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In the semi-annual number of the above publication, a copy of which goes to every one of our subscribers, there are several special articles which have a wide degree of interest.

(1) Our customary annual analysis of the municipal bond sales for the preceding calendar year, this time 1926.

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The Financial Situation.

Brokers' loans and the temporary overbought position of some of the bond houses have continued to occupy attention in market circles, with prices for the most part showing a declining tendency, accompanied, however, by conspicuous strength in a number of individual stock issues. The Dow-Jones average of 40 investment bonds reached its recent high point on May 10 at 97.78. Bond offerings at that time were conspicuous in number and in size, and were characterized by relatively high prices or low yields, especially if the quality of some of the issues was taken into consideration. The investing public finally balked, apparently not because of lack of

funds, but because a number of issues were offered at yields warranted only by seasoned investments, whereas investors sensed certain risks which should have been compensated for by more tempting prices. As a result a few bond houses have a portion of recent issues on their hands.

This has been reflected in declining prices in active listed bonds, the Dow-Jones average reaching a low of 96.86 on June 15, then recovering to 97.00 on Monday of this week, the 20th, and subsequently declining somewhat below the low point of June 15. In all this there is not much to be worried about, as far as bonds are concerned. It is probably a very salutary incident. Most of the unsold new issues are still held at the original offering prices. Probably it would be a wise thing to let them find their proper level in the market.

It is, of course, quite possible that new offerings recently have been in greater volume than investment funds have been accumulating. However, it is far more probable that the present situation is based simply upon a mis-pricing of a few issues and doubtless the mistake will be a matter of history as soon as these have found their true market level and been absorbed by investors for what they are worth.

The Dow-Jones industrial average reached its recent high point on May 31 at 172.96, but more correctly speaking it stood at a still higher point on June 1, the following day, when the record figure was 171.98, but would have been 174.47 had not the average been reduced on that day by 2.49 on account of the 40% stock dividend on United States Steel Corporation common. On recent days of market weakness, when there have been marked losses in the case of a number of leaders, the average has ruled only two to four points below the high point of June 1.

The railroad average reached its recent high on June 6 at 138.18; subsequently, on days of weakness it has ranged only two or three points below this level. Many investment authorities have recently pointed out the relative safety of investments in railroad stocks at this time, on account of their high asset value and the strong position of the roads at present, both as to efficiency of operation and financial condition, the position of stocks of this class being enhanced by reason of the fact that their market advance has not been as great in relation to improvement in earning power as has been the advance of many conspicuous industrial stocks. It is also hoped that the railroad law, if changed, will be improved, that certain rate decisions will be rendered before the end of the year on a basis favorable to the

railroads and that the matter of valuation and rate regulation will eventually be worked out on a basis which will make possible market prices for railroad shares more nearly in accord with the actual investment behind the stocks.

Brokers' loans have definitely climbed above the previous high point of Jan. 6 1926, when the Reserve authorities themselves were so concerned over the situation that they deemed it best to give publicity to the figures, hoping that this would work a corrective, which it did, the loans undergoing sharp contraction within a short time. Now we have got back to and even above the original danger line. This week's return showed a further increase in these loans of \$41,447,000, bringing them \$18,751,000 above the peak of 1926 and no less than \$751,181,000 above the low point of last year reached on May 19 1926, after the Reserve Board's policy of publicity had led to much-needed contraction. Even granting that some of the more recent increase may be due to the inability to find a ready market for some new issues of securities, the situation is nevertheless full of menace and it is time to call a halt.

With it all the banking situation remains sound, though a continuation of present tendencies might nevertheless imperil the existing strength even in that respect. In the bond market it is plain to see what has happened. Bond selling has been so comparatively easy for a long period of time that a few weeks ago some careless pricing was done. The whole matter is probably no more serious than a case of indigestion. But it serves to indicate forcibly the high responsibility of investment bankers in selecting their issues and in rightly pricing them.

A distinct note of discord between France and Germany was sounded last Sunday when M. Poincare, Premier of France, launched into one of his old-time speeches of denunciation of Germany. The speech came as a surprise to Europe in view of the Locarno Treaty, the Geneva Conferences and the continued presence of M. Briand, with his more pacific leanings, in the French Cabinet. Ceremonies at Luneville, in the war area, were the occasion of the oration, in the course of which M. Poincare implied that Germany had failed to fulfill all the conditions of defeat and to show that humility of spirit which the French Premier thinks she ought to show. "France," said the Premier, "has sought nothing for herself outside of treaties. She has asked for nothing and will ask for nothing other than the security of her frontier and payment of reparations. At Locarno, as at Geneva, she has given, I suppose, striking enough proof of her will for peace. But why on her side has Germany within the past fifteen days ostentatiously sent to Lisbon a warship which is still called 'Elsass'? Why, in speeches delivered on the 1st and 3d of November 1925, that is to say after Locarno, did a Minister of the Reich who is not unimportant, say that renunciation of armed force had been merely imposed on Germany because Germany no longer possesses armed force? Why did he say there was no moral renunciation of any kind of the lost Provinces or of its German populations? And why has another German Minister more pointedly added that he considers Alsace still a German Province and that in renouncing violence Germany had not in any way renounced any German country? Why, moreover, do German financial authorities

spread now a report that before two more years Germany will ask a revision of the Dawes Plan payments and will not pay any more on the present scale? Is that kind of talk on two questions which are most vital to France, wise and conciliatory?

The speech was criticized in Paris, according to a dispatch to the New York "Times," as not dealing with realities, which should always be the prime consideration of the true statesman. Moreover, it was said, it is not constructive. The dispatch said further: "In Berlin the speech seems likely to do more harm to M. Briand's policy of reconciliation than anything that has happened for many months, and here in Paris it is interpreted to-night by all except dyed-in-the-wool Nationalists as hopelessly impolitic, for the form of the speech was the same as the Premier used to make every Sunday five years ago during the Ruhr occupation."

In reply to M. Poincare's animadversions it was pointed out in Berlin that the speech referred to by the French Premier was made two years ago by the Bavarian Premier and could hardly be considered as a pronouncement by the German Government. The cruiser "Elsass" (Alsace), it was said, is an old vessel commissioned before the war. Moreover, German officials pointed out, France had named the cruiser Alsace in 1913, when the Province was still under German rule. An official reply to M. Poincare was made Thursday by Dr. Stresemann, the German Foreign Minister, in the course of a speech before the Reichstag. Dr. Stresemann said he could refute many of the French Premier's accusations, but added he would not do so. "We will not get far by resurrecting the old differences, and then, too, the world is already too far advanced in its knowledge of the fact. If M. Poincare desires relations with Germany to improve, he will find a grateful echo here. He has no right to question our sincerity, as Chancellor Marx and his Cabinet are pledged to continue their peaceful policies."

Tactical moves of a political nature again have become prominent in the civil war between the North and South in China. Both sides apparently are endeavoring to consolidate their scattered forces for a resumption of the military struggle. Marshal Chang Tso-lin, head of the Ankouchun, or Alliance of Northern Military Governors, on June 17 achieved a consolidation of his own Manchurian troops with those of Chang Tsung-chang, Governor of Shantung, and Sun Chuan-fang, previously defender of Shanghai. Receiving the foreign newspaper correspondents on that day, an official spokesman for the Peking Government explained that the new title of Marshal Chang Tso-lin will be "Generalissimo of the Forces for the Suppression of Communism." This office, according to the report of the Peking correspondent of the New York "Times," approximates that of Chief Executive, but not President of China. The latter office, it was explained, is an electoral one, and no parliament now exists to do the voting. The change was made, the dispatch added, owing to the need of unifying the military command and reorganizing the civil government. Some indication of the cause of the unification of the Northern forces was given by the spokesman, who said that undue importance had been attributed to the negotiations of the Northerners with Chiang Kai-shek, who was evidently determined to invade Shantung. Marshal Chang Tso-lin was installed in office on the follow-

ing day with much kowtowing and a salute of 108 guns.

Additional light was thrown on the situation between the North and the South Thursday when the so-called Christian General, Feng Yu-siang, who has been the chief military support of the radical Hankow faction, joined the moderate Nanking Government of Chiang Kai-shek. By this means the military strength of the Kuomintang or Southern Nationalist movement will be united, and this circumstance, probably, is behind the break in the negotiations between Cheng Tso-lin and Chiang Kai-shek and the determination of the latter to invade the northern Province of Shantung. Announcement of the adherence of Feng Yu-siang to Nanking was made by Chiang Kai-shek, who explained to correspondents that Feng had issued a practical ultimatum to Hankow. Feng, it was said, demanded, firstly, the return to his own country of Borodin, the Russian Communist adviser of the Hankow regime, and secondly, that "those members of the Central Executive Committee of the Hankow Government who wish to go abroad for a rest should be allowed to do so." Commenting on this development, General Chiang Kai-shek said, according to the Nanking correspondent of the New York "Times," "I am most happy over this firm stand by Marshal Feng Yu-siang. We are planning to continue the Northern campaign as soon as possible. Now we do not fear that our rear will be cut off at Soochow from the west."

The general European apprehensions of further difficulties at this time with Soviet Russia were somewhat allayed in the past week. The recent resumption of the "Red Terror" during which 20 members of the old Czarist regime were summarily executed in Moscow, coming on top of the severance of diplomatic relations between Britain and the Soviet and the assassination of Peter Voikoff, Russian Minister to Poland, had led to acute apprehensions in that regard. Settlement of the difficulties raised by the murder of M. Voikoff had been made exceptionally troublesome by a series of intransigent notes addressed to Warsaw by the Soviet. The centre of the discussions over this incident was transferred to Moscow June 18, when M. Patek, the Polish Minister, called on M. Litvinoff at the Foreign Office and conferred with him for an hour and a half. M. Zaleski, the Polish Foreign Minister, informed press representatives on June 21 that "there existed no insurmountable conflicts between Poland and Soviet Russia, and that neither country was interested in complicating relations." The executions in Moscow, though horrifying to the rest of the world, were defended in Communist journals throughout Russia as reprisals for "the signal for terroristic acts which had been given from London." No further executions of a similar nature were reported. Moreover, steps taken by the Powers for the curtailment of Russian Communist propaganda abroad gained greater significance Thursday when Dr. Stresemann, the German Foreign Minister uttered an unmistakable warning to Moscow in the course of a speech before the Reichstag. Dr. Stresemann demanded that such propaganda cease.

A further change in the Rumanian Government was announced in Bucharest June 21, when the short-lived Ministry of Prince Barhu Stirbey fell and

was replaced by that of Jon Bratiano, brother-in-law of Prince Stirbey. M. Bratiano is recognized as the real power in Rumanian politics and the selection of Prince Stirbey as Premier when the Averescu Ministry fell a fortnight ago was looked upon only as a preliminary to the accession of Bratiano himself. The reasons for such a maneuver are suggested in a Bucharest dispatch of Tuesday to the New York "Times": "It would soften the fall of General Averescu, in Western eyes, if he were succeeded first by a coalition instead of by M. Bratiano outright. It would, and this is more important greatly aid the Liberals in the elections if they could once get the Nationalist-Peasant Party, or a branch of it, in a coalition with them, temporarily, and then drop them on one pretext or another. The fact that the Nationalist-Peasant Party had consented to join hands with the Liberals, whom they have so often and so bitterly denounced, would muffle much of their campaign thunder. This would be especially useful to M. Bratiano, since the Nationalist-Peasant Party has been the foremost supporter of his enemy, former Crown Prince Carol. Moreover, the conflicting reports about the King's health arouse the suspicion that the question of the succession to the throne may again come up soon." The new Cabinet was formed Wednesday and is as follows:

Premier and Foreign Minister—JON BRATIANO.
 Minister of Finance—VINTILA BRATIANO.
 Minister of the Interior—JON G. DUCA.
 Minister of Agriculture—M. ARGETOIANU.
 Minister of Education—M. LETU.
 Minister of Religion—ALEXANDER LAPEDATU.
 Minister of Justice—STELIAN POPESCU.
 Minister of Public Health—JONEL INCULETZ.
 Minister of Labor—NICOLAI LUPU.
 Minister of Communications—M. AGLESCU.
 Minister of Public Works—M. MOSOIN.
 Minister of War—GENERAL PAUL ANGELESCU.
 Minister of Commerce—M. MRAZEC.

Doubt as to the formation of a Government in the Irish Free State was dispelled Thursday, when William T. Cosgrave was re-elected President of the Executive Council by a vote of 68 to 22 in the new Dail Eireann. His party being in the minority in the new Parliament, President Cosgrave had said last week that it was the duty of the opposition and not of himself to form a Government at Dublin. Much political excitement prevailed for that reason when the Dail Eireann convened Thursday. De Valera led his 44 Fianna Fail Deputies to Leinster House, where they demanded their seats as duly elected members of the Dail. But they refused to take the oath of allegiance to King George, whom they termed a "foreign King," and they were barred from the Chamber. The formalities of opening the Dail and the re-election of President Cosgrave were then carried out behind the locked and guarded doors of the Dail Chamber while De Valera and his followers paced the corridors outside. The latter finally retired to their headquarters, where they declared that the demonstration at the Dail was only the first step in the campaign for the removal of the oath of allegiance to the British Sovereign.

A proposal for the reform of the British House of Lords, breaking up its hereditary basis, possibly limiting its numbers and adding to its power and usefulness, was favorably considered by that body Thursday. The proposal, sponsored by the Conservative Government of Premier Baldwin, purposes to make the seats elective rather than hereditary, and to give the Lords power regarding financial meas-

ures and constitutional matters. A storm of criticism was aroused by the action, both Labor and Liberal leaders voicing determined opposition. At a meeting of Liberals a manifesto was issued denouncing the reform measure. "These proposals, the enactment of which appears to be contemplated without previous submission to the country, will undermine the supremacy of the representative Chamber, which was secured by the Liberal Party after a long struggle, culminating in the Parliament Act," reads the resolution. They permit interference by the House of Lords in matters of finance and leave the House of Commons in a weaker position than it has been for centuries. By taking away the royal prerogative to create Peers in case of a deadlock, they might force the nation to choose between an uncontrolled hereditary Chamber and revolution."

The British Government's Trade Union Bill, designed to make general strikes illegal, passed its third and last reading in the House of Commons Thursday. The majority for the bill was 215 on the division, many Liberals voting for it. During the final debate Sir John Simon, one of the Liberal leaders, agreed that the bill was much improved and stated that he would support it. The next Socialist Government, he added, would find it far too useful to be dispensed with. The Laborites, however, continued to the end their bitter opposition to the measure, which they declare is a check on the onward march of the working classes. As they could not obtain rejection of the bill, they were determined to make the final proceedings as lively as possible, and accordingly hurled epithets and vituperation at Sir Douglass Hogg, Attorney-General, who was in charge of the bill. The measure was sent to the House of Lords for further debate, but it is expected that it will become operative substantially in its present form.

The second Conference for the Limitation of Naval Armament, called by President Coolidge and attended by representatives from the United States, Great Britain and Japan, and by observers from France and Italy, opened at Geneva June 20. Hugh Gibson, head of the American delegation, delivered the opening statement wherein he conveyed a message from President Coolidge expressing gratification over the meeting and hope for its successful termination. In outlining the scope of the deliberations Mr. Gibson touched on the bearing their success or failure will have upon the general problem of limitation of land and air armaments. The Washington agreement of 1922, he pointed out, made the present task easier, as it furnished basic principles which have stood the test of five years' practical application. "Further," added Mr. Gibson, "we can start with assured agreement on the following points: (1) That in the interest of international understanding there should be no competition between the three Powers in the building of naval armaments; (2) that our respective navies should be maintained at the lowest level compatible with national security and should never be of a size or character to warrant the suspicion of aggressive intent; (3) that a wise economy in government dictates that future naval construction should be kept at a minimum; (4) that the methods and principles of limitation set forth in the Washington Treaty are both effective and should be extended to all cate-

gories of combatant vessels of the three Powers." Mr. Gibson then proceeded to outline the specific proposals of the United States Government, which are given at length on a subsequent page.

The British proposals at the opening of the Naval Disarmament Conference in Geneva were then outlined by W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty. Mr. Bridgeman, saying expressly that he would use "plain, blunt words instead of rhetoric," informed the assembly that "to-day it will be better to confine ourselves to our own aspect of the question and not discuss proposals which other countries have made." The British Empire's position was defined by Mr. Bridgeman as resting on the insularity of the mother country, making her very existence dependent on the free passage of food and raw materials, on the length of British trade routes, and on the extensive coast lines of all parts of the Empire. Nevertheless, he added, "we feel that there are limitations in naval armament, beyond those which have been accepted in the Washington Conference, to which we could safely agree if the other Powers found themselves able to consent." Mr. Bridgeman named the limitations he had in mind, which will also be found on a subsequent page. The object of his proposals, Mr. Bridgeman said, was to secure economy in the replacement of ships as they became obsolete, and to eliminate the danger of rivalry in new vessels by stabilizing their size and armament. He reserved, however, the right of reconsideration of any agreement that might be reached in view of the Empire's position in relation to Europe, it being necessary to guard against an increase in naval strength on the part of Powers not signatory to an agreement reached by the United States, Great Britain and Japan. Mr. Bridgeman expressed the hope that European Powers would find it possible to give their adherence to the agreement, thereby reducing this danger and perhaps making it possible to go more fully into the question of limiting numbers in other categories.

The Japanese proposals for naval limitation at the Geneva Conference were read by Viscount Saito, Plenipotentiary for Tokio. Admiral Saito urged the "traditional policy of the Japanese Government to give the heartiest support to all measures and endeavors which in whatever form aim at the promotion of the peace of the world and the welfare of mankind." True to that spirit, he added, the Japanese Government wholeheartedly agreed to the American invitation to hold the present conference. The plan of limitation suggested by Viscount Saito was summarized in a statement given out by the Japanese Legation in Washington, and which we reproduce on a subsequent page.

The second day's proceedings of the three-Power Conference for Naval Armaments Limitation were given over to the formation of a technical committee to make a complete study of the meanings and implications of the three plans submitted. The American and British plans were considered on preliminary consideration, according to the Geneva correspondent of the New York "Times," to be far apart both in actual proposals and in the apparent likelihood of compromise. The Japanese proposal, it was stated, was regarded by both the British and American delegates as occupying somewhat of a middle

ground. The nature of the fundamental differences between the American and British delegations was indicated to some extent by the press conferences which featured the day. The American delegates suggested, in a conference with correspondents, that the British suggestion for reducing cruisers from 10,000 to 7,500 tons, with 6-inch instead of 8-inch guns, would automatically turn the huge British merchant marine into an auxiliary navy. In reply to this, Admiral Field of the British delegation is reported to have said of the merchant ships, "Why, they are only big egg shells! They would be a big target with guns inconveniently placed and with no fire controls and which any cruiser would quickly put out of business." Admiral Hilary P. Jones, adviser to the American delegation, said in reply to this, "Egg shells, eh? Well, give me their 'Majestic' with thirty 6-inch guns aboard and I guarantee to sink any 7,500-ton cruiser ever launched." Admiral Jones said further: "The American navy considers it needs thirty cruisers of 10,000 tons with 8-inch guns. We have two building of eight authorized by the last Congress. Britain proposes to reduce to a smaller size, which, inasmuch as she is so well supplied with naval bases, would quite meet her needs. We are willing to discuss the point, but that does not mean that we will accept it. It is impossible to accept discussion of anything already decided at the Washington Conference and the American navy would never permit us to scrap ships for a size unsuitable to our needs. Vessels of smaller size would not have a sufficient cruising radius to give us that same protection which the British state is their reason for launching their new program." Admiral Saito, in his statement to the press, concurred in the American viewpoint, saying, "Admiral Jones is correct in his statement that a merchant marine armed with 6-inch guns would be a worthy opponent of cruisers carrying guns of the same size."

An official communique was issued by the Executive Committee of the Conference Tuesday regarding the Technical Committee, which was formed to study the plans with a view to clarification of their real purport. According to this statement, the committee would "exchange agreed statistics of the present cruiser, destroyer and submarine tonnage" of each of the three Powers and of the designed tonnage of ships of those classes comprised in the naval programs now authorized and for which money has been appropriated. The first meeting of the Technical Committee on Wednesday morning was taken up largely with an argument concerning the basis of tonnage measurements. The British method would seem to allow of considerably higher tonnage on a given rating than the American method. On the American basis, it is said the total of British capital ships would rate 685,000 tons, against 525,000 allowed under the Washington agreement. A further essential difference between the American and British delegations centred around the British effort to reopen and rediscuss the Washington Naval Treaty. In continuing her efforts in that direction, said an Associated Press dispatch of Thursday, Great Britain brought forward one of the most skilled and experienced diplomats in the Empire. Lord Cecil, who laid before Hugh S. Gibson, head of the American delegation to-day the great desirability of reducing the size of battleships, aircraft carriers and cruisers, which was definitely fixed at the Washington parley. Lord Cecil stressed this from

the viewpoint of economy and practical expediency. Such a procedure, however, was considered inadvisable by the American representatives, as the Tri-Power Conference could not, it was urged, revise a treaty to which France and Italy were parties.

