plants of the subsidiaries further improved the noteworthy economies previously achieved which have accorded them high rank in the industry. Continuing research, development of the most effective operating methods, as well as more intensive use of existing facilities and their extension and interconnection, have been advantageous to customers as indicated by further decreases in their average costs of service, which in 1926 were 2.052 cents per kilowatt hour of electric energy compared with 2.320 cents in 1925.
Operating ratio, or the proportion of Gross Earnings required for Operating Expenses, Maintenance and Taxes, was $55.57 \%$ for 1926 , as compared with $59.11 \%$ for 1925. The decrease in average revenues from electric service, and reduction in operating ratio, reflect, in addition to increased economy in production, the inclusion for the full year 1926 of sales by the large hydro-electric properties acquired late in 1925. The long-established policy of keeping the properties at the highest standards of efficiency, and promptly retiring and replacing property when economical operation is furthered thereby, has been an important factor in the continued improvement in operating ratios.
Maintenance expenditures in 1926 aggregated $\$ 7,917$, 376.02 and were in addition to appropriations of $\$ 11,908$,093.97 for Depreciation Reserves previously referred to.

The relations of the subsidiaries with the public and with their employees continue to be cordial. This is evidenced by the large and increasing amounts of their securities purchased and held in the territories which they serve, the number of investors now being in excess of 65,000

EDWIN GRUHL, Vice-President and General Manager.
March 151927.

| Gross Earnings Operating Expenses, Maintenance and Ta | $\begin{gathered} \text { Year Ended } \\ \text { Dec. } 311926 \text {. } \\ \$ 115,850,466.45 \\ 64,382,377.83 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Net Income from Operation | \$51,467,588.62 |
| Other Net Income (Including profit on sale of property and other credits) | 4,143,441.36 |
| Total | \$55,611,029.98 |
| Deductions: <br> Interest Charges (Including amortization of Bond Discount and Expense) | 16,414,630.19 |
|  | 8,355,435.25 |
| Minority Interests. | 1,369,363.37 |
| Total Deductions | \$26,139,428.81 |
| Balance for Depreciation, Dividends and Surplus | \$29,471,601.17 |
| Appropriations for Depreciation Reserves | 11,908,093.97 |
| Balance for Dividends and Surplus | \$17,563,507.20 |

Year Ended Dec. 311925. \$93,028,966.66 54,987,124.95
\$38,041,841.71
3,574,835.83
\$41,616,677.54
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4,624,595.15
$1266,129.28$
\$18,892,654.28
\$22,724,023.26
9,427,912.42
$\$ 13,296,110.84$
\$30,605,648.17
Surplus, January 11926
CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS ST TEMENT.
Additions:
Balance of Income, Year ended December 311926
17,563,507.20
Deductions:
Dividends on Stocis of The North American Company:
Preferred
Common (Paid in Common Stock)
\$1,820,107.50
3,932,524.75
\$5,752,632.25
269,286.18
6,021,918.43
Other Charges to Surplus-Net
20.28.18
\$42,147,236.94

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET.

## ASSETS.



## LI ABILITIES.

$6 \%$ Cumulative Preferred Stock (Authorized $\$ 60,000,000$ ):
December 31 1926. December 311925.
$\begin{array}{r}\begin{array}{r}\$ 30,333,500.00 \\ 2,250.00\end{array} \\ \hline \$ 30,335,750.00\end{array}$
40,810,670.00
102,550.00
$\$ 40,913,220.00$
137,217,413.63
9,748,669.76
1,019,596.25 348,364,900.00 55,581,850.00
$\$ 292,783,050.00$
9,545,783.31
5,681,414.06
3,408,560.28
\$18,635,757.65
7,668,398.98
3,457,968.80
$1,100,616.10$
132,171.39
\$12,359,155.27
64,423,093.10
8,440,861.53
\$72,863,954.63
23,821,632.84 42,147,236.94
$\$ 681,845,436.97$
$\$ 30,333,100.00$
2,650.00
$\$ 30,335,750.00$ 36,954,390.00

60,789.16
$\$ 37,015,179.16$ 119,777,363.94
9,443,855.13
923,458.50 346,547,025.68 $54,567,850.00$
\$291,979,175.68
3,401,014.47
5,110,232.41
3,774,875.32
\$12,286,122.20
6,170,476.04
3,767,079.29
1,181,590.99
64,242.21
\$11,183,388.53
57,020,160.72
7,772,302.20
\$64,792,462.92
$23,741,645.84$
30,605,648.17
\$632,084,050.07

PRICE, WATERHOUSE \& CO.
66 Pine Street, New York, March 51927.
The North American Company,
60 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
We have examined the books and accounts of The North American Company for the year ending December 311926 and have been furnished with the reports of the subsidiary companies as of that date, and certify that the attached consolidated balance sheet and statements of income and surplus are in accord therewith.

The books and accounts of the subsidiary companies were examined by us at September 30 1926, except the accounts of the Western Power Corporation subsidiary companies, which were examined and certified to as at that date by Messrs. Haskins \& Sells. As a result of our examinations we found the accounts to be well and accurately kept.

On the foregoing basis we certify that, in our opinion, the consolidated balance sheet shows the financial position of the combined companies at December 311926 and the statements of income and surplus fairly set forth the combined results of the operations for the year ending on that date.

PRINCIPAL COMPANIES CONTROLLED BY THE NORTH AMERICAN COMPANY.
alton Gas Company
Alton Gas Company
Alton Light \& Power Company
Alton Ratlway Company
CALTEORNI
calfornia Electric Generating Company
Central Mississippi Valley Electric Properties
Dallas City bight Company
EAST ST. Lours Light \& Power Company
EAST ST. Louis Railway Company
East ST. Louis \& Suburban Company, The
East St. Louis \& SUburban Railway Company
EAst ST. Louis \& SUburban Railway Company
EDISON SECURITES Corporation
FORT MADISON ELECTIC COMPANY
Great Western Power Company of California
tron Mountain Electric Light and Power Company, The
Keokuk Electric Company Mideand Counties Public Service Corporation
MidLand Counties Public SERVICE Corporation
Milwaukee EEETRIC RAILWAY AND LiGHT Company, The
MILWAUKEE Northern Railway Company

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Mississippi River Power Company
North American Edison Company
North American Utility Securities Corporation
peningular Power Company
St. Louis \& Alton Railway Company
St. Louis \& Belleville Electric Rail
St. Louis \& Belleville Electric Railway Company
St. Lours county gas Company, The
SAN Joacuin Light and Power Corporation
Union Colliery Company
Union Electric Light and Power Company of Illinois
WEstern Power Corporation
WEST KENTUCKY COAL COMPANY
Wired Radio, Inc.
WISCONSIN ELECTRIC Power COMPANY
WISCONSIN GAS \& ELECTRIC COMPANY
Wisconsin Traction, Light, Heat \& Power Company
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## COLUMBIAN CARBON COMPANY

## ANNUAL REPORT-MARCH 151927.

The year 1926 was satisfactory from every standpoint. Earnings were increased $20 \%$ over the preceding year. Important additions were made to the physical properties of he company. Investments and contracts were also made which the directors believe will contribute greatly to the future earning power and stability of the business.
Consolidated earnings after operating charges and Federal taxes, but before reserves for depreciation and depletion, amounted to $\$ 4,155,158$. Thirty-seven per cent of this amount, or $\$ 1,536,525$, was reserved for depreciation and depletion, leaving a consolidated net profit, after reserves, of $\$ 2,618,632$ as compared with $\$ 2,166,290$ in 1925 . After payment of dividends at the rate of $\$ 4$ per share, and deduction of distributed and undistributed earnings on minority stock of subsidiary corporations, the credit to surplus was stock of s.
During the year the company expended $\$ 3,054,547$ for apital assets hereafter enumerated in detail.
Despite the demand thus made upon its resources, its cash position at the close of the year was sound. Liquid assets on December 311926 amounted to $\$ 6,262,853$, of which $\$ 1,143,-$ 852 was in cash, $\$ 803,771$ in receivables, and $\$ 529,812$ in Liberty bonds and U. S. Treasury notes. Total liabilities on the same date, including reserve for Federal income tax, were $\$ 2,297,355$, of which $\$ 1,350,000$ consisted of a purchase money mortgage on an important block of proven and developed gas acreage, maturing in equal annual installments over a period of three years.
Total reserves for depreciation and depletion on December 311926 amounted to $\$ 9,381,089$. In consequence of the conservative policy of the company in this respect, most of its West Virginia property and a considerable part of its Louisiana property is now charged down to a salvage value. Hence the amount annually reserved for these purposes will hereafter tend to decrease.

Perhaps the most noteworthy business development of the year was the acquisition of 125,000 shares of the stock of the Interstate Natural Gas Company, and the conclusion of a contract to sell to said company natural gas to the amount of approximately fourteen billion cubic feet per annum for a period of ten years. The Interstate Natural Gas Company has completed the construction of a twenty-two inch natural gas pipe line, one hundred and seventy miles in length, from the Monroe, Louisana, field to the oil refinery of the Standard Oil Company of Louisiana at Baton Rouge. Besides supplying natural gas for the fuel requirements of the refinery, it is expected that the line will furnish gas at wholesale "gate rates" for domestic and industrial consumption in Natchez, Baton Rouge and other cities, and to a connecting line now under construction to points on the Mississippi south of Baton Rouge.

The 125,000 shares owned by the Columbian Carbon Company constitute approximately $25 \%$ of the outstanding stock of the Interstate Natural Gas Company. The present market value of this stock is several times the figure at which it is carried on the annexed balance sheet.

In order to assure an ample reserve of natural gas for every future need in Louisiana, the directors deemed it wise to enlarge the holdings of the company in the Monroe field by acquiring the gas leases of The Texas Company, which constituted one of the largest and most desirable blocks of acreage in the field. These leases comprise approximately 18,600 acres, with twenty-four producing gas wells having a daily open flow capacity in excess of $200,000,000$ cubic feet. The bulk of the acreage lies in an area in which a rock pressure of one thousand pounds or more prevails, affording strong assurance of long productivity. The cost was $\$ 1,802,000$, of which $\$ 452,000$ was paid in cash and the balance by the purchase money mortgage above mentioned.
As a further safeguard, the company also purchased in fee the Austin plantation of over three thousand acres and a number of smaller parcels of land. Besides being fully proven gas territory, the plantation acreage has substantial value from an agricultural and timber standpoint.
By virtue of these additions to its already extensive holdings, the company has not only placed itself in an impregnable position as regards its future supply of gas for pipe line purposes and for its own manufacturing operations, but will be able to avail itself of further opportunities to sell gas to industrial consumers or pipe lines. In view of the spectacular progress now being made in opening up new markets for gas from the Monroe field, such opportunities seem certain to arise.
Other developments of the year include the organization of the Pineville Gas Company, and construction of a natural gas distribution system in Pineville, La., a town of about 4,000 inhabitants; construction of a gasoline plant at Greenwood, La., to extract gasoline from natural gas passing through the pipe line of the Bethany Oil \& Gas Company leading to Shreveport, La.; commencement of construction of another natural gasoline plant at Shamrock, Texas, which will treat gas passing through the pipe line of the Northern Texas Utilities Company extending from Wheeler County to Wichita Falls, Texas; completion of three units of a carbon black factory of new and improved design at Wescar, Texas,
utilize residue casing head gas supplied by the Phillips Petroleum Company from its properties in Hutchinson and Carson Counties; and the acquisition of oil and gas leases covering about 20,000 acres of land in Wheeler and Gray Counties, Texas, and Beckham County, Oklahoma, a considerable part of which lies in proximity to oil or gas wells of other producers.
The following is a summary of capital expenditures made during the year:

## CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

## Gas rights under leases on Natural Gas Company <br> chased from the Texas Com, 18,634 acres and 24 gas wells, pur-

$\qquad$ mortgage of $\$ 1,350,000$ )
$\$ 625,000.00$

Other Louisiana lands in fee and leases,
270,645.95
il and gas leases
Wheeler and Gray Counties, Texas, and Beckham County
Oil and gas leases in Kentucky and West Virginia
Construction producing wells)
onstruction carbon black factory at Wescar, Texas
Construction natural gas distribution system, Pineville, La-

## $\begin{array}{r}236,033.54 \\ 44,886.68 \\ 269.029 .94 \\ 837,988.25 \\ \hline 3.131 .02\end{array}$

$\overline{\$ 3,054,547.48}$
Comparative production figures are as follows:


Production of carbon black and other pioments was some what curtailed on account of the ample inventory carried. The company continued, however, to produce as in prior years approximately $35 \%$ of the total output of the United States, the other $65 \%$ being divided among twenty-five manufacturers.
Sales of natural gas were by far the largest in the history of the company, showing an increase of sixty-five per cent over the previous year. The following table shows the growth of this branch of the business.


The line to Alexandria, La., made an excellent record. Its sales for 1924 were $\$ 275,939$; in 1925 increased to $\$ 374,779$ and in 1926 to \$792,707.
As already pointed out, the company is now in a stronger position than ever before as regards reserves of natural gas. This is graphically shown by the following tables:

ACREAGE ON DECEMBER 311926.
West Virginia_
Wouisiana-
Kentucky-
Texas-...




The above figures represent an increase of 43,235 acres over the previous year.


The Monroe, Louisiana, field continues to rank as one of the foremost natural gas fields of the world. Open flow capacity of our wells in that field as of the close of the year amounted to $1,183,000,000$ cubic feet per day, as compared with $826,000,000$ on December 31, 1925.

Prospects for the current year are very favorable. The tonnage of carbon black moved in January and February exceeded that of any two months of last year. While prices are somewhat below the 1926 level, there is every indication that this will be compensated by a considerable increase in production and shipments.

A great expansion in the volume of natural gas sales will result from the contract with the Interstate Natural Gas Company. Deliveries under this contract commenced on January 1 1927, and are now averaging well over $20,000,000$ cubic feet per day. It is expected that they will be gradually enlarged to the full contract quantity within the next few months. Our company retains the right to extract the gasoline from all gas delivered. A contract has also been concluded with the Louisville Gas \& Electric Company for the sale of gas from our holdings in Eastern Kentucky. By the terms of the contract, deliveries are at present limited to $1,500,000$ cubic feet per day, but will be increased to $7,500,000$ cubic feet per day next winter. The company still has a daily production of several million feet available for sale in West Virginia. An effort will be made to dispose of this gas in the near future.

While maintaining the position of the Columbian Carbon Company as the leading producer of carbon black, it is the policy of the present management to devote increasing attenpon to the sale of natural gas for general commercial and industrial use. This policy aims, first, to stabilize the earnings of the company by diversifying its sources of revenue, and, second, to make its regular dividend altogether independent of its carbon black operations. Gratifying progress has already been made towards the accomplishment of these purposes, and further plans of a far-reaching character are in contemplation. The directors also have in view a moderate increase of the output of natural gas gasoline. The absorption plant now under construction at Shamrock, Texas, is expected to add at least two million gallons per year of settled production. Several other gasoline projects are being considered and carefully investigated, and will be undertaken if feasible.

Following the practice adopted last year, there is attached to this report, in addition to the customary audit of the accountants, a schedule showing the record of the company for the past ten years. During this period net profits, after all charges, including Federal taxes and reserves for depreciation and depletion, have averaged twenty-nine per depreciation aros revenue. In 1926 the percentage was cent of the gross revenu
thirty-three.

Respectfully submitted.
F. F. CURTZE, President.

45 East 42nd Street, New York City,
March 151927

LESLIE, BANKS \& COMPANY,
Accountants.
7 Dey Street.
New York, March 41927.
To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of the Columbian Carbon Company
We have audited the accounts and records of the Columbian Carbon Company and its subsidiary companies for the vear ended December 31 1926, and submit herewith Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Account and supporting schedules.

The Cash, Notes Receivable and Investments were verified by personal count, examination or by certification from the depositories.
The inventory of finished products is priced at cost of manufacture and the raw materials and supplies at invoice cost and it is our opinion that the inventory is conservatively valued.

Only actual additions have been charged to the Property Account during the year and a full and fair reserve has been made for depreciation and depletion

We verified all known Liabilities of the company by either direct communication or inspection of account and hereby certify that, in our opinion, based upon the records examined and information obtained by us, the accompanying Balance Sheet is drawn up so as to show the true financial condition of the Columbian Carbon Company and its subsidiary companies at December 311926

LESLIE, BANKS \& COMPANY, Auditors.

## COLUMBIAN CARBON COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES

## COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 311926



## COLUMBIAN CARBON COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES.

COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED DEC. 31 1925-1926.

| Sales-Net | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Year } 1925 . \\ \$ 7.286 .162 .65 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year } 1926 . \\ & \$ 7,730.942 .87 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cost of Sales: |  |  |
| Labor, Material and Other Charge | $\$ 2,286,499.21$ | \$2,122,830.51 |
| Total Cost of Sales.-- | \$3.909.226.57 | \$3,659,356.30 |
| Gross Profit on Sales...- | $\$ 3,376,936.08$ | \$4,071,586.57 |
| Selling, Administrative and General Expense | $947.887 .13$ |  |
| Net Profit on Sales. | \$2,429,048.95 | \$3,064,577.05 |
| Other Income ${ }_{\text {Rentals, }}^{\text {Interest, Dividends, Discounts, Commissions, }}$ | 178.489.31 | 142,232.75 |
|  | \$2,607,538.26 | \$3,206,809.80 |
| Other Charges: |  |  |
| Loss on Property Sold or Abandoned Miscellaneous. | $\begin{aligned} & 93,453.03 \\ & 37,794.95 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 55,300.56 \\ 162,876.73 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| Total Other Charges | \$131.247.98 | \$218,177.29 |
| Net Profit from Operations for Year | \$2,476,290.28 | \$2,988,632.51 |
| Deductions from Net Profit: |  |  |
| Federal Income Tax on Earnings for Year (Estimated) Dividends paid during year: | 310,000.00 | 370,000.00 |
| By Columbian Carbou Company | 1.604,909.00 | 1,606.954.00 |
| By Subsidiaries to Minority Interest. |  |  |
| Balance of Profit applicable to Minority Interest | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,604,909.00 \\ 45.865 .58 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \$ 1,684.044 .00 \\ 9.775 .90 \end{array}$ |
| Total Deductions from Net Profit... | \$1.960.774.58 | \$2,063,819.90 |
| Balance of Net Profit Credited to Surplus Account | \$515,515.70 | \$924,812.61 |

## FAMOUS PLAYERS-LASKY CORPORATION

## AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, YEAR 1926. ASSETS

 <br> <br> CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS OF JANUARY, 11927.} <br> <br> CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS OF JANUARY, 11927.
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Cash
\$6,562,913.91
Bills Receivable
Accounts Receivable:
Advances to subsidiary companies (not consolidated) ---.-...............................-- $\quad \$ 1,081,627.34$
Advances to outside producers (secured by film) -.-
1,544,218.65
Film customers and sundries
2,558,415.26
Inventory:
322,276,141.79
Negatives, positives, film and supplies $1,503,216.68$
Securities
Total current and working assets
Deposits to secure contracts
Investments in subsidiary and affiliated companies (not consolidated)
Land, buildings, leases and equipment, after depreciation, and after giving effect to increase in land values
arising through independent appraisals of $\$ 8,624,000.00$
Deferred charges
Goodwill (after applying $\$ 8,624,000.00$ appreciation in land values, based on independent appraisals)

## TOTAL ASSETS.

$\qquad$ \$143,893,976.80

## LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Bills Payable
$\$ 5,079,594.34$
acounts Payable
Owing to subsidiary companies (not consolidated)
Excise taxes, payrolls and sundries
2,343,653.81
,875,754.90
Owing to outside producers and owners of royalty rights
Purchase money notes and mortgage bonds, being obligations of subsidiary companies maturing serially within twelve months

972,326.86

Serial payments on investments due within twelve months.
2,250,303.13
1926 Federal taxes (estimated)
Reserve for dividend declared on common stock payable Jan. 3,1927
Reserve for dividend declared on preferred stock payable Feb. 1, 1927
4,289,888.00
555,179.82
1,155,372.14
154,894.00
Total current liabilities
Advance payments of film rentals, \&c. (self-liquidating)
Purchase money notes and mortgage bonds, being obligations of subsidiary companies maturing serially after one year-
Serial payments on investments due after one year ( $\$ 1,198,595.00$ payable in advance of maturity on notice from holder)
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TOTAL LIABILITIES
$\$ 18,816,630.87$ $1,679,779.36$
$33,494,366.84$
13,102,455.49 $423,247.61$

| TOTAL LIABILITIES_ |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Interest of minority stockholders in subsidiary companies with respect to capital and surplus Capital (represented by): |  |
|  |  |
| Issued ( 100,000 shares, \$100 par value). | \$10,000,000.00 |
| Redeemed ( 22,550 shares) .- | 2,255,000.00 |
| Outstanding (77,450 shares) | 7,745,000.00 |
| Common Stock (574,590 shares of no par value) | 52,083,399.05 |
|  | \$59,828,399.05 |
| Surplus | 15,733,422.23 |

## $\$ 67,516,480.17$

815,675.35
ital (represented
Preferred Stock:

Outstanding ( 77,450 shares)

Surplus
$15,733,422.23$
$75,561,821.28$
$\$ 143,893,976.80$


CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 1, 1927.
Profit for 12 months.
$\$ 6,100,815.71$
Less: Provision for Federal taxes
500,000.00
Balance carried to surplus
$\$ 5,600,815.71$
CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT AT JANUARY 1, 1927.
Surplus at December 26, 1925
$\$ 15,209,316.68$
5,600,815.71
$\$ 20,810,132.39$
Less Dividends:
On common stock (paid and reserved in 1926)
84,443,640.16
On preferred stock (paid and reserved in 1926) 633,070.00
$5,076,710.16$
Surplus at January 1, 1927
$\$ 15,733,422.23$
We have examined the accounts of the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation and its subsidiaries for the twelve months ending January 1, 1927, and certify that, in our opinion, the foregoing balance sheet and profit and loss account correctly set forth the financial position of the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation and its subsidiary companies at January 1, 1927, and the earnings for the twelve months ending on that date.

March 14, 1927.
PRICE, WATERHOUSE \& CO.

## HAYES WHEEL COMPANY

## EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT-FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 311926.

## To the Stockholders-

Jackson, Michigan, March 51927.
The position of your company as at December 311926 is set forth in the Balance Sheet submitted herewith, and the net earnings for the year ending that date are shown in the accompa ying statement of Profit and Loss. The books and accounts of the Company have been audited, as in previous years, by Price, Waterhouse \& Company, Public Accountants, a copy of whose certificate appears on the last page of this report [pamphlet].
Sales for the year totaled $\$ 9,753,481$, compared with $\$ 16,484,833$ in 1925 . This decline was occasioned largely by the fact that some of the Company's largest customersare now making part of their wheel requirements. Coupled with this, there was a marked decline in selling prices, reflecting the keen competition which has prevailed in the wheel industry during the past year. Notwithstanding the difficult situation with which the Company had to contend, full provisions for maintenance and for depreciation of plant and equipment have been made, and there has been no diminution of appropriations or effort for the constant improvement of processes.
The result is reflected in net profits after depreciation and maintenance and State and Federal taxes, which for the year amounted to $\$ 308,321$. In view of this condition and until the trend of business is more clearly defined, the Board of Directors has considered it conservative and in the best interests of the stockholders to pass for the time being the dividend on the Non Par Common Stock of the Company.
The Company closes the year in excellent financial condition, with current assets of approximately $\$ 3,745,000$, including $\$ 1,800,000$ of cash items, against $\$ 374,000$ of current liabilities, which includes no indebtedness to banks. The entire amount of First Mortgage Bonds outstanding at the beginning of the year, amounting to $\$ 559,100$, was called for retirement and cancelled at February 11926 and during the year Preferred Stock in the amount of $\$ 554,300$ was also purchased for retirement.
There rever has beena time when the Company's plants and equipment were in better condition for efficient operation in every department. Inventories are conservatively valued, free from all obsolescence, and, as will be noted, based upon the year's sales, represent less than two months' supply.
No effort is being spared by your management in striving to effect all possible increase in efficiency and economy without impairing the organization, with the result that overhead has been materially reduced. At the same time, the Company has been broadening its lines of output. It is not only producing a complete line of automotive wheels in wood, wire and dise, with composite hub, effecting economy to the car manufacturer, but also a complete line of wheels for commercial vehicles; all types of rims for both passenger and commercial vehicles; and is now manufacturing wire wheels for the majority of the airplane manufacturers of this country.

Respectfully submitted,

## C. B. HAYES, President

## HAYES WHEEL COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

Statement of profit and loss for the year ended DECEMBER 311926.


CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 311926. ASSETS.
Property Account:
Land, buildings, machinery and
equipment, \&c., partly at cost
and partly at values as ap-
and party at vanes in 1920 and 1921 by
Coats \& Burchard Compan
plus net additions since
Land ne
Buildings.-
Machinery and equipment....-.
Autremobile fure and equipment
Together

Plant located at Flint, Michigan, stated at
estimated realizable value
estimated realizable value $125,000.00$
Trade Name, Patents and Good-will
$125,000.00$
rade Name, Patents and Good-will ................................... $83,464,665.44$ Miscellaneous investments (at cost) 102,049.38 Current Assets:
$\qquad$
Inventories of raw and work materials and
supplies on hand and in transit, at cost or supplies on hand and in transit, at cost or Accounts receivable, less reserve..
Amounts owing by officers and employees.
Cash surrender value of life insurance $\qquad$

Deferred Charges to Future Operations:
Unexpired insurance premiums, advances, \&c

LIABILITIES.
Capital Stock: LIA
thorized 20,000 shares) par $\$ 1,135,500.00$
Less- 500 shares purchased for
retirement.....................--
$50,000.00$
Common-(authorized 200,000
shares) no par value-200,000
shares
Less - 2,956 shares in treasury,
at $\operatorname{cost}$
$2,000,000.00$
26,045,37 ${ }^{1,973,954.63} \$ 3,059,454.63$
Current Liabilities:
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 218,359.53 \\ 99,612.37 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Accounts payable --- royalties, local taxes, \&c--
$\begin{array}{r}99,612.37 \\ 56,000.00 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Provision for 1926 Federal income tax......
56,000.00
$373,971.90$
Surplus:
ce at January 11926
$\$ 4,352,244.44$
Add-Adjustments in respect of
taxes for prior years, \&c.-1ts $\$ 22,789.62$
Net profit for the year ended
December 31 1926, per state-

$331,110.90$
$, 683,355.34$
Together--
Deduct-
Premium paid on preferred stock
purchased for retirement
On preferred stock $\$ 108,735.97$
On common stock-
$\$ 3.25$ per share_ $640,393.00$
749,128.97
781,448.65 $3,901,906.69$ $87,335,333.22$

PRICE, WATERHOUSE \& COMPANY
Dime Bank Building
Detroit, Michigan
February 101927.

## To the Stockholders of the

Hayes Wheel Company, Jackson, Michigan:-
We have examined the books and accounts of the Hayes Wheel Company and its principal subsidiary companies for the year ended December 311926 and certify that the attached consolidated balance sheet and statement of profit and loss have been correctly prepared therefrom.
We have satisfied ourselves that only actual add tions and extensions to the properties during the year have been added to the capital accounts and that adequate provision has been made for accruing renewals and depreciation.

The inventories of raw materials, work in progress and finished stock on hand at December 31 1926, as certified by responsible officials, have been valued at cost or market prices, whichever were lower at that date.
The cash and securities have been verified by actual count or inspection or by certificates from the depositaries and adequate provision has been made for bad and doubtful accounts and for all ascertained liabilities, and

WE CERTIFY, That in our opinion, the balance sheet and relative statement of profit and loss are properly drawn up so as to show the financial position of the combined companies on December 31 1926, and the results from operations for the year ended on that date.
price, waterhouse \& CO.

# FREEPORT TEXAS COMPANY <br> and subsidiary companies. 

## ANNUAL REPORT-FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 301926.

Wilmington, Delaware, March 71927. To the Stockholders of the Freeport Texas Company:
Throughout the fiscal year ended November 301926 your Company produced sulphur continuously from both the Bryanmound and Hoskins Mound deposits, the total production approximately 600,000 tons, about equally divided between the two properties.

Of the total plant capacity of 23,800 rated H.P. at Bryanmound, 14,000 rated H.P. was in service at the end of the year, these boilers having been converted for burning of gas in substitution of fuel oil. In addition, boilers of 2,800 rated H.P. are now being converted for gas burning and will be put in operation during the present month.

Increased steaming capacity is desirable because of the fact that shipments for the fiscal year exceeded production, although very slightly, stocks being reduced during the period by approximately 7,000 tons. The requirements for 1927 will considerably exceed those for 1926 and will be met by utilization of whatever reserve boiler capacity is needed.

During the past year, geophysical research to more accurately determine the total dome area cavered by both Bryanmound and Hoskins Mound properties, has proven areas of potential sulphur-bearing formation-far greater than heretofore considered probable. There are ample reserves to support production for a long period of years.
Success in controlling the escape of hot water in the porous Hoskins Mound formation has been increasingly demonstrated during the year-the sealing of cavities and channels by the injection of mud under heavy pressure, having proven so effective as to no longer leave any doubt as to the ability to control underground flows by this method.

The most important factor during the year, as to increased economy in operations, was the substitution of natural gas for fuel. A contract of five years' duration was made with the Houston Pipe Line Company at a price for gas which, compared with the present prices for fuel oil, will effect a saving of approximately $\$ 2,000$ per day in total fuel costs. To accomplish this, it was necessary to advance to the Pipe Line Company $\$ 750,000$ and to expend $\$ 125,277.20$ in boiler conversion costs. The loan to the Pipe Line Company is being repaid in monthly installments and will be entirely returned by October 1927.

From the main system of the Pipe Line Company carrying gas from the Southwest Texas gas field, a 16 -inch line was laid to Bryanmound via Hoskins Mound-a total of 54 miles. The reserves of gas under control of the Houston Pipe Line Company are considered fully adequate for a period much beyond the life of the present contract. The Hoskins plant, being the first reached by the pipe line, is now receiving its full fuel requirements, while Bryanmound at the moment is supplied to the extent of about $40 \%$. Bryanmound will receive its full supply of gas about March 15 1927, when the compressor station of the Pipe Line Company at Edna, Texas, will have been completed.

When both properties are fully supplied with gas, the total saving, as stated above, will approximate $\$ 1$ per share per annum on the capital stock of your Company.
The demand for crude sulphur is strong at $\$ 18$ per ton at the mines and $\$ 22$ and $\$ 22.50$ per ton Eastern seaboard.

The Company's low-priced contracts have largely been fulfilled so that the realization per ton is now at a higher level than for many years past. A still higher level will be realized during the year 1927, as the remaining lowpriced contracts now on the books of the Company are completed.

All foreign tonnage is sold through the Sulphur Export Corporation, which was organized in October 1922, except sales to Canada, which are excluded from the operations of the Export Corporation and are handled as domestic business. The operations of the Export Corporation have been most satisfactory. Since its organization, foreign markets have been stabilized and prices advanced in excess of $\$ 5$ per ton. Realizations from foreign sales are now somewhat higher than from domestic sales.

The world's consumption of sulphur is estimated at about $1,900,000$ tons; of this, Japan produces and consumes about
$30 / 40,000$ tons. The remainder, or approximately $1,860,000$ tons, is now being supplied by the two American producers and Italy. However, Italy's production, for several years past has been steadily declining, leaving a comparatively small export balance after supplying her own needs. Thus a unique industrial situation exists in that all but about $15 \%$ of the world's production is mined by the two American companies.

As shown by the consolidated balance sheet of your Company mailed to stockholders February 171927 there are no current liabilities beyond those of the regular routine of business; no bank indebtedness, bonds or preferred stock outstanding.
During the fiscal period, the Company's cash was depleted in the total amount of $\$ 1,942,576.40$, consisting of $\$ 1,276,728.43$ paid to the United States Government on February 191926 for additional tax assessment for the year 1918; $\$ 125,277.20$ for conversion of boilers for the burning of gas, and $\$ 540,570.77$ on account of loan to the Houston Pipe Line Company. These were extraordinary expenditures and will not recur.

A substantial refund against taxes paid for 1917 is due the Company by the United States Government and is now in process of adjustment. Payment within a short time is expected.
There has been no change in the fleet of vessels. The tankers which have been engaged in transporting oil from Mexico will not hereafter be so fully occupied in this trade, due to the substitution of gas for fuel oil, but will be limited to refinery requirements. At present there is a good market for tanker charters to profitably employ any excess capacity. No mortgage or other indebtedness exists against the fleet.
Consideration by your Board of Directors is being given to the sale of one of the tankers.