A treaty of amity between the Governments of Mexico and Turkey was concluded June 23, according to an announcement made in Mexico City on that day. Negotiations preliminary to the conclusion of the pact were concluded in Rome. The treaty, it was said, establishes a state of peace and amity between the Ottoman and Mexican republics, and provides for diplomatic and consular relations between the two nations. Ratification of the pact by the legislative bodies of both Mexico and Turkey remains to be obtained, but no trouble is anticipated in this regard. The Mexican Senate will, in all probability, discuss the treaty when it meets in September. Following approval by both Governments, an exchange of ratifications will be made, and, fifteen days after this exchange, the treaty will automatically go into effect. Thereupon, Turkey will name a Minister and Consuls to Mexico, and Mexico will act likewise in regard to Turkey, although it is improbable that Mexico will designate a resident Minister in Constantinople. Diplomatic relations between the two countries have existed, it is pointed out, in a sporadic fashion in the past, a condition which the treaty will normalize. Mexico, however, has virtually no interests in Turkey and the Mexicans living in that country are few. Turkish interests in Mexico, on the other hand, are of some consideration. Moreover, a certain amount of commerce is carried on between the two countries.

The National Bank of Belgium on Wednesday (June 22) reduced its discount rate from $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 5%. The higher figure had been in effect since April 27. It is the third reduction made the present year by this bank. The Imperial Bank of India, which on June 2 had reduced from 7 to 6%, on June 23 reduced further to 5%. On the other hand, the Bank of Danzig on June 21 raised its rate from $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 6%. Otherwise there has been no change this week in official discount rates at leading European centres, which remain at 7% in Italy; 6% in Berlin and Austria; 5% in Paris, Denmark and Madrid; $4\frac{1}{2}$ % in London and Norway; 4% in Sweden, and $3\frac{1}{2}$ % in Holland and Switzerland. In London open market discounts closed yesterday at $45-16@4\frac{3}{8}$ % for short bills and $4\frac{3}{8}$ % for three months' bills, the same as on Friday of last week. Money on call in London early in the week was down to $3\frac{1}{2}$ %, but closed yesterday at $3\frac{3}{4}$ %, against $3\frac{1}{8}$ % on Friday of last week. At Paris open market discount rates continue at $2\frac{1}{4}$ %, and in Switzerland at $3\frac{3}{8}$ %.

The Bank of England's gold reserve declined £102,146 for the week ended June 22. Total gold holdings now stand at £152,008,789, against £150,085,001 one year ago and £157,183,840 in 1925. The proportion of the bank's reserve to liabilities for this week is 30.71%. On June 15 it was 30.21%, and two weeks ago 30.04%. Reserve of gold and notes in banking department increased £101,000, notes in circulation having fallen off £203,000. Loans on Government securities declined £975,000, and loans on "other" securities £685,000. Public deposits rose £1,054,000, but "other" deposits declined £2,633,000. Notes in

circulation amount to £136,297,000, compared with £140,388,370 at the same time last year and £145,270,460 in 1925. The Bank's official discount rate remains unchanged at 4½%, to which it was reduced on April 20. Below we furnish comparisons of the various items in the Bank of England return for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
	June 22.	June 23.	June 24.	June 25.	June 27.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	b136,297,000	140,388,370	145,270,460	126,509,200	125,103,275
Public deposits.....	20,167,000	18,625,459	13,559,121	19,592,817	13,969,233
Other deposits.....	95,289,000	100,338,427	118,254,314	112,702,890	114,072,490
Government securities.....	49,410,000	40,160,328	39,031,733	47,587,467	42,973,731
Other securities.....	48,476,000	67,261,350	79,023,183	81,092,286	80,681,961
Reserve notes & coin.....	35,461,000	29,446,631	31,663,380	21,501,964	22,267,300
Coin and bullion.....	a152,008,789	150,085,001	157,183,840	128,261,164	127,620,575
Proportion of reserve					
to liabilities.....	30.71%	24.75%	24%	16¼%	17¾%
Bank rate.....	4½%	5%	5%	4%	3%

a Included beginning with April 29 1925 £27,000,000 gold coin and bullion, previously held as security for currency notes 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 Bank of France in its weekly statement as of June 22 showed a decrease in note circulation of 274,107,000 francs. As a result, total notes in circulation fell to 52,107,332,925 francs, against 53,073,190,850 francs in 1926, and 43,000,139,735 francs the previous year. The State made a repayment of 300,000,000 francs to the Bank of France. Accordingly, advances to the State now stand at 26,650,000,000 francs, compared with 36,600,000,000 francs a year ago and 25,650,000,000 francs in 1925. Gold holdings at home, abroad available and abroad non-available, remained unchanged. Trade advances declined 33,321,000 francs, while Treasury deposits recorded a gain of 174,262,000 francs. General deposits increased 675,918,000 francs, and bills discounted 195,655,000 francs. Silver remained unchanged. Total gold holdings stand at 5,546,833,343 francs, against 5,548,572,795 francs in 1926, and 5,546,682,128 francs in 1925. Purchases of gold and silver coins to June 22 under the law of Aug. 10 1926 now total 2,176,366,961 francs, against 2,170,566,961 francs to June 15. Comparisons of the various items in the Bank of France statement for three years are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		June 22 1927.	June 23 1926.	June 25 1925.
Gold Holdings—	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
In France.....	Unchanged	3,682,507,441	3,684,251,888	3,683,361,221
Abroad available....	Unchanged	462,771,478	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907
Abroad, non-avail....	Unchanged	1,401,549,425		
Total.....	Unchanged	5,546,833,343	5,548,572,795	5,546,682,128
Silver.....	Unchanged	344,544,015	337,157,943	312,936,752
Bills discounted.....	Inc. 195,655,000	1,829,213,775	4,743,716,841	3,835,297,971
Trade advances.....	Dec. 33,321,000	1,653,427,164	2,310,768,770	3,052,191,460
Note circulation.....	Dec 274,107,000	52,107,332,925	53,073,190,850	43,000,139,735
Treasury deposits.....	Inc. 174,262,000	298,904,205	17,691,160	36,127,063
General deposits.....	Inc. 675,918,000	12,678,678,564	2,908,644,870	2,409,434,277
Advances to State.....	300,000,000	26,650,000,000	36,600,000,000	25,650,000,000

A reduction in note circulation of 347,172,000 marks was recorded by the Bank of Germany for the week ended June 15. Other liabilities, however, expanded 41,438,000 marks, while other maturing obligations showed an addition of 108,727,000 marks. Total notes in circulation now stand at 3,342,137,000 marks, against 2,612,839,000 marks in 1926 and 2,362,933,000 marks two years ago. The items on the asset side of the account showed for the most part decreases: Reserve in foreign fell 11,660,000 marks, but silver and other coin showed a gain of 11,321,000 marks. Holdings of bills of exchange and checks decreased 221,304,000 marks, but notes on other German banks increased 6,877,000 marks. Investments

increased 178,000 marks and other assets 55,845,000 marks. Advances declined 26,356,000 marks and deposits abroad fell off 11,250,000 marks. A decrease of 11,908,000 marks in gold and bullion holdings caused the total amount of gold to descend to 1,803,588,000 marks, against 1,492,161,000 marks a year ago and 1,040,194,000 marks two years ago. Below we give a detailed comparative statement of the various items of the Bank of Germany return for three years:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	June 21 1927.			June 22 1926.		June 23 1925.	
		Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	
Assets—								
Gold and bullion.....	Dec. 11,908,000	1,803,588,000	1,492,161,000	1,040,194,000				
Of which depos. abroad.....	Dec. 11,250,000	57,876,000	260,435,000	75,745,000				
Res'v in for'n curr'y.....	Dec. 11,660,000	75,234,000	205,388,000	346,731,000				
Bills of exch. & checks.....	Dec 221,304,000	2,116,893,000	1,283,110,000	1,402,532,000				
Silver and other coin.....	Inc. 11,321,000	102,405,000	107,347,000	69,895,000				
Notes on oth. Ger. bks.....	Inc. 6,877,000	21,403,000	28,784,000	22,286,000				
Advances.....	Dec. 26,356,000	28,500,000	6,449,000	8,874,000				
Investments.....	Inc. 178,000	93,059,000	89,020,000	201,165,000				
Other assets.....	Inc. 55,845,000	520,794,000	680,891,000	1,078,845,000				
Liabilities—								
Notes in circulation.....	Dec 347,172,000	3,342,137,000	2,612,839,000	2,362,933,000				
Oth. daily matur. oblig.....	Inc. 108,727,000	759,633,000	763,016,000	717,261,000				
Other liabilities.....	Inc. 41,438,000	294,015,000	157,427,000	776,097,000				

The elimination of the results of last week's United States Treasury operations controlled the character of this week's return of the Federal Reserve banks issued on Thursday. Last week, it will be recalled, the Federal Reserve banks purchased \$185,000,000 of temporary certificates of indebtedness from the Treasury, which the latter had sold pending the collection of the quarterly installment of the Federal income taxes. This week these holdings of temporary certificates of indebtedness have disappeared, the Treasury having redeemed them. Accordingly, the grand total of certificates of indebtedness has fallen from \$293,833,000 to \$126,211,000. This reduction in the certificate holdings has, at the same time, pulled down the aggregate holdings of United States Government securities of all kinds from \$547,224,000 to \$369,341,000. In part, but only in part, the diminution in holdings of Government securities has been offset by an expansion in the volume of discounts, indicating increased borrowings on the part of the member banks. These discounts have risen during the week from \$360,942,000 to \$438,684,000. Open market purchases of acceptances are also somewhat larger, having been increased from \$182,504,000 to \$183,217,000. On account, however, of the big contraction in the holdings of Government securities, total bill and security holdings (formerly known as earning assets) are down to \$992,542,000 from \$1,091,970,000 a week ago. The reserve account of the member banks fell from \$2,421,163,000 to \$2,307,056,000, and total deposits, including these reserves, from \$2,473,666,000 to \$2,364,778,000. The amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation also diminished, the aggregate this week being \$1,689,347,000, against \$1,698,294,000 last week. Gold reserves have risen from \$3,016,345,000 to \$3,028,261,000.

The item, however, which will perhaps attract more attention than any other, is the reduction in the amount of gold held abroad and which is not included in the computation of gold reserves. This item is down for only \$40,333,000 the present week, against \$62,233,000 last week. It will be recalled that the item appeared for the first time in the statement for May 11, when the Reserve Board explained it by saying that during that week the Federal Reserve Bank of New York had purchased abroad \$59,548,000 of gold, the purchase having been partici-

pated in by all the other Federal Reserve banks, and that this newly acquired gold was now held earmarked by one of the foreign correspondents of the New York Reserve Bank. It was understood at the time that the metal was part of the gold released a short time before by the Bank of England to the Bank of France. The item remained unchanged at \$59,548,000 until a week ago, when it was increased to \$62,233,000, only to be reduced the present week to \$40,333,000. At the same time another item in the return, namely, sums "due from foreign banks," has suddenly risen during the week from the relatively insignificant figure of \$662,000 to \$14,118,000. Judging from these circumstances it would seem as if the Reserve banks had sold some \$21,900,000 of their gold held abroad to a foreign bank or banks, which had made part payment for the purchase, but still owed \$13,500,000 on account of it. Whether this is the correct explanation or not cannot be definitely affirmed in the absence of official explanation, but that certainly seems to be a justifiable inference. Why the Reserve banks should suddenly engage in dabbling in gold abroad, making purchases and sales, is another mystery that deserves explanation. Have not the Reserve banks got troubles enough of their own without going abroad and hunting for new ones? At all events, a vigorous protest ought to be made against the practice.

The changes in the return of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, considered by itself, are on all fours with those in the return for the twelve banks combined. Of the \$185,000,000 of temporary certificates of indebtedness purchased last week by the twelve banks, the New York Reserve Bank took \$135,000,000 and these, of course, have disappeared the present week, with the result that the aggregate of certificate holdings of the New York Reserve Bank have fallen from \$158,000,000 to \$27,137,000, and the total holdings of Government securities of all kinds from \$199,024,000 to \$65,100,000. The discounts have risen from \$58,944,000 to \$95,025,000, while the holdings of acceptances have remained virtually unchanged. Total bill and security holdings have declined from \$290,224,000 to \$192,346,000, but member bank reserves have also diminished, declining from \$997,922,000 to \$925,058,000, carrying down aggregate deposits from \$1,032,688,000 to \$951,195,000. The amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation at the local institution decreased from \$403,807,000 to \$401,780,000. Reserve ratios have risen—that of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York from 81.2 to 88.4 and that of the twelve banks combined from 76.4% to 78.8%.

Last Saturday's return of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies was again a surprise, in showing continued impairment of reserves. On June 4 there was a deficit below the required legal reserve of \$3,511,080. In the statement for June 11 the deficiency had increased to \$26,419,530. Last Saturday improvement came, but only to the extent of reducing the deficit from \$26,419,530 to \$13,887,140. It had been supposed that the large Treasury payments in redemption of maturing obligations, along with the interest payments on Government bonds would be sufficient to enable these Clearing House institutions to make good the entire impairment of reserves. They did increase their reserves with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York by \$18,

279,000, but this proved insufficient to wipe out the deficiency inasmuch as there was a further expansion in the loan item of \$26,359,000, which was attended by an increase in net demand deposits of \$41,929,000, though time deposits fell off \$2,858,000. Cash in own vaults of the member banks of the Federal Reserve decreased \$1,710,000. State banks and trust companies, not members of the Federal Reserve, showed a decrease of \$132,000 in reserve in own vaults and a further decrease of \$363,000 in reserve kept with depositaries.

Funds were again in plentiful supply in the New York money market in the past week notwithstanding last Saturday's return of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies showed a deficiency in reserves for the third successive time. The Stock Exchange rate for demand loans has been maintained throughout the week at 4%, both for renewals and for new business. Only in the outside or street market was there any noticeable indication, so far as rates are concerned, of the small changes that occurred from day to day. On Monday, and again yesterday, call loans were arranged on this market at 3¾%. Only \$10,000,000 of loans were called by the banks on Monday, and with demand otherwise very light, funds overflowed into the outside market. A slightly firmer tone was apparent Tuesday on calling of between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 of loans. Time funds showed a slight hardening Thursday, fair-size blocks lending at 4⅝% for maturities of 90 days to six months. This was maintained yesterday, though a larger supply of funds was offered. Brokers' loans on stock and bond collateral by the Federal Reserve member banks in New York City again increased considerably over the previous week. The advance was \$41,447,000, and coming on top of similar heavy increases in previous weeks, sent the total figure to a new high record. This news was not exactly welcomed and it occasioned a break in the stock market.

Dealing more specifically with the changes from day to day, the call loan rate on the Stock Exchange, as indicated in the above, has remained entirely unchanged throughout the week. At the opening on Monday the renewal rate was fixed at 4% and all other transactions were at the same figure, and this state of things was repeated on each succeeding day, without the slightest change. In the time loan branch of the market, however, there was a distinct advance not only for the longer maturities but also for the shorter dates. On Friday of last week the range was 4¼@4⅜% for 30 to 90-day money and 4⅜@4½ for loans running from four to six months. Now the quotations are 4½% for 30 to 90 days and 4⅝% for four to six months.

The commercial paper market has also been somewhat firmer, without, however, any distinct change in rates. The range for four to six months' names of choice character continues at 4@4¼%, with the inside figure available only in the case of exceedingly choice paper. For names less well known the range remains at 4¼@4½%, which is also the quotation for New England mill paper.

In the market for banks' and bankers' acceptances, the only change has been the marking up of the rate on 90-day bills from 3¾% bid and 3⅝% asked to 3⅞% bid and 3¾% asked. This occurred

on Tuesday. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council has remained unchanged at $3\frac{3}{4}\%$. The Acceptance Council now makes the discount rate on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks at $3\frac{5}{8}\%$ bid and $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ asked for bills running 30 days; $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ bid and $3\frac{5}{8}\%$ asked for 60 days; $3\frac{7}{8}\%$ bid and $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ asked for 90 and 120 days, and 4% bid and $3\frac{7}{8}\%$ asked for 150 and 180 days. Open market quotations follow:

SPOT DELIVERY.					
180 Days		150 Days		120 Days	
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills	4	$3\frac{3}{8}$	4	$3\frac{3}{8}$	$3\frac{3}{8}$
90 Days		60 Days		30 Days	
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills	$3\frac{3}{8}$	$3\frac{3}{8}$	$3\frac{3}{8}$	$3\frac{3}{8}$	$3\frac{3}{8}$
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.					
Eligible member banks	$3\frac{3}{8}$ bid				
Eligible non-member banks	$3\frac{3}{8}$ bid				

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

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS ON ALL CLASSES AND MATURITIES OF ELIGIBLE PAPER.

Federal Reserve Bank.	Rate in Effect on June 24.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston	4	Nov. 10 1925	$3\frac{1}{2}$
New York	4	Aug. 13 1926	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Philadelphia	4	Nov. 20 1925	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Cleveland	4	Nov. 17 1925	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Richmond	4	June 14 1924	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Atlanta	4	June 18 1924	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Chicago	4	June 14 1924	$4\frac{1}{2}$
St. Louis	4	June 19 1924	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Minneapolis	4	Oct. 15 1924	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Kansas City	4	July 1 1924	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Dallas	4	July 16 1924	$4\frac{1}{2}$
San Francisco	4	Nov. 23 1925	$3\frac{1}{2}$

Sterling exchange was under slight pressure during the week and quotations were a trifle lower, some trading being done on Monday from $4.85\frac{1}{4}$ down to $4.85\frac{1}{8}$. The weakness was only temporary, however, and on Thursday and Friday trading was done at 4.85 5-16. Business in sterling is always low with the approach of summer. Political and monetary uncertainties together with the fact that British trade is dragging are largely responsible for the occasional weakness. The English unemployment figures increased to 1,029,000 as of June 13, compared with 998,300 on May 9 last. The dulness of trade must be attributed chiefly to the seasonal influence of summer, for conditions are improving, and a year ago the unemployment figure was larger by more than 600,000. There is a nation-wide attempt on the part of the major industries of Great Britain to change and modernize plants on the pattern of American productive methods, and until this is completed, and a great deal will be accomplished during the summer, there must be some noticeable unemployment. The fact that Thursday, June 23 was settlement day in London caused some restriction in exchange transactions. Bankers in New York are strongly of the opinion that the trend of sterling exchange will be in the direction of firmness, unless untoward events should occur on the Continent, especially with regard to Russia and Poland. Considerable New York funds continue to go to London for investment in short-term markets, London handling the American funds and lending again in the Continental markets. Offsetting this, however, is a steady flow of British capital to this side seeking permanent investment in American securities and business ventures. There is less talk of a reduction in the Bank of England rediscount rate and expectation even exists that the rate will be increased unless the Federal Reserve Bank of New York should decide to reduce its rate. Should either the New York

Reserve Bank reduce its rate, or the Bank of England increase its rate, more money would flow to London for short-term investment, and it is possible that there would be less drain on London gold. Formerly the approaching cotton, grain and other produce bills, which are still some weeks off, had the effect of threatening the future position of sterling, but it is believed that some of these transactions now take the form of dollar acceptance credits. Some reports have it that a part of last year's cotton and grain bills was not settled until very late and some of them only finally disposed of in April of this year.

The gold movement in and out of the Bank of England the past week has been inconsiderable, amounting to only £5,000 in sovereigns sent to India. The New York Federal Reserve Bank, however, in its statement for the week ending Wednesday, June 22, showed a loss of \$21,900,000 in gold held abroad and "ear marked" with the Bank of England, and an increase in the item "due from foreign banks" of approximately \$13,456,000. Whether or not these changes in the Federal Reserve statement disguise some gold balancing transaction as between the two centres or as between the New York Federal Reserve Bank and some Continental central institutions, remains to be seen. In its weekly statement on Thursday the Bank of England showed a loss of £102,146 in bullion. According to Samuel Montagu & Co., London, £603,000 gold was available in the open market, of which £513,000 were purchased for an unknown destination, believed to be Hungary and France. The remainder was divided between India and the trade, India taking £35,000. At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week ended June 22, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$2,597,000, of which \$2,425,000 came from The Netherlands. Gold exports were \$173,000, sent to Mexico, Germany and Brazil. There was no Canadian movement of the metal either to or from the United States.

Canadian exchange continues to fluctuate. On Saturday last it opened fractionally stronger, but the discount was, nevertheless, 9-64 of 1%. It was the same on Monday, sold at 1-64 of 1% premium on Wednesday, but reacted to 1-32 of 1% discount in the afternoon. On Thursday it ranged around 1-16% discount. Yesterday it was weak at 9-64 of 1% discount, but slightly firmer towards the close at $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1% discount. Canadian trade is forging ahead rapidly, and while there is still complaint that merchandise imports are too large, especially from the United States and Great Britain, nevertheless Dominion exports are considerably in excess of imports. It is customary for Canadian exchange to be at a discount in the early summer months, followed by a good premium in the autumn.

Referring to day-to-day quotations, on Saturday last the market was quiet and steady with demand at 4.85 3-16@ $4.85\frac{1}{4}$. On Monday, sterling was under slight pressure and sold off, demand ranging between $4.85\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4.85\frac{1}{4}$. Tuesday the range was 4.85 3-16@ 4.85 5-16, Wednesday 4.85 3-16@ $4.85\frac{1}{4}$, Thursday 4.85 3-16@ 4.85 5-16 and Friday $4.85\frac{1}{4}$ @ 4.85 1-16. Closing quotations were 4.85 5-16 for demand and 4.85 11-16 for cables. Commercial sight bills finished at $4.85\frac{1}{4}$, sixty-day bills at $4.81\frac{3}{8}$, ninety-day bills at $4.79\frac{5}{8}$, documents for payment (sixty days) at $4.81\frac{1}{4}$, and seven-day grain bills at $4.84\frac{1}{2}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at $4.85\frac{1}{4}$.

In the Continental exchanges the feature of the week was the sharp rise in lire to 5.80 $\frac{1}{4}$ for demand, the highest since 1920. The former 1927 high reached on April 25, was 5.67 $\frac{1}{2}$. The rise was the cumulative result of widespread speculative operations in London, New York and other markets. Most of these operations, the wisdom of which is questioned, took place in New York, and many New York banks received cables from London correspondents asking if this centre intended to bull lire. At the same time they conveyed the idea that London is not at all bullish with regard to the ultimate prospects of economic recovery for Italy through Fascist policies. Exchange traders in New York were inclined to believe that lire have been rushed up through Italian official manipulation or encouragement and that the Government Exchange Institute will sooner or later reap a profit at the expense of overlong speculators. It is certainly the policy of Italy to enhance the value of its currency, but it is not to be believed that a too rapid advance in exchange quotations would promote official ends. French francs were on the whole very steady and little dealt in. The underlying tone of both exchanges is one of firmness. The French position is much stronger than at any time since the war, both as regards Government financing, general business conditions and the economic temper of the people. Money is returning to France and it is generally believed that very soon there will be a disposition on the part of French capital to lend abroad, especially in short-term markets. The Paris check rate did not change much during the week, varying from 3.91 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 3.91 $\frac{1}{2}$ for demand. German marks were steady around 23.69 for checks, with rather more trading between Berlin and New York than in recent weeks. Nearly two weeks ago the Reichsbank increased its rediscount rate from 5% to 6%, and this is expected to induce a flow of gold to Germany, or at least to arrest any export movement from there. The higher discount rates in Germany are certainly attracting funds from France, Switzerland and Holland, and as previously stated, from New York through London. On Wednesday, June 22, the Bank of Danzig raised its discount rate to 6% from 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %, where it had been since July 29 1926. The advance was largely if not altogether, due to the close connection existing between Danzig and Berlin in matters of business and finance. A more important change was the reduction of the Belgian central bank rate on June 22 to 5% from 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. It is rumored that the Netherlands bank and the Swiss bank will advance their rediscount rates, both of which have been maintained at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % since October 1925.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 124.02 on Friday of this week, against 124.02 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.91 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 3.91 $\frac{1}{2}$; cable transfers at 3.91 $\frac{3}{4}$, against 3.91 $\frac{3}{4}$; and commercial sight bills at 3.91, against 3.91. Antwerp francs finished at 13.88 for checks and at 13.89 for cable transfers, as against 13.88 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 13.89 $\frac{1}{2}$ last week. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.69 for checks and 23.70 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.69 and 23.70 a week earlier. Italian lire closed at 5.79 $\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 5.80 for cable transfers, against 5.54 and 5.54 $\frac{1}{2}$ last week. Austrian schillings have not been changed from 14 $\frac{1}{8}$. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.96, against

2.96; on Bucharest at 0.59 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 0.59 $\frac{1}{4}$; on Poland at 11.40, against 11.45; and on Finland at 2.52, against 2.52. Greek exchange closed at 1.35 $\frac{3}{4}$ for checks and at 1.36 for cable transfers, against 1.36 $\frac{3}{4}$ and 1.37 a week ago.

In the exchanges on the centres of the countries neutral during the war, the feature of the week was the steadiness in Holland guilders and the weakness in the Spanish peseta. The peseta closed around 16.95 for checks, down over a cent from the year's high at 18.13, reached during the speculative movement a few months ago. The position of New York exchange traders is rather bullish as regards Spanish exchange and the speculative factors which have depressed this currency lately originate for the most part in other markets. The Spanish banking interests and the Government take an attitude of indifference toward the lower quotation, as it is favoring their export business. The Spanish financial position following the floating debt consolidation operations and improvement in the budgetary position is better than it was at this time a year ago. Besides the military operations in Morocco are no longer an important factor. Norwegian exchange was of some interest, although transactions in this market have not been large. There has been considerable buying of Norwegian krone, based on the prevailing opinion that a rise to around parity will take place soon. Norway has been going through a deflation crisis recently, trade has been dull, prices declining steadily, and there has been a great deal of labor trouble. Nevertheless there is a steady improvement in the economic position of the country which makes it quite probable that the return to parity will not be long delayed.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.04 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 40.05 last Friday; cable transfers at 40.06 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 40.07, and commercial sight bills at 40.02, against 40.02. Swiss francs closed at 19.24 $\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 19.25 for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.23 and 19.23 $\frac{1}{2}$ a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.73, and cable transfers at 26.74, against 26.72 and 26.73. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.80 and cable transfers at 26.81, against 26.79 and 26.80, while checks on Norway finished at 25.88 and cable transfers at 25.89, against 25.85 and 25.86. Spanish pesetas closed at 16.95 for checks and at 16.96 for cable transfers, which compares with 17.12 and 17.13 a week earlier.

In the South American exchanges Argentine, as during the past few weeks, continued to occupy the centre of interest, though with no change in rates. Usually, Argentine pesos are subject to pressure at this time of the year, but now exports have been so extraordinarily large that the seasonal weakness has failed to develop. Argentine exports in the first quarter of 1927 were nearly 25% greater than in 1926. Many Argentine authorities favored and expected a return to the gold standard this summer, but official Argentine still opposes such a measure as the Finance Minister is of the opinion that a budget surplus, the consolidation of the floating debt, and at least two good harvests are necessary before such a step is warranted. Brazilian milreis have been easier. Argentine paper pesos closed at 42.42 for checks, as compared with 42.42 last week, and at 42.47 for cables, against 42.47. Brazilian milreis finished at 11.74 for checks and at 11.75 for cables, against 11.84 and 11.85. Chilean exchange closed at 11.99,

against 11.99, and Peru at 3.73, against 3.73 last week.

In the Far Eastern exchanges outstanding matters of importance have been the firmness in yen toward the end of the week and the reduction in the Bank of India rediscount rate from 6% to 5%. The 6% rate had been in effect only since June 2. The Japanese business situation, while still precarious owing to the many difficulties which resulted from the earthquake, is nevertheless improving, and the export season is approaching. For the first two weeks in June, exports totalled over 52,000,000 yen, an increase of 4,460,000 yen over the corresponding period last year. It is true that business is artificially assisted to a large extent by Government dictation, and encouragement price agreements and many other stimuli which may be only a means of postponing a more severe reckoning. It is, of course, apparent to all that the yen, as well as Japanese business, is greatly dependent upon conditions in China. Closing quotations for yen were 47½, against 46¾ on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 49½@49¼, against 49@49¾; Shanghai at 62¾, against 62½; Manila at 49½, against 49½; Singapore at 56½@56¾, against 56½@56¾; Bombay at 36 5-16, against 36¼, and Calcutta, 36 5-16, against 36¼.

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922. JUNE 18 1927 TO JUNE 24 1927, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York. Value in United States Money.					
	June 18.	June 20.	June 21.	June 22.	June 23.	June 24.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling	1.4058	1.4059	1.4073	1.4059	1.4063	1.4058
Belgium, belga	1.389	1.389	1.389	1.389	1.389	1.389
Bulgaria, lev	.007200	.007205	.007211	.007209	.007214	.007218
Czechoslovakia, krone	.029615	.029615	.029615	.029615	.029618	.029619
Denmark, krone	.2672	.2672	.2673	.2673	.2673	.2673
England, pound sterling	4.8554	4.8551	4.8555	4.8553	4.8556	4.8562
Finland, marka	.025191	.025191	.025191	.025196	.025188	.025193
France, franc	.0391	.0391	.0391	.0391	.0392	.0392
Germany, reichsmark	.2369	.2369	.2369	.2369	.2369	.2369
Greece, drachma	.013607	.013567	.013530	.013528	.013566	.013561
Holland, guilder	.4006	.4006	.4006	.4006	.4006	.4006
Hungary, pengo	.1744	.1744	.1744	.1744	.1744	.1744
Italy, lira	.0556	.0558	.0563	.0565	.0574	.0578
Norway, krone	.2585	.2584	.2589	.2590	.2591	.2590
Poland, zloty	.1123	.1124	.1125	.1128	.1123	.1123
Portugal, escudo	.0503	.0503	.0503	.0503	.0503	.0503
Rumania, leu	.005939	.005968	.005948	.005939	.005937	.005923
Spain, peseta	.1703	.1713	.1715	.1707	.1701	.1691
Sweden, krona	.2678	.2679	.2680	.2680	.2680	.2680
Switzerland, franc	.1923	.1923	.1923	.1924	.1925	.1925
Yugoslavia, dinar	.017578	.017585	.017572	.017577	.017572	.017577
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo, tael	.6479	.6479	.6458	.6473	.6467	.6475
Hankow, tael	.6444	.6438	.6409	.6433	.6416	.6431
Shanghai, tael	.6245	.6229	.6205	.6233	.6211	.6233
Tientsin, tael	.6546	.6546	.6525	.6540	.6538	.6542
Hong Kong, dollar	.4895	.4890	.4877	.4892	.4886	.4890
Mexican dollar	.4488	.4485	.4458	.4478	.4485	.4476
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar	.4446	.4442	.4408	.4421	.4425	.4427
Yuan, dollar	.4413	.4408	.4375	.4388	.4392	.4394
India, rupee	.3615	.3614	.3615	.3616	.3617	.3615
Japan, yen	.4677	.4688	.4724	.4715	.4745	.4735
Singapore (S.S.), dollar	.5596	.5596	.5596	.5596	.5596	.5596
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	.998585	.998824	.999292	.999798	.999393	.998897
Cuba, peso	.999031	.999156	.999094	.999125	.999156	.999094
Mexico, peso	.464650	.464650	.464333	.463667	.463833	.463833
Newfoundland, dollar	.996188	.996563	.997031	.997375	.997063	.996500
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.9648	.9649	.9654	.9653	.9651	.9645
Brazil, milreis	.1182	.1181	.1179	.1181	.1181	.1179
Chile, peso	.1204	.1204	.1204	.1204	.1204	.1204
Uruguay, peso	1.0028	1.0023	1.0010	1.0033	1.0025	1.0025

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$4,539,511 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended June 23. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$5,442,171, while the shipments have reached \$902,660, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week Ended June 23.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement	\$5,442,171	\$902,660	Gain \$4,539,511

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

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

Saturday, June 18.	Monday, June 20.	Tuesday, June 21.	Wednesday, June 22.	Thursday, June 23.	Friday, June 24.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 114,000,000	\$ 95,000,000	\$ 101,000,000	\$ 94,000,000	\$ 84,000,000	\$ 87,600,000	Cr. 575,000,000

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

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

Banks of	June 23 1927.			June 24 1926.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 152,008,789	£ 152,008,789	£ 152,008,789	£ 150,085,001	£ 150,085,001	£ 150,085,001
France a	147,300,268	13,760,000	161,060,268	147,370,076	13,480,000	160,850,076
Germany b	87,285,600	994,600	88,280,200	61,580,000	994,600	62,574,600
Spain	103,896,000	28,077,000	131,973,000	101,500,000	3,423,000	104,923,000
Italy	46,286,000	3,967,000	50,253,000	35,713,000	2,255,000	37,968,000
Netherl'ds	34,591,000	2,320,000	36,911,000	35,990,000	3,552,000	39,542,000
Nat. Belg.	18,397,000	1,166,000	19,563,000	10,954,000	3,594,000	14,548,000
Switzerl'd.	18,326,000	2,854,000	21,180,000	16,769,000	3,552,000	20,321,000
Sweden	12,316,000	—	12,316,000	12,714,000	—	12,714,000
Denmark	10,703,000	736,000	11,439,000	11,400,000	836,000	12,236,000
Norway	8,180,000	—	8,180,000	8,180,000	—	8,180,000
Total week	339,289,657	53,874,600	393,164,257	329,255,077	54,912,600	384,167,677
Prev. week	339,317,703	53,920,600	393,238,303	329,591,946	54,785,600	384,377,546

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France are exclusive of gold held abroad, amounting the present year to £74,572,836. b Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany are exclusive of gold held abroad, the amount of which the present year is £2,893,800. c As of Oct. 7 1924.

The Geneva Conference for Limitation of Naval Armaments.

The differences of opinion and policy which have developed among the three Powers represented at Geneva in the Conference for Limitation of Naval Armaments, while not unexpected, nevertheless afford another striking illustration of the perplexities which beset the whole question of disarmament, and the difficulty of isolating any particular phase of the general issue and dealing with it by itself. The purpose of the Conference, as stated in the letter from President Coolidge which was read by Mr. Gibson at the opening session on Monday, is "to consider measures for the further limitation of naval armaments through the extension of the principles of the Washington Treaty." Mr. Gibson, in amplifying President Coolidge's statement, felt warranted in assuming that the Conference would "start with assured agreement on four points: (1) that in the interest of international understanding there should be no competition between the three Powers in the building of naval armaments; (2) that our respective navies should be maintained at the lowest level compatible with national security, and should never be of a size or character to warrant the suspicion of aggressive intent; (3) that a wise economy in government dictates that future naval construction should be kept to a minimum; (4) that the methods and principles of limitation set forth in the Washington Treaty are both effective, and should be extended to all categories of combatant vessels of the three Powers."

The Washington agreement, it will be remembered, related only to capital ships, notwithstanding

that the American Government had desired to include auxiliary vessels as well. The American proposals submitted at Geneva provide for the division of auxiliary vessels into four classes, cruisers, destroyers, submarines, and other vessels "of negligible combatant value"; the imposition, in the case of vessels of the first three classes, of restrictions in tonnage and speed, and the allocation to each of the three Powers, for vessels of the same classes, of total tonnage at substantially the 5-5-3 ratio already in force for capital ships. For the cruiser class the proposed tonnage is, for the United States and the British Empire, 250,000 to 300,000 tons each, for Japan 150,000 to 180,000 tons; for the destroyer class, 200,000 to 250,000 each for the United States and the British Empire and 120,000 to 150,000 for Japan; and for the submarine class, 60,000 to 90,000 each for the United States and Great Britain, and 36,000 to 54,000 for Japan.

To these proposals of the American Government W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty and head of the British delegation (the latter including the Dominions as well as Great Britain), immediately opposed an elaborate program which appears, at least on the surface, to be of a radically different nature. Instead of accepting the principle of the Washington Treaty, with its 5-5-3 ratio, and applying it, albeit with variations, to auxiliary vessels, Mr. Bridgeman placed in the forefront of his statement the special difficulties of Great Britain due to "the insular position of the mother country, dependent for raw materials, food, and her very existence on the free passage of the seas," the length of her trade routes, "the extensive coast lines of all parts of the Empire," and "the long lines of communication to be protected against any danger." To this was then added a detailed schedule of proposals regarding the tonnage, gun calibre, etc., of various classes of vessels. The Japanese spokesman, in a cautious speech, pointed out that "the requirements of each nation in regard to auxiliary craft are reflected in what that nation possesses actually or in authorized programs," and proposed that neither of the three Powers "shall, for such period of time as may be agreed upon, adopt new building programs or acquire ships for the purpose of increasing its naval strength," naval strength being defined in terms of total tonnage, actual or under construction.

So complicated and apparently contradictory were the detailed proposals of the three Powers, that the Conference agreed at once to refer them to a committee of technical experts for study and comparison. Until the committee shall have analyzed the proposals and made a report of fact, it would be presumptuous for those who are not experts to attempt to say precisely in what respects, or to what extent, the British and Japanese programs run counter to that of the United States, or whether or not the three sets of views can be harmonized. On the surface, the American and Japanese plans do not seem to be necessarily antagonistic. The British plan, on the other hand, diverges from the American at so many points as to invite comment upon certain of its provisions.

It seems clear, for example, that Great Britain, in laying stress upon its insular position and the problems of trade routes, coast lines, and lines of communication between the various parts of the Empire, is prepared to claim preferential treatment in

any agreement for the restriction of naval armaments. The detailed indications which Mr. Bridgeman submitted regarding the number, size and gun calibre of the different classes of auxiliary vessels, some of them apparently sharply at variance with those submitted by Mr. Gibson, all turn, in the main, upon the contention that British needs are peculiar, and hence must be met by peculiar treatment of a favored kind. Whether the differences between Great Britain and the United States, all things being considered, are as great as Mr. Bridgeman's emphasis would seem to imply, is fairly open to question. It is obvious that the widely scattered and strategically placed naval bases and coaling stations of Great Britain greatly facilitate the use, in time of war, of vessels of relatively small tonnage and coal-carrying capacity, and that the naval bases are themselves a powerful protection to trade routes. The United States, on the other hand, with few naval bases or coaling stations, and with its Pacific possessions at a great distance from the continental United States, has an obvious need of naval vessels of large tonnage and wide steaming range, able to keep the sea for long periods. The position of the United States in the matter of food is certainly more advantageous than that of Great Britain, but as long as the United States is dependent upon foreign sources of supply for raw materials essential to some of its most important industries, it can hardly be claimed that the protection of trade routes and lines of communication is a naval need which Great Britain alone is entitled to urge.

Again, the British proposals regarding the restrictions to be imposed upon the tonnage and armament of cruisers seem to open the way to a disproportionate advantage, for Great Britain, in the use of merchant vessels as auxiliary cruisers. After all, there should be no magic in the word cruiser. The smaller the cruiser, the lighter its protective armor, the smaller the calibre of the guns that it can mount, and the more limited its cruising range. Ocean liners, of course, are not armored, but naval authorities appear to be agreed that a modern liner, such as Great Britain possesses in far greater number than the United States, when equipped with the six-inch guns which most of them can carry, and with a speed and cruising range in excess of those of most cruisers, would be able to give a very creditable account of itself in a fight with a cruiser whose guns were of equal or even larger calibre.

The Conference appears to have perceived in the British proposals, further, an intention to reopen questions which the Washington Treaty has been understood to have closed. Mr. Coolidge, in calling the Conference, sought to deal only with auxiliary ships, applying to them the principles of restriction agreed upon at Washington. Mr. Bridgeman placed at the head of his list of specific proposals the extension of the life of existing capital ships from twenty to twenty-six years, together with a reduction of the tonnage of future capital ships to some figure below 35,000 tons. The former proposal, if adopted, would apparently require the United States to keep in commission for six years longer capital ships fewer in number, and with lower gun elevation and range, than British vessels of the same class, while the latter proposal would permit Great Britain to retain its two new battleships, the "Rodney" and "Nelson," which rank as the most powerful fighting craft in the world. Mr. Coolidge proposed to re-

strict naval armament further by restricting the total tonnage of auxiliary vessels, on the basis of the 5-5-3 ratio with an agreed allocation of tonnage to each of the three Powers. Mr. Bridgeman's alternative is a complicated scheme of reductions in tonnage and gun calibre whose exact significance awaits the determination of a committee of technical experts, and, in addition, a scale of life for existing vessels appreciably in excess of the American proposal. The United States, in short, stands committed to the proposition that the only way to restrict naval armament is to restrict it, and that the most practicable form of restriction at the present time is the application to auxiliary vessels, in regard to which there is no international agreement, the same principles and methods to which the Powers assented at Washington. The British rejoinder, while not an out and out rejection of the Washington principles and methods, is a plea for special consideration whose actual effect in restricting naval armament is, for the moment, problematical.

Marked as such divergences appear to be, however, they should not, at this stage of the Geneva proceedings, be exaggerated or made the occasion of recrimination. Most international agreements are the result of bargaining, and it is entirely possible that Great Britain and Japan, in submitting their initial statements, have claimed more than they are prepared to accept. Mr. Gibson, in turn, is quoted as intimating that the American proposals are not an absolutely fixed quantity. It is easy to understand that Great Britain, with its Imperial responsibilities on the one hand and its intimate relations with continental Europe on the other, should hesitate to accept equality of naval strength with the United States, especially in view of the fact that the United States, since the Washington Conference, has been far from energetic in naval matters. On the other hand, what the peoples of the three conferring Powers will be grateful for is a prompt and substantial reduction of naval expenditures, an assurance that competitive naval construction of all classes of vessels has been banned, and a limitation of naval armaments to the plain requirements of national defense. They will willingly acquiesce, we feel confident, in any reasonable arrangements regarding such technical matters as the allocation of naval tonnage, the classification of combatant vessels, the calibre or elevation of guns, or the size of aircraft carriers, if the present weight of taxation for unnecessary naval purposes is lifted from their shoulders.

Thrift—Its Many Aspects.

The fourth annual conference of directors and supervisors of vocational education, having in charge consideration of continuation schools, which met at the State Chamber of Commerce, 65 Liberty Street, discussed, May 27, at its morning session the subject of "Thrift," under the general topic of "Training for Economic Citizenship." Here are some of the statements reported from the discussion: "Money is the result of thrift. As soon as the child learns not to waste he will save. . . . All children possess a natural saving instinct. Therefore, thrift teaching involves encouragement of natural tendencies. Co-operation between banks and continuation schools can do much to encourage thrift. . . . Thrift is a habit, and if it is instilled in the minds of young people they will not forget it." A further

statement was made that "throughout the country to-day 5,000,000 school children were participating in school savings organizations, as compared with 300,000 in 1915."

When we look upon the orgy of spending by our adult population now going on we can only commend this conference for the place given to thrift in its proceedings. For the spenders of to-day are not setting a good example for the savers of to-morrow. But thrift is much more than the saving of money. It is the saving of character. It is the conservation of personal power. It is the cumulation of knowledge and the accumulation of wisdom. Thrift is the wise use of possessions, be they material, mental or moral. It is temperance in all things. It is work for work's sake; is of the fibre of growth, and the development of fruitage.