The refinery located at Bryanmound returned a fair profit for the fiscal year and, as heretofore stated, its entire cost was long ago returned through earnings.
Your Company's subsidiary, La Espuela Oil Company, did not increase production during the year. Under existing conditions in Mexico, no drilling was carried on. Owing to the substitution of gas for fuel, demands on La Espuela have lessened and its entire production goes to the refinery at Bryanmound.
The injunction sought to prevent issuance of bonds by the Brazos River Navigation District to improve Freeport Harbor was denied by the United States District Court in a unanimous opinion rendered by Judges Hutcheson, Foster and Sheppard. An appeal from this decision was taken to the United States Supreme Court and was dismissed February 211927 for lack of jurisdiction. Whether there will be further attempts to delay the improvement is not yet clear. However, great confidence is felt in the result of this litigation being favorable to port improvement.
The extent to which the port is used at present is dependent upon varying conditions of the Brazos River. Total shipments by water during the calendar year consisted of 461,633 tons, of which 308,503 tons, or $66.8 \%$, were loaded at Freeport with the depth of water ranging from 14 to 19 feet only; the remainder, or 153,130 tons, was shipped by rail for loading at Texas City, incurring an additional cost of approximately $\$ 1$ per ton. One hundred and twenty-one vessels were loaded, wholly or in part, at Freeport. Shipments by ressel were made to the Atlantic seaboard, the Pacific Coast and the Gulf of Mexico, and to foreign ports through the Sulphur Export Corporation.

The Sulphur Export Corporation made shipments during the fiscal period to the following destinations: Africa, Algeria, Argentina, Australasia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dutch East Indies, Esthonia, Finland, France, Germany, Holland, Hungary, India, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom.

With dependable water of project depth, all vessel tonnage will be handled over the Company's docks at Freeport at great saving in rail, wharfage and extra handling charges.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. P. SWENSON, President.

## The Commercial Markets and the Crops <br> COTTON-SUGAR-COFFEE-GRAIN-PROVISIONS

PETROLEUM-RUBBER-HIDES-METALS-DRY GOODS-WOOL-ETC.

## COMMERCIAL EPITOME

The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be
 Friday Night, March 181927.
COFFEE on the spot was steady early with Santos 4 s at 181/4c. and Rio 7 s at $15^{3 / 4}$ to 16 c . Rio and Santos cables were firm or slightly higher. Rio on the 17th inst. was 75 to 150 reis higher; exehange 5 61-64d.; dollars, $8 \$ 310$ at both points. Brazil was not offering coffee on the 12 th inst. and the cost-and-freight market was steady and unchanged at about $1 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. higher. Santos offers for prompt shipment included Bourbon 4 s at 17.05 to 17.35 c .; 5 s at $16.60 \mathrm{c} . ; 5-6 \mathrm{~s}$ at $16.60 \mathrm{c} . ;$ genuine Bourbon $3-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $17.45 \mathrm{c} . ; 3 \mathrm{~s}$ at 1834 c .; $16.60 \mathrm{c} . ;$ genuine Bourbon $3-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $1.45 \mathrm{c} . ; 3 \mathrm{~s}$ at $183 \mathrm{c} \mathrm{c} . ;$
$4-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 16.80 to $16.90 \mathrm{c} . ; 6-7 \mathrm{~s}$ at $16.20 \mathrm{c} . ;$ Bourbon separations $6-7 \mathrm{~s}$ at $15.70 \mathrm{c} . ; 7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at 14.60 c. ; part $3-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 16.85 to $171 / 8 \mathrm{e}$.; 6 s at $161 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; Peaberry $4-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 17.05 c .; Rio 7 s at 15 to 15.40 c .
Later spot trade was small but prices were firm with the lower grades of Brazilian scarce. Rio $7 \mathrm{~s}, 161 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; Santos $4 \mathrm{~s}, 18$ to $181 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Cost and freights were in better supply and easier on the 16th. For prompt shipment offers included Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 18 to $181 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; 3 s at $173 / 4$ to $181 / 2 \mathrm{c} . ; 3-4 \mathrm{~s}$ at 17.05 to $17.70 \mathrm{c} . ; 3-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 16.95 to $17.35 \mathrm{c} . ;$ $4-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $161 / 2$ to $16.95 \mathrm{c} . ; 5-6 \mathrm{~s}$ at $16.45 \mathrm{c} . ; 6 \mathrm{~s}$ at $16.35 \mathrm{c} . ; 7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at 15.80 c ; part Bourbon or flat bean $2-3 \mathrm{~s}$ at $185 / 8 \mathrm{c} . ; 3 \mathrm{~s}$ at $171 / 2$ to $18.40 \mathrm{c} . ; 3-4 \mathrm{~s}$ at 17.20 to $1734 \mathrm{c} . ; 3-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $163 / 4$ to $171 / 4 \mathrm{c} . ;$
$5-6 \mathrm{~s}$ at $161 / 4 \mathrm{c} . ; 6 \mathrm{~s}$ at $161 / 2 \mathrm{c} . ;$ peaberry $3-4 \mathrm{~s}$ at $171 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. 4 s at $171 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; $4-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 17.05 c . Rio 7 s at 15.10 to $15.15 \mathrm{c} . ; 7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at 14.85 c. ; 8 s at $14.60 \mathrm{c} .$, and Victoria $7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at $14.80 \mathrm{c} . ; 8 \mathrm{~s}$ at 14.60 c ., and Victoria $7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at 14.80 c . Santos Bourbon 4 s for March-April shipment, $163 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; 4 s for March-May at $161 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. and 4 s , part Bourbon for April, at $163 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.
Still later, spot trade was not brisk, but prices were firm. For prompt shipment Santos Bourbon $3 \mathrm{~s}, 173 / 4$ to $183 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; $3-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $163 / 4$ to $17.30 \mathrm{c} . ; 4-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 16.65 to $16.95 \mathrm{c} . ; 5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $161 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; 6 s at $16.35 \mathrm{c} . ;$ Bourbon separations $6-7 \mathrm{~s}$ at $15.85 \mathrm{c} . ; 7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at 14.70 to 15.90 c .; part Bourbon or flat bean $2-3 \mathrm{~s}$ at $185 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. to 19.45 c .; peaberry $4-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 17.05 c .; Rio 7 s at 15.10 to 15.15 c .; $7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at 14.85 c. ; 8s at 14.60 c .; Victoria $7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at 14.70 c .; Santos part Bourbon 4 s for December shipment were offered at part Bourbon 4 s for December shipment were offered at
$153 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Mild coffee was in moderate demand and steady. Fair to good Cucuta $181 / 4$ to $201 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; washed 23 to 25 c .; Bucaramanga natural 24 to 25 c .; washed 23 to $241 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; Honda 231/4 to 24c.; Medellin 261/4 to 27c.; Manizalles 241/2 to $251 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; Mexican, washed, 27 to $271 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; Mandheling $361 / 2$ to 39 c .; genuine Java 34 to 35 c .; Robusta washed $171 / 2$ to $173 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; Mocha $261 / 2$ to $271 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; Harrar 26 to $261 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; Costa Rica good 26 to 27 c .; Guatemala, prime, $25 \frac{1}{2}$ to $261 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; good $241 / 2$ to 25 c .; Bourbon 22 to 23 c .

Futures early in the week were unchanged to 20 points lower. The sales on the 15 th inst. were 34,000 bags. The Brazilian cables were steady but the feeling here was uncertain. Demand does not much increase. People are awaiting further developments. Impending big crops are a damper, though it is said that Santos looks with greater favor on the policy of the Defense Committee. Rio receipts, it is said, will be limited by the authorities. But nobody was inclined to take the aggressive. In general operators and others were seemingly acting on the old maxim "When in doubt do nothing

In the opinion of some, exchange rates have practically ceased to be a factor in making prices, unless the attempt to stabilize should prove a failure. The market accommodated itself to the proposed rates and much depends now on whether exporters become anxious to sell in discounting the coming large crop of Santos or not. Present prices, some think, are cheap with the chances in favor of higher spot prices. To some there seems no reason why normal stocks should not be carried. The market, according to one view, seems to be slowly $b$ it s rely shaping itself to the new crop position lin Brazil. The trade, it is contended will be able to satisfy their immediate needs with lower Santos offers lately current, together with the good supplies of mild coffees arriving.

Some contend that if the figures recently issued by the Department of Commerce can be taken as a criterion, the trade here must ere long buy more freely to meet the increase in consumption indicated by these figures. They show that the importations from Brazil only were $7,676,946$ bags in 1926 , or $16.2 \%$ greater than those for the preceding year. The visible supply for this country is nearly 100,000 bags smaller and the invisibles from all indications far below the average for the season. These are considered by some as factors to offset the prospective big crops for 1927-28 and the popular doubt as to the stability of Government control in Brazil. Big discounts on the distant months some think nullify the bearish factors.

Liverpool advices said: "We are not optimistic about a recovery of the price. Conservative estimates indicate about $21,000,000$ bags for the total of the next Brazil'an
crop. The most invigorating stimulus to the market would be the stabilization of the Brazilian currency. It is a matter that can only be completed, we think, at a much later period, being of that momentous nature which is of necessity slow in maturing." To-day futures closed 2 to 10 points lower with sales of 27,250 bags. March was liquidated with some freedom. Cost and freight offers were steady; Santos 4-5s were 17.15c. and upward; Rio 7s, 15.20c. The cables were very dull. Final prices here were 2 points lower to 25 points higher, the latter on March, than a week ago.
 SUGAR.-Early in the week rumors were afloat that prompt Cuba sold on the 14 th inst. at 3 1-16c. c. \& f. The tone on the 15 th inst. was weaker on raw suga:. Sales were confirmed of 125,000 bags at 3c., including Porto Ricos in port and near due, Philippine due March 19, Cuba loading and prompt. Larger sales than the above are believed to have been made. Futures on the 15 th inst. declined 1 to 3 points on this crop, while closing unchanged on the next; sales, 83,000 tons. Some tired bulls let go. Cuba, Europe and New York sold. Some leading Cuban interests bought. Outsiders also bought.

On the 16 th inst. offerings at 3 c . were much larger and finally $231-32 \mathrm{c}$. was accepted as futures fell 5 to 9 points on transactions of 92,150 tons. Of prompt Cuban raws 35,000 bags sold at $231-32$ c. c. \& f. or 4.74c. delivered; 2,000 tons of Philippines due early in April are said to have sold at 4.71 c . or $215-16 \mathrm{c}$. c. \& f. Cuban basis. Prompt sugar prices hinge on development in futures. European cables were weak. Cubas for March shipment were offered at 19s $91 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. perhaps less but near shipments were dull. Three cargoes for May shipment to Europe sold at $14 \mathrm{~s} 111 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. c. i. f. Refined was dull at 5.90 to 6.20 c . the lower price for prompt shipment.
Liberal offerings of nearby Porto Ricos seemed to encourage buyers to hold aloof in expectation of lower prices. Dulness of trade in refined sugar was perhaps one of the most discouraging factors. Some stress the fact that Cuban production is progressing rapidly, practically half of the crop under the limitation decree being finished, and add that it is expected that the smaller centrals will commence closing down in the near future.
New Orleans opinion is that the market is gradually working into a condition where bullish factors will assert themselves. Traders are waiting for the peak of the Cuban crop movement to pass and anticipating the time when consumption will increase. Free offerings from Java may hold the market in check for a while, but there is an undercurrent of confidence noticeable which is reflected in good support, especially on depressions. If Europeans are liberal buyers, as they are likely to be, since stocks abroad are reported to be running comparatively light, American buying when it develops may be difficult to satisfy, except perhaps at higher prices eventually. Some say they concur with the U. S. Department of Agriculture in its recent statement that the ultimate trend of sugar prices will be towards a higher level, but they think that this may not become plain until later on, when stocks are ordinarily much reduced.
A. feature was the big trading in futures on the 17 th inst. when the total sales at the Exchange were estimated at 133,100 tons including 40,000 July and 42,000 September. Cuban interests are supposed to have sold largely. Prices declined 6 to 10 points. A trade commission house bought some 20,000 tons supposedly hedging sales to Europe. Prices rallied and closed 1 to 6 points lower. Prompt Cuban sugars sold at $231-32 \mathrm{c}$. for 15,000 bags to Boston. To-day futures closed 1 to 9 points higher with sales of 69,800 tons. Prompt raws were offered at 3 c . with bids generally $27 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. Refined was slow. Futures closed 15 to 20 points lower than a week ago.
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LARD on the spot was steady for a time with a fair demand; prime Western, c.\&f. New York, 13.10 to 13.20 c . in tierces; compound carlots in tierces, New York, 11c.; refined Continent, $133 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. ; South America, 143/4c.; Brazil, $153 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. Spot on the 17 th inst. was 12.95 to 13.05 c . for prime Western; refined Continent, $131 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. ; South American, $141 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; Brazil, $151 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Futures declined slightly on the 15 th inst. with hogs lower. Packers are supposed to have recently sold out long holdings. Later pressure from this source decreased. The stock at Chicago on March 15 was $30,749,920$ lbs., against $29,477,439$ on March 1, an increase of $1,272,481$ for the first half of the month. On March 15 a year ago the total was $23,556,718 \mathrm{lbs}$. An increase for the first part of the month this year of about $1,500,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. had been expected.

In Chicago offerings of lard were light at one time and a little commission house buying caused an advance improvement attracted some outside selling and the market showed a tendency to sag. The large hog run at Chicago, however, was partially offset by light receipts at several Western points, supposedly due to bad condition of roads caused by heavy rains last week. Futures on the 17 th inst. were 2 to 3 points lower with hogs off 10 to 15 c .; receipts, 126,300 , against 113,300 a week ago and 113,800 last year. A rise to-day was due to buying by commission houses and packers and a firmer tone for cash lard. Hogs were generally steady with the top $\$ 11.80$. Western hog receipts were 86,000 , against 77,000 a year ago. Final prices show a decline for the week of 2 to 5 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF Lat. Mon. TuRD. FUTURES IN CHICAGO Thurs. Fri. |  | Sat. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| March delivery_-..cts_12.40 | 12.40 | 12.40 | 12.32 | Fri. |  |
| May | 12.30 | 12.35 |  |  |  |
| Muly delivery.-.-.-12.57 | 12.57 | 12.50 | 12.42 | 12.40 | 12.50 |

PORK quiet; mess, $\$ 37.50$; family, $\$ 39.50$ to $\$ 41.50$; fat back pork, $\$ 30$ to $\$ 33$. Ribs, Chicago, cash, 16.50 c., basis of 40 to 60 lbs. average. Beef, firm; mess, $\$ 19$ to $\$ 21$; packet, $\$ 19$ to $\$ 21$; family, $\$ 21$ to $\$ 22$; extra India mess, $\$ 34$ to $\$ 36$; No. 1 canned corned beef, $\$ 2.50$; No. 2, $\$ 4.25$; 6 lbs., South America, $\$ 12.75$. Cut meats, steady; pickled
hams, 10 to 20 llbs., $221 / 4$ to $223 / 4$ c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 hams, 10 to 20 lbs ., $221 / 4$ to $223 / 4 \mathrm{c} . ;$ pickled bellies, 6 to 12
lbs., $213 / 4$ to $233 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. b bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to $20 \mathrm{lbs} ., 187 / 8 \mathrm{c} . ; 14$ to $16 \mathrm{lbs} ., 191 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Butter, lower grade to high scoring, $451 / 2$ to $481 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Cheese, 23 to 28 c . Eggs, medium to extra, $231 / 2$ to 30 c .
OILS.-Linseed of late has been quiet and easier. Raw oil in carlots, cooperage basis, was quoted at 10.5 c ., but business could have been done, it is said, at 10.3 c . on a firm bid. Spot tank cars were quoted at 9.7 c , but 9.5 c . would have been accepted; in lots of 5 barrels and more, 10.9c. to 11.1c. was asked. Cocoanut, oil, barrels, spot, 10 to $101 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; Manila, coast tanks, 8c.; spot tanks, $83 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. ; China wood, New York drums, spot, 32c.; Pacific Coast tanks, spot,
$261 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; Corn, crude tanks, plant, low acid, $81 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; Olive, $261 / 2$.; Corn, crude tanks, plant, low acid, $81 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; Olive,
Den., $\$ 1.75$; Soya bean, $91 / 2$ c.; blown barrel, 14. Lard, Den., $\$ 1.75$; Soya bean, $91 / 2 \mathrm{c} . ;$ blown barrel, 14 c . Lard,
prime, $151 / 4 \mathrm{c} . ;$ extra strained winter, New York, $133 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Cod, Newfoundland, 63 to 65 c . Turpentine, 75 to 81 c . Rosin, $\$ 10.60$ to $\$ 17.75$. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 18,200 barrels. P. Crude S. E., $75 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. Prices closed as follows:

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PETROLEUM.-The Standard Oil Co. of New York on the 15th reduced the tank wagon price of gasoline 1c. throughout its territory. The new price is now 20c. Gulf markets were tending lower. Jobbers were holding off. Exporters are doing little. On the 13th inst. the Standard Oil of New Jersey gasoline fell 1c. Mid-Continent crude dropped 10 to 35 c . Cuts in other grades were expected. And on the 14th inst. Central crudes fell 10 to 13c. Ohio Oil Co. cut Wyoming 17 to 22c. Bunker oil was $\$ 1.75$ at local time quoted 8c. for 41-43 gravity. In California to-day the first price change was made in gasoline. California General Petroleum and Gilmore Oil reduced prices 2c. to meet the differential of 6 c . quoted to dealers by the Union Oil Co. At reduced prices export gasoline was in sharp demand.
France wants four mixed cargoes. Kerosene was in fair deFrance wants four mixed cargoes. Kerosene was in fair demand with 41-43 gravity prime white $63 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; 44 water white, Orleans says Gulf gasoline was weak with U. S. Motor freely offered at 8c. Elk Basin, Grass Creek, light, Lance Creek and Wyoming crudes were reduced 22c. by the Ohio Oil Co. Big Muddy and Rock Creek, Wyoming, were cut 17 c . and Artesia, New Mexico, crude 20c.

New York export prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. Motor specifications, deodorized $25.65 \mathrm{c} . ;$ bulk $101 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; Kerosene, cargo lots, S. W. cases 17.65 c .; bulk 41-43, 8c.; W. W. 150 deg. cases $18.65 \mathrm{c} . ;$ bulk $43-45$, $81 / 4$ c.; Bunker Oil,
f. o. b. dock $\$ 1.75$; Diesel oil, Bayonne, bbl $\$ 2.50$; Gas oil, Bayonne, tank cars, 28-34 degrees 6c.; 36-40 deg. 61/4c.; Furnace Oil, bulk, refinery $71 / 2 \mathrm{C}$. . Kerosene, tank wagon to store $16 \mathrm{c} . ;$ bulk, W. W. del. N. Y. cars $91 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; refinery $43-45$ gravity $81 / 4 \mathrm{c} . ;$ prime white $41-43$ del. tanks 9 c .; refinery 8c.; Motor gasoline, garages (steel bbls.) 20c.; Up-State 20 c. ; single cars, del. $111 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; Naphtha, V. M. P. Deodorized in steel bbls. 21c.


RUBBER.-March here on the 12 th inst. rose 100 points on active tradi g . The total sales of all months were 690 tons. The bull points were the talk of an advance in tire prices in April and expectations of a bullish statement for February on consumption stocks and imports by the Rubber Association. Outside trade was not large but prices were strong. Spot to April standard was $1 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. higher; also lesser
plantations, including No. 3 amber and rolled and flat brown crepe. Para was much firmer. Caucho Ball rose $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. At
the Exchange here on the 12 th inst. March closed at 41.30 c . the Exchange here on the 12 th inst. March closed at 41.30 c .;
April at 41.60 c.; May at 42 c . June at 42.40 c ., and July at 42.80 c . Outside prices: Ribbed smoke spot and March, $413 / 4$ to 42 c .; April, 42 to $421 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; April-June, $42^{1 / 4}$ to $421 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. July-September, 43 to $431 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; October-December, $435 / 2$ to 44 c .; first latex crepe, 42 to $433 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.; clean, thin, brown crepe, $333 / 4$ to 39 c .; specky brown crepe, $373 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; No. 2 amber, $393 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.
No. 3 amber, $383 / 4$ to $39 \mathrm{c} . ;$ No. 4 amber, $381 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; rolled brown, $343 / 4$ to 35 c . ; Paras, up-river, fine, spot, $331 / 2$ to 34 c .; coarse, 26 to $261 / 2$. Caucho ball, upper, 28 to $281 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.;
Island fine, 30 c . London on the 12 th inst, rose $1 / 8$ to $1 / \mathrm{c}$. Spot and March $203 / 8$ d. to $201 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.; April-June, $205 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. to $203 / 4$ d.; July-September, $211 / 4$ to $215 / 8$ d.; October-December, $213 / 4$ to $217 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$.

On the 14th inst. New York dropped 25 to 50 points on increased stocks in this country and lower London prices. The February report of the Rubber Association of America stated stocks on hand of 91,186 tons on Feb. 28, an increase of 17,086 tons over Jan. 31. It was a bolt from the blue. Both New York and London felt it. The consumption, however, in February of 30,137 tons showed a decrease of only 1,363 tons; afloat fell off 3,034 tons. The London stock showed another increase of 1,571 tons last week, but this was not unexpected. It had no effect. The average spot price was set at the close of business at 19.368d., a further increase of 0.110 point from Wednesday. In London on March 14 the stock was 61,516 tons. The London Board of Trade anounced that imports into the United Kingdom during February totaled $27,492,000$ lbs. and exports $10,262,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. Of the exports $2,955,600 \mathrm{lbs}$. were to America.
On the 14th inst. London closed with spot and March $201 / 4$ d. to $203 / 8$ d.; April-June, $201 / 2$ d. to $205 / 8$ d.; July-September, 21d. to $211 / 8$ d.; October-December, $211 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. to $215 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. Singapore on the 14th was $1 / 4$ to $3 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. higher after a holiday; spot, 20d.; April-June, $201 / 2 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ July-September, $211 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. New York ended on the 14th inst. with March at 41.30c.; April at 41.60c.; May at 41.70c., and June at 42c. Outside prices: Spot and March, $413 / 8$ to $415 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.; April, $413 / 4$ to 42 c .; irst latex crepe, $413 / 4$ to 42 c .; clean, thin, brown crepe, $383 / 4$ to 39 c .
New York on the 16th inst. advanced 10 to 60 points with London leading the rise, being up $1 / 8$ to $1 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. though not active. But New York reported a good demand, trade and speculative. Summer months were the most wanted. New York ended on the 16th inst. with March at 41.30c.; April at 41.90c. and May at 42.10c. Outside prices for Spot and March $413 / 4$ to 42 c .; April 42 to $421 / 4$ c.; April-June $421 / 2$ to $423 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; July-Sept. $431 / 4$ to $431 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; Oct.-Dec. $437 / 8$ to $441 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; First latex crepe 42 to $421 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; clean thin brown crepe $383 / 4$ to 39c. London Spot and March 203/8 to 201/4d.; April-June $203 / 4$ to $207 / 8$ d.; Singapore March 1934d.; April, MayJune 203/4d.
Stocks, it is pointed out, have been increasing without interruption in the United States since August 1926, when they totaled 60,870 tons. At the end of September they were 62,078, October 65,989, November 69,385, December 72,510 and January 74,100 tons. Statisticians in the local rubber market yesterday laid the heavy February increase to the January imports, which reached the record total of 45,736 tons, while the January and February consumption fell below last year's figures for these months.
New York on the 17th inst. was dull and fell 30 to 40 points at the Exchange but spot remained at 42c.; sales, 382 tons, gainst 710 the day before. Para was steady; up-river rose $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. to 33 to $331 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; coarse, $251 / 2$ to 26 c .; Caucho ball upper, 28 to 29 c .; Island fine, $291 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Here May was 41.80 c .; une, 42.10 c . London opened higher and reacted in a quiet market; spot and March, $203 / 8$ to $201 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. Singapore, March $201 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$., a rise of $1 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. New York to-day closed unchanged on most months with March up 10 and July off 10 points; March, 41.10c.; May, 41.80c.; June, 42.10c.; July,
$42.40 \mathrm{c} . ;$ October, 43.10 c .; spot, 41.70 c .
HIDES.-River Plate frigorifico are said to have been in rather better demand from American buyers, but Europe has latterly been indifferent. Prices fell; 2,500 Sansinena, 19 kilos average, sold at $\$ 36$, or $167 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. c.\&f. Last week's sales were 32,000 Argentine steers at $171 / 2$ to $177 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. c.\&f.; 4,000 Montevideo steers at $\$ 40$, or $181 / 2$ c. c. \&f. Most of the buying was for United States account. Common dry hides were quiet; Orinoco, 203/4c.; Savannilla, 201/2c. City packer were in slightly better demand; spready native steers, 15 c .; native steers, 14 c .; butt brands, $131 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; Colorados, 13c. New York City calfskins quiet. Stocks of skins with the exception of $7-9 \mathrm{~s}$ are small. The asking price for $5-7 \mathrm{~s}$ was $\$ 1.85 ; 9-12 \mathrm{~s}, \$ 2.65$ to $\$ 2.70 ; 7-9 \mathrm{~s}, \$ 1.85$. Later 4,000 Anglo Campana steers sold at $\$ 37.50$, or $171 / 2$ e. c.\&f. A lot of 8,000 steers also sold at that price.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.-Grain rates tended downward. Less demand appeared for full cargoes. Later $111 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. was accepted for cotton and $\$ 3$ for coal. Later demand from all trades was poor. London had a good River Plate business.
CHARTERR included time prompt across the Atlantic, delivery United
States, 2.75 c .;
lumber North Pacfic to Japan, $\$ 10.25$ : grain, early A
 Continent, March, 23s. time charter. West Indies, 6 or 7 months, 1.1 .50 : another 4
Atlantic,
Atlentic, $86.25 ;$ Jumber, Ncrth Pacific to Cuba, April, $\$ 16 ;$ Grays
Harber to Australia, $\$ 15$; coal, prompt, Hampton Roads to Rio, 84.50 :
sugar, refined, New Orleans to United Kingdom, 24 c . one port, 25 c , two
ports; tankers, Tampico to North of Hatteras, prompt., 51., it is stated; lumber, April, Gulf to Buenos Aires-Rosario, $\$ 18$, with options; asphalt,
March, Gulf to Rotterdam-Hamburg, $\$ 5$; grain, Rosario to United KingMarch, Gulf to Rotterdam-Hamburg, \$5; grain, Rosario to United King-
dom-Continent, excluding Portland, 27s. 6d.; Antwerp-Rotterdam, 6d. less.

TOBACCO has been steady with the supply of fillers said to be small, especially Wisconsin and Ohio. In fact, this applies to all States, it is said, except Pennsylvania. New crops are said to be none too promising. Florida wrappers are reported scarce and in other States they are not plentiful. The demand is fair. Wisconsin, 25 to 45 c . ; Ohio, 21 to 30 c ; New York, 45 c . for seconds; Pennsylvania broadeaf filler,
10 c .; broadleaf binder, 15 to $20 \mathrm{c} . ;$ 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, $65 \mathrm{c} . ;$ dark wrappers, 1925 crop, 40 c.; 1924 crop, 28 c.

COAL.-Soft coal prices have declined as there were rumors that the output will continue in soft coal fields after April 1 by districts. It may be continued throughout the entire field. Some now doubt whether there will be a strike. The highest grades fell 10c. early in the week. Pittsburgh thinks production will be suspended. Others think that the state of trade does not favor a strike and that the labor leaders know it. Navy sta dard, piers, $\$ 5.50$ to $\$ 6$; Navy supplemtntary, $\$ 5.25$ to $\$ 5.50$; superior low volatile, $\$ 5.10$ to $\$ 5.35$; high grade, low volatile, $\$ 4.70$ to $\$ 4.80$; ordinary low volatile, $\$ 4.30$ to $\$ 4.70$; high grade, medium volatile, $\$ 4.50$ to $\$ 4.80$; high volatile steam, $\$ 4.20$ to $\$ 4.60$; low sulphur gas, $\$ 5.10$ to $\$ 5.30$. Anthracite summer price reductions are spreading; some are as much as 80 c . The lowest summer price quoted thus far for stove size is $\$ 8.75$ and for pea $\$ 6$. Of the reductions 25 c . is to be replaced June 1 on the three larger sizes and 25 c . on Sept. 1. Later smokeless declined. Smokeless, prime, low volatile coal sold, it seems, at as low as $\$ 1.85$ run of mine. It is quoted at $\$ 1.75$ to $\$ 2.25$ at Chicago and $\$ 2$ to $\$ 2.25$ Cininnati. The tidewater price of $\$ 4.50$ to $\$ 4.75$ includes rail charge of $\$ 2.62$. Pocahontas and New River producers quote their run of mine at $\$ 2.25$ f.o.b. cars at the mine and ask $\$ 3$ for lump, egg and stove. Prices are off 25 to 50 c .

COPPER was quoted at $133 / 8$ c., delivered to Connecticut Valley by leading producers. Sales were said to have been made, however, at slightly under that price. Demand was lacking. In fact it is so small that the market is virtually untested. Production of crude copper in February in the United States was 69,031 tons, against 76,198 in January. Blister copper produced from scrap in February totaled 2,502 tons, against 2,230 in January. The export price was $13.65 c$. c.i.f. European ports. In London on the 15 th inst. standard fell 2 s .6 d . to $£ 5512 \mathrm{~s}$. 6d. for spot; futures fell 5 s . to $£ 562 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ sales, 200 spot and 1,800 futures; spot electrolytic declined 2 s .6 d . to $£ 6212 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ futures rose 2 s .6 d . to $£ 63$ 2s. 6d. On the 16 th inst. standard in London advanced 7 s .6 d . to $£ 56$ for spot and $£ 5610 \mathrm{~s}$. for futures; sales, 300 tons spot and 900 futures; spot electrolytic advanced 5s. to £62 17 s .6 d . and futures unchanged at $£ 632 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$. Later there was more inquiry and prices were a little steadier. The official price is $133 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. per pound delivered to the Connecticut Valley. Sales for export increased at 13.65 c. c.i.f. European ports. Exporters want prompt shipment. It is considered a good sign. Recntly copper sold at as low as 13.30 c . delivered for small lots for March delivery. In London on the 17 th inst. spot standard advanced 5 s . to $£ 565 \mathrm{~s}$.; futures up 7 s .6 d . to $£ 5617 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$.; sales, 100 tons spot and 1,900 futures; electroyltic, $£ 6217 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$. for spot and $£ 63$ 2s. 6d. futures.

TIN of late has been rather quiet and easier. Shipments from the Straits for the first half of March were unusually large, being 4,105 tons. March sold at $693 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. to 69 c. ; April closed on the 16 th inst. at $681 / 8$ c.; May 677/8c. Spot standard in London on the 15 th inst. advanced 10 s. to $£ 312$ $15 \mathrm{~s} . ;$ futures rose 12 s .6 d . to $£ 29915 \mathrm{~s} . ;$ sales 50 tons spot and 650 futures; spot Straits advanced $£ 1$ to $£ 3255$ s.; Eastern c. i. f. London declined $£ 15 \mathrm{~s}$. to $£ 30715 \mathrm{~s}$. on sales of 125 tons. On the 16 th inst. spot standard in London advanced $£ 115 \mathrm{~s}$. to $£ 31410 \mathrm{~s}$.; futures advanced $£ 110 \mathrm{~s}$. to $£ 3015 \mathrm{~s} . ;$ sales 10 tons spot and 640 futures; spot Straits up $£ 25$ s to $£ 32710 \mathrm{~s} . ;$ Eastern c. i. f. London advanced £2 5 s . to $£ 310$ on sales of 150 tons. Later the tone was irregular the market is hard to gauge. March Straits deliveries sold at $691 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. and May at $673 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. April nominal at $681 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. and June at 67c. Tin plate makers may curtail production in April. In London on the 17 th inst, spot standard declined 10 s. to $£ 314$; futures off $£ 15 \mathrm{~s}$. to $£ 300$; sales 100 tons spot and 600 futures; spot Straits tin fell $£ 1$ to $£ 32610$ s.; Eastern c. i. f. London off $£ 110 \mathrm{~s}$. to $£ 30810 \mathrm{~s}$. on sales of 225 tons.

LEAD has been in fair demand. March has been wanted. Prices were 7.65 c . New York and 7.40 c . East St. Louis. Russia has been buying Mexican lead on a large scale. In London on the 15 th inst. prices fell 1 s .3 d . to $£ 28$ for spot and $£ 288$ s. 9d. for futures; sales, 1,000 tons futures. On the 16 th inst. prices in London rose 2 s .6 d . to $£ 282 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$. for spot; futures advanced 3 s .9 d . to $£ 2812 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$.; sales, 1,750 futures. Prices were steady with a fair busmess. New York, 7.65 c. East St. Louis, 7.40c.; March is most wanted. In London on the 17 th inst. spot lead $£ 28$ 2s. 6d.; futures off 2 s .6 d . to £28 10s.; sales, 200 spot and 750 futures.
ZINC has been weaker with sellers offering freely at 6.70 e East St. Louis. A few producers were firm at 6.8Ce. but
as a rule the majority were inclined to cut that price considerably. High grade zinc was selling at 9 to $91 / 4 c$. New York. Business has been quiet. In London on the 15th inst. spot declined 2s. 9 d . to $£ 3018 \mathrm{~s} .9 \mathrm{~d}$. ; futures fell 1s. 3 d . to $£ 312 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ sales, 50 .; spot, and 750 futures. On the 16 th inst. spot in London advanced 3s. 9 d . to $£ 312 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$. futures up 2 s .6 d . to $£ 315 \mathrm{~s}$.; sales, 750 futures. Later prices were firmer at 6.70 to $6.701 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Galvanized sheets and wire makers have a better trade. London on the spot declined 1s. 3d. on the 17 th inst. to $£ 31$ 1s. 3d.; futures, $£ 315 \mathrm{~s}$.; sales, 100 spot and 1,650 futures.