A statement has recently been made that one of the notable changes in the professional educational outlook is that the schools have come to the conclusion that *in loco parentis* is not sufficient, that the teacher simply cannot succeed without the actively interested support of the home. The teaching there must co-operate with that in the classroom. The bulwark of the nation is no longer alone the "little red schoolhouse." In fact, this symbol of strength is giving way to the consolidated school, even in the country districts. And then, there is the newspaper—flaunting the doings of the wide world before the eyes of the child as soon as it can read. So many, complex and continuous, are the impressions seeking out the child mind, that it cannot be said of any institution or agency of to-day that it is responsible for the life of a maturing generation. Conversely, fathers and mothers who do not themselves practice thrift are chargeable with its failure to properly attract youth. Whatever the elementary or the advanced or continuation schools may be able to do will be a great gain. But in the midst of a quarter century noted above all others for its extravagances the problem assumes tremendous proportions. And it is of prime economic importance. For what is heedlessly spent now cannot be spent in after years. Unless our vaunted and much misunderstood prosperity can continue in an increasing ratio, the child of the following quarter century will have less to spend because of the exhaustive and careless spending of this. In a word, if the child of the present does not learn to depend upon its own saving the child of the future will suffer from a lack of proper inheritance in the ways of saving.

It is far from our purpose to attempt to suggest methods to teachers or parents. An intensive study of thrift in its relation to life is within our privilege. Thus, if we go to nature for our guide we find that amid all the multitudinous changes about us "nothing is lost." Out of the barren earth the wood, out of the wood the flower, out of the flower the fruit and out of the fruit the seed. A continuous round of growth and fruition, followed by a renewal. Change in thought and action in life is not, therefore, waste, if the guiding purpose be not forgotten. Wisdom is the resultant of the contemplation of knowledge. Often we are asked to explain the value of certain subjects in common courses of study, a somewhat difficult task. And an experiment is now under way to create for freshmen and sophomores in a university a series of colleges where all subjects will be open for choosing and will be taught in

an inductive way by a faculty in intimate contact with a family of students. Applying this suggestion of our premise—thrift in life is the selection out of our vast intellectual environment not only the useful in a practical sense but the beautiful in an aesthetic way. No experience or knowledge is lost to us, whatever be the conditions of our lives, which we grasp and assimilate. Perhaps this is why young men often succeed without a college education over others. Thus, the accumulation of capital is only half the problem, its wise commercial and financial use is the other. And above and beyond this is the splendid form of thrift that teaches us that he who has always done his best has never failed, whatever the outcome. Thrift becomes by this definition a sense of the relative importance of things. Gathering the honey from all impressions, hungerings, and accomplishments, this is the thrift that conquers waste in effort and in enterprise. Money and capital, necessary as they are, are the least of the things we ought to save. To teach the child this form of thrift lays the foundation for a better economic and civic life. With all our resources, energies, accomplishments as a people, there is a despairing note in our progress. Yet the gift of a life, that fails by common standards, is a sublime boon.

Along, then, with the teaching of thrift in money and capital teach thrift in the appreciation of life—its opportunities for helpfulness; its triumphs over circumstances through interpretation; its accumulations of wisdom through experience. This will react upon society. It will still the tumult of unfeeling competition; it will draw the stings of comparison; it will make the poor rich, and take naught from them. Class warfare in to-day is largely because there is not a proper realization of thrift in the essentials of true living. What matters it that one has more money or culture or knowledge or wisdom, or place or power, than another, when there is that within which passeth show, when the soul is uplifted in that it draws all things unto it. Half that we do in school, in life, in business, seems useless. Yet nothing is lost. Even failure becomes success when we read it aright. The social, the economic, the political order, these, too, can practice thrift. First the individual, then the community. Trying to possess everything, to enjoy everything, in the present, is mortgaging the future. Society is made up of individuals. Living "as well" as the neighbors takes no note of thrift, thrift that turns saving to good purpose. Towns that demand all the appointments of a city before they are able are not thrifty. Following fashion, uplift, public spirit, without exercising judgment or counting the cost, leads many a community into untimely debt. And unless there is cause in need debt is not a friend to thrift. Individual thriftiness does not vote bonds upon another generation simply because of popular demand. Who really practices thrift in his own affairs is schooled to practice it in public affairs. Teaching by example is a good way to bring up a child. Are we not socially and economically progressing fast enough when we take care of the natural increase?

In conserving the love of truth and beauty we lay by store for satisfaction, gladness and content as the years of life pass by. To read good books is to lay by treasure that the moth and rust of age cannot destroy. To do good deeds of loving kindness is

to gather memories that never bring regrets. As there is release from routine in harboring a fad, so there is rejoicing in knowing another business when the current one fails. To linger a little over the flowers and sunsets, the green fields of the countryside and the massive towers, shadowy and serene in a mighty city, this chastens the spirit and stirs the soul. He has not lived in vain who knows the trees of his vicinage. He is not a failure who can look upon his changing times without rancor or sorrow—as upon a panorama made for his own delectation. He is never a fossil or a dud who advises kindly, patiently, at the proper time. Neglecting one's own affairs to run the world is waste at the source. He who has one friend is not a bankrupt. He who has one talent is not poor. He who conserves his own thought has a home not built with hands, supreme in the heavens.

The teacher and the parent, not less than the helper and the institution, in our civilization, have a duty to youth, to inculcate thrift in the immaterial things of life. The child should be taught, and taught by example, that not the most but the best in life is the true aim and object. What if the hovel totters beside the palace, there may be more laughter in the hovel. Inequality, contrast, these will ever prevail. But why discontent if we count our inner riches? "Better living conditions" lie not so much in externals as in the sanctuaries of hearts. Let it not be said our teaching by example is wholly neglected. In countless admonitions, loves, and sacrifices, parents everywhere are sowing the seeds of spiritual thrift, not entirely unconsciously, and yet not perhaps definitely as a lesson in the conservation of self as contrasted with success.

"All the world's a stage!" But if the men and women players would only drop their masks, would forego in daily contacts all make-believe, what a change there would be! If in national diplomacy it is better not to dissimulate, it is better in personal affairs to be simple and direct. Talking too much, or not enough, does not conserve good-will. So that in the little things of society, business, and civic affairs, there is a form of thrift in smoothing down the differences and difficulties of the common intercourse. As the dollar in the savings bank grows by the addition of interest earned and paid, so the word spoken kindly and truly lives on, gathers new power in remembrance, some time to bloom in returning kindness and generosity ten-fold when opportunity shall come. A day would be insufficient to record the advantages of this kind of thrift.

To encourage the saving of money by the young without transforming it into the countless uses to which it may be put for the betterment of mankind is not quite the full lesson. Money in itself is little. In its uses it is great. A million easily transforms into a factory that employs labor and manufactures articles of use, comfort and beauty. Rightly interpreted, every business is a benefactor. "Wall Street" is not a den of thieves and gamblers, but a centre of financial resource and power, its centripetal and centrifugal forces extending to the antipodes, and by the necromancy of credit giving life to trade and industry. To use dollars saved as tools with which to build a civilization in which culture and contentment grow from more to more through and by each man making the best of his one life, this is the apotheosis of thrift.

The Indications of Cotton Acreage in June 1927

There has been a general reduction in cotton acreage the present season throughout the entire South. The reports are absolutely uniform in that respect—barring some minor local exceptions to the rule. The percentage of decrease naturally varies in the different States as conditions themselves vary, but at this date every State in the Cotton Belt has less area in cotton than it had at the completion of planting last season. Such a result seems logical enough, of course, when we recall that in comparing with 1926 we are comparing with the year of largest cotton acreage in the country's history and which yielded a cotton crop of overwhelming size—so much so as to create gloom and consternation in the cotton producing world and cause a collapse last autumn in the market price of the staple that aroused at the time the deepest alarm and threatened general disaster to the whole Southland, though fortunately, the price has sharply recovered in the interval since then.

But while the lower price has unquestionably played some part in holding cotton acreage down—and it certainly exercised a wholesome restraint in preventing additions to acreage where local circumstances or conditions might have warranted such a step—it should be distinctly understood that the falling off in acreage is not the result of any concert of action on the part of agricultural bodies or others to bring about such a result. Last winter, after the great collapse in the market price of the staple, there was much conferring among the heads of agricultural societies and others with a view to ensuring united action for reducing acreage for the new crop—the moving instinct in this being the law of self-preservation—and it was then suggested that the 1927 acreage be cut down one-quarter or one-third, and it was also suggested that local bankers who had made advances on cotton bring pressure to bear upon planters with a view to compelling them to take such action, in order to bring recovery in price so vital for the existence of the cotton producer. But these were desperate expedients meant to deal with an apparently desperate situation. No real endeavor was ever made to carry them into execution, and, as a matter of fact, subsequent developments have made them unnecessary. A substantial recovery in price has occurred without resort to any such extreme measures, and compared with the proposed reduction in acreage of one-quarter or one-third, the actual reduction, as now disclosed by our investigations, appears moderate indeed. Between Aug. 1 and Dec. 1 1926 middling upland spot cotton in New York dropped from 19.20c. to 12.60c.; June 1 1927 saw the price back to 16.95c. Similarly, the average price of cotton on the farm for the South as a whole dropped from 16.8c. Sept. 15 to 10.0c. Dec. 15, but had recovered to 13.9c. by May 15 and to a still higher point on June 15, though this last-mentioned figure is not yet available.

The most important feature about this recovery in the price of the staple has been that there was nothing spasmodic or speculative about it—indeed, market operators were inclined to think that the price must go still lower—that it came entirely in response to normal developments which completely changed the

aspect of the situation. The 1926 crop proved of enormous size, reaching almost 18,000,000 bales, and the supposition in the trade was that it would be impossible to find a market or an outlet for it. Had this proved true, depression would have reigned supreme. Instead, a demand for cotton developed at the lower values both at home and abroad, that has excited the wonder of the world and proved an eye-opener as to the possibilities of expansion in the use and consumption of American cotton. The foreign consumer has been particularly avid in his takings of the staple at job-lot prices. He knew a good thing when he saw it. For the season to date, that is from Aug. 1 1926 to June 17 1927, the exports of cotton from the United States (not including the movement to Canada) reached no less than 10,407,639 bales, against only 7,514,314 bales in the corresponding period of the preceding season and 7,804,712 bales in the same period of the year previous. Germany took 2,854,672 bales, against 1,645,746 bales in 1925-6; Great Britain 2,514,815 bales, against 2,216,785 bales; Japan and China, 1,716,146 bales, against 1,122,971 bales; France, 987,966 bales, against 877,579 bales; Italy, 747,648 bales, against 666,634 bales, and the rest of the world 1,195,654 bales, against 809,987 bales. What a wonderful, what an enviable record! In face of such figures who will say that Cotton to-day is not as supremely king as it ever was. Let the Southern planter stand up, as of old, and proudly survey his wide domain, for it is evident that with his product he is conquering the whole world. Simultaneously the domestic demand for cotton has further increased. The more glory to the Southern planter! The United States Census returns show that for the ten months ending May 31 1927 the amount of lint cotton consumed in the United States was 5,970,844 bales, as against 5,475,502 bales in the corresponding period of the previous season. And the figures for the month of May were the best of the whole series, showing 633,024 bales consumed, against 516,376 bales in May last year.

These figures certainly tell a wonderful story, and our object in introducing them as part of our investigation of the present season's cotton planting is to emphasize the point that the decrease in acreage which our returns disclose, must be looked upon mainly as being the result of certain adverse happenings and not as the result of design on the part of planters. There was nothing deliberate about it. Southern planters no doubt everywhere, guided by their innate common sense, felt that it was not wise to plant too much cotton the present year, and in their action were governed accordingly. But the really substantial decreases, where any occur, have not been the outgrowth of any such impulses or sentiments.

The long and short of the matter is that the decreases have been the work of nature, and thus have been forced upon the planter. The floods caused by the overflow of the Mississippi River and its tributaries, are a conspicuous instance of the kind. Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana have been the worst sufferers on that account, but several other States have likewise suffered to a greater or less

extent. The overflow of the Mississippi was the worst in history. But it is not necessary to enlarge upon this point, since the daily papers by picturing the extent of the distress and recounting the huge relief measures necessary to deal with it by means of the Red Cross and through Governmental and other agencies, have made everyone acquainted with the facts. In the upper reaches of the Mississippi and its tributaries the overflow reached an acute stage as early as April, and then the water passed slowly off so that planting could be begun in great numbers of cases the latter part of May on many of the submerged areas, but unfortunately, in June, the spring freshets caused a second overflow, which did new damage, and though this second overflow did not cover so wide an area, it covered a substantial portion of it and much of this twice-submerged land is still under water at the time of this writing. Down in Louisiana the worst stages of the inundation did not occur until June, and here, also, the waters have not yet passed off; and while planters in the afflicted districts are sowing seed in the mud as the water recedes, it is still a question how far the process can be carried, since the season is now well advanced and considerable time must elapse before the whole of the inundated territory will be entirely free from water.

In Arkansas the overflowed area in April aggregated 1,838,000 acres, of which 1,112,000 acres were in cotton last season. In that State the planted acreage this year seems to be about 12% smaller than it was last year. In Mississippi 735,000 acres were at one time under water, of which 550,000 acres were in cotton last season. The acreage of this State shows a decrease, according to the best judgment of our correspondents, of about 10%. In Louisiana the submerged area is not so extensive and it is the sugar parishes that have been the worst sufferers, but here much of the cotton area affected will suffer a total loss. Accordingly the cotton acreage of the State seems destined to show a decrease of 20%, and some put the figure still higher. Missouri is only a very small cotton producing State, but here, also, there appears to be a loss in acreage of 20%, as much of the cotton land borders on the Mississippi and was submerged a second time in June.

The Mississippi floods, however, have not been the only influence serving to reduce cotton acreage the present season. The big State of Texas has encountered drought over a portion of its area; central and western Texas are the sections chiefly affected. The Texas Panhandle in the extreme northwestern part of the State was harder hit than any other. This will appear when we say that a correspondent at Amarillo, Texas, reports to us that in the 26 counties comprising the Panhandle, no cotton of consequence had been planted up to the 1st of June except in the extreme lower tier. The drought was fortunately broken June 10 to June 12, but as this was late in the season, and it takes time to plant, it is purely a matter of conjecture how much of the affected area will be saved for cotton and how much will go to other crops. An idea of what is involved in the question will be gained when we note that one of our correspondents in Hale County, which borders on the Panhandle, ventured the opinion just before the rains came that while the county last season had produced 45,000 bales of cotton, 5,000 bales would be the limit if rains failed to come soon.

In some other parts of the Cotton Belt nature has also come in as an influence to reduce plantings. A

quite wide strip of territory in the central part of the Belt has suffered from excessive rains—we mean outside of and apart from the floods in the Mississippi Valley—and these rains have been sufficient to reduce acreage in not a few instances, though in this strip there has been nothing in the nature of overflows of minor streams which in some past seasons have done so much harm. On the other hand, in a small fringe of cotton land on the Atlantic Coast very dry weather has been an obstacle to full planting, though this has not played any great part in affecting the general result, besides which, late rains have come in here to relieve the situation in that respect, with little likelihood that they will modify the reduction in acreage to any extent.

Without further comment we now present our estimate or approximation of the planting in the different States and for the country as a whole. In giving the figures, we wish to reiterate what we have said in previous years, namely that we make no pretense to exactness, that there are always many uncertainties involved in the collection and compilation of the returns and that precautions against imperfections and deficiencies, based on long experience, often prove futile; furthermore, that the present year, no less so than in preceding years—in fact even more so, as explained at length above—special factors have operated to increase the uncertainties and to augment the difficulty of the undertaking. In the circumstances our figures and statements cannot be considered anything more than estimates and approximations—approximations, to be sure, as close as it is possible to make them by calling to our aid every source of information at command, but subject, nevertheless, to greater or smaller modification as the uncertainties referred to are resolved into actual facts, thereby removing the elements of conjecture and doubt.

It seems proper to add that in applying our percentages of increase or decrease in acreage we always follow the practice of using the latest revised figures of acreage for the previous season as put out by the Department of Agriculture at Washington. As we have previously explained, there seems no reason why these revised figures of the Agricultural Department should not be regarded as absolutely correct, considering the pains taken to make them so, and it is our understanding, furthermore, that the Department always acts in collaboration with the Census authorities.

States—	Acreage Planted 1926— Department of Agriculture.	Estimate for 1927— Increase or Decrease.	Probable Acreage, 1927.
Virginia.....	95,000	Decrease 5@6%	90,000
North Carolina..	2,015,000	Decrease 7%	1,874,000
South Carolina..	2,716,000	Decrease 4%	2,608,000
Georgia.....	4,025,000	Decrease 5%	3,824,000
Florida.....	108,000	Decrease 15%	92,000
Alabama.....	3,699,000	Decrease 9%	3,366,000
Mississippi.....	3,809,000	Decrease 10%	3,428,000
Louisiana.....	2,019,000	Decrease 20%	1,616,000
Texas.....	19,140,000	Decreases 11%	17,034,000
Arkansas.....	3,867,000	Decrease 12%	3,403,000
Tennessee.....	1,178,000	Decrease 8%	1,084,000
Missouri.....	472,000	Decrease 20%	378,000
Oklahoma.....	5,083,000	Decrease 9%	4,626,000
California.....	167,000	Decrease 10%	150,000
Arizona.....	168,000	Decrease 10%	151,000
New Mexico.....	125,000	Decrease 10%	113,000
All other.....	44,000	Decrease 10%	40,000
Total.....	48,730,000	Decrease 9.96%	43,877,000

^a Does not include 135,000 acres planted in 1926 in Lower California. (Old Mexico); the 1927 acreage in Lower California is likely to be much smaller than this.

It will be seen from the foregoing that we make the acreage in cotton the present season 43,877,000 acres, as against 48,730,000 acres last season, being a decrease of 4,853,000 acres, or close to 10%—the exact amount of decrease being 9.96%. Besides the qualifying remarks already made, we wish to say that we submit our present estimate with less confidence than is ordinarily our wont, because of the special uncertain factors already outlined. The main point at issue is the extent to which the flooded areas in the valley of the Mississippi that still remain submerged may be replanted. Quite likely more of this submerged land will be reclaimed than our returns indicate, in which case the decrease in acreage will be smaller than we put it, or it may happen that less will be reclaimed than our correspondents are inclined to think, in which event the decrease would be larger than what we show. Statements to the effect that it is too late to plant cotton, even when the season is as far advanced as at present, are always to be received with a certain degree of skepticism. In Louisiana some farmers, as noted further above, are planting in the mud as the water recedes, and many other cotton farmers similarly situated may have the same happy thought. Just as likely as not, too, the effort may bear fruit. Accordingly, we are not inclined to think the decrease will run above 10% for the South as a whole, though the percentages for the different States may vary somewhat from the figures given by us.

Even a decrease, however, of 10% is a substantial reduction, representing, as it does in this case, 4,853,000 acres. Hence, it is not to be lightly dismissed though it falls far short of the reduction the country was told was imperative a few months ago, before it began to appear that the cotton consuming world had such an insatiable appetite for the staple at low prices that it was literally prepared to gobble up all that could be obtained. Nevertheless, the fact should not be overlooked that even after the decrease of the 4,853,000 acres indicated the acreage in cotton will yet be the largest on record, barring only the two seasons immediately preceding in each of which the area planted ran in excess of 48,000,000 acres. In order to bring out that fact we introduce here the following table showing the area and production of cotton in the United States in each of the past 17 years.

ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION OF COTTON IN UNITED STATES, 1910-1926.

Year—	Acreage—		Avg. Yield per Acre (Pounds)	Production (Census) 500-lb. bales
	Planted. (Acres)	Picked. (Acres)		
1910	33,418,000	32,403,000	170.7	11,608,616
1911	36,681,000	36,045,000	207.7	15,692,701
1912	34,766,000	34,283,000	190.9	13,703,421
1913	37,458,000	37,089,000	182.0	14,156,486
1914	37,406,000	36,832,000	209.2	16,134,930
1915	32,107,000	31,412,000	170.3	11,191,820
1916	36,052,000	34,985,000	156.6	11,449,930
1917	34,925,000	33,841,000	159.7	11,302,375
1918	37,217,000	36,008,000	159.6	12,040,532
1919	35,133,000	33,566,000	161.5	11,420,763
1920	37,043,000	35,878,000	178.4	13,439,603
1921	31,678,000	30,509,000	124.5	7,953,641
1922	34,016,000	33,036,000	141.5	9,762,069
1923	38,709,000	37,420,000	130.6	10,139,671
1924	42,641,000	41,360,000	157.4	13,627,936
1925	48,090,000	46,053,000	167.2	16,103,679
1926	48,730,000	47,087,000	181.9	17,977,374
1927	43,877,000	(?)	(?)	(?)

Only a cursory glance at the foregoing suffices to make it plain that the extent of the acreage is only

one factor bearing upon the probable size of the crop. The crop last season attained such huge dimensions, not alone because the acreage was the largest on record, but because the yield per acre was the best in any year since 1914. The yield was 181.9 pounds per acre, against 167.2 pounds in 1925, 157.4 pounds in 1924, 130.6 pounds in 1923 and no more than 124.5 pounds back in 1921. Had the yield been no larger than that of the last mentioned year, there would have been a different story to tell. Had the yield been no higher than in 1924 the crop on the 1926 acreage would have been 2,300,000 bales less than it proved to be. That year (1921) belongs, of course, in a class all by itself. It was the year when, owing to the great tumble in prices which then occurred, planters combined, and, unlike what happened the present year, entered on a deliberate plan to restrict acreage with a view to restoring prices to a higher level again. The acreage was then cut from 37,043,000 acres to 31,678,000 acres, and, as it happened, the Southern farmer then succeeded in raising prices beyond his fondest expectations, a general crop disaster having come along with the big reduction in acreage, with the result that the 1921 crop proved the smallest in 30 years.

The question therefore arises, what have been the elements that have contributed to bring about the increase in yield by acreage in recent years. We think three of these stand out pre-eminently: (1) The diminishing activities of the boll weevil; (2) the use of fertilizers as aids to soil fertility, and (3) the long open season in the autumn making it possible to raise a substantial "top" crop. At this juncture it is well to recall what the Agricultural Department at Washington said on Dec. 8 last, when presenting the final estimates of the season, in explanation of the magnitude of the year's production and the influences responsible for it. Here are the comments of the Department:

The cotton season of 1926 has presented some sharp contrasts. The season opened with by far the largest cotton acreage ever planted, with good stands generally reported, with sales of fertilizers the third highest on record, with an ample supply of surface and subsoil moisture in Texas and Oklahoma, where drought is often the limiting factor, and with a relatively small number of boll weevils emerging from hibernation.

This combination of favorable factors seemed to be largely offset, however, by the cool weather which continued from March through July, by early summer drought in the southern Piedmont area, and by the cotton hopper, which insect was unusually prevalent over nearly the whole Belt.

The cool weather during the spring and early summer delayed the growth and fruiting of the plant, and the hoppers, which attacked the squares as soon as formed, prevented the setting of the usual number of early bolls.

It was feared that the activities of the weevil following those of the cotton hopper would take many of the late bolls, but while the weevil was present over most of the cotton area the actual damage from the activities of this insect was surprisingly small.

After the 1st of August the crop was favored by warmer weather, and in the Cotton Belt as a whole temperatures continued above normal until late in October. During this period few sections suffered from either excessive moisture or from drought and the cotton plants put on and matured a crop larger than was thought possible earlier in the season.

As to the boll weevil, they do not seem to present any ground for alarm. None of our correspondents

stress their presence, though in some isolated instances they say that the indications are that they will be more active than in 1926 and 1925, when they wrought comparatively little mischief. Of course, it is too early in the season to say anything definite about the probabilities in that respect. But there are other reasons for regarding such reports and suggestions lightly. As in the case of other similar plagues in the past, we seem to have passed the period when these pestiferous insects move in great swarms from State to State or from one end of a State to the other. They originated in Mexico, crossed the Rio Grande, then moved in swarms up through Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and finally North Carolina, the northern limit of the Cotton Belt. Therefore we are inclined to ask, as we did a year ago, may not that mark the culmination of the movement, and the decline of the weevil now follow, much in the same way that the grasshopper plague, which a generation ago worked such havoc in the grain raising States west of the Mississippi for successive seasons and threatened the complete ruin of the farmer, has long since completely disappeared and become a thing of the past. At all events, the boll weevil operates now only within local areas, the same as cut worms, grasshoppers and other insects. Their depredations therefore will be correspondingly circumscribed. This is an important consideration, because in some of the earlier years, and particularly in 1923, the boll weevil virtually destroyed large portions of the crop in some of the biggest cotton producing States in the country.

As to fertilizers, these are of importance in some States, like North Carolina, where intensive farming is practiced, and of no consequence whatever in other States, like Texas, where they are virtually a stranger to the planter. In 1921 many planters who ordinarily enrich the soil with fertilizers abandoned their use altogether, since with cotton on the farm down below 10c. a pound it simply did not pay to use them. This year the consumption of fertilizers on cotton plantations diminished sharply at the beginning of the season, when the price of cotton got down to such low figures, but in some of the States increased again when the price of the staple improved, though not enough to make up for the previous loss. However, we do not think the application of fertilizers has diminished sufficiently, treating the South as a whole, to affect the general result in any important degree.

There remains the third and final point as to whether the South is again to be blessed with a long open season in the autumn and the absence of early frosts of a severe character. Formerly a larger or smaller "top" crop used to be quite the ordinary thing. Then for a number of years it seemed to drop out of the planters' vocabulary. Suddenly, in 1925, it was revived and again in 1926 it became a factor of great prominence. Will history repeat itself in that respect in 1927? On that point one man's guess is as good as another's, and we hazard no prediction.

As to the general outlook for the crop, there is really nothing seriously the matter with it, now that the drought has been relieved in central and western Texas and that needed rains have fallen in the South Atlantic States, where it had been rather dry. At the present time drought is not a serious feature in any part of the South, nor are excessive rains.

The situation may change, but that is the present status. But temperatures nearly everywhere have been too low and for that reason and because of the floods in the Mississippi Valley, growth has been retarded and the season is backward. This review, as in all previous years, deals entirely with the extent of the acreage, and does not undertake to show the present condition of the crop as expressed in percentages of the normal. And yet, any statement of the acreage would be meaningless that did not attempt to indicate whether the crop, in point of maturity, is early or late, or failed to disclose the attendant circumstances bearing upon the possible or probable outcome. It is for that reason that we note that the crop at this stage is late and backward. But these are handicaps that are easily and quickly remedied with the development of hot weather and sunshine. As in other years, the test will come in July and August, the vital months for cotton.

The season was late last year, too, but that did not prevent growing the biggest crop in the country's history. As a matter of fact, the crop has been late in all recent years except in 1925, when it was extremely early. A favorable start counts for much, but it is not everything. The present crop, it is well enough to point out, is not as late as was the crop last year, and it is not so uniformly late, there being some areas where it is fully up to the average.

We have referred above to the collapse in cotton values which occurred last autumn, and to the subsequent recovery. For the purpose of making the record complete we now introduce our usual comparative tables showing the monthly fluctuations for a long series of years. We give first the price of middling upland spot cotton on the New York Cotton Exchange for each month back to 1915.

PRICE OF MIDDLING UPLAND COTTON IN NEW YORK ON DATES GIVEN AND AVERAGE FOR SEASON.

	1926-1927	1925-1926	1924-1925	1923-1924	1922-1923	1921-1922	1920-1921	1919-1920	1918-1919	1917-1918	1916-1917	1915-1916
Aug. 1	19.20	24.65	30.95	23.65	22.55	12.90	40.00	35.70	29.70	25.65	13.25	9.30
Sept. 1	18.90	22.35	25.65	25.95	22.25	17.50	30.25	32.05	36.50	23.30	16.30	9.75
Oct. 1	14.30	23.55	25.90	29.50	20.45	21.10	25.00	32.25	34.30	25.25	16.00	11.09
Nov. 1	12.85	19.90	23.60	31.25	24.45	15.75	22.50	33.65	23.05	28.75	18.75	11.95
Dec. 1	12.60	20.75	23.15	37.65	25.30	17.55	16.65	39.75	28.10	30.90	20.35	12.65
Jan. 1	12.80	20.55	24.20	35.40	26.45	18.65	14.75	39.25	32.60	31.75	17.25	12.40
Feb. 1	13.65	20.75	24.50	34.00	27.40	17.20	14.15	39.00	26.75	31.20	14.75	11.95
Mar. 1	14.85	19.45	26.05	28.25	30.40	18.70	11.65	40.25	26.10	32.70	17.00	11.45
April 1	14.40	19.35	24.90	28.50	28.55	18.10	12.00	41.75	28.60	34.95	19.20	12.00
May 1	15.45	18.95	24.40	30.30	27.50	18.95	12.90	41.25	29.40	28.70	20.70	12.30
June 1	16.95	18.85	23.65	32.75	27.55	21.00	12.90	40.00	33.15	29.00	22.65	12.70
July 1	18.40	24.70	30.90	27.85	22.05	12.00	39.25	34.15	31.90	27.25	12.90	
Average, season	20.65	25.14	31.11	26.30	18.92	17.89	38.25	31.04	29.65	19.12	11.98	

It will be seen that while the price on June 1 got back to nearly 17c. (being 16.95c.) and later in the month actually went above 17c., this still left the quotation lower than last year at the corresponding date and much below other recent years, excepting only the disastrous year of 1921. Thus on June 1 1926 the price was 18.85c.; on June 1 1925 23.65c., and on June 1 1924 32.75c. On the other hand, on June 1 1921 the quotation was only 12.90c. That, as already pointed out, was followed by an upward reaction to extremely high prices owing to the crop disaster, which came that year concurrently with the big cut in acreage. To complete the story we also add the following table, showing the farm price for cotton for each month of every year back to the beginning of the season of 1915. These farm prices, it should be stated, are those of the Agricultural Department at Washington, and as to the methods employed in arriving at the averages, the Department explains that the prices are "averages of reports of county crop reporters, weighted according to relative importance of county and State."

AVERAGE PRICE OF COTTON ON THE FARM.

	1926-1927	1925-1926	1924-1925	1923-1924	1922-1923	1921-1922	1920-1921	1919-1920	1918-1919	1917-1918	1916-1917	1915-1916
Aug. 15.....	16.1	23.4	27.8	23.8	20.9	11.2	34.0	31.4	30.0	23.8	13.6	8.3
Sept. 15.....	16.8	22.5	22.2	25.6	20.6	16.2	28.3	30.8	32.0	23.4	15.0	9.8
Oct. 15.....	11.7	21.5	23.1	28.0	21.2	18.8	22.4	33.9	30.6	25.3	16.8	11.4
Nov. 15.....	11.0	18.1	22.6	29.9	23.1	17.0	16.6	36.0	28.4	27.5	18.8	11.4
Dec. 15.....	10.0	17.4	22.0	32.1	24.2	16.2	12.7	35.8	28.2	28.3	18.4	11.4
Jan. 15.....	10.6	17.4	22.7	32.5	25.2	15.9	11.6	36.0	26.8	29.3	17.0	11.4
Feb. 15.....	11.5	17.6	23.0	31.4	26.8	15.7	11.0	36.2	24.4	30.0	16.4	11.3
Mar. 15.....	12.5	16.5	24.5	27.7	28.0	16.0	9.8	36.8	24.2	31.0	17.0	11.3
April 15.....	12.3	16.6	23.7	28.7	27.6	16.0	9.4	37.5	25.2	30.2	18.4	11.5
May 15.....	13.9	16.0	23.0	28.1	26.2	17.3	9.6	37.4	27.8	28.0	19.6	11.8
June 15.....	16.1	23.0	27.8	25.9	19.6	9.7	37.3	30.3	28.0	22.4	12.4	12.4
July 15.....	15.4	23.4	27.3	24.9	20.6	9.7	37.1	31.8	28.2	24.5	12.6	12.6

In this case it is not possible to bring the prices down to quite as late a date, but on May 15 this year the average farm price was 13.9c., against 16.0c. on May 15 1926; 23.0c. May 15 1925; 28.1c. in 1924, but only 9.6c. on May 15 1921.

We now present in detail our summaries for the different States:

VIRGINIA.—Not much land is devoted to cotton in Virginia. The State lies in the extreme northern fringe of the Cotton Belt. The United States Department of Agriculture in its final report for 1926, issued on May 17 1927, made the area in cultivation at the beginning of the season last year 95,000 acres and the area picked 93,000 acres, which was somewhat less than in either of the two preceding years. The State accordingly ranks with such small cotton producing States as Florida and Missouri. Intensified methods, however, are applied to such lands as are fit cotton and therefore the yield per acre is high. Last year the yield was 260 pounds per acre, or larger than in any other cotton producing State except North Carolina and the irrigated areas of New Mexico, Arizona and California. At 260 pounds the product, it will be seen, was over a half a bale an acre. Still, even on that basis the entire crop of the State was only 51,329 bales, slightly less than in 1925, when the crop was 52,535 bales. At the best, Virginia cotton production cuts a small figure in the total crop of the United States, which last season was (according to the revised ginning returns of the Census made public June 3 1927) 17,977,374 bales. However, the influences which have been dominating the entire cotton world ever since the great collapse in the price of the staple last autumn, have been operative in this small cotton raising Commonwealth the same as elsewhere. By that we mean more especially the tendency to decrease acreage. From the reports we have received it would seem that the acreage planted will be 5 or 6% less than in 1926, though where the acreage is so small the giving of definite percentages is hazardous. Probably we shall not be wide of the mark if we put the total acreage planted at 90,000 acres instead of 95,000 in 1926. Planting began about April 25, and extended to May 15, being about the same as in an average season, but earlier than last year, when the season was backward. Very little replanting has been found necessary, though the weather has been somewhat too cool, and was rather wet the early part of May, though dry later. Good stands are generally reported, and the fields are clear of weeds and grass almost without exception. Cotton lands in Virginia, as already indicated, are fertilized in a high degree, but apparently the application of commercial fertilizers has been somewhat smaller than last year, though on the other hand, there has been a somewhat larger use of cotton seed meal and home-made manures. The tax tag sales returns of the Commissioner of Agriculture show 295,955 tons of fertilizer sold in Virginia in the five months from Jan. 1 to May 31 in 1927, against 323,130 tons in the same five months of 1926 and 242,386 tons in the corresponding period of the previous year. Obviously these figures are pertinent only as showing the trend in the use of fertilizer, since the bulk of the whole was doubtless for account of truck farmers and others with only a relatively slight portion consumed on cotton plantations.

VIRGINIA.	Area in Cultivation.	Area Picked.	Yield of Lint Cotton per Acre.	Production, 500-lb. Gross Bales.
Crop Year—	Acres.	Acres.	Pounds.	Bales.
1926.....	95,000	93,000	260	51,329
1925.....	101,000	100,000	250	52,535
1924.....	107,000	102,000	180	38,746
1923.....	74,000	74,000	325	50,581
1922.....	57,000	55,000	230	26,515
1921.....	34,000	34,000	230	16,368
1920.....	43,000	42,000	230	21,337
1919.....	43,000	42,000	255	22,523
1918.....	45,000	44,000	270	24,855
1917.....	53,000	50,000	180	18,777
1916.....	42,000	42,000	310	27,127
1915.....	34,000	34,000	225	15,809
1914.....	45,000	45,000	265	25,232

NORTH CAROLINA.—In this State conditions the present season have not been unfavorable, unlike the experience in many other parts of the South, and in sharp contrast with a year ago, when the North Carolina crop was in a decidedly backward condition because of prolonged drought. Writing under date of May 14, the Crop Reporting Service of the United States Department of Agriculture at Raleigh, N. C., stated that while the spring generally over the United States was backward, with unfavorable weather conditions prevailing in many sections, "North Carolina has been blessed this spring in comparison with many other sections of the country. The spring has been fairly early and moisture conditions have been fairly good, except recently in a few southeastern counties, where trucking suffered. Altogether the spring farm conditions are up to the usual, if not ahead. Certainly the conditions are much better than those that prevailed a year ago." Later the drought in the southeastern part of the State was relieved by beneficial rains, with some complaints even of excessive rains. On June 14, the North Carolina weather bureau, speaking with reference to meteorological conditions in North Carolina said: "Progress of cotton excellent; condition good to excellent; squares forming in south; weevil reported locally." Our own correspondents in their returns confirm these generalizations. North Carolina has an enviable record for high yield, and intensive methods of cotton cultivation are pursued. The yield per acre last season was 290 pounds, or in excess of that of every other State in the Cotton Belt, barring only the irrigated areas of California, Arizona and New Mexico. Fertilizers have always played an important part in the North Carolina crop and this makes it important to note that many of our correspondents report a decreased use of commercial fertilizers the present season. The Commissioner of Agriculture makes the fertilizer sales in the five months to May 31 1927 1,050,942 tons, against 1,126,222 tons in the first five months of 1926 and 1,145,262 tons in the same period of 1925, but this means, of course, the sales for all purposes, and as much fertilizing material is applied to other crops, these comparisons are not necessarily conclusive as to the relative extent of the use of these aids to productivity in connection with cotton raising. We should be inclined to think, however, that the figures might be taken as indicating a general tendency to the lessened use of fertilizers, even in the case of cotton, except that some reliable correspondents, accustomed to gauging such things with unusual accuracy, think that quite as much commercial fertilizers have been applied to cotton the present year as last year. The use of home-made manures seems to have been about the same as in other years, though the general practice of farmers in that State is to use manures in truck farming, which is carried on on an extensive scale in North Carolina, and in the garden. Stands are nearly everywhere, and in all parts of the State, reported good, in striking contrast with the situation last season, when stands were almost uniformly poor. The fields, too, are clear of weeds and grass, though one or two correspondents in the western part of the State say that fields are somewhat grassy because of too much rain. Planting began somewhat earlier than in 1926—say about April 15, and was completed about May 20. Yet one correspondent says that in his section it was not finished until about June 1. The seed came up well and very little replanting was required. Some weevil are noted in the eastern counties, but it is too early to estimate the probabilities of injury. There has been a general tendency to decrease acreage—in some cases a very pronounced decrease (one correspondent who we know from past experience is inclined to exaggerate, saying that in his vicinity the reduction was fully 40%); in other cases only a minor decrease. For the State as a whole we are inclined to think the decrease will average about 7%.

NORTH CAROLINA.	Area in Cultivation.	Area Picked.	Yield of Lint Cotton per Acre.	Production, 500-lb. Gross Bales.
Crop Year—	Acres.	Acres.	Pounds.	Bales.
1926.....	2,015,000	1,985,000	290	1,212,819
1925.....	2,037,000	2,017,000	261	1,101,799
1924.....	2,099,000	2,005,000	196	825,324
1923.....	1,687,000	1,679,000	290	1,020,139
1922.....	1,654,000	1,625,000	250	851,937
1921.....	1,417,000	1,403,000	264	776,222
1920.....	1,603,000	1,587,000	275	924,761
1919.....	1,525,000	1,490,000	266	830,293
1918.....	1,615,000	1,600,000	268	897,761
1917.....	1,562,000	1,515,000	194	617,989
1916.....	1,450,000	1,451,000	215	654,603
1915.....	1,300,000	1,282,000	260	699,494
1914.....	1,550,000	1,527,000	290	930,631

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Planters in South Carolina have had little occasion for complaint thus far the present sea-

son. Weather conditions have been mostly favorable. In certain sections in the northern part of the State the soil was at one time too dry for satisfactory germination of the seed and early growth, but in such cases relief has since come through needed rain, and the crop generally is in good shape and making satisfactory progress. During June there have been intermittent rains which have proved highly beneficial, and though in a few instances more rain is needed, this is true only of quite small areas. Until 1926 South Carolina had been doing poorly within recent years, but the past season the State managed to retrieve its position in some degree, and the indications now are that further improvement will be achieved the present season. Formerly the State had about 3,000,000 acres in cotton and could be counted upon for a crop of 1,500,000 bales or over. In 1920, for example, with 3,000,000 acres planted and 2,964,000 acres picked, the State's product was 1,623,076 bales, from an average yield of lint cotton per acre of 260 pounds. Two years afterwards, in 1922, it had only 1,951,000 acres in cultivation, with 1,912,000 acres picked and a crop of only 492,400 bales, the yield per acre having dropped to 123 pounds. In 1926 the area planted was 2,716,000 acres, the area picked 2,648,000 acres, and with a yield of 180 pounds per acre the crop for the first time since 1920 exceeded a million bales, being 1,008,068 bales. As compared with the record for 1920, there is, it will be seen, still room for further substantial improvement; and considering the favorable start the crop has had in that State the present year and the generally favorable conditions that are prevailing further progress towards better results appears likely unless untoward developments should come later in the season. In the southern part of the State, planting started in some cases as early as March 15 and was completed about the middle of April. Generally, planting may be said to have extended over the period from April 1 to May 15. The seed came up well nearly everywhere and only a trifling amount of replanting was necessary. *Stands* are nearly everywhere fine, and the fields clear of weeds and grass. Chopping was practically finished about the 1st of June, and the first bloom was reported near Barnwell on June 2. During June progress has been excellent, with squares and blooms becoming quite numerous. Some emergence of the weevil is noted at a number of different points, though none in the northwestern portion of the State. Indications, however, in that regard are no more pronounced than at the same time last year, when little injury resulted. The crop is in advance of the average and far in advance of that of last season at the present stage—fully ten days in advance of this last instance. All our returns agree in saying that there has been a decreased use of commercial *fertilizers*. Some of the reports also say that home-made composts have been less freely used. As for *acreage*, there is very little evidence, less so than in any other large producing State, of a decrease. A few of our correspondents, always prone to over-emphasis, estimate decreases of 10% or over in their particular districts, but the preponderating proportion of the returns put the acreage at about the same figure as a year ago. Altogether we do not feel warranted in making the decrease larger than 4%.

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<i>Crop Year—</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Bales.</i>
1926.....	2,716,000	2,648,000	180	1,008,068
1925.....	2,708,000	2,654,000	160	888,666
1924.....	2,491,000	2,404,000	160	806,594
1923.....	2,005,000	1,965,000	187	770,165
1922.....	1,951,000	1,912,000	123	492,400
1921.....	2,623,000	2,571,000	146	754,560
1920.....	3,000,000	2,964,000	260	1,623,076
1919.....	2,900,000	2,835,000	240	1,426,146
1918.....	3,040,000	3,001,000	250	1,569,918
1917.....	2,880,000	2,837,000	208	1,236,871
1916.....	2,950,000	2,780,000	160	931,830
1915.....	2,555,000	2,516,000	215	1,133,919
1914.....	2,890,000	2,861,000	255	1,533,810

GEORGIA.—This State suffered from drought the early part of the season. The drought was general and severe. The last week of May, however, the situation changed, and during June complete relief has come. The rain the latter part of May, while beneficial, was irregularly distributed and insufficient to break the drought which had up to that time prevailed, especially in the southern part of the State. On June 6, further favorable rains came, but still leaving the drought severe over much of the State. In the second week of June numerous and widely distributed additional showers furnished virtually complete relief over most of the State and caused generous and marked improvement, since which time the progress of the crop has been excellent.