STEEL has been in moderate demand as a rule, though automobile makers have, it is said, bought rather more freely. Output is at a high level, that is close to $90 \%$ of ingot capacity. It is outrunning requirements. A bituminous coal strike is expected, but curiously enough its apparent imminence does nage. Buying is in small lots Second quarter business is distinctly dull or entirely absent The West is having a better trade than the East. March orders have increased only slightly in the case of some companies. The U. S. Steel Corporation is said to be producing at $95 \%$; it adds to surplus stocks in these dull times. Tin plate output is decreasing as a natural reaction after several months of unwonted activity. Railroads are not buying supplies as freely as was expected. Their purchases are moderated. A moderate demand, too, prevails for fabricated structural steel, especially for bridges. Auto sheets are reported firm at Pittsburgh; full-finished auto body, 4.15c. for No. 2 gauge material. Black sheets are about 2.85c.; 3.65 c . is less frequently quoted for galvanized; blue annealed 2.20 c. Fabricators generally are working at $100 \%$ capacity and taking fair quantities of strip, merchant bars and common plates. Tank call steadier, plates at 1.90 c . with contract tonnage less.

PIG IRON has been steadier. The composite price is 8c. higher after remaining stationary for a month. Only Eastern basic fell 25 c . Valley basic was reported up to $\$ 18.50$. Producers are said to be husbanding the supply of this iron against the possibility of a prolonged coal strike. Some think, however, that there is not going to be a strike, or at least that it is more doubtful whether there will be. Birmingham was reported firm at $\$ 18$ for No. 2 foundry; output is maintained there. At Youngstown basic iron was firm at $\$ 18.50$ to $\$ 19$ Valley. Pittsburgh expects a long coal strike. Later New York reported sales of 5,000 tons; Philadelphia and Birmingham sold little. Buffalo seems a trifle steadier at $\$ 17.50$. Nowhere have there been striking features. Surplus stocks at the South are being reduced.

WOOL has been quiet and largely nominal here, but firm or higher in foreign markets with a good demand. In London March 15 demand good; attendance large. Continent largest buyer. In 14 days the total offerings will be be 166,400 bales. Merinos compared with January advanced $5 \%$ and crossbreds including New Zealand and Puntas, 5 to $71 / 2 \%$.
New Zealand greasy half-bred 56 - 58 s brought $25 \mathrm{~d} . ; 56 \mathrm{~s}, 22 \mathrm{~d}$.; greasy crossbred $48-50 \mathrm{~s}, 20 \mathrm{~d}$;. $48 \mathrm{~s}, 161 / \mathrm{d} .44 \mathrm{~s}, 14 \mathrm{~d}$. Sydney, 2,608 bales; greasy
merino, 20 to 32 d. scoured. 36 to $41 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. Queensland, 116 bales greasy



In London on the 16 th inst. offerings 12,778 bales. Prices


In London on March 17 offerings 12,395 bales, chiefly Australian merinos. Continent took the best scoured at $47 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ greasy, 36 d . New Zealand greasy crossbreds well taken by English buyers.
New Zealand best greasy halfbred $56-58 \mathrm{~s}$ brought $241 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$; ; 56 s sold at
$231 / 2 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ crossbreds $50 \mathrm{~s}, 221 / 2 \mathrm{~d} .48 \mathrm{~s}, 161 / 2 \mathrm{~d} . ; 46-48 \mathrm{~s}, 15 \mathrm{~d}$. Sydney, 3,959


In London on March 18 offerings 11,471 bales. Prices steady; demand good. Some 11,000 bales sold. Queensland scoured merinos brought 48d. At Christchurch, N. Z., March 14 offerings 13,000 ; sales, 12,800 bales; demand good. Prices in main called firm, though some sorts slightly easier. Merinos super, $191 / 2$ to $201 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.; average, 15 to $19 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ crossbreds $56-58 \mathrm{~s}, 17$ to $211 / \mathrm{d}$.; $50-56 \mathrm{~s}, 16$ to $201 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.; $48-50 \mathrm{~s}$, $141 / 2$ to $171 / 2 \mathrm{~d} . ; 46-48 \mathrm{~s}, 131 / 2$ to $161 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.; $40-44 \mathrm{~s}, 11$ to $131 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. At Perth on March 15 offerings 13,000; demand good. All sold, including everything in store to date. Compared with Feb. 22, merinos supers and Bradford wools advanced $5 \%$ and crossbreds $21 / 2$ to $5 \%$. Continental wools lambs and skirtings firm. Bradford was the largest buyer. At Mel bourne on March 15 offerings 8,000 . Selection good of

Victoria comebacks and crossbreds, as well as Southeastern merinos. Most of the offerings sold. On the 11th inst. at Geelong 19,000 bales offered and all sold. Compared with the sales of Feb. 17, greasy merinos were firm, greasy crossbreds and comebacks 5 to $10 \%$ and greasy skirtings par to $5 \%$ higher. Merinos sold at $331 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.

## COTTON

Friday Night, March 181927.
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 227,560 bales, against 217,975 bales last week and 196,159 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1926, 11,144,657 bales, against $8,232,270$ bales for the same period of $1925-26$, showing an increase since Aug. 11926 of 2,912,387 bales.

| Receipts at- | Sat. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Galvest | 11,080 | 4,740 | 24,863 | 7,802 | 8,137 | 4,691 | 61,313 |
| Texas H |  | 14,090 | 11,932 |  |  | 6,249 6,491 | 66,249 56 |
| New Or | 6,248 | 6,287 | 18,604 | 7,499 | 5,566 | 8,833 | 53,037 |
| Mobile | 1,320 | 837 | , 684 | 1,059 | 1,580 | ${ }^{366}$ | 5,846 |
| Charanna | 2,959 | 6,108 | 2,952 | 1974 1.449 | 2,769 3,476 | 3,927 1,195 | 19,689 <br> 11,175 |
| Wilming | +495 | - 251 | 2,782 | 1.439 | , 527 | 1,595 | 3,289 |
| Norfolk | 335 | 812 | 1,420 | 1,450 | 1,181 | 1,180 | 6,378 |
| Now Yor |  | 193 | --44 | 927 | 10 |  | 1.493 |
| Baltimo |  |  |  |  |  | 2,289 | 2,289 |
| Ph | 100 |  | 171 | 100 |  |  | 371 |
| Totals this w | 30,371 | 96 | 63,818 |  |  |  |  |


The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 11926 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

| Receipts toMar. 18. | 926-2 |  | 1925-26 |  | Stoc |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\xrightarrow{T}$ This | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Since } A u g \\ 1 \\ 1926 . \end{array}\right\|$ | $T$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Since Aug } \\ 11925 . \end{gathered}\right.$ | 1927. | 1926. |
|  | 61.313 | 156 | 26,810 | 2,776,495 | 573,340 |  |
| Heoston* | 56,208 | 3,526,878 | 28,244 | 1,456,034 | 799,775 |  |
| New Orlean | $53.03 \overline{7}$ | 2,092,810 | $32, \overline{3} \overline{3}$ | 2,050,54 $\overline{5}$ | 654,746 | 377,086 |
| Mobile | 5,846 | 341.337 | 2,655 | 203, | 37, 365 | 16,934 |
| Jacksonvil |  | 61 |  | 12,961 | 610 | 56 |
| Savannah | 19,689 | 952,320 | 16,6\%88 | 792,972 | 83.429 | 70,640 |
| Charleston | 11,175 | 472,656 | 5,021 | 269,837 | $63,56 \overline{8}$ | 48,209 |
| Wilmington | 3,289 | 114,740 |  | 108,908 | 16,377 | 27.6 60 |
| Norfolk- | 6,368 | 370, 279 | 3,225 | 414,293 | 103,335 | 115,467 |
| New Yorl | 223 | 26,558 | 1,246 | $42.97 \overline{2}$ | 221,8 | 3 |
| Boston | 2,289 | - 59.481 | ${ }_{587} .6$ |  | 5 |  |
| Philadelphi | 371 | 4,539 |  | 9,683 | 9,481 | 4,854 |

Totals tals .-. $\overline{227,560} \overline{11144657} \overline{121,458} \overline{8,232,270} \overline{2,616,167} \overline{1,204,310}$ * Houston statistics are no longer compiled on an interior basis, but only
on a port basis. In the season's receipts 1926-27 we have included the stock carried over from the previous season, namely $226, \leftarrow 36$ bales

## $a$ In 1926 Houston under interior towns.

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

| Receipts at- | 1926-27. | 1925-26. | 1924-25. | 1923-24. | 1922-23. | 1921-22. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Galveston | 61,313 | 26,810 | ${ }^{36,164}$ | 13,450 | 15,639 | 39,540 |
| News Orleans- |  | 边 32.323 | 年 41.964 | 18,235 | 25,025 | 21.843 |
| Savannah | 19,689 | 16,688 | 12,909 | 1,551 | 15,143 |  |
| Brunswick |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Charleston- | $\begin{array}{r}11,175 \\ 3 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 5.021 1.044 | 4,831 2,881 | 2,279 | 4. 343 | ${ }_{2}^{4} .150$ |
| Norfolk | 6,378 | 3,225 | 7,857 | 2,429 | 3,323 | 5,071 |
| All others.-- | $10,6 \overline{2} \overline{5}$ | 5,448 | $2,6 \overline{8} \overline{8}$ | 2,671 | 3,273 | 6,077 |
| tal this wk- | 227,560 | 121,458 | 148,871 | 56,871 | 68,644 | 102,691 |

Since Aug. 1. $\overline{11,144,657}_{8,232,270} \overline{8}_{8,282,002} / \overline{5,860,399} \overline{5,095,088} \overline{4,511,050}$

* Beginning with the season of 1926, Houston figures include movement of coton previously reported by Houston as an interior town. The dis-
The expoerts fort and town has been abandoned.
The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 296,978 bales, of which 80,022 were to Great Britain, 22,799 to France, 64,350 to Germany, 10,778 to Italy, to Russia, 72,946 to Japan and China, and 46,083 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 160,689 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been $8,112,799$ bales, against $6,178,536$ bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

| Week Ended Mar. 181927 Exports from- | Exported to- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Great Britain | France. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Ger- } \\ \text { many. } \end{gathered}$ | Italy. | Russia | Japand China. | Other. | Total. |
| Galveston | 20,119 | 9,352 | 15,141 | 6,905 |  | 20.068 | 30,355 | 101,940 |
| Houston. | 18,806 | 10,242 | 10,130 | 3,523 |  | 32,738 | 3,173 | 78,612 |
| Texas City | 15,694 |  | 1,769 9,618 |  |  | 18,627 | 3,804 1,570 | 5,573 45.509 |
| Mobile. | 3,439 |  | 5,768 |  |  | 18,627 | 1,570 300 | 45,509 9 |
| Savannah | 9,209 |  | 1,553 |  |  | 200 | 2,432 | 13,394 |
| Charleston- |  |  | 5.102 |  |  |  | 3,405 | 8,507 |
| Wilmington |  |  | 4,900 |  |  |  |  | 4,900 |
| Norfolk | 7,962 | 32 | 9,268 1,101 | 150 |  |  | 236 | ${ }^{13,933}$ |
| Newton. | 7374 |  |  |  |  |  | 808 | 10.053 364 |
| Los Angeles |  | 3,173 |  | 200 |  | 1,313 |  | 4,686 |
| Total | 80,022 | 22,799 | 64,350 | 10,778 |  | 72,946 | 46,083 | 296,978 |
| Total 1926 | 49,909 | 19,509 | 31,487 | 13,685 |  | 21,855 | 24,244 | 160,689 |
| Total 1925 | 51,911 | 41,175 | 54,974 | 4,208 | 8,200 | 23,229 | 24,481 | 208,178 |

 Galveston Galveston.
Houston.
Texas City Houston
Texas City-.
New orleans
Mobile Mobile_eans
Jacksonville
Pensacola Pensacola_
Savannah.
Charleston Charleston.:-
Wilmington_
Norfolk..... Norfolk.
Newp. New. York..
Boston....-
Baltimore-
Philadelphia.
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Lan Diego
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## San Fran- Seattle Portand,or <br> Portland,Ore

## Total_...- 2,086,196 $837,2092287259{ }_{591,575}^{154,683} \overline{1269263}{ }_{886,614}^{8,112,799}$

 NOTE.- Exports to Canada.-It has never been our practice to include in the
above tables reports of cotton shipments to Canada, the reason being that virtually all abeve tabios restined to the Dominion comes overland and it is impossible to get return the Canadian border are always very slow in coming to hand the customs districts on the numerous inquiries we are receiving regarding the matter, we will say that for the bales. In the corresponding month Dominlon the present season have been 17,822 bales. For the seven months ended Feb. 28 1927, there were 170, 1212 bales exported as against 166,823 bales for the corresponding seven months of 1925-26
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:

| Mar. 18 at- | On Shipboard, Not Cleared for- |  |  |  |  |  | Leaving Stock. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Great Britain. | France. | Ger- many. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { Other } \\ & \text { Foreign } \end{aligned}\right.$ | Coast. wise. | Total. |  |
| Galveston_. | 119,800 | 7.500 | 10,000 | 41,500 | 6,500 | 75,300 | 498,040 |
| Navannah... |  | 5.641 | 9,291 | 55,189 | 1,257 | 82,449 | 572,297 82,929 |
| Charleston |  |  |  |  | 50 | 50 | 83,518 |
| Mobile- | 4.100 |  |  | 1,200 | 601 | 5,901 | 31,464 |
| Norfork | 3.000 | 2.000 | 3,000 |  | 350 1.000 | 5,35 20,600 | 102,985 1.080 .384 |
| Total 192 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total 1926.- | 27,971 20,412 | 15.141 10.833 | 22,291 | 108.889 | 10.258 | 184,550 | 2,431,617 |
| Total 1925.- | ${ }_{25.625}^{20}$ | 13,333 | 16,703 16 | 45.355 | 11.856 | 100.166 | 1.104.144 |

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has latterly been small, but at times prices advanced on covering of shorts in an oversold market. Similar conditions seem to have existed in Liverpool. Exports made a good showing. In three days they were something over 198,000 bales. The excess compared with the total of a year ago is now $1,984,263$ bales. According to some records, the total up to this time is larger than for the whole of last year and the year before, not to mention two previous years, when the totals were very much smaller. As some figure it, the increase of $2,000,000$ bales in the American crop-if it be called $18,000,000$ bales-is largely offset by two things: first, the world's consumption of American cotton estimated in some cases at as high as $17,000,000$ bales, and second, the decrease in foreign crops of approximately $2,000,000$ bales. This thesis is attracting more attention in this country. Japanese spinners seem inclined to stress it. The worldwide demand for American cotton is one of the outstanding features of the season. The weekly Government report showed that field work has recently been retarded by very heavy rains in some parts of the belt. And although there was for a time a sharp decrease in the daily spot sales at the South it was contended that the basis on the better grades remained practically untouched. A good demand for bright cotton was reported in the Central belt. In Georgia the demand was considered good for the better grades. New Orleans on Thursday reported an increased demand, though at a decline in prices of 18 points. There has been a decrease in forward business in cotton goods, but the demand for prompt shipment of some fine and fancy cottons, as well as rayon mixtures and silk and gray cottons has been insistent enough to cause substantial premiums for such shipments. Many buyers had neglected to replenish their supplies for the spring trade. Their procrastination was rather expensive in some cases. The domestic consumption in February turned out to have been 590,447 bales, against 604,584 in January, 565,118 in February 1926, 550,775 in February 1925 and 508,674 in 1924 . It is stated, too, that the consumption per day in February was the largest on record, namely 27,400 bales, according to a Boston computation, against 26,300 in January, and the same in February last year. Alexandria, Egypt, prices declined at one time, but on Thursday advanced 31 to 41 points. Indian in Liverpool advanced slightly. On Thursday Liverpool and Continental trade interests were said to be the largest buy ers here. American mills called cotton to some extent. The wool sales in England and Australia have been prompt at advances of 5 to $10 \%$ in prices. Finally spot cotton sales at the South in general increased on Thursday, though it was at the expense of a decline of 15 to 20 points.
On the other hand, heavy covering early in the week weakened the technical position. On Thursday prices de-
clined some 15 to 18 points. The South sold more freely. Hedge selling increased. Much stress was laid on the recent sharp falling off in the spot trade at the South. It was rumored that the basis on the lower grades in the Southwest had declined. Some interpreted a ginning estimate from Memphis of $18,021,000$ bales as bearish. It was said to have been in rumning bales. The average weights recently have been reported at 521 pounds. Add $4 \%$ to the $18,021,000$ bales estimate and it figures out about $18,750,000$ bales, as against the Government crop estimate on Dec. 8 of $18,618,000$ bales. Some interpreted the ginning report as pointing to $18,200,000$ bales in 500 -pound bales. In both cases it was considered bearish, especially, of course, where it is supposed to have exceeded the last crop estimate. Some estimates on the ginning have been as low recently as 17,500,000 bales. Not a little of the recent covering was said to have been on the fear that the ginning report on the 21st inst. would be below $18,000,000$ bales. If it is to be well above that the current notion is that there will be nothing for it but lower prices. Much, therefore, depends upon the tenor of next Monday's ginning report. Latterly there has been more or less evening up of transactions in preparation for it. In Liverpool spot sales were 5,000 bales last Saturday, and since then have ranged from 7,000 to 8,000 . And Manchester's trade has fallen off. It complains that bids for cloths from India have been unworkable. Latterly there seemed to be a fair home trade in Manchester, but yarns were dull, weak and irregular. In this country cotton goods for forward delivery have been slow. Unfinished goods have been particularly quiet. The yarn trade has been unsatisfactory. Raw silk has been declining. The weather has latterly been so farorable as to have more or less effect. The temperatures have been mild and the rains have died down.
The weather is becoming more and more a factor in the making of prices. New Orleans of late has been at times noticeably weak. Spot firms have been free sellers of May here. On Thursday in the later trading Liverpool is supposed to have sold. Latterly, it is true, there has been no great pressure to sell. Shorts have not been aggressive. At the same time sentiment here has been largely bearish. Many people believe that it is a case of too much cotton and too big a price at this time of the year. They do not believe that the acreage will be reduced more than 7 to $10 \%$. Some say $15 \%$. But that is not generally credited. It is believed that there will be quite a marked decrease in the use of fertilizers. But the stress is on the acreage. In the Southwest, where rains have been heavy and for a time delayed grain planting, the result may be all the greater cotton acreage. In fact, it is believed that in parts of the western belt there will be an increase rather than a decrease in the acreage. There are people who believe that the average decrease for the belt will not be over $5 \%$. Meanwhile speculation continues small. There will be an effort to introduce wool trading, but if it is it looks as though a good many obstacles will have to be overcome and that such trading may not prove feasible in unwashed wool owing to the uncertainties as to shrinkage.
To-day early prices were slightly lower on the cables and week-end selling. Later came a rise, owing to covering on the eve of the ginning report of Monday, a Southwestern forecast of cold, wet weather, larger spinners' takings than had been expected and the fact that the position seemed a little short. Spot markets were a little higher. Trading was light in an uneventful day. Final prices show a decline for the week of 12 to 16 points. Spot cotton was 5 points higher, at 14.05 c . for middling, but this was 15 points lowe than a week ago. It is said that 10,000 bales of the New York stock will be exported to Japan.
The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Mar. 17 quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences from middling established for deliveries in the New York market on Mar. 24:
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The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been: March 12 to March 18$\begin{array}{llll}\text { Sat. } & \text { Mon. Tues. } & \text { Wed.Thurs. }\end{array}$
NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.
The quotations for middling upland at New York on Mar. 18 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, | Monday, <br> Mat. 14 | Tuesday, Mar 15. | Watines | $\begin{gathered} \text { sday, } \\ 16 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Thurso } \\ & \text { Mar. } \end{aligned}$ | $\frac{17}{17}$ | ${ }^{\text {Friday }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| March- Range.- Closing. | $\begin{aligned} & 13.81-13.86 \\ & 13.86 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{13.66}^{13.66-13.82}$ | $13.51-13.73$ $13.70-13.71$ | ${ }_{13.83}^{13.68-13}$ |  | $13.66-1$ | $\underline{ }$ | ${ }_{13.74}^{13.61-13.74}$ |
| $\xrightarrow{\text { A Prill }}$ Range. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Closing | 13.91 | 13.71 | 13. | 3.89 |  | 3.72 |  | 13.79 |
| Range-- | 13.94-14.00 | 13.77-13.95 | 13.62-13.88 | 13.80 |  | 13.77 | 00 | 3.72-13.85 |
| Closing. | 13.97-13.98 | 13.77-13.80 | 13.82-13.83 | 13.95 |  |  |  | 13.84-13.85 |
| Rang |  | 13.84-13.87 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Closin | 14.03 | 13.78 | 3. | 13.97 |  | 13.8 |  | 13.91 |
| Range | 14.10-14.16 | 13.91-14.12 | 13.75-14.05 | 13.9 |  | 13.9 |  | 13.91-14.04 |
| Closing. | 14.10-14.12 | 13.91-13.92 | 13.96-13.99 | 14.10 |  | 13.97 |  | 14.04 |
| Range Closing | 14.16 | $14.05-14.05$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13.93-13.93 \\ & 14.03 \end{aligned}$ | 14.17 |  | 14.0 |  | 14.11 |
| pt. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Range }}^{\text {Closin }}$ | 14 | 14.09 | 14.12 | 14.24 |  | 14.11 |  | 14.17 |
| at.- | 14.25 |  | 13.92-14.22 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Closing- | 14.26-14.28 | 14.09-14.10 | 14.14 | 14.26-14 | 4.28 | 14.13-1 | 14.14 | 14.19-14.20 |
| Ran.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Closing- | 14.32 | 14.15 | 14.20 | 14.32 |  | 14.19 |  | $14.25-$ |
| - | -14.46 |  | 4.07-14.35 |  |  |  |  | 14.25-14.36 |
| Closing | 14.43 | 14.25-14.26 | 14.30 | 14.43 |  | 14.28 | 14.2 | 14.25-14.35 |
| $\begin{aligned} & n \text { n.- } \\ & \text { Range. } \end{aligned}$ | 14.42-14.48 | 14.26-14.42 | 14.11-14.36 | 14.27-1 |  | 14.29 | 14.41 | 14.25-14.35 |
| Closing- | 14.44 | 14.26-14.27 | 14.30 | ${ }^{14.43-14}$ | . 44 |  |  | 14.35 |
| ange-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Closing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Range of future prices at New York for week ending March 181927 and since trading began on each option:

| Option for- | Range for Week. |  |  |  | Range Since Beginning of Option. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mar. 1927 | 13.51 | Mar. 15 | 13.86 | Mar. 12 | 11.80 | D | 4192 | 50 | Sept. | 81926 |
| Apr. 1927 | 13.86 | Mar. 17 | 13.86 | Mar. 17 | 12.60 | Oct. | 221926 | 16.1 | July | 61926 |
| May 1927 | 13.62 | Mar. 15 | 14.00 | Mar. 12 | 12.02 | Dec. | 41926 |  |  | 81926 |
| June 1927 | 13.75 | Mar. 15 | 14.16 | Mar. 12 | 12.25 |  | 4 41926 | ${ }_{18.51}^{16.00}$ | Sept. | 21926 |
| Aug. 1927 | 13.93 | Mar. 15 | 14.05 | Mar. 14 | 13.03 | Jan. | 41927 | 14.88 | Mar. | 21927 |
| Sept. 1927 | 13.98 | Mar. 15 | 13.98 | Mar. 15 | 12.00 | Dec. | 41926 | 14.60 | Feb. | 261927 |
| Oct. 1927- | 13.92 | Mar. 15 | 30 | 2 | 12.46 | Dec. | 41926 | 14.91 | Mar. | 21927 |
| Nov. 1927 | 14. |  |  | Mar. 12 | 12.75 |  | 61926 31927 | 14.75 |  | 7 |
| ec. 1927 | 14.11 | Mar. 15 | 14.48 | Mar. 12 | 14.11 | Mar. | 151927 | 15.02 | Mar. | 21927 |

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.

| March 18- |  |  | 1925. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Stock at Liverp | ,337,000 | 826,000 | 939,000 | 698,000 |
| ock at London |  |  | 2,000 | 000 |
| ock at M |  | 82,000 |  | 29,000 |
| Gr | .491,000 | 908,000 | 1,070,000 | 31.000 |
| Stock at Hamburg |  |  | 5,000 | 6,000 |
| Stock at Brem Stock at Hav | 288,000 | 217.000 | 208,000 | 135,000 |
| Stock at Rotter | 13,000 | 5,000 | 12,000 | 16,000 |
| Stock at Barcelo | 116,000 | 97,000 | 83,000 | 55,000 |
| Stock at Genoa | 59,000 | 32,000 | 41,000 | 30,000 |
| Stock at Gh |  |  | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| Stock |  |  | 3,000 | , |
| tal Contin | ,104,000 | 600,000 | 594,000 | 422,000 |
| Total European stocks | 2,595,000 | 1,508,000 | 1,664,000 | 1,263,000 |
| India cotton afloat for Eur | 101,000 | 143,000 | 215,000 | 188,000 |
| American cotton afloat for Europe | 611,000 | 357,000 | 595,000 | 274,000 |
| Egypt, Brazil,\&c., afloat for Europe | 113,000 | 117,000 | 77.000 | 66,000 |
| tock in Alexandria, Egy | 455,000 | 305,000 | 188.000 | 201,000 |
| ck in Bom | 587,000 | 849,000 | 774,000 | 917,000 |
| tock in U. S. ports | $a 2616167$ | 1,204,310 | 1,069,724 | 649.590 |
| Stock in U. S. interior towns | a1097531 | 1,766,002 | 893,950 | 662,025 |
| S. exports to-day |  |  | 3,68 |  |

 Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows Liverpool stock


U. S. port stocks $\qquad$ 140,000
$.058,000$
port stocks Europe.
S. exports to-day



425,000
102,000


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& \mathrm{In}
\end{aligned}
$$ Lonerpool stock



| Continental sto Indian afloat for Egypt, Brazil, |
| :---: |
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|  |  |

Egypt, Brazil, \&c, afloat-.....
Stock in Alexandria, Eggyt.
Stock in Bombay, India.

|  |  | 849,000 | 77 | 917,000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total East India, |  |  |  |  |
|  | 527,698 | 4,497,312 | 3,958,354 | 2,4 |
| Total visi |  | 6,243,312 | 5,480,354 | 4,220 |
| Middling uplands, | 7.54 d . | 10.08 d . | 14.08 d . | 17.09 |
| Middling upland | 14.05 c . | 19.30 c. | 25.95 c . | 90 |
| Egypt, | 15.05 d . | 16.85 d . | ${ }^{41} 0.05 \mathrm{~d}$. |  |
| Broach, fine, Live |  | 8.55 d . | 12.70 d . |  |
| Tinnevelly, good, Liverpool | 7.15 d . | 9.10 d . | 13.3 |  | $a$ Houston stocks are now included

formed part of the interior stocks.
Continental imports for past week have been 104,000 bales.
The above figures for 1927 show a cecrease from last week of 110,401 bales, a gain of $1,932,386$ over 1926, an increase of $2,695,344$ bales over 1925, and an inciease of $3,955,083$ 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 stocksto-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

| Towns. | Movement to March 181927. |  |  |  | Movement to March 191926. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Receipts. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ship- } \\ & \text { ments. } \\ & \text { Week. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Stocks } \\ & \text { Mar. } \\ & 18 . \end{aligned}$ | Receipts. |  | Shipments. Week. | Stocks Mar. 19. |
|  | Week. | Season. |  |  | Week. | Season. |  |  |
| Ala., Birming'm | 1,325 | 90,162 | 1,650 | 13,139 | 554 | 86,873 | 1,195 | 2 |
| Eufaula-- |  | 24,560 | 464 | 10,171 | 37 | 21,215 |  | 5,814 |
| Montgomery Selma | 845 | 119,612 93,903 | ${ }_{2}^{1,918}$ | 40,980 29,061 | 424 378 | 85,419 | 1,409 | 16,533 |
| ark., Helen |  | 92,191 | 2,670 | 28,014 | 1,516 | 96,849 | 1,841 | 34,876 |
| Little Rock | 1,148 | 199,272 | 5,239 | 44,751 | 995 | 221,993 | 2,426 | 57,448 |
| Pine Blutf | 2,432 | 178,556 | 6,167 | 41,741 | 1,308 | 173,928 | 2,525 | $\begin{array}{r}60,826 \\ 2 \\ \hline 101\end{array}$ |
| Ga., Albany - |  | 8,753 |  | 3,065 19 |  | 7,906 30.437 | 1,462 | 2, ${ }_{\text {2, }}$,027 |
| Athens | 749 1,503 | 47,456 240,295 | 1,865 | 19,738 | 2,521 | 195,418 | 5,658 | 45,848 |
| Augusta | 5,499 | 339,434 | 4,5531 | 100,920 | 3,451 | 326,071 | 8,378 | 77,548 |
| Columbu | 293 | 44,947 | 411 | 3,486 | 1,242 | 77,404 | 1,340 | 4,500 |
| Maco | 1,106 | 96,319 | 1,696 | 7.463 | 445 | 64,684 | 1,924 | 19,249 12 |
| Rome | 323 | 49,753 | 850 | 26,093 | 229 | 49,635 165,623 | 1.582 | 12,829 21,350 |
| La., Shreveport | 1,056 | 162,370 | 5,382 | 49,042 | 1.323 | 165,623 | 1,582 3,040 | 21,350 |
| Miss.,Columbus | +171 | 41,723 180.933 | 1,094 | 7,578 <br> 62,931 | 1,322 4,411 | - 220,141 | 3,740 | 6,158 79,336 |
| Clarksdale | 2,218 | 180,933 177,005 | 6,364 | 62,931 | 1,543 | ${ }_{215,758}^{220,173}$ | 1,014 | 72,152 |
| Meridian | 250 | 51,119 | 1,781 | 8,012 | 1,546 | 66,572 | 1,071 | 15,323 |
| Natchez | 109 | 37,726 | 1.436 | 5,743 | 300 | 57,195 | 561 | 13,408 |
| Vicksburg | 144 | 34,659 | 578 | 14,648 | 489 | 52,996 | 391 | 17,920 |
| Yazoo City | 170 | 44,609 | 1,478 | 15,700 | 188 | 52,628 <br> 614,398 | 10.19 2 | 15,389 15,998 |
| Mo., St. Louis- | 14,186 | 489,260 | 14.163 | 8,692 | 10,102 |  | 10,197 |  |
| N.C.,Greensb'ro Raleigh | 1,997 | $\begin{aligned} & 39,953 \\ & 18,256 \end{aligned}$ | 1,4691 | 24,689 6,807 | ${ }_{229}^{658}$ | - 16,868 | 67 | 12,975 |
| Okla., Altu | 5,222 | 194,463 | 5,803 | 10,693 | 1,147 | 136,759 | 1,791 | 14,562 |
| Chickasha | 5,656 | 175,927 | 6,286 | 10,287 | 3,295 | 185,689 | 3,748 | 18,269 |
| Oklahoma | 5,097 | 167,126 | 5,424 | 15,800 | 913 | 164,330 | 1,976 | 26,208 |
| S.C., Greenville | 6,448 | 285,126 | 9,320 | 85,135 3,251 | 6,264 | 257,538 | 6,301 | 62,474 3,705 |
| Greenwood Tenn., Memphis | 50,7591 | 7,888,973 | 67,2342 | 3,251 227,666 | 31,971 1 | 1,660,783 | 37,8142 |  |
| Nashville.. | - 244 | 6,644 | 162 | 1,291 |  | 3,329 | 28 | 878 |
| Texas, Abilen | 474 | 76,738 | 1,199 | 960 | 501 | 83,796 | 429 | 1,070 |
| Brenham | 395 | 27,218 | 402 | 6,216 | 39 | 5,789 | 65 | 4,043 |
| Austin |  | 33,358 |  | 2,176 | 57 | 11,936 |  | 17,158 |
| Dallas | 1.548 | 178,420 | 8,807 | ${ }_{*}^{34,074}$ | 34,5404 | 4,496,271 | 57,456 | 642,224 |
| Pari | 203 | 55,875 | 402 | 959 | 391 | 111,968 | 352 | 3,517 |
| San Antonlo_ | 75 | 60,471 | 11 | 3,334 | 60 | 25,609 | 33 | 1,270 |
| Fort Wor | 537 | 115,346 | 2,843 | 10,268 | 774 | 89,18 | 1,444 | 10,429 |
| Total, 40 towns Less Houston, | 116.08 no lon | reported | 84,135 1 | 1097531 | $\begin{array}{r} 116,024 \\ 34,5404 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10482878 \\ & 4,496,271 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 165,23 \\ 57,45 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 760002 \\ & 42,224 \end{aligned}$ |

Total, 39 towns $116,0866,175,784184,13510975318184845,986,607107,781^{\prime} 1117778$ * Houston statistics are no longer compiled on an interior basis, but only on a
port basis. To make the comparisons with the previous year correct, we deduct port basis. To make the comparisons with the previous year co
the Houston figures from last year's totals at the end of the table.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have 'ecreased during the week 70,755 bales and are to-night 20,247 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 34,602 bales moie than the same week last year.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

|  | Spot Market Closed. | Futures Market Closed. | SALES. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Spot. | Contr'ct | Total. |
| Saturday --- | Quiet, unchanged <br> Quiet 20 pts dec | Steady Barely steady | 1.800 |  | 200 4,200 |
| Monday Tuesday | Quiet, 20 pts . dec. Quiet, 5 pts. adv. | Barely steady Barely steady | 1,800 2,000 | 2,400 200 | 4,200 2,200 |
| Wednesday- | Quiet, 5 pts. adv-- | Steady.....- | 2, 300 | - | - 300 |
| Thursday -- | Quiet, 10 pts . dec-- | Steady | 616 | 2,000 | 2,616 |
| Friday --.-- | Quiet, 5 pts. adv.- | Stead |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  | 4,916 | 4,600 | 9.516 |
| Since Aug. 1 |  |  | 90,424 | 44,000 | 34,424 |

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 11,557 bales, against $3,7(0$ bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a cecrease from a year ago of 5,754 bales.


[^1]Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

$\begin{aligned} & \text { Week- } \\ & \text { Bales. } \text { Since Aug. 1- } \\ & \text { 1925- }\end{aligned}$ | 169,541 | $1924-25 \ldots$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 117,287 | $1923-24$. |
| 133,041 | $1922-23$. | $\qquad$ Bales.

$3,272,537$
$9,999,179$
1923-Mar. 21
FOR
MIDDLIN $13,272,537$
$9,999,179$
$9,667,152$
QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARK for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

|  | Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on- |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ar. 18. | Saturday | Monday. | Tuesday. | Wed'day. | Thursd'y. | Friday. |
| Galveston | 14.00 | 13.80 | 13.80 | 13.90 | 13.70 | 13.80 |
| New Orle | 14.00 | 13.75 | 13.75 | 13.95 | 13.78 | 13.85 |
| Mobile- | 13.50 | 13.25 | 13.35 | 13.45 | 13.30 | 13.35 |
| Savannah Norfolk | 13.88 | 13.65 | 13.70 | 13.84 | 13.69 | 13.73 13.81 |
| Baltim | 14.10 | 14.69 | 13.90 | 13.88 | 13.90 | 13.90 |
| Augusta | 13.69 | 13.50 | 13.50 | 13.63 | 13.44 | 13.50 |
| Memphi | 13.50 | 13.25 | 13.25 | 13.25 |  | 13.25 |
| Houston Little Ro | 13.85 | 13.65 | 13.75 | 13.90 | 13.75 | 13.80 |
| Dittle | 13.40 | 13.15 12.90 | 13.15 12.90 | 13.30 13.05 | 13.15 12.90 | 13.15 12.95 |
| Fort Wor |  | 12.87 | 12.95 | 13.05 | 12.90 | 12.95 |

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, |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mar.12: | | Monday, |
| :---: |
| Mar. 14. |

INTENTIONS OF FARMERS TO PLANT.-The United States Department of Agriculture issued on March 18 its report on farmers' intentions to plant wheat, corn, oats, tobacco, potatoes, \&c., in 1927. The report is as follows:
This report presents farmers' intentions to plant in 1927, as reported to
the U. S. Department of Agriculture on March 1, and is accompanied by an analysis of these intentions in the light of the agricultural outlook. The statement of intentions to p plant has been prepared by the Crop Reporting
Board of the Department, based upon returns from about 50 . oon producers Board of the Department, based upon returns trom about 50.000 producers
The analysis has been prepared by the staff of the Bureau of Agriculturai Economics.
The purpose of this report is to furnish information which will enable
farmers to make such further adjustments in their plans for 1927 plantings as may seem desirable.
The statement of farmers' intentions to plant is not a forecast of the acreage that will actually be planted. It is simply an indication of what with the acreage grown by them last year. The acreage actually planted may be larger or smaller than these early intention reports indicate, due to weather conditions, price changes, labor supply, and the effect of the report itself upon producers action. Therefore the reports of acreage same changes as the intention reports.
Because of national legislation specifically prohibiting reports of intention to plant cotton, no information on cotton has been collected
INTENDED PLANTINGS IN 1927 IN PER CENT OF ACREAGE GROWN FOR HARVEST IN 1926.

Crop$\left.\begin{array}{lc}\text { United } & \text { United } \\ \text { States. } & \text { States. } \\ 1927 . & 1926 . \\ \% & \text { \% } \\ 101 . & 08\end{array} \right\rvert\, \begin{array}{ll} \\ 1020 & \end{array}$ Other spring wheat
Corn.
Oats.
Barley
 Rice
Grain sorghums
United Unite
States. Siates
Stan

ACREAGE OF WINTER GRAINS FOR HARVEST IN 1927 IN PER CENT
ABANDONMENT OF WHEAT ACREAGE FROM WINTER
Winter wheat for harvest in 1927 in $\%$ of
1926 harvested (assuming

## average abandonment).....-...... Per cent abandoned 10-year average.

Per cent abandoned in 1925.
Per cent abandoned in 1926. $\qquad$ 98.1
-13.4
$-\quad 21.6$
-7.3

## $\begin{array}{lllll}91.0 & 96.5 & 102.6 & 100.4 & 102\end{array}$

 Note.- The planted area of winter grains is subject to a varying amount of reduc-
tion from winter klling percentages of the acreage of winter wheat to be harvested compared with that harvested in 1926 and may considerably modify the present intentions concerning
the acreage to be devoted to the various spring planted crops. As the loss of rye acreage from winter killing is usually small, no estimate of it is made. The December estimate of acreage of rye covers only rye intended for grain, and is revised in May.
CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT CROP REPORTS ANNOUNCED. - The following changes in time and dates of the Government crop reports have been announced by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture:
Reports on grain crops dated March 18, April 8 and August 10 will be released at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. instead of 2 p . m. on those dates. The report on acreage
of corn and other crops, except cotton, scheduled for July 9 , will be released on July 11. A cotton report on July 9 will give figures on the acreage of cotton in cultivation as of July 1. Cotton reports on Sept. 8 and Dec. 8 will include estimates of acreage of cotton abandoned since July 1, and
cotton reports on July 6 , Sept. 23 and Oct. 25 will be eliminated.
CENSUS REPORT ON COTTONSEED OIL PRODUCTION DURING FEBRUARY.-Persons interested in this report will find it in our department headed "Indications of Business Activity," on earher pages.
CENSUS REPORT ON COTTON CONSUMED AND ON HAND IN FEBRUARY, \&c.-This report, issued on March 14 by the Census Bureau, will be found in full in an earlier part of our paper under the heading "Indications of Business Activity.,

DEATH OF JOHN JONES OF LONDON.-John Jones, Dounder of Comtelburo, Ltd., died at his residence in Belsize founder of Comtelburo, Ltd., from pneumonia, at the age of 83 .
of 83 . Jones made a specialty of cotton statistics and as such enjoyed
Mr.
world wide fame. In his distinctive field, in gathering international world wide fame. In his distinctive field, in gathering international
statistical information
regarding cotton, he was unexcelled.
He was statistical Lonssight, Lancashiring, on Feb. 111 1444, and the earlier years
born at
of his business career were passed with the railway company there and of his business career were passed with the railway company there and
in the Postal Telegraph Department. Later he was employed in the in the Postal Telegraph Department. Later he was employed in the unm of 1869 , when he started, on his own account in liverpool as publisher
of the "Weekly List of Cotton ships at Sea, and as market reporter In 1871 he published the firtste dition or at the "Annual as market repporter Hand In 18 "Daily moved Cargo List,", with which he combined the Hequerbohm Corn Trade List, In 1901 Mr. Jones rendered valuable service to the "Times" by his heip in reorganizing and remodelling its service of Home Commercial Markets, putting it into the form in which it has appeared ever since tite was a in building up his business, which was converted into a company under its present title of Comtelburo, Ltd., in June 1900 . He was a prominent
member and supporter of the Congregational body, publishing at one time in Liverpool the local congred his private charities were numerous and unobtrusive. In 1867 he married Miss Anne Elizabeth Wilson, who died July 1906 and lea

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.-Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that the rainy weather the early part of the week interrupted farm work in most sections of the cotton belt. The latter part of the week has been as a rule more favorable and considerable work has been accomplished.

Texas.-Some additional cotton has been planted in this State but very little has been seeded outside of the extreme
southern portions. Mobile, Ala.-Farm work is progressing nicely. Fertilizer shipments are increasing.

|  | Rain. | Rainfall. |  | erm |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Galvest | 1 day | ${ }_{\text {dry }}^{0.22} \mathrm{in}$. | high 73 | low | mean 64 |
| Abilene |  | dry | high 82 |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Brownsvile- }}^{\text {Corpus Chris }}$ |  | dry | high 76 | low |  |
|  | day | 0.18 in. | high 78 | low | mean 61 |
| Delrio | day | 0.01 in. | ${ }_{\text {high }}^{\text {high }}$ | low ${ }^{\text {low }}$ | ${ }_{\text {mean }}$ mea 4 |
| Palestin |  |  | high |  |  |
| Taylor |  | 0.22 in . | high | low 48 |  |
| New | day | 1.29 in . | ${ }_{\text {high }}^{\text {high }}$ | low ${ }^{\text {low }}$ | mean 66 |
| Mobile |  | 0.84 in . | high 77 | low 49 | mean 64 |
| Savan | days | dry $0.03 \mathrm{in}$. | ${ }_{\text {high }}^{\text {high }}$ | low 48 | 65 |
| Charleston, | days | 0.11 in . | high 79 | low 44 | m |

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. of the dates given:

New Orleans_.......-.-Above zero of gauge

$\underset{\text { Feet. }}{\text { Mar. } 181927 . ~ M a r . ~} 191926$ Nashvile -2.
Shreveport_
Vicksburg Above zero of gauge


WORLD SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON. The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable, also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period.

| Cotton Takings. Week and Season |  |  |  |  | 1926-27. |  |  | 925-26 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | k. Season. |  |  |  | Week. |  |  |
| Visible supply Mar. 11 <br> Visible supply Aug. 1 <br> American in sight to Mar. 18 <br> Bombay receipts to Mar. 17 <br> Other India shipm'ts to Mar, 17 <br> Alexandria receipts to Mar. 16 <br> Other supply to Mar. 16 - ${ }^{-} b$ |  |  |  |  | 8,286,099 |  |  | 6,358,358 | 2 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\overline{27} \overline{8}, 3 \overline{6}$ |  | 16,509,578 | 184.368 | 5814 | 14,242,540 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 277,00017,000 |  | $2,083,000$ 275,000 |  | 2,417,000 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | $1,374,400$535,000 | 22,000 | $1,359,200$ <br> 574,000 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 42,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 13,00 \\ & 11,00 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| Total supply Deduct isible supply Mar. 18 |  |  |  |  |  | 461 |  | 24,423,391 | 6 | 21,359,627 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 8,175,698 |  | 8,175,698 | 6,243,312 | 2 6,243,312 |  |
| Total takings to Mar. 18_a Of which American. Of which other- $\qquad$ |  |  |  |  | 538,763 $16,247,693$ <br> 413,763 $12,220,293$ <br> 125,000 $4,027,400$ |  |  | 434,414 $15,116,315$ <br> 318,414 $10,788,115$ <br> 116,000 $4,328,200$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, \&c. $a$ This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by uthern mills, $3,385,000$ bales in 192627 and $2,990,000$ bales in $192526-$ kings not being available-and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern nd foreign spinners-12,862,693 bales in 1926-27 and $12,126,315$ bales in 225-26, of which $8,835,293$ bales and $7,798,115$ bales American. <br> $b$ Estimated. <br> RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.-The fol- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| lowing table indicates the actual movement each week from |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Week Ended | Recerpts at Ports. |  |  | cks at Intertor Town |  |  |  | pts from Plantations |  |  |
|  | 1926. | 1925. |  | 1926. |  |  |  | 926. | 1925. |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 31,924,002 \\ & 0 \\ & 0,000,037 \\ & 1,558,579 \\ & 1,577,997 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $9424,479373,469323,262$$7345,938299,671251,964$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 213,200 | 306,987 |  |  |  | 905 1,514,4 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1926. |  |  |  |  |  | 1927. | 1926. | ${ }_{1}^{24625.18 .}$ |
|  |  |  |  | 29, 833 |  | 1,999,693 1 1441,041 |  | 1284,220 ${ }^{\text {20, }} 1$ | $160,090198.591$ |  |
|  | 264,749 | 178.734 | 231,584 |  |  | 152,091 | 198.469 |  |
|  |  |  | 201 |  | 7,99 |  |  | 1,979 |  | 1284,220 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 7 | 7 | 238,380 1 | 158,778 | 123,537 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1171,958 \\ & 3174,431 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  |  | 14 | 204,98 | $\begin{aligned} & 350,179 \\ & .305,580 \end{aligned}$ |  | 1,912,997 1, 1, 199,953 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 136,731 \\ & 131,064156,924 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | 206, | 148,40 | 167,0 |  |  | 5162,17 |  | 137,96 |
|  | 193 |  |  | 279,19 |  |  |  | 1,866,22 |  | 18 | 93 | 118,931 |
| Mar. |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{rl} 1,048,699 & 141,545 \\ 969,34 & 161,681 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 88,669117,964 \\ & 79,322105,710 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | 217,975 | , | 85,0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | . 002893,9 | 56,80 |  | 73 , |

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 11926 are 11,424,628 bales, in 1925 were $9,752,113$ bales, and in 1924 were $8,991,067$ bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 227560 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 156.805 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 70,755 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 70,608 bales and for 1925 they were 73,473 bales.

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:

| March 17. Receipts at- | 1926-27. |  | 1925-26. |  | 1924-25. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Week. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Since } \\ \text { Aug. } 1 . \end{gathered}\right.$ | Week. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Since } \\ \text { Aug. } 1 . \end{gathered}$ | Week. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Since } \\ \text { Aug. } 1 . \end{gathered}$ |
| Bomb | 77,000 | 2,083,000 | 89,000 | 2,417,000 | 138,000 | 2,266,000 |


| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Exports. } \\ & \text { from } \end{aligned}$ | For the Week. |  |  |  | Since August 1. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\left\|\begin{array}{\|c\|} \text { Great } \\ \text { Britain. } \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Conti- } \\ & \text { nent. } \end{aligned}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{l} \text { Japane } \mid \\ \text { China. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Total. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Great } \\ \text { Britain. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Conti- } \\ & \text { nent. } \end{aligned}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Japan \& } \\ \text { China. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Total. |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bombay } \\ & 1926-27 . \\ & 1925-26 . \\ & 1924-25 . . \end{aligned}$ | 6,000 2,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 14,000 \\ & 18.000 \\ & 23,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32,000 \\ & 10,000 \\ & 81,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 46,000 \\ & 10,000 \\ & 0 \\ & 106,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5,000 \\ 34,000 \\ 37,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 223,0001 \\ & 363,000 \\ & 325,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,098,0001 \\ & 1,15,001 \\ & 1,1,14,000 \\ & 1, \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,326,000 \\ & 1,551,000 \\ & 1,509,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| Other India $1926-27 .-$ $1925-26 .-$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 17,000 \\ & 22,000 \\ & 45,000 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 17,000 \\ & 22,2,00 \\ & 45,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 27,000 \\ & 88,000 \\ & 42,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 248,000 \\ & \begin{array}{l} 344,000 \\ 250,000 \end{array} \end{aligned}$ |  | 275,000 424,000 293,000 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Total all } \\ & 1926-27 \\ & 1925-26 \\ & 1924-25 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6.000 \\ & 2.000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 31,00 \\ & 4,00 \\ & \hline 68,000 \\ & \hline 68,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32,000 \\ & 10,000 \\ & 81,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \hline \\ 06,000 \\ \hline 0151,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 32,000 \\ 1149 \\ \text { rito0 } \\ 79,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 471,000 \\ & 707,000 \\ & 575,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,098,00 \\ & 01,154,00 \\ & 011,148,00 \\ & 011 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,601,00 \\ 1,975000 \\ 1,801,000 \\ \hline 1,801,0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 12,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record an increase of 7,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an decrease of 374,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.-We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

| Alexandria, Egypt, March 16. | 1926-27. |  | 1925-26. |  | 1924-25. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Receipts (cantars) This week Since Aug. 1 | 210.000$6.863,298$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 65,000 \\ 6,786,3844 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 75,000 \\ 6,817,945 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |
| Exports (bales) | This | $\begin{gathered} \text { Since } \\ \text { Aug. } 1 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { This } \\ & \text { Week. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Since } \\ \text { Aug. . } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { This } \\ & \text { Week. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Since } \\ \text { Aug. } 1 . \end{gathered}$ |
| To Liverpool- | 8,000 | 169,533 | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \hline 7,000 & 153,090 \\ 6,250 \\ 4,751,543 \\ 4,75048.871 \\ 9,500 & 122,187 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 4,750 \\ & 6,750 \\ & 7,000 \\ & 6,500 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 168,552 \\ 192.492 \\ 93292 \\ 13,112 \\ \hline 12.12 \end{array}$ |
| To Manchester, ${ }^{\text {To }}$ Continent and India | 7.0000 | 258,491 |  |  |  |  |
| To Americ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total exports | 15,000,646,965 |  | 27,500 675,691 |  | 25,000 | 768,10 | This statement shows that the receipts for the week ended

were 210,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 15,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.-Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and cloth is quiet. Merchants are buying very sparingly. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

|  | 1926-27. |  |  |  | 1925-26. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ${ }_{\text {chests }}^{328}$ Cop | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} 8141 \\ \text { ings } \\ \text { to } \end{gathered}\right.$ | Common Shirt Comole Finest. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{\|c} \text { Cotton } \\ \left.\begin{array}{c} \text { Mitdr } \\ \text { Upl'ds } \end{array} \right\rvert\, \end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{gathered} 32 s \text { Cop } \\ \text { Twist. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 81 / 2 \mathrm{Lb} \\ & \text { Sn0ss, } \\ & \text { to } \end{aligned}$ | Lbs. ShittCommon Fnest. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Cotton } \\ M \& d N^{\prime} 0 \\ U p r^{\prime} d s \end{gathered}\right.$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & 17 . \\ & 23 . \\ & 31 . \end{aligned}$ |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} 8 . \mathrm{d} \\ 11 \\ 11 \\ 11 \\ 11 \end{array}\right.$ |  | $\begin{gathered} d .6 \\ \hline 6.62 \\ 6.81 \\ 6.89 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ll} 14 & 0 \\ 14 & 1 \\ 14 & 3 \end{array}\right.$ | 8. d <br> @14 <br> @ <br> @ <br> @14 5 | $\begin{aligned} & 9.81 \\ & 9.82 \\ & 9.92 \\ & 9.27 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan } \\ 7 . \\ 14 . \\ 21 . \end{array}$ |  | (118 $\begin{aligned} & 11 \\ & 11 \\ & 12 \\ & 12 \\ & 12\end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 0.98 \\ & 716 \\ & 7.30 \\ & 7.26 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{lll} 14 & 3 \\ 14 & 4 \\ 14 & 4 \end{array}\right.$ | @145 | 10.54 10.84 10.76 10.63 |
|  |  | 12 | @12 @12 @12 @12 @12 6 | $\begin{array}{r} 7.47 \\ 7.69 \\ 7.76 \\ 7.77 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{cases}14 & 0 \\ 14 & 0 \\ 14 & 0\end{cases}$ |  | 10.80 <br> 10.52 <br> 10.57 <br> 10.33 |
|  |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} 126 \\ 12 \\ 12 \\ 12 \end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { @13 } \\ & \text { @12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $7.93$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1539 @ 171 / 4 \\ & 159 @ 19 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { @14 } \\ & \text { @13 } \end{aligned}$ | 9.95 9.90 10.08 |

SHIPPING NEWS.-As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 296,978 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:
NEW YORK-To Liverpool-Mar. 11-Aurania, 1,736...-Mar. 11
Bales.


HOUSTON-To Havre- Mar. $11-$ Penrith Castle, $1,560$.



 To Hamburg Mar. $12-$ Manchester Citizen, $6,052-\ldots$ Mar. 14 West Zeda, $2,262 \ldots$ Mar. 17 -Ada-
To 1,261 To Liverpool-Mar. 15 -Minnie de Larrinaga, 4,380; Abercos To Manchester-Mar. 15-Minnie de Larrinaga, 1,579; Aber
cos. 1.236 -GALVESTONO-To Bremen=Mar-9- Deer Lodge, 3, 306.-.Mar


Springs, 12,885 -Mar. 12 -Nessian, $560--M a r .14-$ Colorado
To Mranchester-M
Springs, 1,478



 To Gothenburg Mar. 14 - Tortugas, 739 ,

To Bombay-Mar. 14- Baron hnch
To Venice-Mar. $14-$ West Conas,
To Triste-Mar
NO Rotterdam-Mar. 14 -Sahale, $1,775-\ldots$--.... To Liverpool-Mar. $15-$ Bannack, 969 .-Mar. 17 - Wheatmore, 3,460-1.-15-West Celina. 9.268

To Ghent-Mar. 12-Taifun, 100 -.-Mar. 14-AB-Mert Jeffress,
To ${ }^{39}$ Roterdam-Mar. 12 -Taifun, 1,293 Mar.-....-M-Magmeric, 700-Mar.
To Bremer-Magmeric, 1,553
To Antwerp-Mar. 15 - Magmeric, 300
OHARLESTON-TO Bremen Mar. Mar Magmeric, 4,900
To Hamburg-Mar. 11 -Magmeric, 202 - Magmeric, 4,900
To Antwerp-Mar. 11 Taifun, 718
To Roterdam-Mar. $11=$ Taifun
RILE-To Barcelona-Mar. 5 -Lafcom
To Live To Barcelona-Mar, ${ }^{5}$-Lafcomo, 300
To Bremen-To Genoa-Mart Madaket, 5,768 -....


TEXAS OTTY-To Bombay-Mar M1-Ban Inchcape, 3,529 -
To Bremen-Mar. 8 -Deer Lode, 1,769 .......... To Bremen-Mar. 8-Deer Lodge, 1,769 -
To Roterdam-Mar. 8-Deer Lodge, 275
 Total.-
COTTON FREIGHT.-Current rates for cotton from 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: Sales of the week-
Of which America Of which Am
Actual exports
Forwarded Total stocks Of which A-merican Of which American
Amount aflo of which Amploat-.-.-

| Feb. 25. | Mar. 4. |
| :---: | :---: |
| 94,000 | 82,000 |
| 64,000 | 60,000 |
| 3,000 | 2,000 |
| $\begin{array}{r} 70,000 \\ -1,313,000 \end{array}$ | 92,000 $1,315,000$ |
| - 999,000 | 1,000,000 |
| 89,000 | 88,000 |
| 63,000 | 59,000 |
| $277,000$ | 284,000 |
| 186,000 | 192,000 |

The tone of the Liverpool $188,000193,000$ each day of the past wereor


BREADSTUFFS
Friday Night, Mar. 181927.
Flour was in the same position as for many weeks past in the matter of volume of trade. That was not at all impressive. It is the old story of hand-to-mouth buying, pending further developments. Yet developments, be they what they may, never change the attitude of nine buyers out of ten. They stick to the policy of limited buying, certain of quick deliveries from a market that is always there. Recently prices declined somewhat. But the market lacks the vitality that goes with very marked changes one way or the other. Export business was also quiet, with the Southern Hemisphere underselling America in the wheat market at least. Minneapolis wired on the 16 th inst. that demand on the 15th was a trifle better but was still dull. Shipping directions were very slow. Holland is using a large quantity of Argentine wheat for grinding this season and the quality of the flour is said to be somewhat below normal, but it is expected to improve as millers become more proficient in the use of wheat. Flour prices have been cut there.
Wheat declined early in the week with little demand for export, hedging pressure more noticeable in Winnipeg and heavy Northwestern selling in Chicago. Yet Liverpool was $5 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. higher on the 14 th inst., despite a further increase in the stocks afloat. Europe is evidently worse off for wheat than had been supposed. It now has to come out in the open. The world's shipments last week, significantly enough, were a little over $21,000,000$ bushels, or some 5,000 ,000 bushels more than in the previous week and some $10,-$ 000,000 bushels more than in the same week last year. There was an increase of $2,844,000$ bushels in the total on passage, mostly to the Continent. The afloat stocks were $73,952,000$ bushels, against $51,032,000$ last year; another striking thing. Yet prices in Liverpool advanced. The United States visible supply decreased last week 828,000 bushels, against $1,880,000$ in the same week last year. The total is now $52,478,000$ bushels, against $37,045,000$ a year ago. The Canadian visible supply is $62,435,000$ bushels, a decrease of 770,000 in a week. The weather has been good in the winter wheat belt and the crop is said to be doing well. Europe for the moment was getting supplies from the Southern Hemisphere. On the 15th inst. prices, after an early advance, fell to a new low level, though export demand was fair and sales were 500,000 bushels. Long selling appeared, for Liverpool weakened under larger Manitoba offerings. Buenos Aires was somewhat lower. Crop reports from Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska were highly favorable. The Northwest had beneficial rains. Snows were promised. Temperatures were mild. At the Gulf there seemed to be no particular demand. May in Kansas City was steadier than in Chicago.

The recent steadiness in the face of heavy world shipments is attributed in Europe to the fact that the arrivals there are passing into consumptive channels. After the period of heavy receipts in the United States some think the market will readily respond to any new buying. An item of interest is the reduction of the price of bread in the New England territory from 9 to 8c. a loaf. This, some feel, will result in better shipping directions for flour. Liverpool says that the Continent continues to absorb large quantities of foreign wheat and took more than $4,000,000$ bushels of "order" cargoes last week. Chicago thinks an abundance of moisture over the Northwest is a very promising condition for the coming spring wheat crop, but advices from there are to the effect that there is a shortage of good seed wheat in that territory, which may result in a reduced acreage. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics estimates an increase this season about $4 \%$ in the seeding of wheat in all countries as compared with this time last year. This includes an estimate for the Ukraine. Ten other European countries report an increase of $3 \%$. Decreases have been reported only in North Africa.
Of the total supply of wheat in the United States this season amounting to $902,000,000$ bushels, including 10,000 ,000 of imports, $625,000,000$, or nearly $70 \%$, were disposed of by March 1, says the Department of Agriculture. This compares with a disappearance of $548,000,000$ bushels, or $71 \%$ of the smaller total ( $772,000,000$ bushels) last year. So far this season considerably more wheat has been exported than last year; only a little more has been ground by domestic mills and somewhat less has been disposed of as feed and seed. Liverpool cabled on the 14th inst. that the
market was firmer in the face of large shipments. Notwithstanding large receipts, stocks increase only slowly. Stocks deliverable against contracts are not sufficient there. At Winnipeg at times there was a very good demand for all grades of cash wheat. Spreads were $1 / 2$ to $3 c$. better on some straight grades.
On the 17 th inst. prices advanced slightly at first and then broke 2c., despite Liverpool's advance of $1 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. and with River Plate and Manitoba offers firmer in the teeth of big shipments from Argentina. The trouble was the export demand was slack. Later, on the decline, 400,000 to 500,000 bushels sold. Argentine exports for the week were estimated at fully $7,000,000$ bushels. The Black Sea cleared 488,000 . Indications pointed, in other words, to another week of large world's shipments, with probably a further increase in passage stocks. The demand for both red and hard winter wheat of milling quality was better and cash wheat stood up better than futures. The flour trade, however, remained quiet. Indications pointing to an early opening of navigation were a bearish influence. Weather conditions were favorable for the next crop.

To-day prices ended $1 / 4$ to $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. lower generally. Export sales were only 300,000 to 400,000 bushels of Manitoba and winter. Scarcity of freight room hampered foreign business to some extent, so far as nearby trading was concerned. Liquidation was the order of the day. May wheat dropped to new low territory for the season. Southern Hemisphere shipments are large. The weather was good. Foreign demand, as we have seen, was light. Weakness in corn had some effect on wheat. It is true that the Liverpool cables were stronger than due and that Argentine markets were firm. Red and hard wheat at Chicago at one time was higher than yesterday. It was said that No. 3 red was only about 4c. under, against 8 to 9 c . under on Thursday. Crop reports from Kansas were not so favorable. The Northwest was cold. The forecast was for lower temperatures. Winnipeg rallied. That braced other markets somewhat. Argentine exports for the week are $7,622,000$; Australia, 4,448 ,000 ; North American shipments, $6,434,000$; total world's shipments, $19,050,000$. The passage stocks may increase. Some are evened up on the eve of the Government report on farmers' intentions to plant. Final prices show a decline for the week of $11 / 2$ to 3 c.
CLOSING PRICES OF DOMESTIC WHEAT AT NEW YORK.
May delivery
CLOSING PRICES AT NEW YORK FOR
 DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK. No. 2 red-.-....................ets Day delivery in elevator......-cts_1380. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. July delivery in elevator $\qquad$
DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF

## May delivery in elevator

Indian corn early in the week was steady at first but declined later owing to scattered selling. Though cash business was dull at Chicago a slight increase was noticed at outside points. The United States visible supply increased last week $1,485,000$ bushels, against only 667,000 in the same week last year. The total is now $48,822,000$ bushels, against $35,880,000$ a year ago. The sore point is the big stock with a generally scanty demand. Chicago, it is true, received only 29 cars on the 15th inst. and cash prices were firm. The talk is that the country has moved out most of its surplus corn. It did not help the market. Yet some point out that corn has gone much more rapidly into consumption than in the previous season. Since Dec. 1 primary receipts in Chicago from Dec. 1 to March 12 have totaled 31,087,000 bushels, against $36,885,000$ a year ago. Shipments out of Chicago weekly from Dec. 1 to March 12 have been $7,206,000$ bushels, against $8,726,000$ a year ago. The Chicago stock increased between Dec. 1 and March 12 8,094,000 bushels, against an increase during the same period last year of $15,156,000$ bushels. Chicago has accumulated since Dec. 1 this season only $8,000,000$ bushels out of receipts of 31,000 , 000 . Last season it was $17,000,000$ out of receipts of 36,885 , 000 bushels.
St. Louis wired that corn had been sold there to go to St. Joseph, Mo. A year ago St. Joseph, Kansas City and Omaha were all shipping corn to St. Louis. In Chicago some think the position is improving. May leads. The ad-
vance may not be rapid, say the bulls, as large stocks are a
handicap at the terminal markets, but the supply of corn on farms is below normal. Moreover, receipts are tapering off steadily and significantly. British cables said that there is no premium for nearby corn and arrivals were in excess of the actual demand, so that port stocks in Liverpool have increased nearly 300,000 bushels. On the 17 th inst. prices were firm at first and weaker later. Cash demand did not increase. Receipts increased, though the total at Chicago was only 84 cars. Country offerings to arrive were rather large. The sales of futures on the 16th inst. at Chicago were $9,612,000$ bushels.
To-day prices dropped $11 / 2$ to 2 c., but recovered some of the loss later. Receints were light and there was less offering from the country. The weather, too, was unsettled. The cash demand was rather better. The forecast was for unsettled and colder weather. Cash markets were steady to 1c. higher. Cash corn has acted independently of futures of late. But the technical position of futures was weak. This offset everything else. Final prices show a decline for the week of $11 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

 daily closing prices of corn futures in chicago. May delivery in elevator July delivery in elevator_......... | September delivery in elevator...-. | $843 / 8$ | 81 | $841 / 2$ | $84^{3 / 8 / 8}$ | $813 / 8$ | $84^{7 / 8}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $14^{5 / 8}$ | 7958 | $83^{3 / 8}$ |  |  |  |  | Oats declined with other grain. Besides, the receipts at Chicago were larger. It is true that a considerable percentage went to the industries. Hedge covering was not a factor, though cash demand was larger than had been expected. The United States visible supply decreased last week 1,341, 000 bushels, against $1,463,000$ in the same week last year The total is now $41,215,000$ bushels, against $56,845,000$. On the 17 th inst. prices followed other grain downward. There were only moderate receipts. No heavy offerings appeared. The cash demand was fair. The decline was $1 / 8$ to $1 / 2$ c.

To-day prices closed $1 / 2$ to 1c. lower under liquidation and in sympathy with other grain. About the only buyers were shorts. Receipts were moderate. But the cash demand was nothing very encouraging, although cash prices were steady Final prices show a decline for the week of $3 / 4$ to 1 c.
DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF DOMESTIC OATS IN NEW YORK.


DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK. No. 2 white-........................
DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF May delivery in elevator-....-cts. July deilivery in elevator---
September delivery in elevator DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF

## May delivery in elevator- <br> May deliivery in elevator- July delivery in elevator-

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { OES OF OATS IN NEW YORK. } \\
& \text { Sat. Mon. Tues., Wed. Thurs. }
\end{aligned}
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Rye declined under long liquidation, due to the continued increase in stocks. Last week the United States visible supply increased 262,000 bushels, against a decrease in the same week last year of 35,000 bushels. The total is 14,470 ,000 bushels, against $13,869,000$ a year ago. On the 15 th inst. commission houses continued to sell. Discouraged bulls got out. Some export business was done. It was not impressive. And the influence of a decline in wheat was apparent. Later Norway bought freely. Prices on the 17 th inst. declined $1 / 5$ to $7 / s c$., after an early exhibition of firmness in a rise of $5 / 8$ to 1 c ., the latter on May. The export demand was reported the best in a fortnight.
To-day prices ended $3 / 8$ to $11 / \mathrm{sc}$. lower. The Northwest sold and there was general liquidation. The decline in other grain had its effect. Export demand was smaller. A little business was done with the Continent. It is now said that exporters on the 17 th inst. took 650,000 bushels of cash rye. It is said that $1,750,000$ bushels of the stock at Duluth have been sold for shipment on the opening of navigation. Final prices show a decline for the week of 2 to $21 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Small sales were made to-day here for Antwerp and France.
DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN OHIGAGO
Sat.
May delivery in elevator_.....cts. Tues. Wed. Thars. Fri, May delivery in elevatorJuly delivery in elevator-..........
September delivery in elevator.-.