Georgia, next to Texas and Oklahoma, is, in point of area devoted to cotton, the largest State in the Cotton Belt. It planted last season 4,025,000 acres in cotton and picked 3,965,000 acres. The State's yield per acre, however, is relatively light; consequently, as regards size of its crop, the State has to yield precedence to several other States besides Texas and Oklahoma. And yet this has not always been the case. Back in 1914 Georgia had 5,510,000 acres in cotton, and with a yield of 239 pounds per acre had a crop to its credit of 2,718,037 bales. But a great slump followed and in 1923, with the area reduced to 3,844,000 acres and the yield (under the ravages of the boll weevil and other adverse circumstances) down to 82 pounds per acre, the crop of the State amounted to no more than 588,236 bales. Marked recovery from this low depth ensued and in 1926, with the yield 180 pounds per acre, the crop was back almost to one and a half million bales, it being 1,496,105 bales. This indicates tremendous progress in the short space of three years, but, after all, represents a recovery of only about one-half of the loss sustained as compared with 1914. In these circumstances further recovery in 1927 under the favorable start of the season, would not be strange. Whereas a year ago the crop was everywhere from 10 to 15 days late, the situation the present year is the exact reverse, and the crop is about a week earlier than the average.

In the southern part of the State planting began about March 10 and was completed towards the latter part of April. In the northern part it began about April 1 and was completed about May 10. Early planted cotton came up well, but in the case of the late plantings drought interfered with germination. The later rains, however, changed the situation, as already explained, and the prospect now almost everywhere is highly satisfactory. *Stands* generally are good, though there are occasional exceptions to the rule. The fields are free from grass and weeds and weather has been generally favorable for cultivation. In the southern part of the State plants are generally blooming and apparently fruiting well. Even late plantings are doing well, though stands in a few cases are not altogether good. Not much harm apparently is to be feared from the weevil the present season, though our accounts are somewhat conflicting. One correspondent says that in a few localities where cotton was planted early "weevils are showing up, laying eggs in new squares," and he adds that early planting promotes weevil growth. On the other hand, the early drought over large sections of the State seems to have been detrimental to the weevil and to have greatly reduced the probability of injury from them. One of our correspondents says that "large quantities appeared, but hot, dry weather practically exterminated them." Another report says that weevils appeared in quantities, laid their eggs in squares, which were very small at the time, and having completed their work died. At present, he adds, there are practically no weevil, though the first crop of new weevils, if they survived the hot, dry weather, have yet to appear. He expresses the opinion, however, that very few of them did survive. As to the use of *fertilizers*, all accounts agree in saying that there has been a decrease in the consumption of "regular commercial goods." But this is supplemented by the remark that much cotton seed meal and plain acid has been used, so that the total application of fertilizing material has been the same as a year ago. The tax-tag sales show 686,037 tons of fertilizers sold in Georgia in the five months ending May 31 1927 for all purposes, against 761,353 tons in the five months of 1926 and 770,479 tons in the same period of 1925. *Acreage* may show some falling off, but, according to the information we gather, it is not likely to be large. A few of our returns give estimates of substantial decreases, but most of them express the opinion that the acreage this year will be about the same as in 1926. One correspondent, surveying the whole State, notes that some sections decreased their acreage while others increased, leaving the net result about the same as in 1926. That

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<i>Crop Year—</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Bales.</i>
1926.....	4,025,000	3,965,000	180	1,496,105
1925.....	3,662,000	3,589,000	155	1,163,885
1924.....	3,099,000	3,046,000	157	1,003,770
1923.....	3,844,000	3,421,000	82	588,236
1922.....	3,686,000	3,418,000	100	714,998
1921.....	4,346,000	4,172,000	90	787,084
1920.....	5,000,000	4,900,000	138	1,415,129
1919.....	5,404,000	5,220,000	152	1,659,529
1918.....	5,425,000	5,341,000	190	2,122,405
1917.....	5,274,000	5,195,000	173	1,883,911
1916.....	5,450,000	5,277,000	165	1,820,939
1915.....	4,925,000	4,825,000	189	1,908,673
1914.....	5,510,000	5,433,000	239	2,718,037

planters in Georgia should be inclined to recover losses in acreage does not appear strange, in view of the figures given above showing that even after the increase of the last two years Georgia's acreage in cotton in 1926 was only a little over 4,000,000 acres, whereas in 1919 and 1918 it was over 5,400,000 acres. To be on the safe side, we put this year's Georgia acreage 5% less than that of last year, though we are inclined to think the decrease will not be as much as this, if, indeed, there is any decrease at all.

FLORIDA.—This State does not produce much cotton and therefore merits very little notice. It had altogether only 108,000 acres of cotton last year, of which 105,000 acres were picked at the end of the season. The yield per acre was only 145 pounds and the crop no more than 31,954 bales. Like the other Atlantic States, Florida, or at least that portion of it where cotton is grown, had to endure severe drought the early part of the season. Planting began about April 10 and was finished about 30 days later. A well-informed correspondent writing from that part of the State where the bulk of the crop is produced tells us that only one fairly good shower was had after planting had begun, and as a consequence only about 15% of the seed came up. Then the weather became very dry and so continued until June 5, when it began raining and it has been raining every day since, so this correspondent puts it. He ventures the remark that a large proportion of the crop kept underground for want of moisture will now come to the surface and make rapid growth along with weeds and grass. However, as there is ample labor available for the purpose, it should not be difficult to put and keep the crop in fairly good condition from now on. But the late planting, he adds, will have to run the gauntlet of the boll weevil and a wet summer. Most of our reports, however, say that the boll weevil are not displaying any great activity, notwithstanding the fears expressed by this correspondent and they indicate that the extreme hot and dry weather up to the beginning of June completely killed them off. The crop is about ten days late. *Stands* are poor and the fields far from clean because of the recent heavy rains. Commercial fertilizers have apparently been applied in greatly diminished amount the present season, though fertilizer sales for the State as a whole, and for all crops combined, according to the Florida Commissioner of Agriculture, continue to increase, having aggregated 204,285 tons for the first five months of 1927, against 195,173 tons in the same months of 1926; 195,548 tons in the first five months of 1925 and only 154,190 tons in the corresponding period of 1924. The acreage would appear to average about 15% less than in 1926.

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<i>Crop Year—</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Bales.</i>
1926	108,000	105,000	145	31,954
1925	103,000	101,000	180	38,182
1924	82,000	80,000	130	18,961
1923	171,000	147,000	40	12,345
1922	122,000	118,000	102	25,021
1921	70,000	65,000	80	10,905
1920	110,000	100,000	86	18,114
1919	122,000	103,000	74	15,922
1918	175,000	167,000	85	29,415
1917	188,000	183,000	100	37,858
1916	201,000	191,000	105	41,449
1915	197,000	193,000	120	47,831
1914	224,000	221,000	175	81,255

ALABAMA.—In Alabama a sharp distinction must be made between conditions in the northern part of the State and those in the southern part. In this last instance, particularly in the extreme southeast, farmers for a good part of the season had to contend with severely dry weather, amounting in many cases to drought, and though latterly beneficial rains have fallen it is not altogether certain that even now complete relief has come from the previous droughty state of things. In the northern part of the State, on the other hand, there has been far too much rain, especially in the extreme northwest, and the weather all through has been too cool and too wet, besides which, late frosts have been another drawback. Latterly weather conditions have been mostly favorable all over the State except that some of the western areas are still receiving more rain than needed. Planting in the northern part of the State began about April 15 and continued to about May 15. In the southern part it began in some instances as early as March 15 and continued until towards the latter part of May. *Stands* vary considerably, especially in the southeastern part of the State, where many are poor, though in most other parts of the State they may be said to be quite fair, and in some instances pretty good. In the south some late planted cotton had not yet germinated up to the middle of

June, but early planted cotton was then blooming and squares forming. In the southern part of the State about 10 to 15% of replanting was required on account of the drought, but this replanted cotton is now giving a good account of itself and promises good results. The crop in all parts of the State appears to be about ten days later than the average, but a few days earlier than it was last year, when it was extremely late. Fields are as a rule well cultivated, though in the northern part of the State there are some complaints of weeds and grass. Fertilizers of the commercial sort have been apparently much less freely used than a year ago. Virtually all of our correspondents report substantial reductions, but the inclination not to apply them in the usual quantities, or to omit their use altogether, seems to have considerably weakened as the season has progressed, probably due to the sharp recovery in the price of the staple. At least that seems to be a reasonable deduction from what the tax-tag sales show. These tax-tag sales, of course, cover purchases for all the different crops and all the various agricultural products, and do not show the quantities going to cotton planters alone, but are nevertheless interesting and no doubt carry considerable significance. From the figures furnished us by the Department of Agriculture and Industries of the State it appears that the sales of fertilizers in January 1927 were 46,050 tons, against 78,450 tons in January 1926; in February 67,700 tons, against 188,450 tons, and in March 218,200 tons, against 256,300 tons, but that in April they were 118,600 tons, against 52,700, and in May 7,500, against 4,250 tons. For the five months the total this year is, however, well below the amounts for the two preceding years, being 458,050 tons, against 580,150 tons in the five months of 1926 and 564,350 tons in the same period of 1925. The State has been greatly increasing its yield per acre during the last three years, though this doubtless reflects as much the diminished activities of the boll weevil as greater fertility of the soil. The yield of lint cotton per acre in 1926 was 196 pounds as against 185 pounds in 1925, 154 pounds in 1924 and only 91 pounds in the very poor year 1923. As a result of this and an increase in acreage Alabama's crop in 1926 aggregated 1,497,821 bales, against only 586,724 bales in 1923. Back in 1914, however, the yield per acre was 209 pounds. There has been a general disposition to curtail acreage in this State. In the southern part of the State estimates of decrease are so large as to appear incredible. In the northern part of the State, however, most of the returns say that the acreage is about the same as it was last year. For the State as a whole we should judge the reduction will be 8 to 10%, and we therefore place the figure at 9%.

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<i>Crop Year—</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Bales.</i>
1926	3,699,000	3,651,000	196	1,497,821
1925	3,539,000	3,504,000	185	1,356,719
1924	3,114,000	3,055,000	154	985,601
1923	3,130,000	3,149,000	91	586,724
1922	2,807,000	2,771,000	142	825,458
1921	2,269,000	2,235,000	124	580,222
1920	2,898,000	2,858,000	111	662,699
1919	2,900,000	2,791,000	122	713,236
1918	2,600,000	2,570,000	149	800,622
1917	2,017,000	1,977,000	125	517,890
1916	3,469,000	3,225,000	79	533,402
1915	3,400,000	3,340,000	146	1,020,839
1914	4,075,000	4,007,000	209	1,751,375

MISSISSIPPI.—Planters in this State have had an unusually severe situation to contend with the present season. The overflow of the Mississippi has, of course, been a serious matter, but in addition, excessive rains have made the lot of the farmer a hard one. More land was overflowed in Mississippi than in any other State, with the single exception of Arkansas. The counties totally or partially inundated embraced Bolivar, Sunflower, Leflore, Holmes, Yazoo, Warren, Humphreys, Issaquena, Sharkey and Washington. According to the Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture, the flooded area in Mississippi comprised 735,000 acres, of which 550,000 acres were in cotton, with a yield the past season of 278,000 bales. As the total product of the State the past season by the Census ginning returns was 1,887,787 bales, the flooded portion does not seem very formidable. Unfortunately, after the water had largely receded from the flooded area the June freshets brought a new overflow in the north portion of the southern delta region. It had been expected that planting in the flooded area would continue until about June 20, but it seems likely now that some of the acreage in the twice-flooded districts will have to be definitely abandoned. Still, a good portion of the flooded area was reclaimed in time for the new crop, so the loss at the worst will be far from a total one. It must not be forgotten that certain incidental benefits usually flow from these floods. When the water subsides, it generally leaves behind a rich sediment which adds greatly to the fertility of the soil and increases the product per acre. Presumably this will be the case on the present occasion, offsetting to that extent any loss by reason of late planting or complete inability to plant. The State of Mis-

Mississippi, anyway, is one of the most fertile cotton producing States in the entire Cotton Belt. To be sure, in 1923, that extremely poor season when the boll weevil were at the height of their destructiveness, the yield, it is true, fell to 91 pounds per acre and the crop of the State amounted to only 603,808 bales, but in 1925 the product was back to 275 pounds per acre and the crop of the State (on a somewhat larger acreage) closely approached 2,000,000 bales, being 1,990,537 bales. The past season the result was not quite so good, and yet the yield was 240 pounds per acre and the crop (on a further increase in acreage) 1,887,787 bales.

Apart, however, entirely from the injury inflicted by the overflow of the Mississippi, conditions in the State the present season have been the reverse of favorable. The Commissioner of Agriculture reports that planting in 1927 began earlier than usual and (on account of the flood) will continue later. In other words, it began in the middle of March and in the twice-flooded area is not yet completed even now. As might be supposed, on account of the overflow and also on account of frost, a great deal of replanting had to be done. For several weeks it was both too cold and too wet, though it is pleasing to note that during the last two weeks the weather has been very favorable and should this fortunate situation continue, the outlook would quickly improve. As a matter of fact, prospects cannot be regarded as unsatisfactory, provided only meteorological conditions do not again take a bad turn. The situation throughout the State is in many respects quite peculiar. Due to the extreme earliness at which some of the cotton was planted and the extreme lateness at which some will be planted, the State will have considerable very early cotton and also some very late cotton. It is therefore in a position where it may be benefited in a double way or injured in a double way. *Stands* generally speaking are good. The state of cultivation is somewhat uneven. The Commissioner of Agriculture says that, in the southeastern part of the State, known as the cut-over piney woods, the fields are thoroughly clean and well worked, but in the entire northern part of the State, on account of incessant rains, there is a great deal of both grass and weeds. In a broad way the crop in the northern half of the State may be said to be about two weeks late, the same as last year, but in the lower half about of average maturity or in advance of a year ago, when the crop was backward through almost the whole State. As to the boll weevil, the Commissioner of Agriculture, in answer to our question, notes that the weevil have begun work earlier than usual, and that there seem to be a considerable number of old weevils that have lived through the winter. The extent of the harm they may inflict is a matter for the future to determine. All our returns are uniformly to the effect that there has been a considerable decrease in the use of commercial fertilizers. In the two years preceding, the use of such fertilizers had considerably increased. The tax-tag sales indicate a consumption of only 202,177 tons of fertilizers in Mississippi in the period from Jan. 1 to May 31 1927 for all agricultural purposes, against 268,760 tons in the same period of 1926 and 246,128 tons in the first five months of 1925, but comparing with only 191,581 tons in the corresponding months of 1924. As to *acreage*, any definite, precise estimate is out of the question at this time. The Commissioner of Agriculture, of course, has not yet put forth any figures. In these circumstances all that it is possible to affirm with any degree of positiveness is that apparently there has been a quite substantial reduction from last season. Our guess is—and it is nothing more than a guess in the complete absence of reliable data—that the decrease will reach about 10%.

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Crop Year—	Acres.	Acres.	Pounds.	Bales.
1926	3,809,000	3,752,000	240	1,887,787
1925	3,501,000	3,466,000	275	1,990,537
1924	3,057,000	2,981,000	176	1,098,634
1923	3,392,000	3,170,000	91	603,808
1922	3,076,000	3,014,000	157	989,273
1921	2,667,000	2,628,000	148	813,014
1920	3,160,000	2,950,000	145	895,312
1919	3,000,000	2,848,000	160	960,886
1918	3,160,000	3,138,000	187	1,226,051
1917	2,814,000	2,788,000	155	805,554
1916	3,310,000	3,110,000	125	811,794
1915	2,760,000	2,735,000	167	953,965
1914	3,100,000	3,054,000	195	1,245,535

LOUISIANA.—This State has suffered severely from the overflow of the Mississippi and the various other streams like the Red River and the Atchafalaya, and, unfortunately, the floods have been prolonged to a very late date, making it extremely questionable how much of the flooded areas can be reclaimed for crops of any kind. Newspaper accounts have indicated that it is mainly the sugar parishes that have been inundated and these certainly have fared badly, but much cotton land has likewise been submerged. The Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture has recently put out figures showing that in 15 parishes of north Louisiana 432,000 acres were flooded, of which 288,000 acres were in cotton with a product of 145,000 bales. We notice, however, that the State Commissioner of Agriculture reports that the floods affected about 20 parishes in the cotton section of the State, and he expresses the opinion that the Louisiana cotton crop the present year will not be

over 500,000 bales, which would be a big loss as compared with last year's crop of 829,407 bales and the 1925 crop of 910,468 bales. But this is obviously taking an extreme view of the situation, which is far from hopeless and certain to show rapid improvement with favorable weather conditions the remainder of the season. Even as it is, good accounts come from certain parts of the State, and it is plain that planters mean to reclaim every acre of submerged land they possibly can. This is evident from the fact that they have recently been planting cotton in the mud as the waters have been subsiding, and this process is sure to continue for some time to come. Possibly there will be more or less cotton land in the northeastern part of the State where the waters will not recede until the season is too far advanced to admit of planting with any prospect of raising a crop, and yet many farmers may be depended upon to take chances in that respect, counting on the probability of a long open season as was the case in 1926 and 1925. Outside the flooded districts the accounts are pretty good as a rule, and in the western half of the State the outlook is quite promising, though the crop everywhere seems to be ten days to two weeks later than the average, and to the same extent later than a year ago. Of late the crop has been progressing quite satisfactorily nearly everywhere. *Stands* are variable, though in most cases quite good and the same is true of the fields, weeds and grass being absent in most cases, though with some marked exceptions to the rule. Commercial fertilizers are not used to any great extent in Louisiana and the present season they have been applied in smaller quantities than ordinarily. The tax-tag sales indicate a consumption of 74,049 tons in the first five months of 1927, against 97,070 tons in the same period of 1926 and 92,551 tons in the corresponding period of 1925. As to *acreage*, our returns show decreases running from 10 to 30% in the overflowed parishes, with virtually no change elsewhere in the State. We put the decrease for the entire State at 20%, which may prove somewhat too high should the waters in the still submerged areas pass off more quickly than now seems likely.

LOUISIANA.	Area in Cultivation.	Area Picked.	Yield of Lint Cotton per Acre.	Productions, 500-lb. Gros Bales.
Crop Year—	Acres.	Acres.	Pounds.	Bales.
1926	2,019,000	1,979,000	200	829,407
1925	1,903,000	1,874,000	232	910,468
1924	1,666,000	1,616,000	145	492,654
1923	1,464,000	1,405,000	125	367,882
1922	1,175,000	1,140,000	144	343,274
1921	1,192,000	1,168,000	114	278,858
1920	1,555,000	1,470,000	126	387,663
1919	1,700,000	1,527,000	93	297,681
1918	1,700,000	1,683,000	187	638,729
1917	1,465,000	1,454,000	210	587,717
1916	1,260,000	1,250,000	170	443,182
1915	1,010,000	990,000	165	341,063
1914	1,340,000	1,299,000	165	449,458

TEXAS.—The most important recent development with reference to Texas has been the news which came on Monday, June 13, saying that over the week-end there had been heavy rains in west and north central Texas, definitely breaking the drought which had so long prevailed in that part of the State. Drought is perhaps the most serious drawback that cotton producers have to fear. If pronounced and widespread, experience shows the Texas crop in any given year may easily be cut down from 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 bales. That this season's drought has been definitely broken is therefore a circumstance of the highest importance. The central portion of the State appears now to have had adequate rains, though possibly in the extreme northwest in the Texas Panhandle, where the drought has been particularly severe, further rains may be needed to furnish complete relief. Texas produces over 30% of the entire cotton crop of the country, having contributed in 1926 5,630,831 bales to the country's total production of 17,977,374 bales. It is a State of such vast domain that harvesting of the crop may be in progress at one end of the State, while seed is still being sown at the other end. That is precisely what happened the present season. In our issue of June 4 we reported that the first bale of the 1927 crop had reached the Houston Cotton Exchange on May 30. This bale, as is invariably the case, came from the Rio Grande Valley section. At that very time seeding had not been finished in the northern part of Texas. Because of the immense size of the State, it is necessary, in discussing and analyzing conditions, to divide the State up into geographical parts and consider the conditions in each part separately in order to arrive at an understanding of the true situation. Even with such subdivision, however, widely varying results are found in some sections. Taking up first the eastern part of the State we find one correspondent saying that the crop is earlier than usual and another saying that it is later than usual. Generally, however, the statement for this part of Texas is that weather conditions were too wet and too cold. Along the Trinity and Neches rivers floods inundated considerable acreage from April 20 to May 1. The seed, however, as a rule came up quite well and no large amount of replanting was required, though there are occasional exceptions to the rule. *Stands* in this part of the State are good and the fields clean, with little grass or weeds. As far as *acreage* is concerned, there appears to have been little decrease along the Gulf in the vicinity of Houston, but as we proceed further north, decreases of 5 to 10% are reported.

The weather at first seems to have been rather wet in the greater part of this territory, but later became dry. In the northeastern portion of the State planting extended over the period from May 1 to June 15, which is somewhat later than usual, and the crop is two to three weeks late. The weather the greater part of the time appears to have been rather dry until quite recently, but plants are in satisfactory shape. Here the reports indicate decreases in acreage running from 5 to 15%.