Closing quotations were as
grain.


Spring patents_
FLOUR.
$\$ 7$ 40|Rye flour patents_...... $\$ 640 @ \$ 665$
 Clears, first sping
Soft winter straights Hard winter straights. Hard winter patents
Hard winter clears $665 @$
$600 @$
7 Fancy Minn. patents 40 Oats good
40 Corn flou No. 2, pound $640 @ \$ 65$

For other tables usualy given here, see page 1626.
WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED MARCH 15. -The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended March 15, follows:

During the first few days of the week a moderate depression moved
eastward over Gulf coast districts, attended by precipitation quite gener
ally in the South from Arkansas and east Texas eastward with some

 Temperature cananges were not marked. The week opened with warm
 season was experienceriod, exircept that moderately cold weather for the
of the more western States. In much of the week in the Southwest and most of the more western States. In the East the latter part of the the and mose mes
unusually warm, but cooler weather prevailed at its close in most districts
 Mountains, but the deficiencies in temperature were weot of the Rocky
usually only 1 degree or 2 degrees. In all other sections of the country the usually only 1 degree or 2 degrees. In all other sections ort the country the
temperature was much above normal, and markedly so in the interior and
Northern States where tho the welkly means ranged from 6 degrees to as much as 18 degrees higher than the seasonal average. In the the East. freezing
weather did not extend farther south than central Virginia, while in the
Mississippi Valley temperatures of 32 degrees or lower were confined to the Nississippi Valley temperatures of 32 dearees or lower virginia, while in the the country
The table shows also that precipitation was moderately heavy to heary
or excessive over a large area from the Ohio Valley southward, with some
southern Mississipp
 The persisitent abunts were mostly light.
abily hish temperature has prematurely and
mfavorably advanced fruit trees throughout the Central and Southern
 much in adyance of an average season, and more than 300 miles northe the average killing frost date iine eat this time of year. Kiling frost normally and east Gulp States and to wentrward the southern portions of the central
freeze indicate thate arry froits in the Southeast repere nots from the recent as at first thought
Cotton Welt, much inthoughruption by rains and wet soil to field work in the
pisthed in the preparation for seeding was accomadditional cotton was planted in Florida and The Texas, but dittricts. has as yome It was also too wet for field work in much of the interior, but was favor-
able in the Middle Atlantic State tional moist over the western half of the of of the Northwest. Addiand the crop is making satisfactory progress quite generally winter wheat Rains and snows over poor condition in some upper Ohio Valley sections were very frovorable in supplying aldiditional soll moind more western States
crops made good advance in the soure cereal being delayed by wet soil in many sections, and this work is setting behind
an average season, especially in the south is

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:
Vavrginia -Richmond: Temperatures above normal; rainfall-moderate favorabe for porn rather wet in south and east. Bulk of potato progress made,
except soil
shore shore planted, and planting begun in interior. Wheato crop on eastern
tures greening. Early fruit beginning to boting well. Pastures greening. Early fruit beesinning to bloom.
Ahereafter. Not Muceigh: Rain early in week; generally fair and warmer
thowing account wet soil. Wheat, oats, rye and
clover doing well. clover doing well. Truck fairly acoount wet soil. Wheat, oats, rye and
indicate considerable peaches killed during in full bloom; late reports indicate considerable peaches killed during recent cold; heaviest damage Som Aberdeen south
pears, plums and cherries in in northwestern counties considerably peaches, and general condition elsewhere very good. Winter cerears, truck, and gardens improved and garin fields being pastured. Spreals, truck, and
vanced satisfactorily. Large quantities of asparagus being shipped about two weeks in advance. of averaze season.
Georgia. Atlanta: Early
rains frequent and soil mostly too wet to plow. Wheat, oats, rye, alfalfa, and pastures far in advance of normal. Plawting potatoes and suyar cane and bedtuing sweet potatotes progressing rapididy. Melon planting begun in southwest. Many early and late varieties of peaches in bloom, apparently
uninjured. Preparation of spring gardens slow. uninjured.- Preparation of spring gardens s. slow.
Florida.-Jacksonville: Warm and comparativel
good progres. Replanted corm and comparatively dry. Farm work made
planted fair to coming up to good. Planting corn stand; earlyplanted fair to good. Planting corn continued throughout State, and some
 in few days. Oats good progress. Planting beans constinued ing norths;
locally in central. Groves good; some heavy bloom. Rain needed generally on uplands.
Alabama.-Montgomery: Moderate temperatures; general and locally
heavy rains on two days and some lowlands in west flooded. Wet soil in most sections delayed plowing. Planting corn and flooded. Wet soil in most sections delayed plowing. Planting corn and potatoes progressed
slowly; weet potatoes being bed.ed Wheat and oats continue eto do well.
Pastures and truck crops mostly fair to good progress. Strawberries and Pastures and truck crops mostly fair to good progress. Strawberries and
sutar cane in coans section doing well. Freezes in early. part of month
killed peaches in some sections of north. sugar cane in coast section doing well. Freezes in early. part of month
killed peaches in some sections of north.
Mississippi. $V$ Vicksburg: Moderate rains in south: mostly excessive in central and north with: Mocally dare rains in south; mostly excessive
Unseasonably cool Wednesday
 planting rice and corn orleans: Frequent rains in most portions delayed With sunshiny weather since Sunday; more fair weather needed to dry soil
in north and west. Oats, pastures, sugar cane and truck doing well in north and west. Oats, pastures, sugar cane, and truck doing well.
Strawberries being marketed in good quality and quantity.
Texas. in extreme west. Light to moderate precipitation, except in lower coast and portions of southwest, further delayed farm work in northern halo of
State where corn planting backward. Little cotton planted, except in
extreme south. extreme south. Progress and condition of wheatt, oats, pastures, expt in
fruit, and potatees mostly good, although local complaints of cutworms
in in central and green bug damage to wheat and oats in northeast.
clear skies favorable for farm work and good progress in plowing and planting until interrupted by weork and good progress in plowing and
unusually late. Winter grains satisfactory on 11th. Oats being seeded to excellent condition; green bugs racported progress and generally in good
in scattered localities, but not Arkansas.-LLittle Rock: Favorable for farm work and growth of crops, except in southern and eastern portions where w 6 to and inchewth of crops,
Corn planting begun in a fainfall ready elsewhere. Wheat, oats, truck, meadities; considerable ground
Onions, radishes, spinach, and pastures good. Onions, radishes, spinach, and other greens coming to local markets.
Tennessee.-Nashyille: Prevailing wet weather turned wheat yellow in some eastern countes, but elsol were good condition. Heavy rain in and barley greatly improved. Fruit trees budding and blooming. Some clover sowing accomplished.
made considerable growth and look well. Shrubs leafine and grass and plums beginning to bloom. Moderate to herubs leafing and peaches in plowing, early gardening, or plant-bed sowing as mostly too wet.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Friday Night, Mar. 181927
Aside from woolens, textile markets have continued active and firm during the past week. In woolens business conditions have shown no change from the recent dulness, and
some producers are starting to reduce their output. In fact, some of the smaller mills have already closed down or curtailed operations to contracted schedules. As announced during the week, the American Woolen Co. will open its fall lines of women's wear fabrics for cloaks, suits and dresses next Tuesday despite the prevailing unsatisfactory conditions. Others are expected to do likewise within a few weeks. In the silk division, sentiment has appeared to be improving and sales have been increasing even though profit margins have continued more or less close. Nevertheless, some of the leaders in the trade have displayed their new lines of fall fabrics. One of the features has been the innovations in metallic silks. Sheer crepes were used as ground cloths for delicate traceries of gold and silver opalescent metals. Variations were numerous and many new and novel designs and effects have been introduced. As to rayons, further advances of five cents per pound have been announced for certain grades of yarns, most of which were unaffected by the previous advances. The situation continues strong and factors are expecting still higher levels within the next few weeks. Mills are said to be well sold ahead with buyers freely anticipating their needs in sizable orders, and in some cases contracted as far ahead as July. The advance in primary markets succeeded in effectively stimulating the rayon fabric trade.
DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.-The week in cotton goods was a repetition of the previous one when buying was active and prices firm. Demand for prompt deliveries did spot deliveries of fine and fancy to such proportions that spot deliveries of fine and fancy cottons commanded substantial premiums over goods to be made for deliveries after May. This was primarily due to the rush for certain fabrics which continue to sell freely in wholesale and retail wash goods departments. The demand for printed goods has continued very good and requests for prompt shipments have been constant. Likewise, the call for colored cottons has been steady enough to clean up odd stocks that could not be moved less than two months ago. Ginghams and denims have received most attention and many manufac-
turers have had requests for prompt deliveries turers have had requests for prompt deliveries on old orders. In fact, some of the Southern mills have sold their output as far ahead as June. During the week news and various statistics have been very favorable. Among thes was the report that sales of colored cotton goods for export, notably to Cuba, Manila and South American countries have been better than for some time past. Drills have sold for shipment to the Far East, and sheetings for export to East Africa. Statistics published by the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants confirmed the market news current during the past month. Sales during February were $31.4 \%$ in decess of production, unfilled orders increased $4 \%$, stocks declined $15 \%$, while shipments were $12.4 \%$ in excess of production. Other comparative statistics included the consumption report issued by the Census Bureau. This placed mill consumption of cotton during February at 590,447 bales compared with 604,584 in January and 565,118 in February 1926. Consumption during the past seven months, that is from Aug. 1 to Feb. 28, totaled 4,024,487 bales, against $3,745,552$ bales consumed during the same period in 1926. Print cloths, 28 -inch, $64 \times 64$ 's construction, are quoted at $51 / 4 \mathrm{c}$., and 27 -inch, $64 \times 60$ 's, at $47 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. Gray goods in the
39 -inch, $68 \times 72$ 's construction, are $39-\mathrm{inch}, 68 \times 72$ 's construction, are quoted at 8 c. , and 39 -inch, $80 \times 80^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$, at $101 / \mathrm{sc}$.
WOOLEN GOODS.-Little change has been noted in the woolen and worsted markets. Conditions continued quiet, as buyers confined purchases to immediate requirements. About the only announcement of interest was the official declaration that the American Woolen Co. will open and show, on next Tuesday, their women's wear coat, suit and dres fabrics for next fall. The opening is about a week later than last year. Independents are expected to open their lines within the next few weeks. In the meantime, buying of spring merchandise has been very disappointing. However, it is believed that with the approach of Easter Ind early spring weather, consumer buying will improve. In an effort to help conditions, it has been proposed that the garment trade close down operations on Saturdays.
FOREIGN DRY GOODS.-Linen markets maintained a firm undertone during the past week. Sales continued on a liberal scale and sentiment regarding the future was optimistic, though there were some who viewed the recent primary advances with alarm, claiming that if higher prices were instituted at this time, consumer buying would be diverted into cotton goods. However, other factors did not share these opinions, claiming that the general housewife's ideas regarding linen values were rather hazy and if certain fabrics were desired, a few cents more or less would make but little difference. Furthermore, they pointed to statements made by factors upon their return from abroad that higher prices were justified owing to the smaller flax crop and supplies, which in many countries are insufficient o meet world requirements. Burlaps were slightly firmer, owing to the strength of primary markets. Light weights are quoted at 6.70-6.75c., and heavies at 9.10-9.15c.

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## NEWS ITEMS

Ohio (State of).-Bond Proposal Defeated.-The house highway Committee by a vote of 12 to 4 indefinitely postponed the Emmons constitutional amendment providing for a $\$ 25,000,000$ bond issue for the elimination of Statewide grade crossings. - V. 124, p. 1400

Massachusetts (State of).-Legal Investments for Savings Banks.-We publish in full below a list issued by the State Bank Commissioner recently, showing the bonds and notes which, in the opinion of the Banking Department are, now legal investments for savings banks in Massachusetts under the provisions of clauses second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventeenth of Section 54, Chapter 168, General Laws. Clause second, relating to investments in public funds, has been applied only to those counties, cities, towns and districts which appear to have bonds or notes outstanding, and from which debt statements could be obtained Clause third is the general law relating to railroad bonds, as amended by the addition of subdivision " 0 ," continuing as legal investments bonds of certain railroads during the period of Government operation, and for two years after the cessation of such control, during which time the dividend requirements of certain railroads which had been under Federal control were waived. Clauses fourth, fifth, sixth, and sixth a relate to investments in street railway bonds, telephone company bonds, and gas, electric and water company bonds, respectively. CClause seventeenth provides that issues which respectively complied with the old law shall continue, under certain complied with the old law shall continue, under certain not only continue to hold such bonds but may further invest in them.

Investments in bonds or notes of cities, towns and districts mentioned in the list should not be made, the Bank Commissioner says, "without further inquiry, as both their indebtedness and their valuations for the assessment of taxes are constantly changing."
The issues added to the latest list are designated below by means of the word "new" in black-faced type, while those that have been dropped are placed in black-face brackets.

## PUBLIC FUNDS

Covering counties, cities, towns and districts which appear to have bonds or notes outstanding, and from which debt statements could be obtained.)

Public funds of the United States or of this commonwealth, or in the legally authorized bonds of any other State of the United States, but not including a territory, which has not within the twenty years prior to the making of such investment defaulted in the payment of any part of either principal or interest of any legal debt.
Bonds or notes of the following counties, cities, towns and districts in New England:

|  | Maine. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Counties. | Lewlston | Madison |
| Androscoggin | Old Town | Mars Hill |
| Cumberland | Portland | Mt. Desert |
| Kennebec | Saco [new] | Winslow |
| Washington | South Portland | York [new] |
|  | Bar Harbor ${ }^{\text {Towns. }}$ |  |
| Augusta | Bar Harbor Berwick | Water Districts |
| Bath | Boothbay Harbor [new] | Bath |
| Blddeford | Gorham | Gardiner |
| Brewer | Kennebunk | Kennebec |
| Ellsworth | Kittery | Kittery |
|  | New Hampshire. |  |
| Countles. | ${ }_{\text {Dover }}^{\text {Dranklin }}$ | Charlestown Towns. |
| Carol | Keene |  |
| Coos Hllisborough | Laconia | Derry |
| Rockingham | Manchester | Gorham |
| Rockingam | Nashua | Jaffery |
|  | Portsmouth | Northumberland |
| Berlin Cutes. | Rochester | Pembroke |
| $\xrightarrow[\text { Concord }]{\text { Berlin }}$ |  | Salem |
|  | Vermont. |  |
| Cuttes. | Towns. | Rlchford |
| Barre | Bennington | Rockingham |
| [Burlington] | Brattleborough | Springtield |
| Rutland | [Cambridge] |  |
| St. Albans |  |  |

Bonds or notes of any county,
monwealth of Maseachusetts.


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Shelton
Stamford

## Barringt Bristol Lincoin <br> Lincoln

| Connecticut. |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Torrington | Guilford |
| Waterbury [new] | Kent ${ }_{\text {Kill }}$ [naly |
| Torons. | Manchester |
| Berlin | Milford |
| Bethel | Montville |
| Branford | New Hartford |
| Brooklyn | Norwich |
| Canton | Old Saybrook |
| Cromwell | Plainville |
| Darten | Plymouth |
| East Hampton | Saybrook |
| East Hartford | Seymour |
| East Haven | Wallingford |
| [Enfield] | Wate town |
| Fairfield | West Haven |
| Farmington | Wethersfield |
| Groton | Winchester |

Legally authorized bonds for municipal purposes, \&c., of the following cities outside of New England

| [Akron, 0.] | Green Bay, Wis. | Portsmouth, O. [new] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Allentown, Pa. | Hamilton, O . | Racine, Wis. |
| Atlanta. Ga. | Harrisburg, Pa. | Reading, Pa. |
| Baltimore, Md. | Highland Park, Mich. | Richmond, Va. |
| Bay City, Mich. | Huntington, W. Va. | Sacramento, Calif. |
| Bayonne, N. J. | Jackson, Mich. [new] | Saginaw, Mic |
| Berkeley, Calif. | Jacksonville, Fla. | St. Joseph, Mo. |
| Binghamton, N. Y. | Jamestown, N. Y. [new] | St Louis, Mo. |
| Birmingham, Ala. | Jersey City, N. J. | St. Paul, Minn. |
| Buffalo. N Y | Joliet, III. | Salt Lake City, Utah |
| Butte, Mont. [new] | Kalamazoo, Mich. | San Antonfo, Tex. |
| Camden, N. J. | Kansas Clty, Mo. | San Diego, Calif. |
| Canton, O | Kenosha, wis. | San Francisco, Calif. |
| Cedar Raplds, Iowa | Kokomo, Ind. | Savannah, Ga. |
| Charleston, W. Va. | La Crosse, Wis. | Scranton, Pa. |
| Chicago, III. | Lansing, Mich. | Seattle, Wash. |
| Cincinnati, O | Lexington, Ky. | Sheboygan, Wis. |
| Cleveland, O. [new] | Lincoln, Neb | Shreveport, La. |
| Colorado Springs, Colo, | Little Rock, Ark. | Sioux City, Iowa |
| Columbus, Ga. | Lorain, | South Bend, Ind. |
| Columbus, 0 . | Los Angeles, Calif. | Spokane, Wash. |
| Dallas, Tex. | Louisville, Ky. | Springfield, Mo. |
| Davenport, Iowa | Lynchburg, Va. | Springfield, 0 |
| Dayton, O . | Madison, Wis. | Stockton, Calif. |
| Decatur, III. | Wilwaukee, Wis. | Superior, Wis. |
| Denver, Colo. | Minneapolis, Minn. | Syracuse, N. Y. |
| Des Moines, Iowa | Moline, III. | Tacoma, Wash |
| Detroit, Mich. | Muskegon, Mich. | Tampa, Fla. [new] |
| Dubuque, Iowa | Newark, N. J | Toledo, O. [new] |
| Duluth, Minn. [new] | New Castle, Pa. | Trenton, $\mathrm{N} . \mathrm{J}$. |
| [Easton, Pa.] | New Rochelle, N. Y. | Utica, N. Y. |
| Elizabeth, N. J. | Oakland. Calir. | Waco, Tex. |
| Erie, Pa. | Omaha, Neb. [new] | Waterloo, lowa |
| Evansville, Ind. | Oshkosh, Wis. [new] | Wichita Falls, Tex. |
| Flint, Mich. | Pasadena, Calif. | Wilkes-Barre, Pa. |
| Fort worth, Tex. [new] | Peoria, III. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Wumamsport, Pa. |
| Fresno, Callif. | [Philadelphia, Pa.] | York, Pa. |
| Grand Rapids, Mich. | Pontiac. Mich. <br> RAILROAD BON | S. |

Grand Rapids, Mich. Pontiac. Mich. BONDS
ANGOR \& AROOSTOOK SYSTEM.

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Plscataquis Div. 1st $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1943$ \& Washburn Ext. 1st 5s, 1939 <br>
Van Buren Ex. 1st $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1943$ \& St. Johns River Ext. 1st $5 \mathrm{~s}, 193$

 

Medford Ex. 1st 5s, 1937 <br>
Aroostook Northern RR. 1st 5s, 1947 \& $\begin{array}{c}\text { North Maine Seaport RR. } \\
\text { RR. and term. 1st } 5 \mathrm{~s}, 1935\end{array}$
\end{tabular} BOSTON \& MAINE SYSTEM.

Connecticut \& Passumpsic Rivers RR.- $\mid$ Sullivan Co. RR. 1st 6s, 1944
MAINE CENTRAL SYSTEM
Dexter \& Piscataquis RR. 1st 4s, 1929
Upper Coos RR,
Mortgage 4s, 1930
[Portland \& Rumford Falls Ry. consollMortgage 4s, 1930
dated 4s, R Rumford Falls Ry. 1st 5s,
Portland \& Rew]
[951 European \& No. Amer. Ry. 1st 4s, 1933

NEW YORK NEW HAVEN \& HARTFORD SYSTEM

| $\begin{array}{l}\text { Boston \& Prov. RR.. plain, 5s, } \\ \text { Holyoke \& Westfield RR. 1st 4 4 } 4 \mathrm{~s}, 1951\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Old Colony RR. } \\ \text { Plain, 4s, 1938 }\end{array}$ |
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Holyoke \& Wercester RR. deben. 4s, 1927 Plain, $31 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 1932$

| Norwich \& Wreester RR. deben. 4s, 1927 | Plain, 31/8, 19 |
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| Prov. \& Worcester RR. 1st 4s, 1947 | 1st $51 / 3 \mathrm{~s} .1944$ |

ATCHISON TOPEKA \& SANTA FE SYBTEM
Atchison Topeks \& Santa Fe Ry.-
Chlcago Santa Fe \& Cal. Ry. 1st 5s, 1937 General mortgage 4s, 1995
Trans. Short Line 1st 4s, 1958 Hutchinson \& Southern Ry, 1st 5s, 1928
San Franclisco \& San Joaquin Valley Ry.
1st $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1940$ Trans. Short Line 1st 48, 198 East Oklahoma ist 4s, 1928 Mountain Div. 1st 4s, 1965

ATlANTIC COAST LINE.
At1. Coast Line RR. 1st cons, $4 \mathrm{~s}, 1952$ At1. Coast Line RR. equip. trust ctis At1. Coast Line RR. equip. trust ctis. 43/5s, 1941 [new]
Rleh. \& Pet RR Wllm. \& Weldon RR. gen. 4s, 1935
Wilm. \& New Berne RR. 4s, $43 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 1940$ [Petersburg RR. $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1926$ ]
[Petersburg RR. $6 \mathrm{~s}, 1926$ ] Atl. Coast Line RR. of So. Caro. $4 \mathrm{~s}, 1948$
Northent Norfolk \& Carollna RR. 1st 5s, 1939 Norfolk \& Carolina RR, 2d 5s, 1946
Wilm. \& Weldon RR. gen. 5s, 1935 Northeastern RR. consol. 6s, 1933
Alabama Milland Ry. $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1928$
Brunswict Alabama MIdland Ry. 5s, 1928
Brunswick \& Western RR. 4s, 1938 Brunswick \& Western RR. 4s, 1938
Charleston \& Savannah Ry. 7s, 1936
Savannah Fla. Savannah Fla. \& Western Ry. $5 \mathrm{ss}, 193$ CENTRAL OF GEORGIA SYSTEM.

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General 49,1958
DELAWARE \& HUDSON SYSTEM
Del. \& Hudson Co. 1st ref. 4s, 1943 Albany \& Susq. RR. conv. 31/2s, 1946
DELAWARE LACKAWANNA \& WESTERN SYSTEM
sex RR. 1st ref. 31/5s, 2000
Morris \& Essex RR. 1st rel. 3/2s, 2000
GREAT NORTHERN SYSTEM.
Great North. Ry. 1 st \& ref. $41 / \mathrm{s}, 1961$
Great Northern Ry. equip. trust ctfs.

Consolidated 48,1933
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Montana ext. $4 \mathrm{~s}, 1937$
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Sterling $3 \mathrm{~s}, 1951$
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Gold extended $31 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 1951$
Springfleld Div. Ist $31 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 195$
Refunding 4s, 1955
Calro Brldge 1st 4s, 1950


St. Louls DIv. 1st 3s, 1951
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Western Lines, $1 \mathrm{st} 4 \mathrm{~s}, 1951$ Woulsville Div, 1st $31 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 1953$ Omaha Div., ist $3 \mathrm{~s}, 1951$
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Eq. tr. ctfs. ser. N. $41 / 2$ s, 1941 [new]

LEHIGH VALLEY SYSTEM.
Lehigh Valley RR. 1st $4 \mathrm{~s}, 1948$.
Lehigh Valley RR. 1st $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$, 1940 LOUISVILLE \& NASHVILLE SYSTEM.

## Loulsville \& Nashville RR. Unified 43

## Unified $4 \mathrm{~s}, 1940$ First $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1937$

Frist 5s, 1937
Trust $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1931$
1st \& refunding 41/s, 2003 1st \& refunding $5 \mathrm{~s}, 2003$
1 st \& refunding $51 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 2003$ Eq. tr. ctts. ser. D $61 / 5 \mathrm{~s}, 1936$ [new]
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Eq. tr. ctfs. ser. $\mathrm{P} 5 \mathrm{~s}, 1938$ [new]
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Mobile \& Montgomery 41/s, 1945 Mobile \& Montgomery 41/ss, 1945
N. O. \& Moblle Dlv. $1 \mathrm{st} 6 \mathrm{~s}, 1930$
N. O. \& Mobile Dlv. $2 \mathrm{~d} 6 \mathrm{~s}, 1930$ N. O. \& Mobile DIV. $2 \mathrm{~d} 6 \mathrm{~s}, 1930$
Nashv. Flor. \& Sheffreld Ry. 1st $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1937$
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Lex, \& East. Ry. 1 . $5 \mathrm{si}, 1965$
Paduc. \& Mem. Div. 1st 4s, 1946 Paduc. \& Mem. Div. 1st 4s, 1946
Atl. Knox. \& Cin. Div. 4s. 1955 MICHIGAN CENTRAL SYSTEM
$\left.\begin{aligned} & \text { Michigan Central RR. 1st } 31 / \mathrm{s}, 1952 \\ & \text { M. C. RR. eq. gold notes No. } 486 \mathrm{~s},\end{aligned} \right\rvert\, \begin{gathered}\text { M. C.-Jackson Lansing \& Saginaw RR. } \\ \text { ist } 31 / \mathrm{s} \text {. } 1951\end{gathered}$ M. C. RR. eq. gold notes No. 486 s, $\begin{aligned} & \text { ist } 31 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 1951 \\ & \text { M. C.. } 1935 \text { [new] } \\ & \text { M. C.-Mileh. Alr Line RR. 1st } 4 \mathrm{~s}, 1940\end{aligned}$
 MOBILE \& OHIO SYSTEM
 M. \& O. RR. eq. g. ser. L5s, 1938 [new]
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i939 [new] M. \& O. RR] M. \& O. RR. equip.
41/3s, 1939 [new]

NASHVILLE [new]

NASHVILLE CHATTANOOGA \& ST. LOUIS SYSTEM
Nashville Chatt. \& St. Louls Ry-1st|N. C. \& St. L. Ry
consol. $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1928$
$41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 1937$ [new] NEW YORK - INTRAL SYSTEM
 Debenture $4 \mathrm{~s}, 1934$
Debenture $4 \mathrm{~s}, 1942$
Consolidation 4s, 1998
Ref. \& Impt. 4s
Ref. \& Impt. $41 / 5 \mathrm{~s}, 2013$
Ref. \& Impt. $5 \mathrm{~s}, 2013$
Ref. \& impt. 6 s , 2013
Mortg N. Y. \& Putnam RR, 1st co Little Falls \& Doldgev. RR. 1st 3s, 1932 Kal. \& White Pigeon RR. 1st 5s, 1940 Pine Creek Ry. 1st 6s, 1932
Chicago Indlana \& So. RR. 4s, 1956 Mortgage 31/2s, 1997 Jamestown Franklin \& Clearfleld RR
1st $4 \mathrm{~s}, 199$

Lake \&hore coll. RR. 1st 31/2s, 1959 Lake Shore coll. 31/2s, 1998
Michigan Central Coll. 31/5s, 1998
Lake Shore dich First general 31/2s, 1997 Ry. Debenture 4s, 1928 Debenture 4s, 1931

## Beech Creek RR. 1st 4s, 1936 Mohawk \& Malone Ry. 1st 4s, 1991

 Rarthage \& Adirondack Ry. 1st 4s, 1981 NORFOLK \& W
Norfolk \& West. Ry. consol. $4 \mathrm{~s}, 1996$
Norfolk \& Western RR.
Equip. trust ctf. $43 / 3 \mathrm{~s}$,
Equip.
Equip. trust ctss. 43 [new]
Equip. trust ctfs. 415 s s. 1934 , 1935 [new]
Ind. III. \& Iowa RR, 1st 4s, 1950 Cleveland Short Line Ry. 1st 41/6s, 1961
Sturgis Gooshen \& St. L. Ry. 1st 3s. 1989
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Boston \& Albany RR.

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## Northern Paclific Ry.- Ret. \& Impt. Serles A $41 / 3 \mathrm{~s}, 2047$ Ref. \& impt. Serles B <br> Ree. \& Impt. Serles A $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 2047$ Ref. \& Impt. Serles B 6s, 20077 Ref. \& impt. Series C $5 \mathrm{~s}, 2047$ Ref. \& impt. Serles D $5 \mathrm{~s}, 2047$ General Ilen 3s, 2047 <br> General Ien 3s, 2047 St. Paul \& Duluth Prior Ilen 4s, 1997

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 St. Paul \& Duluth RR. 1st $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1931$
Consolldated 4s, 1968
Washington \& Columbla River Ry, 1e
4s, 1935

Phila. Balt. \& Wash. RR. 4s, 1943
General 6s, 1960 General 5s, 1974


Col. \& Port Deposit Ry. 1st 4s. 1940
(HANGTON SYSTEM
Phila. Balt. Cent. RR. 1st 4s, 1951
Phila. Wilmington \& Baltimore RR. -

PITTSBURGH \& LAKE ERIE SYSTEM. gold notes No. 49 6s, 1935 [new]
READING SYSTEM.
Philadelphia \& Reading RR. 1st 5s, 1933 .
SOUTHERN PACIFIC SYSTEM.
READING SYSTEM.
Philadelphia \& Reading RR. 1st 5s, 1933 .
SOUTHERN PACIFIC SYSTEM.
Southern Pacifle RR, 1st ref. 4s, 1955 Northern California Ry, 1st 5s, 1929 Northern Ry. 1st 5 s , 1938

UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM
Union Pacific RR. 1st Mtge. 4s, 1947. Unton Pacific RR. 1st Hen \& ref. 5s, 2008
Union Pacific RR. 1st Hen \& ref. 49 , 2008.
Boston Terminal Miscellanneous.
Boston Revere Beach \& Lynn RR. 1947 [Bridgton \& Saco Riv. RR. cons. 4s, 41/3s. 1927 Northern RR. 1st 4s, 1940 New York \& New England RRSTREET RAILWAY BONDS.
BOSTON \& REVERE ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY C $\Omega$ ric street Ry. Co. ref. 1st Mtge. 5s, 1928
UNION STREET RAILWAY CO
mtge. 41/28, 1934 |
BOSTON ELEVATED RAILWAY CO.

| Debenture 6s, 1933 | Plain 41/5, 1937 |
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| Debenture 51/2s, 1934 | Plain 415s, 1941 |
| Debenture 6s, 1934 | Plain 5s, 1942 |
| Plain 4s, 1935 |  |

1st mtge. 5s, 1935
HOLYOKE STREET RAILWAY CO.
|1st mtge. 6s, 1935
Debenture $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$, 1930 WEST END STREET RAILWA
Debenture 4s, 1932
Debenture 5s, 1936

| Debenture ${ }^{5}$ |
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Refunding $\mathrm{s}, 192$
Debenture

TELEPHONE COMPANY BONDS
Collateral trust 4s, 1929

1st \& ref. mtge. $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1948$
1st \& ref. mtge. $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1960$
Illinols Bell Tel. Co.-
1st \& rer. mtge. 5s, 1956
New England Tel \& Tel. Co.-
Debenture_4s, 1930
GAS, ELECTRIC AND WATER COMPANY BONDS.
Arlington Gas Light Co. 1st $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1927$

Brockton | Arlington Gas Light Co. 1st 5s, 1927 | Northampton Elec. Ltg. Co. 1st 5s, 1927 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Brockton Gas Light Co. 1st 5s, 1928 | New England Power Co. 1st 5s, 1951 | Charlestown Gas \& Electric Co. 1st 6s, 1928

1st $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1938$ 1st $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1943$
1 st $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1950$
Co
Co. 1st 6s, 1938
East. Mass. Elec. Co. 1st 6s, 1933 [1st 61/2s, 1938]
Eas. Mass. Elec. Co. 1st 6s, 1933
Edison Electric Illum. Co. of Brockton Fall River Elec

Old Colony Gas Co. 1st 5s, 1931
Pittsfield Electric Co. 1st 68, 1933 Fan River Elec. Lt. Co. 1st $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1945$
Greenfield Gas Lt. Co. 1st 431 Hingham Water Co. 1st $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1943$
Lawrence 1945 Lawrence Gas \& Elec. Co. Ist 41/ss, 1940 LLeominster Eleo. Light \& Power
Eo

Marlboro-Hudso 1926 , Mifford Elec Lt \& Po . 1st 51/2s, 1937 Worcest 1934 Light \& Power Co. 1st 51/2s, | Newburyport Gas \& Elec. Co. 1st 5s. 1942 | Lt. \& Porcester Gas Light Co. 1st 6s, 1939 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

OTHER GAS \& ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY BONDS 1st mtge. gold $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1938 \begin{gathered}\text { Broo } \\ \text { [new] }\end{gathered}$
Edison Elec. III. Co. of Bkivn.
mtge. 4s, 1939 [new]
Kings Co. Ele. Lt. \& Pr. Co. 1st mtge
5s, 1937 [new]
rooklyn Edison Co., Inc.-
Gee. mitge. ser. A 5 [s, 1990 [new]
Gen. mtge. ser. B $6 \mathrm{~s}, 1930$ [new]
Butf. Gen. El Co 1 Buffalo General Electric Co
Central Maine Pover Co.
1st mtge. 5s, 1939 [new]
1st \& gen. mtge. ser. B 6s, 1942 [new] $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1st \& gen. mtge. ser. C 51/ss, } 1949 \text { [new] } \\ & \text { 1st \& gen. mtge. ser. D 5s, } 1955 \text { [new] }\end{aligned}$ Citizens Gas Co. of Indianapolis,
Citizens Gas Co. of Indianapolis 1st \& ref. 5s, 1942 [new]
Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.
Cleve. El. Ill. Co. 1st M. 5s, 1939 [new]
1st mtge. 5s, 1943 [new]
1st mtge. 5s, 1943 [new]
ommonwealth Edison Co

## New Milford Pr. Co. 1st 5s, 1932 [new] \& Power Co

| New Milford Pr. Co. 1st 5s, 1932 [new] | 1st \& ref. mtge. ser. B $51 / 5 \mathrm{~s}$, '54 [new] |
| ---: | ---: |
| Conneticut Light \& Power Co.- |  |
| 1st \& ref. mtge. ser. A 78, 1951 [new] | 1st \& ref. mitge. ser. C $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 56$ [new] | 1st \& rer. mtse. ser. A 7s, 1951 [new]

Baltimore Elec. Co. of Baltimore City \& Power Co. of Baltimore.

1940 [new]
Roland Park Elec. \& Water Co. 1st mtge.
5s, 1937 [new]
Consol. Gas Co. of Baltimore City-
Cons. 1st mtge. 5 s., 1939 [new]
Gen. mtge. 41/s, 1954 [new]
Cons. Gas, Ele. Lt. \& Pr. Co. gen.
mtge. $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 1935$ [new]
Grand Raplds-Muskegon Powermers Power Co.
1st mtge. 5s, 1931 [new] Power Co. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pontiac Lt. Co. 1st mtge. 5s, ' } 27 \text { [new] } \\ & \text { Consumers Power Con }\end{aligned}$ Ionia Gas Co. 1st mtge. 615s, '44 [new]
Jackson Gas Co, 1st mtge. 5s, 37 [new]
1st lien \& ref Jackson Gas Co. 1st mtge. $5 \mathrm{~s},{ }^{\prime 2} 37$ [new]
Lansing Fuel \& Gas Co. 1st mtge. 5s,
1927 [new] lien \& unif. mtge. ser. C $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1952$
[new]
 Dayton Pover \& Light Co.
Dayton Lighting Co. 1st \& ref. mtge. 5s, 1937 [new]
Indianapolis Light \& Heat Co. cons. mtge. 5s, 1940 [new] Kansas City Power \& Light Co.
Kansas City Power \& Light Co. 1st mtge. ser. A 5s, 1952 [new]
Lake Superior Dist. Pr. Co. 1st mtge. \& ref. 5s, 1956 [new] Los Angeles Gas \& Electric Corp
Los Angeles Elec. Co. gold 5s, '28 [new]
Los Angeles Gas \& Elec. Co. gen. mtge. Lold 5s, 1934 [new]
1st \& ref. mtge. $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1939$ [new]
1st \& ref. mtge. $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1939$ [n
Gen. \& ref. mtge. gold:
Series B 7s, 1931 [new]


New York Edison Co.
$\begin{aligned} & \text { New York Elec. Lt., Ht. \& Pr. Co.- } \\ & \text { 1st mtge. } 5 \mathrm{~s}, 1948 \text { [new] }\end{aligned}$ Purch. money mtge. 4s, 1949 [new]
New York \& Queens Electric Light \& Power Co.
N. Y. \& Queens Elec. Lt. \& Pr. Co. 1st cons. mtge. 5s, 1930 [new]

Ohto Public Service Co.


 Richland Public Service Co. 1st S. P
5 S, 1937 [new] 5s, 1937 [new]
Sandusky Gas \& El. Co. 1st $5 \mathrm{~s},{ }^{\prime 2}$ [29 [new]
1st \& ref. impt. $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1945$ [new]
Public Service Co. of New Hampshtro
Public Service Co. of New Hampshire 1st \& ref. 5s, 1956 [new]

| Ref. mtge. $6 \mathrm{~s}, 1953$ [new] |
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| Ref. mtge. $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1955[$ [new] |

Canandalgua Elec. Lt. $\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { Rochester Gas } \\ \text { 1st mtge. } 31 / \mathrm{sis}, 1927 \\ \text { [new] }\end{array}\right)$
Municipal Gas \& Elec. Co. 1st $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$,
1942 [new] 1942 [new]
Rochester Ry, \& Lt. Co. cons. mtge.
5s, 1954 [new] 5s, 1954 [new]
San Dlego Consolidated
San Diego Cons. Gas \& Electric Co.-
1st mtge. gold 5s, 1939 [new]
1st mtge. gold 58 ,
1st \& ref. mtge.:
Southern Cal
Series A $6 \mathrm{~s}, 1939$ [new]
Series B $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1947$
Series C $6 \mathrm{ss}, 1947$
[new]
[new]
Series C 6s,
Edison Co.
 1939 [new] Pr, \&
Pacific Light \& Power Co.-
1st
1st mtge. 5s, 1942 [new]
1st \& ref. mtge. $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1951$ [new]
So. California Edison Co. gen. mtge. 5s,
1939 [new]
Gen. \& ref. mtge. 5s, 1944 [new]
Gen. \& ref. mtge. $51 / 2,1944$ [new]
Gold deb. (serlal) $7 \mathrm{~s}, 1928$ [new]
Syracuse Lighting Co., Inc.
Sy racuse Gas Co. 1st 5s, 1946 [new] |Syracuse Lighting Co. 1st 5s, 1951 [new]

Toledo Edison Co.
Toledo Gas, Elec. \& Heating Co. cons. mtge. 5s, 1935 [new]
Toledo Gas, Elec. \& Heating Co. cons. mtge. 5s, 1935 [ne

## Twin State Gas \& Electric 1 st \& ref. $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1953$ [new] <br> Union Electric Light \& Power Co. (Mo.) | Union Electric Light \& Pover Co. (Mo.). |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Mo. Edison Co. 1st $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1927$ [new] | 1stmme. $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1932$ [new] |
| Union Electric Lt. \& Pr. Co.- | Ref. \& ext. mtge. 5s, 1933 [new] | Western New York Utilities Co., Inc.

Western N. Y. Utilitles Co., Inc., 1st mtge. gold 5s, 1946 [new]
Newark, Essex County, N. J.-15-Point Jump in City's Tax Rate.-The 1927 tax rate for Newark was fixed by the County Tax Board at $\$ 3.79$, an advance of 15 points over last year. The county rate shows a decrease of a fraction of a point from .508 last year to .50263 . It was estimated earlier that the Newark rate would be fixed at $\$ 3.78$; however, an item of $\$ 80,750$ for interest on the serial bonds issued March 1 sent the rate up an additional point. Concerning these
March 4 said: James A. Mungle, Secretary of the County Board, compiled figures show-
ing county ratables totaled $\$ 1,428,300,000$ for 1927 . To this amount were
added ratable increases totaling $\$ 697,535$ allowed last year. Deductions of $\$ 9,240,780$, representing remissions allowed by the State and County thex are based to $\$ 1,419,756,755$.
The amount is approximately $\$ 109,000,000$ over last year, when the net atables reached a total of $\$ 1,310,592,203$. The county tax levy is $\$ 7,357$,061 77, from which bank stock taxes
the amount to be raised $\$ 7,136,13369$.
The amount of the State school tax to be raised in the county is $\$ 3,604$,utile effort to prevent paying State institutional and State road taxes on Public service values the county had to include $\$ 116,04413$ for 1924-1925-
926 in this year's total. Esscx lost in a court action to avoid paying the axes on Public Service values.
1926 allowed on property were $\$ 284,185$. Deductions and remissions by the 1926 allowed on property were $\$ 284,185$. Deductions and remissions by the 281,434 on which county and State school taxes are based. The item last
year was $\$ 782,792,586$. follow:
City administration
County institutions
State schools
State roads.-.-.
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Pernambuco (State of), United States of Brazil. \$6,000,000 External Loan Successfully Floated.-White, Weld \& Co. and the First National Corporation, both of Boston, offered and sold on Wednesday, March 16 (the issue being oversubscribed), $\$ 6,000,0007 \%$ external sinking fund gold bonds of the State of Pernambuco (United States of Brazil) at $973 / 4$ and accrued interest, to yield over $7.20 \%$. Dated March 1 1927. Coupon bonds in denominations of $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500$, registered as to principal only. Due March 1 1947. Prin. and int. (M. \& S.) payable at the office of White, Weld \& Co., New York City, in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for any Brazilian national, State or local taxes, present or future. Not redeemable before March 11932 except for sinking fund. Redeemable as a whole on March 1 1932 or any interest date thereafter at $100 \%$ and interest upon 60 days' notice. Sinking fund, operating semi-annually calculated to retire issue by maturity through purchase up to 100 and interest or redemption by lot at that price.

Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.
Peru (Republic of) $-\$ 15,000,000$ External Sinking Fund Bonds Floated.-On Wednesday, March 15, a syndicate composed of J. \& W. Seligman \& Co., National City Co., E. H. Rollins \& Sons, Graham, Parsons \& Co., F. J. Lisman \& Co. and Ames, Emerich \& Co., Inc., all of New York City offered and quickly sold (the issue being oversubscribed) $\$ 15,000,0007 \%$ external sinking fund gold bonds of the Republic of Peru at $961 / 2$ and accrued interest, to yield $7.48 \%$. Dated March 11927 . Coupon bonds in denominations of $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500$. Due Sept. 1 1959. Prin. and int. (M. \& S.) payable in U. S. gold coin of the present standard of weight and 'ineness at the office of J. \& W. Seligman \& Co. in New York City, free from any Peruvian taxes, present or future. A cumulative sinking fund will be provided, calculated to retire all these bonds by maturity through semi-annual drawings at 105 and accrued interest

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Roosevelt Water Conservation District (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.-A pprove Third Issue for Roosevelt Water. Approval has been given by the State Certification B ard to a third issue of bonds for the Roosevelt Water Conservation District, which embraces 40,700 acres of land lying generally east of Mesa and Chandler, at an elevation above that of the Salt River Valley Water Users' canals. The previous issues were of $\$ 2,000,000$ and $\$ 1,000,000$, for construction, purchase of large pumps and for lining head canals of the Water Users' system. The new issue, to be voted by stockholders, will total $\$ 500,000$, ard will be used in lining the main district canal with $3,650,000$ yards of concrete to save $26 \%$ of flow now lost by seepage.

St. Louis, Mo.- $\$ 1,127,906,840$ Valuation Placed by City Assessor.-According to records of Assessor Gehner, the real property values in St. Louis have nearly doubled during the last ten years. This appears from a comparison of the assessment aggregate of 1917 with that of 1927. The 1927 assessment on real property within the city limits is $\$ 962$,434,890. The aggregate assessment placed on real estate in 1917 was $\$ 519,677,290$. Giving further details the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of March 7 said:
The total valuation fixed by the Assessor's Department for real and personal property in 1127 , Genher said yesterday, is $\$ 1,127,906,840$. The
books of the office show the personal and real property assessment in 1917 books of the office show the personal and real property assessment in 1917
to have been $\$ 653,698.320$. Thus the total assessable property ten years ago was also approximately one-half that of today.
The personal property assessment announced for
1927 This consists of stock, \$60,462,660; money, notes, bonds. \&c. motor vehicles, $\$ 125,880,910 ;$ cattle, $\$ 63,530$; sheep, $\$ 10$; hogs, $\$ 390 ;$ insurance companies assets, $\$ 263,450$.
comparent with the assessments last year, the real estate valuations
proved higher by $\$ 53,312,740$, while the personal property assssment proved higher
declined $\$ 188,220$. $\$ 53,312,740$,
The report of the assessment for 1927 , completed yesterday, was forwarded by Gehner to the State Tax Commission. The valuation, was made
as of June 1 1926. The Board of Equalization will sit in hearing all comas of June 11926 . The Board of Equalization will sit in hearing all complaints of taxpayers who believe their assessments have been made too hision the assessment report, March 18 .
There are still 7.095 horses in St. Louis which were assessed for taxation, next December on this assessment. last eleven years are.
Year.
Real.


## BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

## this week have been as follows:

ADAMS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Brighton,) bonds, report of which appeared in our issue of Jan. 8 -V. 124, p. $260-$ has not been consummated, as the bonds failed to cal
on March 4, the vote being 42 for to 146 against.
ADDISON, Steuben County, N. Y.-BONDS VOTED.-At the elecAGRICOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Santa Barbara), Janta Barbara County, Calif.-BOND SALE CANCELLEED.- We e now
nformed by Arthur S. Pope, County Superintendent of scho , that informed of $\$ 24,000$ school bonds to Elmer J. Kennedy of Los Angeles, at 101.51 , report of which appeared in our issue of Feb. $12-\mathrm{V}$. $124, \mathrm{p}$. 952 -has been cancelled, as torneys to have been illegal.
ALLISON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Butler County, Iowa.-INTEREST RATE-MATURITY.-The S20,000 school bonds
purchased by George M. Bechtel \& Co. of Davenport, reported in - $V$. 124 .
 p. 151
years.

ALTO, Cherokee County, Tex.-BOND SALE.-H. C. Burt \& Co. of ARIZONA (State of).-PURCHASER-PRICE PAID.-The purchaser was the Conter The price paid was a premium of \$1,512, equal to 10
$3.75 \%$. Date March 151927 . Due June 151927 .
ASHLAND, Ashland County, O.-BOND OFFERING.-Lottie Westover. Director or Finance and Public Record, will receive sealed bids until
Uated
 ASHLAND, Jackson County, Ore.-BOND OFFERING.-Gertrude the following two issues of bonds aggregating \$90,0 \$75,000 watert tonds. Dated Jan. 11927. Due Jan. 1 as follows: $\$ 10,000$,
194 Do 1936 incl., and $\$ 15,000,1937$ to 1939 incl. Bidder to state 1934 to 1936 incl., and $\$ 15,000,1937$ to 1939 incl. Bidder to state,
rate of interest. These bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$450,000.
$5 \%$ itithia improvement bonds. Dated March 1 1927. Denom. $\$ 500$. Due March 1 as follows: $\$ 1,000,1928$, and $\$ 2,000,1929$
Bids may be submitted for either or both issues. A certified check for
5500 required. LLegality to be approved by Teal, Winfree, McCulloch \& Shuler or Portland.
ATHENS, Greene County, N. Y.-BONDS VOTED.-At the election held on March 15 the voters aut
AURORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Buchanan Countr, Iowa-- won rece sealed bids until 1 p . W. Knapp, Secretary Board of coupon school bonds. Dated July 1 1927. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500$. Due $\$ 1,500,1929$ to 1948 incl. Prin. and int. (J. \& J.) payable in Aurora AVOCA, Steuben County, N. Y.-BONDS VOTED.-The issuance of S2,000 street improve.
BARBERTON, Summit County, O.-BOND OFFERING.-Floyd S.
Dutt, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m . April 4 for the


7,030 1929 to 1933 , incl., and $\$ 3,000$,

4,200 East Tuscarawas Ave. impt. city's portion bonds. Denom.
2,350 Storm Sewer District No. 4, city' s portion bonds. Denom, $\$ 500$, xxcent one for $\$ 3500$ Due Oct. 1 as follows: $\$ 350,1928$ and $\$ 500$,
1929 to 1932 , incl. Date April A certified check for $2 \%$ of the amount of bonds bid for, turer sle to the City Treasurer is required.
BEACHWOOD, Cuyahoga County, O.-BOND OFFERING.-Frank © M2,079.84.5\% special assessment street impt. bonds. Dated April 11927 $\$ 242,079.845 \%$ speciar
 Village Treasurer, is required.
BEAUFORT COUNTY (P. O. Beaufort), So. Caro.- BOND SALE.-
The South Carolina Nationai Bank of Columbia has purchased an issue of $\$ 75,00044 \% \%$ school bonds.
BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Fowler), Ind-BOND OFFERING.Elmer E. Shonkwier,
$2: 30$ p. M. March 26 for $\$ 10,48041 / 5 \%$. Gilloa Township road bonds.
Denom. $\$ 524$. Due $\$ 524$ May and Nov. 151928 to 1937 incl.

BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Fowler), Ind.-BOND ofFERING.--
The County Treasurer will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m., March 26 , The County Treas
for $\$ 16,920$ bonds.
BENTON HARBOR, Berrien County, Mich- - BOND SALE.-Cress McKenney \& Co. have been awarded $830,00041 / 2 \%$ refunding bonds as
a premium of 8, equal to 100.02 ansis
as follows: $\$ 2,000,1928$, and $\$ 4,000,1929$ to 1935 incl. 4.49 . Due April 1 BEVERLY, Essex County, Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN.-The \$200,-000 temporary loan offered on March 16-V. 124, p. 1554 - was awarded
to the Beverly Trust Co. on a $3.58 \%$ discount basis. Due Nov. 141927 .
BILTOMORE SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ashe school bonds offered on March $15-\mathrm{V}$. 124, p. 1401 -were awarded to
 BIRMINGHAM, Jefferson County, Ala.-BOND SALE.-The
S400,000 pubtic impt. bonds offered on March 15-V. 124 , p. 1249 -were awarded to Eldredge \& Co. of N. Y. City as $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ at 1100.92, a basis of
about $4.30 \%$. Date April 1927 . Due 840,000 April 11928 to 1937 incl. BLOOMVILLE, Senea County, Ohio- BOND OFFERING.-A. S.
Prouse, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m . March 24 for
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BRENHAM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Washington County, Tox--BONDS REGTSTERED.- The State Comptroller of Texas
registered on March 7 an issue of $\$ 180,00051 / 2 \%$ school bonds. Due serially BRIDGEPORT, Fairfield County, Conn. - BOND SALEE. The West
side Bank of Bridzeport purchased on Sept. 7 an issue of $\$ 15,00041 / 6 \%$ Side Bank of Bridgeport purchased on Sept 7 an issue o.
park bonds at 100.22 . Due serially 1931 to 1945 inclusive.
BRIDGETON, Cumberland County, N. J.-BOND SALE. The
wo issues of $41 / 2 \%$ coupon or registered bonds offered on March $15-\mathrm{V} .124$.

$\$ 115,000$ ( $\$ 117,000$ offered) sewer system series J bonds at 101,75 , a basis.
of about 4.34\%o. Due 83.0001928 to 1965 incl. and $\$ 1,0001966$ $\$ 25,000$ asphalt street paving mixing plant series $I$ bonds at a premium of Dated April 11927 .
BROCKTON, Plymouth County, Mass.- ADDITIONAL BONDS SOLD IN 1926. In addition to the 1926 bond sales made by the city of crockton and already reported in these columns as they took place. that
city also issued during the last year the following other bonds aggregating crey also
Date of
Date
 The school bonds were awarded Apr. 11926 Apr. $11927-311132,000$
other three issues to the First National Corpmot orp. at 100.19 and the BRONXVILLE, Westchester County, N. Y.-BOND SALE.-The
 BRONXVILLE, Westchester County, N Y Dec. 11927 to 1941 incl.
BRONXVILLE, Westchester County, N. Y.-BONDS VOTED.-At
the election held March 15 the proposition, of issuing $\$ 225,000$ street impt. the election held March 15 the propositio
bonds was approved by a count of 2 to 1 .
BROWARD COUNTY (P. O. Fort Lauderdale), Fla.-BOND SALE. 124 . 1 BRUNSWICK, Cumberland Count 95 .
ived sealed bids until, Me-LOAN ofFERED.-The discount basis of a $\$ 30,000$ temporary loan. Due Nov 11027 . BUCKHANNON, Upshur County, W. Va.-BOND DESCRIPTION. Commission-V. 124, D. 1514-bear interest at the rate of $5 \%$ and are
describe as foilows Date June 1 1927. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due $\$ 3,500$ BURIEICH
No. Dak.-BOND DESCRIPTION.-The $\$ 14.000{ }_{5}{ }^{3}$ (P. O. Bismark),
 1946: ontional when the State has enough money in sinking fund to retire BURTON, Geauga County, Ohio-BOND orferring--Harry O. Hill, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m . April 11 for the
following five issues of $51 / 2 \%$ coupon special assessment water main bonds,

18,300 South Cherhire Street bonds.
17,200 Cook Street bonds.
5.500 East Center Street bonds.

Dated April 1 1927. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ except one for $\$ 200$ Due Oct
 tified check for $5 \%$ of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village BUTLER TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Darke County O . BOND OFFERING.- J. W. Pearce, Clerk Board of Education,
will receive sealed bids until 12 m . (central standard time) March 19 (today) for $\$ 85.0005 \%$ school bonds. Dated Jan 11927 . Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and to 1949 incl. Int. payable M. M . S . A certified check for $2 \%$ of the CAMDEN COUNTY (P. O. Camden), No. Caro. BOND OFFERING. until il hamey, Chairman Highway Commission, will receive sealed bidis Township refunding bonds. Dated March 1 1927. Denom. $\$ 1.000$. Due March 1 as follows: $\$ 2.000,1928$ to 1935 incl., and $\$ 3,000$, 1936 to
1939 incl. A certified check for $\$ 250$ required. CAMPBELL, O Certified check for $\$ 250$ required
CAMPBELL, Ohio- -BOND OFFERING.-Anthony Julius, City Audi-
tor will receive sealed bids until 12 m . April 5 for the following eight issues of bonds, aggregating $\$ 47,798,43$.
$\$ 15,000$
$51 / 2 \%$ water works extension bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1927. De-
 192. Denom. $\$ 1,130$, except one for $\$$ Pl,129 70 Dec. Due
Dec. 1 as follows: $\$ 1,130$, 1928 to 1931 incl., and $\$ 1,12970$,
1932 .
$6,478276 \%$ Fairdale Ave. grading special assessment bonds. Dated

$5,058376 \%$ Sanderson Ave. grading special assessment bonds. Dated Due Dec. 1 as follows: $\$ 1,01167$, 1928 to 1931 incl., and
S1,011 69,1932 .
$2,142456 \%$ Courtland Ave. grading special assessment bonds. Dated Dec. 11926 .
to 1932 incl.
$2,514406 \%$ Gladstone Street grading special assessment bonds. Dated

 Dec. 1 1926. Denom. $\$ 66823$ except one for $\$ 66832$. Due
Dec. 1 as follows: $\$ 66823,1928$ to 1936 incl., and $\$ 66832,1937$.

Principal and interest payable at the City Treasurer's office. A certi-
fied check for $2 \%$ of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City CAMBRIDGE, Middlesex County, Mass.-ADDITIONAL 1926 BOND SALE.- Paine, Webber \& Co. of Boston, purchased during March
1926 an issue of $\$ 55,000$ improvement bonds. Due serially, 1927 to 1956 .
CAMERON PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Camoron), La.

 inclusive; $89,000,1954$ to 1956, inclusive, and \$10,000, 1957.
 denver, jointly, purchased an issue of $\$ 120,000 ~$
subject the the result of an election to be held soon. CANYON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Randall County, Gexrett \& Co. of Dallas, at 102-V. 123 , p. 3072 - bear interest at the rate
of $51 / 2 \%$.
CARSON COUNTY (P. O. Panhandle), Tex.-MATURITY.-The First State Bank of Panhandle V. 124, p. 1402-at par mature as follows: $\$ 25,000$ road and bridge warrants. Due $\$ 5,000,1927$ to 1931 incl
10,000 general fund warrants. Due $\$ 2,000,1927$ to 1931 incl.
CATSKILL, Greene County, N. Y.-BOND ELECTION.- An elec-
tion will be held March 29 to vote on the question of issuing 828,000 paving
CHAMBERS COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 P. O. Anahauc), Tex. BOND SALLE. SCHO The State Board of Education,
Pas purchased an issue of $\$ 50$ school bonds. as purchased an issue of $\$ 500$ school bonds.

 $\$ 42,000,1940 ; \$ 45,000,1941 ; \$ 47,000,1942 ; \$ 49,000,1938 ; \$ 41,000,1939 ;$
$\$ 54,000,1945 ; \$ 56,000,1946$, and $\$ 58,000,1947$. Prin. and int. 1900,$1944 ;$ (A. \& O.) Coupon bonds registerable as to principal. A certified check, payable to the above-mentioned official for $\$ 2,500$, required. Attorney's opinio
as to the validity of the bonds to be made at successful bidder's expense. CHAT TANOOGA, Hamilton County, Tenn.- BOND SALE:
Caldwell \& Co. of Nashville, have purchased an issue of $\$ 57.973$ paving bonds at a premium of $\$ 375$, equal to 100.62
CHELAN RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Chelan), Chelan beon disposed of to local investors. ChESTERFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 (P. O. $\$ 12.000$ school notes sold-- -124, . 1554 -bear interest at the rate of $51, \%$ and were sold at a premium of $\$ 671$, equal to 105.58 , a basis of about CHICAGO LINCOLN PARK DISTRICT (P. O. North Chicago)
Cook County, III.-BOND OFFERING.-The Clerk Board of Commis sioners will receive sealed bids until March 23 for $\$ 1,000,00041 / 2 \%$ improvement bonds.
CINCINNATI CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hamilton County, Ohio. March 14 (V. 124 , p. 1402 ) were awarded to the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago at a premium of $\$ 9,163$, equal to 103.85 , a basis of about $4.17 \%$. 6 to 1952 incl
Bidders - is a complete list of the other bidders:
Title Guarantee \& Trust Co., Cincinnati, and Detroit Trust Co Price Bid.
Ames, Emerich \& Co., Chicago-
Kiliam R. Compton Co.., Chicazo
A. B, Leach \& Co, Chicago--
Halse.
Taty, Stuart $\&$ Co., Cincinnati

Thylor, Wison \& Co., Cincinnati, and A.' W. Lamport \& Co.

Howe, Snow- \& Bertles, Inc., New York
Hayden, Miiler \& Co., Cleveland; Harris, Forbes \& Co., an
the National City Co Cleveland; Harris, Forbes \& Co., and Biyth, Witter \& Co., Chica_o-.........
Assel, Goetz \& Moerlein, Cincinnati-
Ost
Otis \& Co., Cincinnati
W. H. Newbold's Son \& Co., Philadelphia
Mississippi Valley Trust Co.,' St. Louis, and First Nationai Co.
Seasongood \& Mayer, Oincinnati
243,661.80
CLAY SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. South Bend) St. Joseph trustee will receive sealed bids untii a M. March 31 for $\$ 17.85041 /{ }^{\circ}$ school building bonds. Date April 1 1927. Denom. $\$ 1,000$, except one for $\$ 850$. Due April $1 \$ 850$, $1928 ; \$ 1,000,1929$ to 1939 , incl, and $\$ 2,000$.
1940 to 1942 , incl. Int. payable (A. $\& O$. ). A certified check for $3 \%$ of the amount
is required.
CLINTON (P. O. Plattsburg), N. Y-BOND SALE.-The following recentiy been sold as S42,000 highway bonds to Geo. B. Gibbons \& Co. Inc., of New York,
at 102.35 , a basis of about $4.27 \%$. Date April 11927 . Due $\$ 7,000$ 42,000 Aprill 11928 to 1933 ingl. bonds to Philleyn \& Co. of New York, at 102.50 , a basis
of about 4.45 Pe Date Feb. 15 1927. Due Feb. 15 as follo $\$ 2.000$, $4.45 \%$ Date Feb. 15 1927. Due Feb. 15 as follows 40,000 highway bonds to Pulleyn \& Co. of New York, at 107.85, a basis
of about $4.19 \%$. Date Feb. 11927 . Due $\$ 5,000$ Feb. 11936 to 1933, incl. Dagerman. Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m . April 5 for the following two issues of $41 / 2 \%$ coupon bonds, aggregating s 425,000 $\$ 200,000$ fire department impt, and alarm system bonds. Due Sept. 1 as
follows: $\$ 15,000,1928$ to 1935 , incl., and $\$ 16,000,1936$ to 1940 , Sncl.
225,000 street and sewer impt. bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: $\$ 22,000$,
1928 to 1932 incl., and $\$ 23,000$, 1933 to 1937. incl. Date April 11927 Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (M. \& S.) payable at the office of the riscal agent of Dayton in New York City. A certified
check for $5 \%$ of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the City Accountant is required.
 sealed bids until 12 m . March 29 for $\$ 140,00051 / 2 \%$ coupon highway bonds. ncl.: optional after 1947. Prin. and int. (A. \& O.) payable at the Hanover
National Bank, New Ork City. A certified check payable to the Road
Commission for $\$ 3,000$ required. Commission, for $\$ 3,000$, required
COOK COUNTY (P. O. Chicago), IIl--BOND SALE.-A syndicate
composed of A. B. Leach \& Co., A. G. Becker \& Co., the Union Trust Co..

purchased fon March 14 an issue of $\$ 3,400,0004 \%$ jail bonds at 99.377 . ${ }^{\text {Date June }}$ I 1925 . Principal and interest (J. \& D .) payable at County Date June 1 1925. Principal and interest (J. \& D.) payable at County
CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Callahan County, Tex.-BONDS REGISTERED.- The State Comptroller of Texas
registered on March 7 an issue of $\$ 65,000.5 \% \%$ school bonds. Due serially. DANVERS, Essex County, Mass.-BOND OFFERING.-The Town Treasurer will receive sealed biss until p. M1 Mally, 192, to 1947, incl DAYTON, Rhea County, Tenn--BOND SALE.-The First National a premium of $\$ 910$, equal to 101.21 .
DEARBORN, Wayne County, Mich.-BONDS OFFERED.-Herman B. Knauff. Village cerk, received sealed bids until March 16 for $\$ 36,000$ April 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due $\$ 6,000$ Oct. 11928 to 1933 incl. DE KALB COUNTY (P. O. Auburn), Ind.-BOND SALE.-The
$\$ 5,80041 / \%$ Union Township road bonds offered on March $10-\mathrm{V}$. 124 , 5,855 - were awarded to $\mathrm{J}, \mathrm{F}$. Wield \& Co . of Indianapolis, at a premium of 898.50 , equal to 101.69 a basis of about 4.16\%. Date March 11927 .
Due $\$ 290$ May and Nov. 151928 to 1937 , incl. DILLON, Dillon County, So. Caro.-PURCHASER-PRICE PAID.The purchaser or was the South Carolina National Bank of South Carolina. The bonds bear interest at the rate of $513 \%$ and were sold
basis of about $5.41 \%$ Due $\$ 4.000,1930$ to 1954 , inclusive: $\$ 75,000$ storm sewerage system bonds.
DIMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Carizzo Springs), Tex.-BOND SALE.The J. E. Jars.
DIXON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70 (P. O. Allen), Neb.BOND SALE.-The United States Trust Co. of Omaha, has purchased an
issue of $\$ 28,00043 \%$ school bonds. Date March 1 1927. Due 1952, optional atter 1937
DOLGEVILLE, Herkimer County, N. Y.-BONDS VOTED.-The
voters authorized the issuance of $\$ 18,000$ reservoir bonds at the election voters authorize
held March 15.
DUBUQUE, Dubuque County, Iowa.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 65,000$ M. Bechtel \& Co. of Davenport as $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ at a premium of $\$ 730$, equal to Mi0..2. a basis of about $4.30 \%$ Date Jan. 1 1927. Due July 1 as fol-
1ows: $\$ 5,000$, 1929 . $\$ 6,000,1930$ and $1931 ; \$ 7,000,1932$ and $1933 ; \$ 8,000$, 1934 and 1935, and 89,000 . 1936 and 1937.
DUNCAN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Spartanburg), Spartanburg
County, So. Caro, - BOND DESCRIPTION.-The $\$ 15,000$.
 p. $102 \frac{\text { a basis of about }}{} 5.48 \%$, are described as follows: Date Jan. 1
1927 Coupon bonds in denom. of $\$ 1,000$. Due Jan. 1 1947. Interest
p payable J. \& J.
DU PAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.
Du Page County, Ill.- ${ }^{\text {PO (P. O. Downers Grove), }}$ SALE.-An issue of $\$ 150,000$ school bonds Du Page County,
DUPLIN COUNTY (P. O. Kenansville), No. Caro.-BOND OFFER-
 and bridge bonds. Dated April 11927 . Denom. $\$ 1,000$ Due April 1
as follows: $\$ 10,000,1947$ to 1956 incl., and $\$ 15,000$, 1957 . Prin. and int. as follows: $\$ 10,000,1947$ to 1956 incl., and $\$ 15,000$. 1957. Prin. and int.
(A \& O.) payable at the Hanover National Bank of Now Tork City. A
certified check, payable to the County Treasurer, for $2 \%$ of the bid required.
EAGLE RIVER, Vilas County, Wis.-BOND SALE.-The First National Bank of Eagle River purchased on Feb. 25 an issue. of 553,000
Rut $51 / 3 \%$ water
1 to 20 years.
EAST LIVERPOOL. Columbiana County, Ohio- BOND OFFERING. Mar. 22 for $\$ 9,540$ ' $5 \%$ sewer. city's portion, bonds. Dote May 1.1927 . Denom. $\$ 950$, except one for $\$ 990$. Due Sept. 1 as follows: $\$ 1,940$, 1928 .
and $\$ 1,900$. 1929 to 1932 , inclusive. Interest pasable $M$ \& S . A certified andeck for
is required.
EAST PROVIDENCE, Providence County, R. I.- BOND SALE.The $\$ 500,00041 / \%$ coupon or registered school building bonds offered on Stone \& Webster \& Blodget, Inc., both of New York, and the Industrial
Trust Co. of Providence, at 100.163 -a basis of about $4.24 \%$. Date April 1 Trust Co. of Providence, at 100 .163-a absis or about $4,240,1957$.
EDGECOMBE COUNTY (P. O. Tarboro), No. Caro- BOND OFFER-ING.- J. A. Weddell, Courty Auditor, wrill receive eseale. bids until 12 m .
March 21 for $\$ 10.00$. 1 ,
 Hanover National Bank, New York City. A certified check for $2 \%$ of the
bid. required. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt \& Washburn of New
EDINBURGH CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hildalgo County, Tox.- BONDS REGISTERED. The State
Comptroller of Texas registered on March 11 an issue of $\$ 1,700,0006 \%$ schmool bonds. Due serially
EL CAMINO IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P, O. Proberta), Tehama
County, Calif.-PRICE PAID-BASIS.-The price paid for the $\$ 275.000$ Cou coupon irrigation bonds awarded to J. R. Mason and Shingle, Brown \&
Co.. both of San
 ELIZABETH CITY, Pasquotank County, No OFFERING.-J. H. Snowden, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids
until $1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. March 28 for $\$ 100.000$ not exceeding $5 \%$ coupon street impt.
 Will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the
seal impressed thereon. A certified check for $\$ 2,000$ required. Legality EL RENO, Canadian County, Okla.-BOND SALE.-The State EL RENO, Canadian County, Fummision purchased on March 7 an issue of $\$ 10,000$
$41 / 2 \%$ sewer bonds at par. ERIE, Erio County Pa,-BOND OFFERING.-The City Clerk will
eceive sealed bids until March 25 for the following two issues of $414 \%$