As regards central Texas, one of our returns from Abilene says under date of June 10 that cotton planting began April 15, though approximately 15% still remains to be planted. This, it is stated, is two weeks or more earlier than last year and somewhat earlier than the average. Most of the crop in that vicinity is a week or ten days ahead of the average. The early planted cotton shows fair to good stands, with fields reasonably clear. Late planted cotton, of course, had not yet come up. Considerable replanting had to be done on account of heavy rains packing soil and dry weather following. Frost on April 22 killed a small amount of early cotton on low ground. Acreage here is reported about 10% less than last year, though some returns estimate the decrease at only 5%. The weather in that locality has been favorable since May 20, though before that it was dry. In the extreme western part of the State it was until lately very dry and also too windy. In the vicinity of El Paso planting began about April 20 and extended to May 15. Further east in the western part of Texas there are instances where, on account of drought the start was much later; still, plants came up well and fields are clean. One correspondent at Midland, Texas, says they had the worst spring dry spell since 1917-1918. In the extreme northwest in the Panhandle of Texas the situation appears to have been extremely bad until recent rains furnished welcome relief. A correspondent in Hale County ventures the opinion that not over 10% of the acreage had been planted up to June 10 and adds that while a good stand had been obtained on the portion of the crop actually planted, moisture was lacking for growth. How pessimistic this correspondent felt when he sent his report, just before the recent rains came and broke the drought, is evidenced by the fact that he says, while Hale County produced 45,000 bales in 1926 it looked as if 5,000 bales might be the limit in 1927, unless the situation changed, which it did. How threatening the outlook was in the Texas Panhandle before the change appears from the fact that in the twenty-six counties comprising the Panhandle, no cotton had been planted of any consequence up to the beginning of June except in the extreme southern tier of these counties. Speaking of the State generally, the crop is perhaps a little later than the average, particularly in North Texas, but stands are better than the ordinary and fields in most places are well cultivated, with little grass or weeds. Under favorable weather conditions the rest of the season and adequate moisture in the Texas Panhandle, the prospect cannot be regarded as otherwise than favorable. The Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, who is inclined to take gloomy views, which in the past have often been found unjustified, estimates the decrease in acreage for the entire State at 11%, and we adopt this as being an outside figure. The Commissioner points out, what has already been indicated above, that extreme dry weather in western and northwestern Texas had prevented the planting of a good portion of the crop in that section up to June 1. On the other hand, however, he also points out that in middle and north Texas some of the oat stubble is being planted in cotton, which will increase the acreage in those parts. Fertilizers cut no part in cotton raising in Texas.

TEXAS.	Area in Cultivation.	Area Picked.	Yield of Lint Cotton per Acre.	Production, 500-lb. Gross Bales.
<i>Crop Year—</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Bales.</i>
1926	19,140,000	18,374,000	146	5,630,831
1925	19,139,000	17,608,000	113	4,165,374
1924	17,706,000	17,175,000	138	4,951,059
1923	14,440,000	14,150,000	147	4,342,298
1922	12,241,000	11,874,000	130	3,221,888
1921	11,193,000	10,745,000	98	2,198,158
1920	12,265,000	11,898,000	174	4,345,282
1919	11,025,000	10,476,000	140	3,098,967
1918	11,950,000	11,233,000	115	2,696,561
1917	11,676,000	11,092,000	135	3,125,378
1916	11,525,000	11,400,000	157	3,725,700
1915	10,725,000	10,510,000	147	3,227,480
1914	12,052,000	11,931,000	184	4,592,112

ARKANSAS.—No State has suffered as much as Arkansas from the overflow of the Mississippi River and its tributaries and the breaks in the levees. Nowhere else have greater areas been submerged, nor more people been rendered homeless or greater general damage done. The floods began in April and extended into May. According to the Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture, 1,838,000 acres of crop land in Arkansas were flooded, of which 1,112,000 acres were in cotton, with a yield of 500,000 bales. By May 15 the waters had sufficiently receded in the submerged districts to permit planting, but early in June there came a second overflow, the effects of which have not yet passed away. What complete havoc this has created is made plainly apparent by the returns of several of our correspondents. Thus, from Desha County the report is that the entire county has been overflowed a second time and is now under water. This man says no cotton can be produced in that county the present year and in response

to our question when it is expected that seeding can be done, he replies, laconically, "Next year." From Ashley County, where 85 to 90% of the alluvial lands are covered with water, our reports say that the area submerged at present cannot be planted to cotton this year, though it may be possible to make a late corn crop. This correspondent avers that the floods caused by the breaks in the Arkansas River levees delayed planting, so that the crop is now 30 to 40 days late in that section. Planting was not begun in that county until May 15 and had not been completed on June 15. This correspondent also reports that some of the plants are being damaged by cut worms, while saying at the same time the plant is too small as yet to give any evidence of weevil damage, supposing it to exist. A correspondent in Independence County says that they have had high water on all the creeks and rivers for 60 days and that a good deal of land that is usually planted in cotton will be planted in something else this year. From Sebastian County in the western part of the State our returns present another phase of the situation in noting that severe floods early in April, receding about the 28th, delayed planting and preparation to some extent, but also increased acreage, inasmuch as much land usually planted to other crops was put in cotton as a last and best chance. This correspondent reports an increase in acreage in his section of 5 to 10%. Returns from other parts of the State report decreases in their respective sections running from 5 to 20%. Arkansas, however, is a State with a large cotton area, having had the past season 3,867,000 acres in cotton, and the percentage of decrease must be adjusted accordingly. Notwithstanding the extent of the submerged area, we should judge that a reduction of 12% will be sufficient to cover all adverse circumstances and conditions. The crop is everywhere late—not to the extent indicated in Ashley County, in fact in some parts of the State not more than ten days late, but perhaps two weeks late. It is to be noted, however, that the last few weeks conditions have been extremely favorable, nearly all over the State, so that outside the districts which have been inundated a second time, the outlook is more than ordinarily promising. Previously it was too wet, with temperatures unduly low at times. Thus on May 31 the weekly weather report of the Department of Agriculture said: "Progress of cotton excellent, except some northern and eastern portions, where soil is still wet," and on June 7, June 14 and June 21 the reports were much to the same effect. Stands are generally good, with the growth quite even, and at least 60 to 70% of the crop is now well cultivated, with the fields clean, but with the rest of the area still a little grassy. There has been a decreased application of commercial fertilizers, though these have never cut any great figure in this State. The actual shipments for the five months of 1927 to May 31 have been only 58,483 tons, against 103,697 tons in the same five months of 1926 and 122,331 tons in the corresponding period of 1925.

ARKANSAS.	Area in Cultivation.	Area Picked.	Yield of Lint Cotton per Acre.	Production, 500-lb. Gross Bales.
<i>Crop Year—</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Bales.</i>
1926	3,867,000	3,790,000	195	1,547,932
1925	3,814,000	3,738,000	205	1,604,828
1924	3,173,000	3,094,000	169	1,097,985
1923	3,120,000	3,026,000	98	627,535
1922	2,827,000	2,799,000	173	1,018,021
1921	2,418,000	2,382,000	160	796,986
1920	3,055,000	2,980,000	195	1,214,448
1919	2,865,000	2,725,000	155	884,473
1918	3,035,000	2,991,000	158	987,340
1917	2,810,000	2,740,000	170	973,752
1916	2,630,000	2,600,000	209	1,134,033
1915	2,260,000	2,170,000	180	816,002
1914	2,550,000	2,480,000	196	1,016,170

OKLAHOMA.—As far as area is concerned, Oklahoma is, next to Texas, the largest cotton State in the Cotton Belt. Both last season and the previous season it had over 5,000,000 acres in cotton, the area in 1926 having been 5,083,000 acres and in 1925 5,320,000 acres. The area picked, however, was only 4,676,000 acres in 1926, against 5,214,000 acres in 1925 and with a yield of 180 pounds of lint cotton per acre in 1926, against 155 pounds in 1925, the crop was 1,772,784 bales in 1926, comparing with 1,691,000 bales in 1925. The present season there has been somewhat too much rain in the eastern half of the State with the exception of some southeastern sections, and not enough in the western half, with pronounced drought in the extreme northwest. But the drought has recently been relieved in great degree by rains and during the last two or three weeks the crop has made satisfactory progress in nearly all parts of the State, leaving the outlook at this time quite promising. It has, though, been decidedly cool most of the time and the crop is late, say, eight to ten days late in the southern part of the State, but of about average maturity in most other parts. Planting began as early as April 15 in some sections, but generally not until about May 1, and was completed between June 1 and June 5. Except in some isolated instances seed came up well and only limited replanting was found necessary. Stands are nearly everywhere fine and fields well cultivated and as a rule clean, with little grass or weeds. There has been apparently a general tendency to decrease acreage, but estimates of the extent of the reduction seem to our correspondents to be exaggerated in not a few instances. We are inclined to think the decrease will not exceed 9%, which, however, represents quite a consid-

erable item in the case of a State with a total cotton acreage running the last two seasons, as already stated, in excess of 5,000,000 acres. Commercial fertilizers are not used to any great extent in Oklahoma, nor home made composts. Very little mention is made of the boll weevil, the general statement being that it is too early to know much about them.

OKLAHOMA.	Area in Cultivation.	Area Picked.	Yield of Lint Cotton per Acre.	Production, 500-lb. Gross Bales.
<i>Crop Year—</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Bales.</i>
1926	5,083,000	4,676,000	180	1,772,784
1925	5,320,000	5,214,000	155	1,691,000
1924	4,022,000	3,861,000	187	1,510,570
1923	3,400,000	3,197,000	98	655,558
1922	3,052,000	2,915,000	103	627,419
1921	2,536,000	2,206,000	104	481,286
1920	2,988,000	2,749,000	230	1,335,298
1919	2,512,000	2,424,000	135	1,018,129
1918	3,190,000	2,968,000	92	576,886
1917	2,900,000	2,783,000	165	959,081
1916	2,614,000	2,562,000	154	823,526
1915	2,000,000	1,895,000	162	639,626
1914	2,920,000	2,847,000	212	1,262,176

TENNESSEE.—This State has had the present year altogether too much rain, besides which, temperatures have been unseasonably low. The Commissioner of Agriculture says the season has been the worst in twenty years—altogether too cold and wet. However, during the last two weeks there has been fair growing weather and conditions have improved. The crop appears to be fully three weeks late. Planting began about April 25 and has not yet been entirely completed. In the extreme western part of the State planters have suffered from the Mississippi floods. There were, we believe, no levee breaks, but the land was flooded by back water from local streams. The Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture recently stated that 195,000 acres altogether had been flooded in Tennessee, of which 90,000 acres were in cotton in 1926, with a yield of 45,000 bales. Our reports from Lauderdale County say that about one-third of that county—that is, all bordering on the Mississippi River—was overflowed during the April floods. The water receded early in May in time to permit replanting, but in June there came a second rise and practically all the land in the Mississippi bottom of that county was, at latest accounts, under water, and the crop there, it is stated, will be a total loss, since it will be too late for another planting when the water disappears. In the hill land in the county, however, we are informed there will be as much cotton planted as last year, and in all probability slightly more. Some other of our correspondents also indicate that the area devoted to cotton in their localities may show some increase, though most of our reports speak of reductions of 5% and in a few exceptional instances as high as 15%. After a careful examination of all the returns, and weighing what our correspondents have to say in qualification of local estimates, and allowing for the increases reported, we make the result for the whole State a decrease in acreage of 8%. Fair stands have been secured as a rule, but cultivation is backward, especially in some western counties, on account of the excessive rain. Therefore, there is still some grass and weed to contend with on some plantations, though, as one correspondent puts it, considering the constant rains, fields are remarkably well worked. Virtually no fertilizing material in the ordinary acceptance of the term is used on Tennessee cotton, and total fertilizer sales in the whole State for all purposes for the five months from Jan. 1 to May 31 aggregated only 82,687 tons in 1927, against 124,460 tons in 1926 and 111,867 tons in 1925.

TENNESSEE.	Area in Cultivation.	Area Picked.	Yield of Lint Cotton per Acre.	Production, 500-lb. Gross Bales.
<i>Crop Year—</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Bales.</i>
1926	1,178,000	1,143,000	188	451,533
1925	1,191,000	1,173,000	210	517,276
1924	1,016,000	996,000	170	356,189
1923	1,221,000	1,172,000	92	227,941
1922	994,000	985,000	190	390,994
1921	640,000	634,000	228	301,950
1920	870,000	840,000	185	325,085
1919	798,000	758,000	175	310,044
1918	910,000	902,000	175	329,697
1917	908,000	882,000	130	240,525
1916	895,000	887,000	206	303,420
1915	780,000	772,000	188	303,420
1914	935,000	915,000	200	383,517

MISSOURI.—This State does not raise much cotton, but, unfortunately, the limited areas that do engage in cotton production border mostly on the Mississippi, and as a consequence suffered severely from the April overflows and again from the new overflow in June. As a result of this second overflow, much land still remained submerged at latest accounts. For instance, in New Madrid County it is estimated that nearly 200,000 acres were originally overflowed and that about 50,000 acres were again submerged by the second flood. When the water from this second deluge has passed away it is expected it will be too late for replanting and part of the land will be devoted to corn and other late crops. In the county mentioned rains delayed planting until May 20 and it continued in progress until the new floods came to interrupt work once more. In that section the crop is twenty to thirty days late. Elsewhere in the State, where cotton plantations exist, the season is a week to ten days late. Stands in the river bottoms are poor, with many "drowned spots." On high ground the stands

are good. Cultivation has been delayed by frequent showers and considerable grass remains to be eliminated. No fertilizers of consequence are used on cotton in Missouri. For obvious reasons the decrease in acreage is hard to estimate. We put it for the State as a whole at 20%.

MISSOURI.	Area in Cultivation.	Area Picked.	Yield of Lint Cotton per Acre.	Production, 500-lb. Gross Bales.
<i>Crop Year—</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Bales.</i>
1926	472,000	434,000	240	217,859
1925	542,000	520,000	275	294,262
1924	524,000	493,000	185	189,115
1923	394,000	355,000	171	120,894
1922	201,000	198,000	360	142,529
1921	104,000	103,000	325	69,931
1920	143,000	136,000	275	78,856
1919	132,000	125,000	257	64,031
1918	155,000	148,000	200	62,162
1917	161,000	153,000	190	60,831
1916	136,000	133,000	225	63,999
1915	105,000	96,000	240	47,999
1914	148,000	145,000	270	81,752

CALIFORNIA, ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO.—In these States also, there seems to be a decrease in cotton acreage, say, about 10%, with a reduction of perhaps twice that amount in Lower California (the Mexican side of the Imperial Valley), which latter we do not include in our totals. Exceptionally cool nights have retarded growth, and the crop in California is two to three weeks late, and in Arizona about one week late. Seed came up well as ground was in good condition following heavy winter rains. Stands are generally in satisfactory shape, with fields in a normal state of cultivation. The Agronomist of the University of Arizona, who thinks the decrease in that State may reach 15%, expresses the opinion that there will be a limited acreage of late planted cotton—planted even as late as July 1. Many farmers, he says, believe that cotton will produce better returns this year than any other field crop. Commercial fertilizers are not used to any extent in this territory.

CALIFORNIA.	Area in Cultivation.	Area Picked.	Yield of Lint Cotton per Acre.	Production, 500-lb. Gross Bales.
<i>Crop Year—</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Bales.</i>
1926	167,000	162,000	386	131,211
1925	171,000	169,000	340	121,795
1924	130,000	130,000	284	77,823
1923	235,000	233,000	285	64,373
1922	219,000	202,000	188	28,423
1921	140,000	140,000	258	34,109
1920	278,000	275,000	266	75,183
1919	185,000	185,000	268	56,107
1918	192,000	173,000	270	67,351
1917	155,000	136,000	242	57,826
1916	55,000	52,000	400	43,620
1915	41,000	39,000	380	28,551
1914	47,000	47,000	500	49,835

ARIZONA.	Area in Cultivation.	Area Picked.	Yield of Lint Cotton per Acre.	Production, 500-lb. Gross Bales.
<i>Crop Year—</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Bales.</i>
1926	168,000	167,000	348	122,902
1925	162,000	162,000	350	118,588
1924	183,000	180,000	285	107,006
1923	130,000	127,000	292	77,520
1922	105,000	101,000	222	46,749
1921	90,000	90,000	242	45,323
1920	235,000	230,000	224	103,121
1919	112,000	107,000	270	59,849
1918	100,000	95,000	280	55,604
1917	46,000	41,000	285	21,737
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ALL OTHER STATES.	Area in Cultivation.	Area Picked.	Yield of Lint Cotton per Acre.	Production, 500-lb. Gross Bales.
<i>Crop Year—</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Bales.</i>
1926	169,000	163,000	244	87,032
1925	197,000	164,000	256	87,965
1924	172,000	142,000	215	67,305
1923	92,000	73,000	228	33,672
1922	48,000	44,000	208	19,310
1921	20,000	18,000	231	8,715
1920	25,000	24,000	252	13,239
1919	10,000	10,000	250	4,947
1918	13,000	12,000	250	6,157
1917	16,000	15,000	175	5,666
1916	225,000	225,000	---	213,604
1915	215,000	215,000	---	27,149
1914	220,000	220,000	---	214,045

UNITED STATES.	Area in Cultivation.	Area Picked.	Yield of Lint Cotton per Acre.	Production, 500-lb. Gross Bales.	Linters Equivalent 500-lb. Bales.
<i>Crop Year.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Bales.</i>	<i>Bales.</i>
1926	48,730,000	47,087,000	181.9	17,977,374	1,078,642
1925	48,090,000	46,053,000	167.2	16,103,679	1,114,877
1924	42,641,000	41,360,000	157.4	13,627,936	897,375
1923	38,709,000	37,420,000	130.6	10,139,671	668,600
1922	34,016,000	33,036,000	141.5	9,762,069	607,779
1921	31,678,000	30,509,000	124.5	7,953,641	397,752
1920	37,043,000	35,878,000	178.4	11,420,763	607,969
1919	35,133,000	33,566,000	161.5	12,040,532	929,516
1918	37,217,000	36,008,000	159.6	11,302,375	1,125,719
1917	34,925,000	33,841,000	156.6	11,449,930	1,330,714
1916	36,052,000	34,985,000	170.3	11,191,820	931,141
1915	32,107,000	31,412,000	209.2	16,134,930	856,900
1914	37,406,000	36,832,000	---	---	---

a California figures embrace the entire Imperial Valley, including about 135,000 acres in Mexico in 1926, 150,000 acres in 1925, 140,000 acres in 1924, 150,000 acres in 1923, 140,000 acres in 1922, 85,000 acres in 1921, 125,000 acres in 1920, 100,000 acres in 1919, 88,000 acres in 1918; none of which is counted in the grand total for the United States.

b Includes Arizona figures for the years 1914-1915 and 1916.

The thermometer record for the months of February, March, April and May at the principal cities in the South for three years is as follows:

THERMOMETER RECORD AT SOUTHERN CITIES FOR THREE YEARS.

Table with columns for THERMOMETER, months (February, March, April, May), and years (1927, 1926, 1925). Rows list various cities such as Virginia, Norfolk, No. Caro., Wilmington, Weldon, Charlotte, Raleigh, Morganton, So. Caro., Charleston, Columbia, Anderson, Greenwood, Georgia, Augusta, Atlanta, Savannah, Florida, Jacksonville, Tampa, Tallahassee, Alabama, Montgomery, Mobile, Eufaula, Birmingham, Louisiana, New Orleans, Shreveport, Grand Coteau, Mississippi, Columbus, Vicksburg, Brookhaven, Waynesboro, Arkansas, Little Rock, Fort Smith, Chicago, Tennessee, Nashville, Memphis, Ashwood, Galveston, Palestine, Abilene, San Antonio, Huntsville, Mobile, Longview, Oklahoma, Okla. City.

RAINFALL RECORD AT SOUTHERN CITIES FOR THREE YEARS.

Table with columns for RAIN-FALL, months (February, March, April, May), and years (1927, 1926, 1925). Rows list various cities such as Virginia, Norfolk, No. Caro., Wilm'n., Weldon, Charlotte, Raleigh, Morg't'n., So. Caro., Charles'n., Columbia, Anderson, Greenwood, Georgia, Augusta, Atlanta, Savannah, Alabama, Montgomery, Mobile, Eufaula, Birmingham, Florida, Jacksonville, Tampa, Tallahassee, Alabama, Montgomery, Mobile, Eufaula, Birmingham, Louisiana, New Orleans, Days rain.