ERIE, SCHOOL DISTRICT, EFie County, Pa,-BOND SALE.-
The $\$ 500,000414 \%$ school bondis offered on March $15-\mathrm{V}, 124, \mathrm{p}, 1250$ There awarded to Graham. Parsons \& Co of Philadelphia at 102.50 , a



Assessed valuation, 1926.-...-. Financial Statement
Assessed valuation, 1926........................................-- $8127,120,632$ (The maximum school tax rate allowed by law, is 20 milis for general purd libses and an which at present amounts to abors at 9 mins. The present
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schol tar arate and lobraries, which the above assessed valuation for all purposes is 14 mills.)
school tan 10 mite Population, 1920 census, 102,093
FAIRMONT, Martin County, Minn.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed
bids will be received by the City Clerk until 3 p. m. March 21 for $\$ 130.000$
 desesignated by the successful bidder. A certified check for $\$ 6,500$ required.
Legality approved by Lancaster, Simpson, Junell \& Dorsey of Minneapolis. FAYETTEVILLE, Fayette County, Tex.-BOND SALE.-An issue of \$35,000 water FLUSHING TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 2, Genesee
 Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500$. Due March 15 as follows: $\$ 2,500$, 1930 and
$1931 ; \$ 3.000,1932$ and $1933 ; \$ 3,500,194 ; \$ 4,00,1935$ and $1936 ; \$ 5,000$, 1937 to 1940, incl. $\$ 6,000$, 1941 to 1943 , incl. $\$ 6,500,1944$ to 1946 . incl.
$\$ 7,000,1947$ to 1951 , inc.. and $\$ 7,500$, 5952 to 1957 , incl. A certified
check for Financial S
Assessed valuation-i-d
Actual value (estimated
Total bonded debt (this issue)
Population, 1920 Census, 1,400 .
FOREST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Susquehanna County, Pa.BOND OFFERING. - David J. Evans , Secretary Bard
receive sealed bids until 6 p. m . Aprii 5 for $\$ 75.00441 / \%$ coupon school 1937 and 1942 . Legality will be approved by Townsend, Elliott \& Munson Philabelphin. A cortified check for $2 \%$ of the par value of the bonds,
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FORT WORTH, Tarrant County, Tex.- BONDS REGISTERED.0d on March issues of $4 \frac{1}{2} \%$ bonds aggregating $\$ 1,500,000$ :
S600,000 street improvement bonds.
600,000 water and sewer bonds.
300,000 public
Due serially.
FOX SCHOOL DISTRICT, Carter County, Okla.-PURCHASERPRICE PAID.-The purchaser of the $\$ 7,500$ school bonds sold in V . 124 ,
D. 1403 , Was E. D. Edwards of Oklahoma City. The price paid was par.
Due in 20 years.
FRAMINGHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.-LOAN OFFERED.-The Town Treasurer received sealed bids until March 18 for the purchase on a
discount basis of a $\$ 100,000$ temporary loan. Due Nov. 71927 . FREEPORT, Nassau County, N. Y.-BONDS VOTED-The voters authorized the
election held March 15.
FULTONVILLE, Montgomery County, N. Y-BONDS VOTED-
bond ssue of $\$ 30.000$ for street paving was authorized by the voters at an election held March 15
GEORGETOWN, Bear Lake County, Idaho--BOND OFFERING.$\$ 5.0006 \%$ city bonds. A certified check for $5 \%$ of the bid. , March 25 for GIBSON COUNTY (P. O. Princeton), Ind.-BOND OFFERING.the following two issues of bonds aggregating $\$ 28,000$ :

## $\$ 17,500$ Victor Busing road bonds. 10,500 Charles Mason road bonds.

GIRARD, Trumbull County, Ohio.-BOND OFFERING.-Blanche
 Jan. 1 1.27. Due Oct. 1 as follows: $\$ 1,250,1928$, and $\$ 650,1929$ to
1937 incl. A certified check for $\$ 300$, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.
GLOUCESTER, Essex County, Mass.-TEMPPORARY LOAN.-The $3.56 \%$ discount basis.
GRAYSON COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (P. O. Sherman), Tex. - BOND SALE.-
purchased an issue of $\$ 500$ school bonds.

GRANT COUNTY (P, O. Marion), Ind.-BOND offering.Harry . Moore, County reasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m .
March 22 for $86.50041 \%$ coupon road bonds.
Date March 15
1927 . Denom
GREENLEE COUNTY (P. O. Clifton), Ariz.-BOND SALE.-George
W. Vallery \& Co. of Denver, have purchased an issue of $\$ 180,0004 \% / 4$ refunding bonds. Due serially
GREENVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Montcalm County, Mich.awarded to a local investor in V V. 124 , po.p. 1556 , were sold at a premium of
$\$ 200$. equal to 100.44 , basis of about $4.40 \%$. Due $\$ 5,000$, April 11928 $\$ 200$, equal
to 1936 incl
GUADALUPE COUNTY (P. O. Seguin), Tex--BOND OFFERING-for $\$ 480,0005 \%$ road bonds. ( Wenom. $\$ 1,000$. Due $\$ 12,000 \mathrm{Feb} .141928$ to 1967 incl. Bidders may submit bids in regard to the payment of the
bonds as foliows: Payment of entire isue as soon as sale is consummated; or $\$ 100.000$ to be paid as soon as sale is completed, $\$ 200,000$ payable on
Aug. 141927 and the balance of $\$ 180.000$ to be paid on Feb. 141928 .
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 Assessed valuation: Real extanancial Slatement.
 HAMILTON, Madison County, N . Y.-BONDS VOTED.-The yoters authoriz
held March 15
HAMMOND, Lake County, Ind- - BOND SALE.- The Union Trust Co. of Indianapoiis purchased rast September an
fire equipment bonds. Due Sept. 11936 . CHARTR ORD, Hartford County, Conni-b \& Co. and Gibson. Leefe \&
 HASKELL, Haskell County, Texas. - BOND SALEE, The Brownarsregating $\$ 37,400$, at par:
$\$ 20,400$ funding bonds. Due Dpril 1 as follows: $\$ 400$, 1929: $\$ 1,000,1930$ and 1935; $\$ 2,000,1940,1945$ and 1950 ; and $\$ 4,000,1955,1960$
 and 1960, and $\$ 2,000,1965$. p. 541 HEMPSTEAD, Nassau County, N. Yr-BONDS VOTED.- At the
lection held March 15 the voters authorized the issuance of $\$ 50.000$ ire equipment bonds. astie, Herry County, Ind.-B0ND ril 4 for $\$ 18,000$ school bonds.

HOLYOKE, Hampden County, Mass.- ADDITIONAL BOND SALES
IN 1926 .-In addition to the 1926 bond sales made by the City of Holyoke
and reported in these columns as they took place that city also issued and reported in these columns as they took place, that city also issued
the
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Ollowing $4 \%$ bonds, agregating 8745,000 and purchiased by the Old Colony Corp. and Edmunds B
840,000 water bonds
200,000 perman seriall 00,000 permanent highway seriany, 1927 to 1951 incl. 1927 to 1936 incl.
75,000 macadam paving bonds. Dues. 70,000 macadam paving bonds, Due serially. 1927 to
40.000 school bonds. Due serially, 1927 to 1946 incl.
30.000 sewer bonds. Due serially, 1927 to 1941 incl.
The price paid for the water boonds was 101.484, and the remaining
issues were sold at 100.672. The bonds are dated May 1 1 1926 . HUDSON FALLS, Washington Countr, N. Y.- BONDS VOTED.-
The issuance of the following bonds aggregating $\$ 43,500$ was approved by the voters of at the folection heng bonds aggre
$\$ 35.000$ street paving bonds.
8.500 sewer bonds.

HUDSON RIVER REGULATING DISTRICT (P, O. Albany)

 pavable in gold at the New York State National Bank, Albany. Legality
will be approved by Thomson, Wood \& Hoffman of New Yori City. A
certified check certified check for $2 \%$ of the face value of the bonds bid for , payable to the
State Comptroller, is required. The official offering circular says: "The State Comptroller, is required. The official offering circular says: "The
bonds are exempt from taxation and are legal investments for savings banks and trust funds. They are not to be considered in any event as bonds or
indebtedness of the State, and the State is not obligated to pay the principal or interest thereen. They are part of a total authorized issue of $99,000,000$ upon, and shall be payable, principal and interest, from the bond fund of the Hudson River Regulating District, with payment thereof sucured by an assessment levied against the pubtic corporationt and parcercts of real
estate benefited by the improvement, such assessment being payable in estate benefited by the in
forty annual instaliments.
HUNTINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Huntington), Ind.-PRICE PAID Frank price paid for the 86,500 . Lohr of Huntington-V. 124 coupon school bonds awarded to of about $4 \%$. Due $\$ 325$ May and Nov. 151928 to 1937 , incl.
IDAHO (State of).-NOTE OFFERING.-Byron Defenbach, State Treasurer, wil recive sealed bids until April 5 for $\$ 750,000$ treasury
notes.
$\$ 15,000$ required.
INMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO, 26, Spartanburg County, So, Caro-- $\operatorname{CoND}$ SALE.-The Robinson-Humphrey Co.
FIACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Marianna), George . JACKSON
JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Marianna), George M. Thomas of Marianna at par- $V$. 124 , p. 125 mature J Jan. 1
as follows $\$ 500,1929$ to 1954 incl., and $\$ 1,000$, 1955 and 1956 . Dated
Jan Jan. 11927.
JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 118 (P. O. Marianna, Fla.-MATURITY.-The S16.000 6\% coupon school bond mature July 1 as follows: \$50
incl. Dated July 11926 .
JACKSONVILLE, Duval County, Fla.-BOND OFFERING.-M. W. Bishop, Secretary City Commissionty, will receive sealed bids until. $3: 30$ p. m .
March 31 for $\$ 140,0005 \%$ coupon, water works and impt. bonds. Dated and \$100.000, 1936. Prin. and int. (J. \& J.) payable at Jacksonvilie or at the fiscal agency in New York City. A certified check, paazksle to the the City
Treasurer for $2 \%$ of the bid, required. Legality approved by Thomson, wood \& Horman of New York City.
JAMESTOWN, Chautauqua County, N. Y- BOND SALE.-The . 1251 - were awarded to a syndicate composed of Kean, Taylor \& 124 Co., Redmond \& Co. and Phelps, Fenn \& Co., all of New York, as follows:
 JASPER, Hamilton County, Fla.-BOND OFFERING.-Paul S . 7.500 , Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. April 5 for
 he bid required.
JOHNSON COUNTY (P. O. Franklin), Ind-BOND SALE.-The awarded to J. F. Wild \& Co. of Indianaparis at a premium. 124 . $\$ 198.50$, equal to 101.77 , a basis of about $4.15 \%$. Date March 10 1927. Due $\$ 560$
March and Sept. 11928 to 1937 incl. KANE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 (P. O. Batavia), Ill-Denom $\$ 1000$ p.m. March 19 (to-day) for $\$ 70,00041 / 2 \%$ school bonds be approved by Wood \& Oakiey of Chicago. A certified check for $10 \%$ of the bid, payable to the President of Board of Education, is required. KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Harris County, Tex. of recently.
KENT COUNTY (P. O. Dover), Del.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 200,000$ Farmers Bank Boad bonds offered on July 27 (1926) were awarded to the
$\$ 2,000$ Oct. Dover. Date Oct. 1926. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due KINCS M. 1943 to 1952 , inclusive.
KINGS MOUNTAIN, Cleveland County, No. Caro--BONDS OFor $\$ 40,00051 / \%$ coupon water, sewer and street provement bonds Dated Jan. 11927 Denom. 81.000 Due Jan. 1 as follows $\$ 1.000 .1929$
to 1950 incl. and $\$ 2.000,1951$ to 1959 incl. Prin. and int. (J. \& J. payable at the Chase National Bank of New York City. R. S. Dickson \&Co. of Geastonia will suprevise the preparation of the bonds: the validity of same KINCSON
KINGSTON, Tuscola County, Mich.-BOND OFFERING,-L. A. Maynar,
$6 \%$ street paviage clerk, will receive sealed bids until March 25 for $\$ 7,788$
to 1932 , incl.
KLEBERG COUNTY (P. O. Kingsville), Tex.-BOND OFFERING.Sealed bids will be received
$5 \%$ county hospital bonds.
KOKOMO, Howard County, Ind.-BOND SALE.-J. F. Wild \& Co. of Indianapolis purchased during March 1926 an issue of $\$ 113,500$
$41 / 2 \%$ refunding bonds. Date March 10 1926. Due March 10 1941.
LA CROSSE, La Crosse County, Wis.-BOND SALE.-The following two issues of $41 / 2 \%$ coupon conds, aggregating $\$ 220.000$ offered on March waukee, at a premium of $\$ 4,172$, equal to 101.89 , a basis of about $4.25 \%$ :
$\$ 200,000$ North Side School bonds. Due $\$ 10,000$ Jan. 1 1928 to
20,000 water main bonds. Due $\$ 4,000$ Jan. 11928 to 1932, incl.
LA FERIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cameron County Tex.-BOND SALE.-The State Board of Education purchased during
LAKE CITY SEPARATE ROAD DISTRICT (P, O, Yazoo), Yazoo


Haven), Mich. - BOND SALEOL DISTRICT NO. ${ }^{\frac{1}{1} \text { (P. O. O. Grand }}$ purchased an issue of $\$ 50,0004 \frac{3}{6} \%$ school bonds at 101.61 , a basis of about
$4.55 \%$. Due serially 1928 to 1947 , incl. LANSING, Ingham County, Mich - BOND SALE.-The $\$ 200.000$
 Due $\$ 40.000$ June 151928 to 1932 incl.
LA PORTE COUNTY (P. O. Michigan City), Ind.-BOND OFFER25 for $\$ 59,000$ Siegal Road bonds.
LEET TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fairoaks), AlleBoard of Directors, win receive sealed bids until 7:30 p.m. March 25 for April as follo schs $\$ 1,0001928$ to to April. 1942 1927. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due
A certified check for $\$ 1,000$ is required., $\$ 2,000,1943$ to 1957 incl.
LEFORS, Gray County, Tex.-BOND ELECTTION.-On March 30 an $\$ 1,200.000$ road bonds.
REEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Henderson County, Tenn.of $\$ 25,000$ school bonds.
LIMA, Allen County, Ohio--BIDS.-Following is a complete list of the bidders for the $\$ 2000005 \%$ sewer district, series K , bonds awarded at 104.07 , a basis of about $4.58 \%$ (V. 124, p. í556):
Bohmer, Reinhart \& Co. and Weil, Roth \& Irving, Cincinnati Premium. Otis \& Co \& Co. and the L. R. Ballinger Co., Cincinnati-
R. M. Grant \& Co., New Yorr City

Provident Savings. Bank \& Tru-st Co., Oincinnati
Spitzer, Rorick \& Co and Title Guarite
Assel, Goetz \& Moerlein. Cincinnua
Prudden \& Co. Toledo-
o. filed suit in Common Pleas Court March

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 notified that the first coupons on the bonds would not mature until March 11929 , and were asked i it the bid still stood for such bonds. The firm demanded that the bid be withdrawn and the check returned, as the bid Instead, on March 8, they were notified that the City Commission of Lima of the check, as they refuse to take the bonds on the ground that their bid vas made upon a published advertisement which did not give the 1929
date for the first coupons. Temporary injunction was granted by presiding
udge, Stanley Stouble. judge, Stanley Stouble.
LIMA, Allen County, Ohio-BOND OFFERING.-- O. H. Churchill, wo issues of $5 \%$ coupon special assessment refunding bonds, aggregating $\$ 14,433$ :
$\$ 9,063$ Metcale. Street paving bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$, except one for
$\$ 1,163$.
Due Oct. 1 as follows: $\$ 1,163,1928$, and $\$ 1,000,1929$ to 5,270 Mretcalf Street paving bonds. Denom. $\$ 5000$ excent one for $\$ 770$.
Due Oct. as follows: $\$ 770,1928 ; \$ 500,1929$ to 1935 incl., and Dated A pril 11927 . Prin. and int. (A. \& O.) payable at the office of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund. Legality will be approved by Peck, Shaffer
\& Williams of Cinccinati. $A$ certified check for $2 \%$ of the bonds bid for, LIME ${ }^{2}$ TONE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 20 (P. O. Groes. the issuance of $\$ 50,000$ road bonds.
LINDENHURST, Suffolk County, N. Y.-BONDS VOTED.-The proposition of held March 15.
LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles County, Calif.-FOND SALE.is 5 s at a premium of $\$ 2.155$, equal to 100.57 , a basis of about 4.944 . 1556 . Date March 11927 . Due March
incl., and $\$ 13,000,1934$ to 1957 incl.
LUCAS COUNTY (P P O. Toledo), Ohio.-BOND OFFERING.sealed bids until 10 a . m . April 4 , for $\$ 178.8005 \%$ iscal sanitary sewer o. 69 bonds. Date Aprii 20 1927. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ except one for $\$ 800$. 17.000, 1936 and 1937 . Principal and int. (A. \& O.) payable at the ounty Treasurer's office. A certified check for $\$ 500$ is required.
LYNBROOK, Nassau County, N. Y.-BONDS VOTED.-The
Voters authorized the issuance of $\$ 13,500$ motor pump bonds for the fire epartment at the election held
LYNN, Essex County, Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN.-The $\$ 300,000$ temporary loan offered on March $11-\mathrm{V}$. 124 . p. 1556 -was awarded to
F.. . Moseley \& Co. of Boston, on a $3.59 \%$ discount basis. Due Nov. 3

MC CLUSKY, Sheridan County, No. Dak.-BOND offering.H. E. Dickinson, O.ty Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. M. March
22 for $\$ 12.0006 \%$ water works bonds. Date March 1 Dent. d $\$ 100$.
MAINE (State of)-BOND OFFERING.-W. S. Owen, State Treasurer Kennebec Bridge bonds. Date April 1 1927. Denom. $\$ 1.000$ Due April 1 as follows: $\$ 10,000,1940: \$ 20,000,1941$ and $1942: \$ 30,000,1943$ to
1945, incl: $\$ 40,000,1946$ to 1949 , incl., and $\$ 50,000,1950$ to 1953 , incl. Pin ( \& ) payable in gold at the State Treasurer's office
MALDEN, Middlesex County, Mass.-ADDITIONAL BOND SALES and reported in these columns as they took place, that city also issued during the last year the following $4 \%$ bonds, aggregating $\$ 80,000$ :
$\$ 20,000$ water bonds to the Old Colony Trust Co, Boston, at par. Date 60,000 award, Dec. 1 school bonds to Estate of Marcus Beebe at 191 . Date July 1

1926 . Due serially, July 11927 to 1946 incl. Date of award, July 71926
MANKATO, Blue Earth County, Minn--BOND ELECCTION.-An election will be held on March 26 for the purpose of vo
issuing $\$ 400,000$ not exceeding $41 / \%$ school bonds.
MARATHON COUNTY (P. O. Wausau), Wis.-BOND OFFERING.for $\$ 703.00041 / 2 \%$ highway improvement bonds.
MARIBELLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Texas.-BOND SALE.-The state Board of Education has purchased an issue of $\$ 1,200$ school bonds.
MARION COUNTY (P. O. Ocala), Fla.-BOND OFFERING.-T. D.

 time ror $\$ 250,000$ of the bonds maturing Feb. 1 as follows: $\$ 16.000,1937$ Commissioners, for $2 \%$ of the bid, required. Legality approved by Chester B. Masslich of New York City.

MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz. BIDS.-The following is a complete list of bids for the $\$ 200,000.5 \%$
school onds awarded to . . . . Secker \& Co or Chicago at 107.27, a basis of
about $4.45 \%$ (V. $124, \mathrm{p}$. 1557 ). Successful bidders agreed to furnish blank about $4.45 \%$ (V. $124, \mathrm{p}$.
bonds and legal opinion.
W Lers layton \& Co., Toledo.
Tlinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago
Prudden \& Co. Toledo..................
Taylor. Wilson \& Co., Cincinnati
Stranahan, Harris \& Oatis, Inc., Cincinnati (to furnish blank bds.)
The following 'list of bidders agreed to furnish blank bonds
Russel, Sutherlin \& Co., Los Angeles.

Continental \& Commercial Co., Chicayo-
Vrandersall $\&$ 'Co. Toledo.
Inter-MIountain
Iife Insurance Co
Phoenix National Bank, Phoenix.
Boettcher \& Co., Denver-
Siddlo, Simons, Day \& Co., Denver-
Valley Bank of Phoenix.
Stifel, Nicolaus \& Co.. Inc., Št. Louis.
Geo. H. Burr \& Co., New York City
Braun, Bosworth \& Co., Toledo---
MARION COUNTY (P. O. Marion), So. Caro- BOND SALE. The
 Atlanta jointly, as 43 s. at at 101.23 a a basis of about $4.56 \%$
March i 1927 . Due 850,000 March 11929 to 1941 inclusive.
MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Plymouth), Ind.-BOND OFFERING.Sealed bids will be received
for $\$ 18,300$ highway bonds.
MARSHALL SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Bedford), Lawrence County, Ind.-BOND OFFERING.-The School Trustees, will rec
sealed bids until 2 p. m. March 28 for $\$ 30,000$ school building bonds.
MARSHFIELD, Coos County, Ore.-BOND DESCRIPTION.-The $\$ 76,61$ improvement bonds awarded to a syndicate composed of Ferris \&
Hardgrove. Blyth. Witter \& Co. and Hugh B. McGure \& Co. all of Port
Hand at the rate of $6 \%$ and are described as follows: Dated Dec. 1 bear interest 1926 . Due
1936; optional after 1927.
MARTINS FERRY, Belmont County, Ohio.-BOND OFFERRING.Wm. H. Cross, Jr. City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m . Oct. 11928 to 1937, inclusive. \$1,000 and $\$ 250$. Due $\$ 1,250$
25,000 storm sewer bonds. Denom. Date April 1 1927. Principal and interest A. \& o.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check for $1 \%$ of the amount of bonds
MAYFIELD COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Johns.
 MELROSE, Middlesex County, Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN.-The
Merchants' National Bank of Boston has purchased a $\$ 200,000$ temporary Merchants National Bank of Bo
MELVINDALE, Wayne County, Mich.-BOND SALE.-Lewis \& Co. an issue of $\$ 200,00043 \%$ storm'and sanitary sewer bonds. Date purchased
1926. Due Oct. 1 1956. Principal and interest (A. \& O.) payable at the
\& Stone, of Detroit.
Financial Statement.

## Assessed valuation Total bonded indebtedness

........ Statement.

## Water bonds- Sel-liquidating improvement bonds

bonded indebtedness
estim
ated, over 6,000 .
Charles A. Ball Borough Clerk, will receive s.-BOND offering. March 23 for an issue of 44.1 F fire apparatus bonds not exceeding 814,000 . no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of $\$ 1,000$ over
$\$ 14.000$ Dated April 1 197. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ Due $\$ 2.000$. April
 amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Borough, is required
MERRILL, Lincoln County, Wis.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 9,0005 \%$
 MEXICO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 .
MEXICO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, Oswego offered on March 14 (V. 124,- 1251) were awarded to Redmond \& Co. of New York City at 102.13 a a basis of about $4.35 \%$. Date April 1 1927. 1927 .
Due Oct. 1 as follows: 2,000 , 1928 to 1932, inclusive: $83.000,1933$ to 1940 ,
inclusive inclusive $\$ 4,000,191$ to 1945 , inclusive, $\$ 5,000$, 1946 to 1950 , inclusive
$\$ 6,000,1951$ to 1954, inclusive: $\$ 7,000,1955$ to 1957 , inclusive; $\$ 8,000,1958$ $\$ 6,000,1951$ to 1954, inclusive: $\$ 7,000,1955$ to 1957 , inclus
to 1960 , inclusive, and $\$ 9,000,1961$ to 1963 , inclusive.
MIDDLETOWN, Butler County, O.-BOND OFFERING.-C. H $\$ 26,1004^{4} /{ }^{1 / 5 y}$ street impt. (city's portion) bonds. Dated April 11927
 Shaefor \& Williamk, of Cincirnati. Aty Legality will in approved by Peck,
the City Treasurer, is requiried.
MINGO COUNTY (P. O. Williamson), w. Va.-BOND oFFERING Aprii 9 for $\$ 138,000551 / 2 \%$ rounty bonds. Deurt, wiil receive sealed bids until
MISSISSIPPI (State of)-BOND SALE POSTPONED.-We are now informed by Attorney-General Knox of State Bond Commission are report of which appeared in our issue of March $5-\mathrm{V}$. 124, , p. 1404 ,
has been indefinitely postponed due to the serious illness of
Governor Henry L. Whitfield
MITCHELL, Lawrence County, Ind. - BOND ofFERTNG.-The
City Clerk will receive sealed bids until 12 m . March 24 for $\$ 27,000$ bonds.
MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Bloomington), Ind.-BOND OFFERING MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Bloomington), Ind.-BOND OFFERING.
The County Trustee will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. April 5 for $\$ 8,00$ Cleark Creek school township bonds.
Marrison, Whiteside County, III.-BONDS OFFERED.-The Mayor received sealed bids until March 16 for $\$ 15,0005 \%$ fire department
bonds. Dated April 11927 . Due $\$ 8,000,1933$, and $\$ 7,000,1934$. MOUNT ORAB VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Brown County $5 \%$ school bonds awarded on Feb. 28 to list of the bids for the $\$ 39,000$ 5\% school bonds awarded on Feb . 28 to W. L. Slay
at 102.85, a basis of about $4.66 \%$ (V. 124, p. 1557):
A. E. Aub \&

Seasongood \& Mayer
The Herrick Co
Weil. Roth \& Irving $\mathrm{O}_{-}$
Ryan, Sutherland ${ }^{2}$ Co-
Otis \& C
Title
Title Guarantee \& Trust Co
Assel. Gootz \& Moerlein

MOUNT KISCO, Westchester County, N. Y.-BONDS VOTED.-At the election held on March 15 the voters approved the proposal to issue
$\$ 600,000$ highway and municipal improvement bonds by a 250 majority. MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Jose) bands offered on March $7-\mathrm{V}$. $124, \mathrm{D}$ 1252 overe awarded to the Bank of
Italy at a premium of $\$ 3,49$, equal to 104.37. Due serially 1928 to 1947 incl
MUSCATINE COUNTY (P. O. Muscatine), Iowa.- BOND OFFERAprii 18 for $\$ 105,000$ road bonds.
NASSAU COUNTY (P. O. Mineola), N. Y.-BOND OFFERING.-
 1936, $\$ 94.0001037$ and to 1933 , incl.: $\$ 146,000$ 1934, $\$ 150,0001935$ and payable in gold at the County Treasurer's office. The bonds. Will be be
prepared under the supervision of the Nassau County Trust Co., Mineola
whit officials and the seal impressed thereon. Legality, will be approved by Reed. Dougherty, Hoyt \& Washburn of New York City A A certified
check for 2\% of the face value of the bonds bid for, payable to the County Tr
NATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Diego), San Diego Supervisors, wili receive sealed bids untill $10: 30$ p. m. March 21 for $\$ 10,0,000$
$5 \%$ school bonds. Date Feb. 141927 Denom. $\$ 1.000$ Due Feb. 14
 check for $3 \%$ of the bid required. Legality approved by Goodfellow,
Eells, Moore \& Orrick, of San Francisco
NEVADA, Story County, Iowa- BOND SALE.-The $\$ 50,000$ coupon water works bonds offered on March $15(\mathrm{~V} .124, \mathrm{p}$. 1252 ) were awarded to
George M. Bechtel \& Co. of Davenport as $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$. Dated May 11927 . NEW BRITAIN, Hartford County, Conn.-BOND SALEE-Geo. B. $\$ 150,0004 \%$ school bonds at 98.35 . Date Feb. $1 \quad 1926$. Due serially, 1926 to 1955 , inclusive.
NEW LONDON, New London County, Conn--BOND offering 2 p . M. March 22 for $\$ 50,000{ }^{414 \%}$ public impt. Series 5 bonds. Date Aprin. and int. (A. \& O.) payable in gold at the City Treasurer's office
Prin.
or
 certire as tor genulueness of the signatures or the officials and the sea
impressed thereon. Legality will be approved by Storey Thorndike Pamper \& Dodge of Boston. A certified check for $2 \%$ of the par value
of the bonds bid for, payabie to the City, is required. NEW PHILADELHPIA, Tuscarawas County, Ohio--BOND OFFER-

 required
NEWPORT BEACH, Orange County, Calif.-BOND SALE--
 1961 incl. Prin. and int. M. \& S. payable at the City Treasurer's
orfice. Legality approved by Goodillow, Eells, Moore \& Orrick of
San NIAGARA FALLS, Niagara County, N. Y. - BONDS VOTED.-At
the election held March 15 the voters authorized the issuance of $\$ 18,000$ park bonds. NLLES TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Trumbull County, O.-
BOND OFFERING. Sealed bids will be received until $1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ Aprii 15 for
$\$ 20.0005 \%$ schooi bonds. NORTH BEACH DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Basin), Big Horn County, Wyo.-PRICE PAID.-The price paid for the $\$ 113,000$ drainage bonds, reported sold in V. 124, p. 1405, was pa
NORTHPORT, Suffolk County, N. Y.-BONDS VOTED. At an
election held on March 15 the voters authorized the issuance of $\$ 110,000$ election held on Marchase bonds.
NORTH TARRYTOWN, Westchester County, N. Y.-BONDS election.- The question of issuing $\$ 37,000$ fire-house bonds carried at an
OAKLAND COUNTY (P. O. Pontiac), Mich.-BOND OFFERING.W. B. Narrin, Assessment District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until
$2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. March 23 for the following 12 issues of special assessment road 2 p. . m. March 23 for the for
bonds agregating $\$ 2,140.000$
 Prork. City. A certified check for $\$ 10,000$, payable to the Board of County
Road Commissioners, is required
OCEAN SPRINGS, Jackson County, Miss.-BOND OFFERING:James Lynch, Town clerks. will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Aprii 7
for $\$ 80.000$ not exceeding $5 \%$ special street improvement bonds. A certified check for $\$ 4,000$ require
OGDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Weber County, Utah.-BOND p. 1252 -were awarded to the Palmer Bond \& Mortgage Co., the Central Trust Co. and Edward L. Burton \& Cor Cond both of Salt Lake City, as 4s at a
premium of $\$ 976.10$, equal to 100.59 . premium of $\$ 976.10$, equal to 100.5 . Financial Statement.
Assessed valuation real estate, personal and other taxable pro
Total bonded debt (including this issue)
of oity, 1920 census, 32,800 school census, 1926 , 10,644. Rate of school tax per \$1,000 for 1926, 11.5\%
OLD FORGE, Herkimer County, N. Y.-BONDS VOTED.-The voters authorized the rssuan
OLD FORGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lackawanna County, Pa.will receive sealed bids until 7 p. bonds. Dated April 1 1927. Denom. $\$ 1.000$. Due April 1 as follows:
$\$ 66.000$. 1932 and $\$ 60.000,1937$ to 1942 incl. Legaity approved by
 of the par v
is required
ORLANDO, Orange County, Fla.-BOND OFFERTNG.-J. A. A. stinson, city Clirk, wil receive sealed bids until 10 a. . M. March
following three issues of $5 \%$ coupon bonds, aggregating $\$ 731,000$ :
$\$ 31,000$ seriees A, paving and sewer bonds.
230 , 000 series D , sewer and sidewak bonds.

### 230.000 series D , sewer and sidewalk bonds. 170.000

170,000 series 1 , paving bonds. $\$ 1,000$. Due serially, 1928 to 1937 , incl. Bids may be submitted for all or part of the bonds offered. Prin. and int. (A. \& O.) payable in gold at the Hanover National Bank, New York City.
A certified check for $1 \%$ of the bid, required. Legality approved by ThomA certified check for $1 \%$ of the bid, require
son, Wood \& Hoffman of New York Clity,
PALMYRA, Burlington County, N. J.-BOND SALE.-The coupon or registered, general improvement bonds offered on March $15(\mathrm{~V} .124, \mathrm{D}$.
1405 ) were awarded to Rufus Waples \& Co. of Philadelphia as $4 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{~s}$, taking
$\$ 102,000$ ( $\$ 103,000$ offered) at a premium of $\$ 1,438$ 20, equal to 101.41 , a basis of about $4.62 \%$. Date March 11927 . Due March 1 as follow
$\$ 3,000,1929$ to 1941 , inclusive, and $\$ 4,000,1942$ to 1957 , inclusive. PARAMUS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ridgewood, R. F. D.),
Bergen County, N. J.
BOND

 25,000 Series B bonds. Due Aprill 1 as follows: $\$ 2,000,1928$ to 1934 incl. Dated April 1 1927. Denom. S1,000. Prin. and int. (A. \& O.) payable
in gold at the Hackensack Trust Co., Hackensack. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of $\$ 1,000$ over each of the above issues.
The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. \& Trust of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Legality will be approved $2 \%$ of the amount of bonds bid for, for each issue, is required.
PELHAM MANOR, Westchester County, N. Y.-BONDS VOTED.-
The proposition of issuing $\$ 70,000$ drainage bonds was approved by the PETERSBURG INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRIOT, Hale Texas registered on March 11 an issue of $\$ 50,00051 / 2 \%$ school bonds. Due serially
RHHILLIPS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Texas.-BONDS an issue of $\$ 40,00051 / 2 \%$ school bonds. Due serially. PORT CHESTER, Westchester County, N. Y.-BOND OFFERING--
Frederick G. Schmidt, Clerk Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids untill 8 p . m . March 21 for $\$ 48,0005 \%$ tax relief bonds. Date April 11927 . the First National Bank \& Trust Co. Pro Port Chester. A. A Certified check
for $3 \%$ of the value of the bonds bid for, payable to the village Treasurer is required.
PRATTVILLE, Autauga County, Ala--BOND SALE-Marx \& Co cently.
p. 1278.
PROSPECT, Oneida County, N. Y.-BONDS VOTED. The voter authorized the issuance of $\$ 6,000$ fire apparatus bonds at the election held March 15
PROSPERITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Nowberry),
Nowberry County, So. Caro. ${ }_{\text {BOND }}$ SALE.-An issue of $\$ 20,000$ school Nowberry County, So. Caro--1.
PROVO, Utah County, Utah.-CORRECTION.-We are now informed by Fred Evans, City Clerk, that the sale of $\$ 225,000$ tax anticipation notes tsalt Lake City, jointly, report of which appeared in our issue of Feb. 7
QUUTMMAN, Brooks County, Ga.-MATURITY.-The $\$ 24.0005 \%$ (treet paving bonds purchased by thie Bank of Quitman, at $105.27-\mathrm{V}$. street paving bonds purchased by the Bank of ouitma
124, p. $1558-V$.mature serially Oct. 11927 to 1950 , incl.
REAGAN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Stiles, Texas. - BONDS REGISTERED. The State Comptroller of
Texas registered on March 8 an issue of $\$ 100,0006 \%$ school bonds. Due serially.
RICHMOND, Contra Costa County, Calif.-BOND SALE.-E. H. Rollins \& Sons of San Francisco have purchased an issue of $\$ 128,000$
$6 \%$ narbor improvement bonds. Due serially Dec. 11951 to 1960 . incl. Actual valuation (1926-27), Financial Statement.
Assessed Valuation (1926-27) --
Total debt (including this issue)

| $89,000,000$ |
| :--- |
| 27.7530 | Population (present est.)

RICHWOOD Nicholas Coun W. Va of West Virginia, has purchased the following two issues of bonds, aggregating $\$ 5.000,000$ at par: Dain Road bonds. $\quad \$ 4,000$ West Main St. paving bonds ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.-NOTE SALE.-The following
six issues of notes aggregating $\$ 1,175,000$ offered on March $7-V .124$, pi 1405-were awarded to Salomon Bros. \& Hutzler of Boston on a $3.70 \%$ discount basis plus a premium of $\$ 7$,
$\$ 25,000$ mumitipal building construction notes as per ordinance of the
Common Council Aug. 251825 . Date March 101927 . Due 400,000 general revenue notes as per ordinance of the Common Council
Dec. 28 1926. Date March 10 1927. Due June 10 1927.
 25,000 school construction notes as per ordinance of the Common Council
May 12125. Date $^{\text {March } 10} 1927$ Due Nov 101927 . 100,000 transit subway notes as per ordinance of the Common. Council
 ROCKY FORD, Otero County, Colo--BOND ELECTION.-An elec-
tion will be held on April 5 to vote on the question of issuing $\$ 87,000$ general paving bonds. ROSCOE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Nolan County awarded to George L. Simpson. Tnc., of Dallas-V. 124, p. $1405-$ at 101 bear interest at the rate of $6 \%$, and are described as follows. Date April 1
1927 . Cupon bonds in denomination of $\$ 500$. Due serially 1930 to
1953 , ROXBORO Interest payable A. \& 0
ROXBORO, Person County, No. Caro--BOND SALE.-The $\$ 40.000$
water extension bonds offered on March 14-V. 124, p. 1405 -were a warded to Caldwell \& Co. of Nashyille as $51 / 4 \mathrm{~s}$, at a aremium or $\$ 6.13$, equal to $\$ 1,00$ 1930 to 1949 , incl., and $\$ 2.0001950$ to 1959 , incl.
ROYAL OAK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8, Oakland County, Mich.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 140,000$ school bonds offered on
 RUSH COUNTY (P. O. Rushville), Ind.- BOND OFFERING.March 21 for $\$ 8,40041$ \% Riley Township road bonds. Date March 1
1927 Denom. $\$ 210$. Due $\$ 410$ May and Nov. 151928 to 1937, incl.
RYE, Westchester County, N. Y.-BONDS VOTED.-At the election held on March 15 the voters authorized the issua
and improvement bonds by a count of 223 to 40 .
SABETHA, Nemaha County, Kan-BOND $S A L E$.-The $\$ 12,000$
$43 \% \%$ sewer extension bonds offered on March 1-V. awarded to the National Bank of Sabetha, at a premium of $\$ .50$, equal to
100.06 , basis of about $4.74 \%$. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due $\$ 1,200,1928$ to 100.06, a bus.
1937, incl.
STOHNS COUNTY (P. O. St. Augustine), Fla.-BOND SALE. ST. JOHNS $15-\mathrm{V}$. 124, P. $1100-$ were awarded to the Barnett National Bank of
Jacksonvile. Date Jan. 1926 . Due Jan. 11946 . ST. JOSEPH COUNTY (P. O. South Bend), Ind.-BOND OFFER11 a. m . April 5 for $\$ 130,00041 / 2 \%$ county bonds. Dated March 11927.
Due $\$ 65,000$. March 11934 and 1935 .
ST. LOUIS, Buchanan County, Mo--BOND OFFERING.-Louis
Noite. City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m . Mar. 31 for
 nom. of $\$ 10,000, \$ 50,000$ and $\$ 100,000$; fully registered bonds may be converted into coupon bonds on payment of $\$ 2$ per thousand. Due April 1
as follows: $\$ 522,000,1932 ; \$ 120,000,1933 ; \$ 123,000,1934 ; \$ 129,000,1935$;
 A. ©O.) payaie at the National Bank or Commerce. Prin. And int.
certified check for $1 \%$ of the bid, payable to the City Comptroller, is re quired. Legality approved by Charles \& Rutherford
bonds are part of an authorized issue of $\$ 12,000,000$
SABINE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 34 (P. O. Many), La.-
BOND SALE.-Morris Mather \& Co. of Chicago, has purchased an issue



Real value (est.).
Assessed valuation Financial Statement.

Total bonded debt- (this issue included)
Population (est.)
$\$ 2,000,000$
$1,250,000$
SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P, O. Santa Barbara) bonds awarded to ER Gundelfinger © Co sion
 SARASOTA, Saras
SARASOTA, Sarasota County, Fla.-BOND oFFERING.-H. I.
 Narch 1 1947 . Principal and interest (M. \& S.) payable at the Hanover SCARSDALE, Westchester County, N. Y.-BONDS VOTED.-At the
election held March 15 the proposition of issuing $\$ 103,250$ athletic fields and purchase and play yrounds bonds was approved by a vote of 160 to 58 . SCHUYLERVILLE, Saratoga County, N. Y.-BOND DESCRIPTION. (v. 124, D. 1406) are described as followss: Date July 111926 Registered SEATTLE, King County, Wash.-BOND SALE.-The following two
issues of bonds, aggregating $\$ 1,020,000$, offered on March 11 (V. $124, \mathrm{p}$. To White, Weld \& Co. of N N W. Yity and Ferris, \& Hardgrove of Spokane
jointly- $\$ 520,000$ general improvement bonds as 41 s
 Favre \& Co., Seattle National Bank and
Water extension bonds as 4. 4 at 97.13 .
Dated April 1 1927. Due serially.
SEATTLE, King County, Wash-BONDS VOTED.-At a recent election the voters authorized the issu.
a count of 32,877 for to 10,111 against.
SEBASTIAN COUNTY LINE, Willacy and Cameron Counties, issue of $\$ 3.000$ school bonds
SEDGWICK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (P. O. Jules purchased an issue of $\$ 40,00043 \%$ school building bonds at par. Due in 1 to 30 years.
SENECA FALLS, Seneca County, N. Y.-BONDS VOTED.-The $\$ 40.000$ municipal hall site

SHAWNEE RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT P. O. RF D. No Lima), Allen County, O.-BOND oFFERING.-E.E. Clem, Clerk Board


 Sanders \& Dempsey of Clevelan
SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Shelbyville), Ind.-BOND OFFERING. the following two the following
$\$ 12,800$ road
10.270 road bonds

SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Shelbyville), Ky--BOND OFFERING.Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk Board of County Commissioners,
until April 15 , for $\$ 100,00041 / 2 \%$ road bonds. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Denoms. } \$ 1,000 \text { or } \$ 500\end{aligned}$, until April 15. for $\$ 100,00044 / 2$, road bonds. Denoms. $\$ 1,000$ or $\$ 800$
at purchaser option, Due $\$ 4,000$ April 15 i932 to 1936 inclusive. A
certified check for $\$ 1,000$ required. These bonds are part of an authorized certified check for
issue of $\$ 200,000$
SOMERS (P. O. Lincolndale), Wayne County, N. Y.-BOND SALE. vestor as 4 s at par. Dated March 11927 . Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due $\$ 1.000$ March 1928 to 1947 incl. Prin. and int. payabie at the Mount Kisco
Mational Bank. Mout Kisco
SOMERVILLE, Middlesex County, Mass.-LOAN OFFERED.-The City Treasurer received sealed bids until March 18 for the purchase on a
discount basis of a $\$ 400,000$ temporary loan. Due Nov. 41927 .
SOUTHAMPTON, Suffolk County, N. Y.-BONDS VOTED.-The proposition of issuing $\$ 50,000$ curb and gutter bonds was approved by the
voters at the election held March 15 . SOUTHRRIDGE
SOUTHBRIDGE, Worcester County, Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN. Toan old Colony Corp. of Boston has been awarded a $\$ 2$.
SPRINGFIELD, Greene County, Mo--BOND SALEF.-The William
R. Compton Co, of St Touis has purchased an issue of $\$ 855.00041 / \%$ improvement bonds at 100.17 .
STANLEY COUNTY (P. O. Albemarle), No. Caro-BOND OFFERreceive sealed bids until March 22 , for $\$ 275,0005 \%$ public improvement STATE COLLE
E. J. Wi,liams, Borouon Senter County, Pa.-BOND OFFERING.-
 Jan. 11937 . Principal and semi-annual interest, payable in gold in State Philadelphia. A certified check for $2 \%$ of the par value of bonds bid for,
payable to the Borourh payable to the Borough Treasurer, is required
STEPHENS COUNTY (P. O. Breckenridge), Tex--BONDS REGIS-
TERED. - The State Comptroller of Texas registered on March 12 an issue TERED.-The State Comptroller of Texas, regstered on March 12 an issue
STEPHENS COUNTY (P. O. Breckenridge), Tex-WARRANT STONEWALL COUNTY CONSOLIDATED COMMON SCHOOL Board of Education has purchased ant issue of - $\$ 8.000$ school bonds. State
STROUDSBURG, Monroe County, Pa. - BOND SALE.-The Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh has purchased an issue of $\$ 30,00041 / \% \%$
funding bonds. Date Nov 1926 Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due Nov. 1 as ollows: $\$ 10,000,1931,1936$ and 1941 , Intere SUFFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Riverhead), N. Y.-BOND SALE.-The
 York, jointly, at 105.59, a basis of about 3.98\%. Date Apriil 1 1927. Due misher Count (P. O. Tulia), Tex.-BOND SALE-George L. Simpson \& $C$
bonds.

SYRACUSE, Onondaga County, N. Y.-BONDS VOTED. - The SYRACUSE, Onond
Voters authorized the is
election held March 15 .
TACOMA, Pierce County, Wash--BOND SALES.-The following is a complete list or special improvement bonds, bearing interest at the rate
of $6 \%$, agregating $\$ 417,817.44$, sold by the city of Tacoma from April to of $6 \%$, aggregating $8417,817,44$, sold by the
December inclusive during the year 1926:
Decembe
Sold
April

| Sold During- | Dist. No. | ${ }_{\text {Amount. }}$ \$565.50 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1139 | 1,42.800 |
|  | 5080 1249 | ${ }_{2,664.25}^{4,003}$ |
| ay | 5084 | ${ }^{591.85}$ |
|  | 9080 | ${ }_{2,003.60}^{1,514.20}$ |
|  | 4103 | 10, ${ }^{2} 959.78$ |
|  | 4199 | $12,645.02$ 1 $1,654.75$ |
| June | 5076 | - $1,868.75$ |
| July | 1120 | ${ }_{2}, 088.30$ |
|  | 4039 | $3,112.97$ $14,731.85$ |
|  | 4201 | 14,533.35 |
|  | 5087 5089 | $3,368.70$ $4,872.85$ |
|  | 4200 | 1,420.50 |
| August | ${ }^{4167}$ | 8.461.75 |
|  | 4123 | $7,674.49$ |
|  | 4012 | $9,588.85$ |
|  | 5092 | 3.009.20 |
|  | ${ }_{4197}^{4195}$ | 10,342.77 |
|  | 5086 | - $2,5933.95$ |
|  | 1202 | 2,500.00 |
| Septem | 4206 1302 | $2,400.00$ $2,400.00$ |
|  | 977 | 800.00 |
|  | 4207 4159 | 7,100.00 |
|  | 1303 | 1,700.00 |
|  | 1281 | $2,300.00$ $1,400.00$ |
|  | 1247 | $1,600.00$ $1,400.00$ |
|  | 1211 | ${ }^{1,400.00}$ |
|  | 4059 | ar $31,200.00$ $1,200.00$ |
|  | 1295 | 1,200.00 |
|  | 4214 | 1,200.00 |
|  | ${ }_{4216}$ | ${ }_{2}^{2}, 7200000$ |
|  | 1192 | $\frac{1}{3} 1100000$ |
|  | 860 4209 | 5,900.00 |
|  | 4112 | 13,500.00 |
|  | 4211 | 2,000.00 |
| November | 1292 4213 | $\begin{aligned} & 6,200.00 \\ & 4,800.00 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 1387 | 500.00 34.000 .00 |
|  | 1310 | 10,800.00 |
|  | 1194 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,600.00 \\ 24,800.00 \end{array}$ |
| ember |  | $\begin{array}{r} 24,800.00 \\ 2,200.00 \end{array}$ |

$15-\mathrm{V} .124, \mathrm{p} .1253-$ were awarded to Otis \& Co. of Oleveland:
16,900 Ohitown April and \$2.000 Oct. 1.1933 to 1937 . incl. Ohitown Girard RRad No. 65 -F Weathersfield Township bonds
Due as follows $\$ 00$ Aprii 1 and $\$ 1,000$ oct. $1988 \$ 1,000$ Aprii and Oct. 1929 th 1935 incl., and \$1,000 Artir 1 1936. BOND SALE,
$\$ 10,600$ road bonds.
TUCKAHOE, Westchester County, N. Y- BONDS VOTED.-A
bond issue of $\$ 216.000$ for municipal improvements was authorized by the voters at the election held March 15 .
TUPPER LAKE, Franklin County, N. Y.-BONDS VOTED.-At library bonds.
VAN BUREN COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Ind.- BOND OFFERfor $\$ 4,500$ road bonds.
VANDERBURGH COUNTY (P. O. Evansville), Ind. - BOND OFFERING. Chris Kratz, County Treasurer, will
$10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. March 26 for $\$ 34,00041 / 2 \%$ road bonds.
VERNON COUNTY (P. O. Viroqua), Wis.-BOND OFFERING.-
Berlie Moore, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m . April 9 or $\$ 150,000$. Date May 11927 . Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due May 1 as follows: $\$ 60,000$. 1930 ,
and $\$ 90,000,1931$. Prin. and int. (M. \& S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office.
WADSWORTH, Medina County, O.-INTEREST RATE-BASIS.The $\$ 16.000$ North Lyman St. impt. bonds reported sold to W . L. Slavton
\& Co. of Toledo at a premium of $\$ 548$, equal to 103.42, . 124. . 1559
bear interest at the rate of $51 / 2 \%$. Due $\$ 2,000$ a basis of about $4.72 \%$.
Oct. 111928 to 1935 incl.
WARSAW, Duplin County, No. Caro-BOND OFFERING.-M. H. $\$ 20.000$. $6 \%$ town bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1927. Denom. $\$ 1.000$ Due $\$ 1.000$ Feb. 11938 to 1957 incl. Prin. and int. (F \& \& A.) payable at the
Hanover National Bank. New York City. A certified check for $2 \%$ of Hanover National Bank, New York city. A cerre.
the bid, payable to the Town Treasurer, is required.
WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Ind-BOND OFFERING:$\mathrm{m} . \mathrm{m}$. March 26 for $\$ 34.0005 \%$ road bonds. Date March 71927 . Denom.
S .700 . Due $\$ 1,700$ May and Nov. 151928 to 1937 , inc). WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Plymouth), No. Caro--BOND
 interest. A certified check for $2 \%$ of the bid, required.
WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Wash-
ington, D. C.), Md.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 300,00041 / 2 \%$ water, series O . ington, D. C.), Md.-BOND SALE. - The $\$ 300,00041 / 2 \%$ water, series O,
bonds offered on March $11-\mathrm{V} .124, \mathrm{p}$. 1406 - were awarded to a syndicate composed of Estabrook \& Co. and Hannahs, Ballin \& Lee, both of New
York, and Colston, Heald \& Trail, of Baltimore, at 102.44, , basis of abut
$4.36 \%$ Date March 1 1927. Due in 50 years; optional in 30 years. 4.36\% Date March 1 1927. Due in 50 years; optional in 30 years.
Other bids were: Kean. Taylor \& Co., W. A. Harriman \& Co. and Jenkins, Whedbee Rate Bid.
 WATERLOO, Seneca County, N. Y.-BONDS VOTED.-The issu-
ance of the following bonds, aggregating $\$ 23,000$, was approved by the voters anct the election held March 15:
at the election hela Marct 15:
$\$ 19.000$ macaam paving bonds.
4,000 street surface oiling bonds.
WATERTOWN, Middlesex County, Mass.-LOAN ofFERING.The City Treasurer will receive sealed bids until. $3: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. March 21 for
the purchase on a discount basis of a $\$ 200,000$ temporary loan. Due Dec. the purch
151927 .
WAYLAND, Steuben County, N. Y.-BONDS VOTED.- The voters
authorized the issuance of $\$ 2,000$ street paving bonds at an election held mathorizee
WAYNESFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Auglaize County, O.BONDS NOT SOLD.-The $\$ 8,000$ school bonds scheduled for sale on March $11-\mathrm{V}$. 124 ,
WAYNESVILLE, Haywood County, No. Caro--BOND OFFERING. March 22 for $\$ 85.000$ not exceeding $6 \%$ street improvement bonds. Date March 1 1927. Denom. $\$ 1.000$. Due March 1 as follows: $\$ 3.000$, 1930
Ma 1936, incl.; $\$ 6,000,1937$ to 1942 , incl., and $\$ 7,000$, 1943 to 1946 , incl. Prin. and int. M. \& S. payable at the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York City. A certified check for $\$ 1,700$, payable to the above-mentioned official, is required.
of Boston.

WEBB COUNTY (P. O. Laredo), Tex. - BOND SALE.-J. L. Arlitt of Austin has purchased an issue of $\$ 300,000512 \%$.
WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT, St. Louis County, Mo.BOND OFFERING.-F. D. Beardslee. Treasurer Board of Education, will
 1934: S4.000, 1935 : $\$ 5.000$, 1936 to 1939 incl. $\$ 6.000$, 1940 to 1942 incl.:
and $\$ 7.000,1943$ to 1947 incl. Succesful bider may take and pay for and
the entire issue when the bonds are ready or may take and pay for the bonds
as follows: $\$ 30,000$ when the bonds are ready for delivery $\$ 20,000$ on June 1 as follows: $\$ 30,000$ when the bonds are ready for delivery, $\$ 20,000$ on June 1
$1927, \$ 30,000$ on July 11927 and $\$ 20.000$ on $\operatorname{lopt}$. 1927 No joint bids will be considered. Bonds payable at the Mercantile Trust Co. of St.
Louis Legality to be aproved by Charles \& Rutherford of St. Louis. Louis. Legality to be approved by
A certified check for $\$ 1,000$ required.
WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Keenesburg), Colo.- BOND SALE. - Benwell $\&$
issue of $\$ 34,500$
$43 \% \%$ school bonds
WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64 (P. O. Keenesburg). -Preh-ELE an issue of $\$ 24,00041 / \%$ school bonds \& \&ubject to the result hat an pelection to be held on March 25 .
WESTFIELD, Chautauqua County, N. Y.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 24.0005 \%$ fire hall and jail bonds offered on March $1-\mathrm{V} .124 . \mathrm{p}$. $957-$ were awarded to the National Bank
$\$ 5.0001928$ to 1931 , inclusive, and $\$ 4,0001932$.
WESTMORELAND COUNTY (P. O. Greensburg), Pa.-BOND
 Denom $\$ 1,000$. Due April as foillows: $\$ 100,000,1937$ and $\$ 200,000,1942$ and 1947. A certified check for $2 \%$ of the bid, payable to the County
WESTOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT, Baylor County, Tex - BOND arkERING.-C. P. Garrett. Superintendent School Board, wriil recelve
sealed bids untii $7: 30$ p. m. April 7 for $\$ 18.0005 \%$ coupon school bonds.
Dated Feb. 11927 . Dated Feb. 1192, Denom. andeck for $3 \%$ of the bid required.
WEYMOUTH, Norfolk County, Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN.-
The $\$ 100.000$ temporary loan offered on March 11-V. 124, p. $1560-$ The \$100.000 temporary loan offered on March $11-\mathrm{V}$. 124 i . $1560-$
was awarded to the Atlantic National Bank of Boston on a $3.57 \%$ discount basis. Due Dec. 22 1927. Hall Jr., City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until $2: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. March 29 for the following two issues of $5 \%$ coupon or registered bonds, aggregating $\$ 200,000$ : water bonds. Due April 1 as follows: $\$ 4,000,1928$ to 1957 , incl.,
$\$ 150,000$ w 50,000 and $\$ 3,000.1958$ to 1967 , incl. Date April 1927 Denom. S1.000. Prin, and int. (A. \& O.) payable
gold at the Marine National Bank, Wildwood. No more bonds to be
awarded than will produce a premium of $\$ 1,000$ over each of the above
issues. Legaity will be approved by Caldwell \& Ravmona, New York issues. Legaitity will be approved by Caldwell \& Raymonu, New York
City. A cetrified check for $2 \%$ of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the A certified check for $2 \%$ of
WILDWOOD CREST (P. O. Wildwood), Cape May County, N. J.-
BoND SALE.- The following two issues of coupon or registered bonds offered on March 7 - V .124, p. 1254-were awarded to the Marine National
Bank of Wildwod as $51 / 5 \mathrm{~s}$. Bank of Wildwood as $51 / 2$ s:
$\$ 49,500$ ( $\$ 50,000$ offered)
$\$ 49,500(\$ 50,000$ offered) sewer bonds at a premium of $\$ 1,395$, equal to 14,000 fire to apparatus bonds at a premium of $\$ 95$, equal to 1907 incl.
ands of about $5.37 \%$. Due Feb 15 as follows: $\$ 1,000$, 1928
and 1929 and $\$ 1,500,1930$ to 1937 incl. watiansport
BOND OFFERPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lycoming County, Pa.-
 1943: $\$ 42,000,1946 ; ~ \$ 49,000,1934 ; \$ 29,000,1937 ; \$ 33,000,1940 ; \$ 38.000$, approved by Townsend. Elliott \& Munson of Philadeiphia. A certified required.
WILLISTON, Williams County, No. Dak-BOND offering.sealeed Matil18 p.m. March 28

 and int. (M. \& S.) payablo at a place designated by the successful bidder.
A certified check for $2 \sigma_{0}$ or the bid required L Legality approved by Lancaster, Simpson, Junell \& Dorsey of Minneapolis.
WILMINGTON, New Castle County, Del.-BOND SALE.-The Sept. 20-V. 123 , 1538 - were awarded on that date to $\$ 385,000$ offered on Sept. $20-\mathrm{V}$. 123 , D. 1538 - were awarded on that date to Laird, Bissell
\& Meeds of Wilmington and Harris, Forbes \& Co. of N. Y. City, jointly: $\$ 185,000$ street and sewer bonds. Due Oct. 11963.
200,000 water bonds. Due Oct. 11958 .
200,000 water bond.
Date Oct. 11926 .
WINCHESTER, Middlesex County, Mass.-NOTES OFFERED.Harrie Y . Nutter, Town Treasurer. reecived sealed bids until March 18
for $\$ 200,000$ revenue notes. Date March 241927 Due Nov 10 年 1927. WINSTON-SALEM, Forsyth County, No. Caro--BOND OFFERwill receive sealed bids until 12 m . March 25 for $\$ 550.00041 / 2 \%$ coupon
 wiil be prepared under the supervisio or the United states Mortgage \&
Trust Co., N. Y. signatures of the officials, wand the seal impressed thereon. Princilinal and interest (M. \& S.) payable at the office of the above-mentioned Trust company A certified check, payable to the city, for $2 \%$ of the bid, required
Legality to be approved by Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt \& Washburn of N. Y.

WOBURN, Middlesex County, Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN.-The , $76 \%$ discount basis, .76\% discount basis.
WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.-ADDITIONAL BOND following two issues of $4 \%$ bonds, aggregating $\$ 175,000$, at 100.91 . 1 the $\$ 100,000$ water supply bonds. Due serially, Jan. 11927 to 1946 incl 100,000 water supply bonds. Due serially, Jan. 11927 to 1946 incl.
75,000 water mand bonds. Due serially, Jan. 11927 to 1931 incl. Date June 81926.
WYANDOTTE COUNTY (P. O. Kansas City), Kan.-BOND OFFER-ING.- William Beggs, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 D . m . Road Final). Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. $\$ 1.000$ except one for $\$ 292.96$. Drin and int. (J. \& J.) payable at the office of the State Treasurer at Topeka. A certified check, payable to the Chairman of Board of County
Commissioners. for $2 \%$ of the bid required. Legality approved by Wood Commissioners for 2 Oakley of Chicago.
YORKVILLE, Oneida County, N. Y.-BONDS VOTED-At the election held M
YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.-BOND SALE.-The $-\mathrm{V} 124, \mathrm{p} .958$ - were 2warded to and seasongood \& Mayer, of Cincinnati, at 104.39, a basis of about $4.24 \%$ : $\$ 100,000$ Andrews Ave. opening bonds. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due $\$ 5,000$
61,000 street opening and widening bonds. Date Feb 1 1927. Due
Oct. 1 as follows: $\$ 7,0001928$ and $\$ 6,0001929$ to 1937 , incl.

0,000 improvement, city's portion, bonds. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due 50,000 parks and playgrounds bonds. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due $\$ 5,000$ 30,000 West Ave. bridge bonds. Dste Feb. 1 1927. Due $\$ 3,000$ Oct. 1 15,000 comfort station bonds. Date Feb, 19 1927. Due $\$ 3,000$ Oct. 1 10,000 storm emergency bonds. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due $\$ 2,000$ Oct. 1 10,000 West Side library bonds. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due $\$ 1,000$ 10,000 Brownlee Wood library bonds. Date Feb. 1 1927. Due $\$ 1,000$ 5,000 Ect. East side library site bonds. Date Dec. 15 1926. Due $\$ 1,000$
Oct. 11928 to 1932, incl.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

 Royal Financial Corp., both of Vancouver, jointly, at 99.04 , a basis of $\$ 148,000$ district improvement bonds. Due in 15 years.
100,000 road bonds. Due in

7,500 sidewalk bonds. Due in in 15 years.
31,000 school bonds. Due in 20 years.
CARLETON COUNTY (P. O. Ottawa), Ont.-BIDS.-Following is a 500 awarded on Me bids for the three issues of $5 \%$ bonds aggregating $\$ 147$. $4.96 \%$ (V. 124, p. 1550) 3 the Bank of Toronto at 100.16, a basis of about
 Fry, A 100.11 .

Wry, Mills, Spence \& 0
McLeod, Young, Weir \&
Dyment, Anderson \& C
Beml, Gouinlock \&
CORON
Turner \& CO . $53 / 4$ school bonds. Due in 15 years.
ETOBICOKE TOWNSHIP, Ont.-BONDS APPROVED.-The Coun ci
of LA TUQUE, Que.-BOND OFFERING.-A. Roy, Secretary-Treasure $\$ 69,700$ schomm bonds , wll receive sealed bids until $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. March 22 for serially 1928 to 1952 incl. and $51 / 2 \%$ bonds maturing serially 1928 to 1938
inclusive.
NEW TORONTO, Ont.-BOND OFFERING.-W. B. Curtis, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m . March 21 for the following two issues of $5 \%$ bonds aggregating $\$ 78,400$ :
$\$ 70,750$ paving bonds.
7.650 street extension bonds.

Prin. and int. payable in equal annual installments.
NORTH YORK TOWNSHIP (P. O. Willowdale), Ont.-BOND SALE. p. 1560 were awarded to McDonagh, Somers \& Co. of Toronto at 104.383. Other bidders were:

Dominion Securities, Torponto- Tor
Wood, Gundy \& Co., Toronto

- 102.80

REGINA, Sask.-BOND SALE.- The following five issues of $5 \%$
coupon bonds, aggregating $\$ 227,675$. offered on March 15- 1407 -were 1407- were awarded to the Dominion Securities Corp. of Toronto at 19.64, a basis or about 5.03
$\$ 175,000$ pavement

5,600 domestic sewers. bonds. Dus 15 years.
Due in 30 years.
11,775 water mains bonds. Due in 30 years.
10,300
boulevard bonds. Due in 15 years.
25.000 concrete walks bonds. Due in 15 years.
Date Jan. 11927 .

SASKATCHEWAN, Sask.-BONDS AUTHORIZED.-The following F ab. 19 to 26 , inclusive. granted by the Local Government Board from Wild Rose Valley, $\$ 1,600$; Tweedyside. $\$ 4,000$ : Aneroid, $\$ 1,200$; Canyon, \$1,300; Durban, $\$ 1,000$; Stapleton, $\$ 3,000$;'Paragon, R. T. Co., $\$ 1,800$. WALKERVILLE, Ont.-BOND SALE-Wood, Gundy \& Co. recently a basis of about $5.06 \%$. Due serially in 5 . 10 and 15 years. The only

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[^0]:    Effective Monday, March 7, the Bridgeport Savings Bank, Bridgeport, Conn., and the People's Savings Bank of that city, were consolidated under the title of the BridgeportPeople's Savings Bank. The personnel of the new institution is as follows: Arthur W. Burritt, Chairman of the Board; George H. Woods, President; Lewis B. Curtis, Chairman of the executive committee and 1st Vice-President; Edgar W. Bassick, Waldo C. Bryant, Charles S. Canfield, Charles W. Hawley and John S. Pullman, Vice-Presidents; Earl R. Lewis, Assistant to President; Frank Hubbard, Secretary; Frank M. Fosdick, Treasurer, and Anna E. Partree, Assistant Treasurer.

    An agreement to consolidate the West Jersey Trust Co. of Camden, N. J., and the Parkside Title \& Trust Co. of that city has been approved by the directors of both the institutions, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of March 11.

[^1]:    North. spinn's's takings to Mar. 18 38,785 $1,480,215$