RAIN-FALL.	February.			March.			April.			May.			RAIN-FALL.	February.			March.			April.			May.		
	1927.	1926.	1925.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1927.	1926.	1925.		1927.	1926.	1925.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Arkansas																									
Little Rock	3.03	3.52	3.78	6.89	5.11	0.52	14.81	3.11	1.08	6.82	1.56	1.42													
Days rain.	12	4	10	16	10	1	12	11	6	10	4	4													
Helena	1.88	2.57	3.97	13.38	7.63	2.72	11.28	2.61	1.67	5.82	---	1.44													
Days rain.	12	6	9	13	13	4	15	10	5	11	---	8													
El Smith	2.15	1.32	1.66	2.93	2.80	0.85	9.67	1.86	5.01	6.41	2.86	1.26													
Days rain.	10	4	4	11	10	5	16	10	7	9	5	5													
Camden	3.10	2.08	2.69	6.52	8.73	1.64	8.51	2.94	1.25	4.63	4.01	---													
Days rain.	11	3	6	12	10	5	12	9	5	7	8	---													
Tennessee																									
Nashville	4.26	2.06	4.88	9.66	3.88	3.34	7.38	2.45	3.74	3.63	2.15	1.95													
Days rain.	11	12	12	16	11	10	17	10	11	12	10	5													
Memphis	2.89	2.76	4.52	13.04	5.79	1.48	13.13	1.67	0.89	5.40	1.20	1.36													
Days rain.	13	7	10	15	10	5	16	8	6	11	4	3													
Ashwood	3.45	1.75	5.15	11.35	3.60	3.25	8.15	1.35	3.95	3.80	7	1.50	3.15												
Days rain.	10	6	8	14	10	7	13	4	10	7	6	4	5												
Texas																									
Galveston	1.74	9	1.27	0.20	0.96	9.39	0.07	3	2.58	3	5.49	6	1.58	0.12	4.08	1.37									
Days rain.	3	4	4	6	14	3	14	3	6	6	6	3	6	3	7	6									
Palestine	3.98	0.49	0.96	3.41	9.38	0.43	5.15	4.35	1.05	2.36	6.18	1.21													
Days rain.	10	2	5	7	15	3	7	6	6	5	9	---													
Ablene	2.28	---	0.07	0.99	3.65	0.02	3.87	3.86	7	5.03	0.78	2.65	5.40												
Days rain.	11	---	1	6	12	1	6	6	6	6	6	6	6												
San Ant.	1.96	0.08	0.09	2.02	4.77	0.24	3	2.05	7.06	0.18	2.04	3.33	2.85												
Days rain.	8	2	2	8	17	3	3	11	11	3	3	10	---												
Huntsville	3.70	0.40	0	7.90	8.80	0.60	4.90	3.90	1.05	3.50	4.00	2.20													
Days rain.	5	1	0	7	8	1	3	4	3	2	8	---													
Longview	4.09	---	1.47	5.96	---	2.61	---	2.70	2.16	---	4.34	2.65													
Days rain.	6	---	3	6	---	5	---	4	---	---	7	---													
Oklahoma																									
Oklahoma	1.07	0.04	0.69	2.23	1.81	0.28	4.59	2.66	7	10	1.94	2.09	---												
Oklahoma	7	2	6	8	7	2	8	10	4	5	10	---													

The foregoing tables of rainfall and thermometer, covering as they do—and necessarily so on account of lack of space—only a very few stations in the cotton belt, give only a very partial idea of the meteorological conditions that have prevailed this spring at the South. The following compilation, however, which covers the official averages of rainfall and the departure from normal in each State for each month from January to May, both inclusive, for the last eight years, and the highest, lowest and average thermometer for the like periods, furnishes data that should not only be of considerable interest but of aid to the reader in drawing conclusions.

	RAINFALL.										TEMPERATURE.															
	January.		February.		March.		April.		May.		January.			February.			March.			April.			May.			
	Ave.	Dep. from Normal	Ave.	Dep. from Normal	Ave.	Dep. from Normal	Ave.	Dep. from Normal	Ave.	Dep. from Normal	High	Low	Mean	High	Low	Mean	High	Low	Mean	High	Low	Mean	High	Low	Mean	
N. Caro																										
1927	1.25	-2.67	3.96	-0.12	3.41	-0.97	2.77	-0.89	2.50	-1.51	82	-11	41.5	86	13	51.4	88	7	51.4	94	20	58.9	100	18	68.0	
1926	5.27	+1.32	4.04	-0.02	4.29	-0.10	2.45	-1.23	1.67	-2.46	75	-3	40.1	76	-1	45.0	87	-7	43.7	90	6	56.1	102	26	66.3	
1925	6.16	+2.33	2.15	-1.89	2.50	-1.97	2.44	-1.34	2.80	-1.27	74	-9	40.8	82	5	49.0	89	-5	52.2	99	18	61.4	99	20	63.5	
1924	4.75	+1.01	4.68	+0.28	2.72	-1.63	4.44	+0.84	5.27	+1.19	75	0	44.0	79	-1	41.0	86	5	51.2	91	7	57.1	90	25	64.8	
1923	3.78	-0.06	3.29	-0.62	5.27	+1.09	4.18	+0.61	4.30	+0.20	78	2	39.6	76	2	39.9	84	6	46.6	92	5	56.6	94	24	63.9	
1922	4.58	+0.87	2.78	+1.39	6.31	+2.63	3.70	+0.13	5.07	+1.04	82	-1	39.8	83	3	47.6	87	18	52.0	96	23	60.4	94	29	67.2	
1921	4.12	+0.45	4.37	+0.22	2.86	-1.50	4.03	+0.51	4.48	+0.41	77	7	42.3	79	11	44.8	91	17	58.6	92	17	60.0	95	26	64.1	
1920	3.17	-0.69	4.47	+0.34	5.50	+1.13	5.03	+2.06	1.85	-2.41	80	-10	40.1	72	-3	38.7	88	-7	48.3	93	13	56.7	92	26	62.5	
So. Car.																										
1927	0.89	-2.61	4.24	-0.07	3.79	-0.11	1.58	-1.41	1.92	-1.61	81	2	45.7	88	20	57.6	89	16	55.2	95	29	63.2	103	36	71.4	
1926	6.18	+2.52	3.99	-0.32	4.49	+0.59	2.43	-0.59	1.06	-2.51	76	12	44.1	78	12	49.3	83	6	48.8	94	26	60.3	103	38	70.6	
1925	8.54	+4.95	1.69	-2.63	1.67	-2.21	2.12	-0.92	2.18	-1.40	76	18	44.9	80	19	52.4	89	9	55.0	99	25	65.9	100	31	68.3	
1924	4.34	+0.88	3.54	-0.85	2.74	-1.20	5.90	+2.84	4.43	+0.75	76	1	43.3	79	13	44.2	88	19	51.0	91	24	61.6	96	33	68.0	
1923	2.74	-0.70	3.83	-0.58	5.14	+1.16	3.48	+0.50	6.44	+2.78	80	20	49.0	82	11	44.8	88	17	56.2	94	18	61.5	94	31	68.0	
1922	3.53	+0.07	6.62	+2.19	7.04	+4.10	5.11	+2.14	5.89	+2.31	81	14	44.2	84	14	52.6	89	24	55.9	95	33	64.5	98	38	71.0	
1921	3.84	+0.39	4.73	+0.87	2.28	-1.58	2.43	-0.48	5.30	+1.79	79	17	46.9	85	19	49.4	91	28	62.5	95	27	63.3	98	36	68.1	
1920	3.66	+0.22	4.05	-0.30	6.73	+2.83	5.13	+2.21	1.77	-1.69	85	6	46.2	76	8	42.8	87	10	52.3	94	26	61.4	95	42	67.6	
Georgia																										
1927	0.87	-3.37	4.51	-0.49	3.15	-1.64	2.00	-1.58	1.58	-1.92	85	4	48.4	87	21	58.5	91	14	58.2	98	26	67.5	104	34	73.6	
1926	7.66	+3.42	4.54	-0.46	5.72	+0.93	2.28	-1.30	1.69	-1.81	84	6	45.6	82	15	50.8	83	8	49.9	94	24	62.1	103	40	71.3	
1925	10.84	+6.90	2.10	-2.87	2.05	-2.84	1.72	-1.84	1.80	-1.59	83	12	48.0	85	12	53.6	91	9	58.2	99	26	67.5	100	28	70.3	
1924	5.39	+1.45	3.96	-1.01	3.42	-1.47	5.99	+2.43	3.73	+0.34	81	-9	43.3	84	10	46.7	89	18	52.4	90	23	63.2	93	34	69.0	
1923	4.01	+0.07	4.81	-0.16	6.00	+1.11	3.92	+0.36	8.79	+5.40	81	18	51.3	86	0	49.4	88	12	57.3	96	16	63.7	93	30	69.1	
1922	4.71	+0.77	6.35	+1.38	8.27	+3.38	3.56	norm.	7.18	+3.79	82	12	46.6	86	14	55.5	88	20	57.5	96	28	66.8	99	40	72.0	
1921	2.98	-0.96	4.43	+0.54	1.68	-3.21	3.34	-0.22	4.11	+0.72	78	21	49.9	85	20	51.8	94	27	64.5	92	24	63.6	101	34	70.1	
1920	4.90	+0.89	4.59	-0.52	7.50	+2.62	7.29	+3.73	4.51	+1.29	84	4	48.6	77	9	46.0	91	5	53.5	91	22	62.7	98	40	69.6	
Florida																										
1927	0.42	-2.41	3.50	+0.33	2.38	-0.52	---	---	0.93	-3.03	88	12	58.7	91	33	67.1	91	26	65.7	---	---	---	102	42	77.2	
1926	5.80	+3.0																								

Indications of Business Activity

STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Junr 24 1927.

If anything, trade is even quieter than it was recently. Mid-summer is approaching, and it is a time when business usually slackens. The iron and steel trades are slow and prices have declined. In a way, this seems to be symptomatic of the general situation. Other metal have declined somewhat. The business in coal is not at all active. Soft coal in fact meets with very little demand. Nobody pays much attention to the meetings of operators and union miners. The automobile industry is comparatively quiet, though exports increase. The weather, however, is more favorable for the industry. There is less business in the furniture manufacturing trade. A fair business is in progress in hardware, machinery and electrical goods. The shoe business is quiet. Sales of jewelry are smaller than at this time last year. There is less building than there was a year ago. The natural result is some decrease in the trade in lumber as compared with last year, although there has been some recent improvement. The textile industries are irregular. Cotton manufacturing is active, although coarse yarn cloths of late have not met with much demand. For a time cool weather in many parts of the country hurt the sale of finished cottons, but of late retail business has improved with warmer weather. A backward spring militated against business in light weight worsteds, but with temperatures higher it is natural to expect some improvement from now on. There has been a better business in broad silks. But raw silk has met with only a moderate sale even at some decline in prices. Raw wool has been in moderate demand and rather steadier. The foreign sales have been in general at rather firmer prices for the better qualities, both in Liverpool and at Sydney, Australia. Coffee has declined during the week in response to lower prices at Brazil and there is a growing impression here that in face of a large crop Brazil will find it difficult to maintain present prices. Sugar on the other hand has advanced somewhat. The season is becoming more favorable for refiners. And July notices for nearly 40,000 tons to-day were on the whole very well handled.

Wheat has declined 3 cents with better crop prospects in different parts of the world. The crop outlook is better in this country. Argentina has had needed rains and in Australia the weather has latterly been better. Meanwhile the export demand in this country has generally been small, though Europe took 200,000 bushels of hard wheat at the Gulf to-day. The tendency at Chicago seems to be to overdo the short side. Corn has dropped 3 to 3½c. with the weather better. Cash corn has been dull and receipts rather large. Rye has fallen some 3 cents and oats 2 cents, with crop news better and demand not at all pressing, though to-day Norway took 200,000 bushels of American rye.

Cotton has been irregular, but ended a shade higher for the week, mostly on something of a weevil scare, and multiplying evidences of a big consumption. The striking weekly spinners' takings, though not synonymous with actual consumption, imply a disposition at least to secure supplies and are stressed as one of the gratifying signs of the times in this branch of trade. It is too soon to become alarmed over the weevil. The real test of their pepredations will come later. But there is undoubtedly some uneasiness from the widespread prevalence of the pest coincident with persistent rains in the Eastern belt and parts of the Southwest. Recent rains on both sides of the Mississippi River were beneficial. Now, however, the belt as a whole needs dry, warm weather. It will need some dry hot weather in July and August to keep down the weevil. On the whole, however, the crop is believed to be making good progress. The favorable tenor of the last weekly report emphasized that fact. This newspaper estimates the acreage at 43,877,000 acres, the largest ever known with the single exception of last year, and showing a decrease as compared with that of 1926 of a little less than 10%. Manchester's yarn mills using American cotton will reduce their working time 15%, making it 60% of capacity. Manchester feels the loss of the China trade, and it is said that Calcutta will curtail or discontinue purchases for the next 60 days. In any case, India's bids for British cloths are too low for business. An interesting event here will

occur on the 28th inst., when the July notices may, it is surmised, approximate 200,000 bales.

Provisions have declined with grain and the cash demand has been slow, both for lard and meats. Cottonseed oil has also declined with July tenders on the 28th expected to be large.

Rubber has advanced about 1¼c. this week following the recent drastic liquidation here, in London and Singapore. The London "Times" has come out plainly in favor of doing away with the restriction of shipments from British possessions. July notices are due on the 27th inst. and there is some curiosity as to the outcome. The rubber manufacturers' pool is said to have bought of late, but in a cautious way, as well it may until the outlook clears. The Dutch production seems to have increased materially under the fostering policy of the British Government's restriction plan.

Stock speculation has continued remarkably active, although there has latterly been a falling off as prices have declined. Yet, Baldwin Locomotive to-day rose more than 5 points, and there were signs that the short interest in various parts of the list had considerably increased. At the same time money was abundant at 4%. A check to the recent protracted rise in securities is not to be deprecated; it is only natural and tends to clarify the atmosphere. Brokers loan had reached totals hitherto unknown. Grain speculation had been hectic also. The crops are promising better, with warmer weather and the fall of beneficial rains. London to-day was firmer. On this side bonds have been steadier if the trading has not been so active as recently.

At Manchester, N. H., in addition to a four day holiday over July 4th, the Amoskeag Co. employees, numbering 10,000, will be given a vacation of about two weeks later on in the summer. At Biddeford, Me., three leading industrial concerns have announced July vacations. The Pepperel Manufacturing Co. mills will shut down July 2 and reopen July 11. The York Manufacturing Co. will close its mills in Saco July 2 and will reopen them July 18. The Saco-Lowell Co. will close its plant for two weeks beginning July 2. At Greenville, S. C., dividends of more than \$4,000,000 will be disbursed by the cotton mills of South Carolina on July 1. Anderson, S. C., manufacturers say textile industry in that section is far ahead of this time last year. Charlotte, N. C., reported that the yarn situation is developing favorably and that carded and combed yarns recently have been advanced with many evidences that mills may succeed in stabilizing prices for present at about existing levels. All Texas mills report full time operations and a satisfactory margin of profit for the month of May. It is true that in the duck manufacturing branch competition is keen. That is the only drawback.

The weather in the forepart of the week was rather unseasonably cool but on the 22nd and 23rd inst. it was uncomfortably warm. The temperature did not go above 84 on the 23rd inst. but the humidity was high and caused some prostrations. In parts of the West it was cool. Chicago had a maximum temperature on the 23rd inst. of 57, Cleveland 70, Detroit 64, and Milwaukee 60, though Cincinnati had 78, Kansas City 82, Montreal 76 and St. Paul 74. It was 110 at Phoenix, Ariz. Heavy rains have prevailed in Georgia and in parts of the Southwest, accompanied by the rising of Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas rivers. To-day it was 69 degrees here at 3 p. m. The forecast is for fair and cooler weather to-night and increasing cloudiness to-morrow.

Colonel Ayres of Cleveland Trust Co. Expects only Seasonal Business Decline During Summer Months —Commerce and Industry Going Forward in Exceptionally Steady Fashion.

In the June 15 "Business Bulletin" of the Cleveland Trust Co., Colonel Leonard P. Ayres, Vice-President of the company, presents as follows an optimistic view of business conditions:

The summer months of June, July and August are normally a time when general business slows down somewhat, and apparently the present summer season will be no exception to the rule. Nevertheless it does not seem likely that such slowing down of trade and industry as may take place will be greater than that which is to be expected because of purely seasonal reasons. Commerce and manufacturing are going forward in exceptionally steady fashion, and they promise to continue in about the same way in the months just ahead. The agricultural situation is spotty, with flood troubles

of the most serious sort in the south, and exceptional backwardness in some other parts of the country, but it is yet too early to make many generalizations about the agricultural prospects.

The steady and ample supply of credit available on easy terms has been perhaps the most important single factor in making possible the present protracted period of national prosperity. This condition will probably continue for some time to come. During the past two years the rates for the highest grades of commercial paper and time loans have fluctuated a little above and a little below the 4½% level. It now seems likely that they will continue to do so during the rest of 1927 with a normal seasonal advance getting under way in July, and resulting in the average of short time interest rates being higher for the second half of this year than for the first half. There is no likelihood that such an advance will be of enough magnitude to exercise any restraining effect on the ordinary transactions of business, although it might well result in bringing about a decline in an overbought stock market next fall.

Building construction continues to go forward in almost record volume, and the work now in progress, together with contracts placed or pending, are a sufficient guarantee that this most important industry will continue to be a supporting force in general business activity during the rest of the year. In the automobile industry activity, which has been great so far this year, is now slackening off as the different companies reduce their production schedules because the press of the spring demand has passed, or to prepare for the making of new models for presentation to the public during the summer. The really stirring developments for the industry this year may be expected later on after the appearance of the new Ford cars.

All in all the current developments of business continue to be those of large volumes of production, transportation, and trade, stability of conditions, and keenness of competition. There is little unemployment, but no competition for labor. Wages are high and wage disputes few. The railroads continue to carry great amounts of freight, and to do it with marked efficiency. It seems likely that substantially these same conditions will maintain for some months to come.

National Bank of Commerce in New York Expects Reasonable Activity of First Half of Year to Continue.

That the reasonable activity of the first half of the year will continue in the second half seems well indicated by the position of the great producing industries, says the National Bank of Commerce in New York, under date of June 21. The bank goes on to say:

The steel industry has operated at a very good rate, and output for the first half of 1927 will fall only slightly below the record figure of a year ago. Current curtailment is a trifle more than of seasonal proportions, but even so the industry is continuing at a satisfactory rate, with a steady flow of small order exercising a stabilizing influence. Buying by the heavy steel-consuming industries—the railroads, automobile makers, construction and oil industries—seems likely to be well sustained in the latter half of the year, though there is little reason to expect largely increased buying.

The bank describes business as "in the midst of one of those moderate and orderly readjustments by which production and consumption have been kept closely in balance for the last five years." and says:

Activity is not so great as it was at this time in 1926, and the first half of 1927 has not equaled the high records which were being established last year. But this is a reason for confidence rather than pessimism, for it is by precisely this sort of orderly readjustment in previous years that stability has been so successfully maintained.

As a matter of fact, the volume of business done has probably exceeded what was really anticipated at the beginning of the year. Particularly in view of such untoward events as the Mississippi floods, generally unseasonable weather and the bituminous coal strike, the persistently sustained flow of goods through production into consumers' hands reveals a thoroughly sound position. The present outlook is for a good and moderately expanding rate of business activity during the second half year. This middle-of-the-road sort of prosperity which is indicated for the balance of 1927 is not one of easy profits. On the contrary, even if the volume of business is at a high average level, when it is still far short of pressing on productive capacity competition grows keener and keener as marginal producers struggle to maintain themselves by more active operations. That is the present condition, when even moderate recessions from record levels of activity intensify the competitive struggle.

Some enterprises because of their unique efficiency or skill of management, or because of certain inherent advantages, make money through bad times and good. Some others can earn little even under favorable conditions. The majority lie within these extremes. Again, it is happening all the time that changes in demand or technical improvements and inventions are altering the competitive position not simply of individual enterprises but of large branches of production. This has been repeatedly illustrated in recent years by the development of synthetic materials—dye-stuffs, solvents, textiles, nitrates and so on.

Business, therefore, is almost never prosperous in its entirety. Under our competitive organization it must be counted prosperous when the efficient are making real money and when the larger section of enterprises is getting along.

By this criterion, 1927 is prosperous.

Railroad Revenue Freight Loading Again Exceeds One Million Cars Per Week.

For the ninth week this year, loading of revenue freight exceeded the million mark for the week ended on June 11, according to reports filed on June 21 by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. The total for the week was 1,028,305 cars which was an increase of 117,007 cars over the preceding week, when freight traffic was somewhat reduced owing to the observance of Decoration Day. Compared with the corresponding week last year, the total for the week of June 11 was a decrease of 24,166 cars but it was an increase of 38,432 cars over the corresponding week in 1925. The statement goes on to say:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week of June 11 totaled 396,227 cars, an increase of 5,816 cars over the corresponding week last year and 28,399 cars over the same week in 1925.

Loading of merchandise and less than carload lot freight for the week totaled 258,389 cars, a decrease of 2,044 cars under the same week last year but 1,337 cars above the corresponding week two years ago.

Coal loading amounted to 158,989 cars. This was a decrease of 18,218 cars under the same week last year, and a decrease of 309 cars compared with the same period two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading totaled 40,806 cars, an increase of 1,406 cars over the same week in 1926 and 5,109 cars above the same period in 1925. In the western district alone, grain and grain products loading totaled 26,579 cars, an increase of 3,223 cars above the same week last year.

Livestock loading amounted to 26,805 cars, a decrease of 1,311 cars under the same week last year but 764 cars above the same week in 1925. In the western districts alone, livestock loading totaled 20,064 cars, a decrease of 1,319 cars under the same week last year.

Forest products loading totaled 69,890 cars, 6,773 cars below the same week last year and 3,579 cars under the same week in 1925.

Ore loading totaled 66,516 cars, 2,223 cars below the same week in 1926 but 5,235 cars above the corresponding period two years ago.

Coke loading amounted to 10,683 cars, a decrease of 819 cars under the same week in 1926 but 1,476 cars above the same period in 1925.

All districts reported decreases in the total loading of all commodities compared with the corresponding period in 1926, except the Pocahontas, Southern and Northwestern, but all reported increases, except the Central Western and Southwestern compared with the corresponding period in 1925.

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

	1927.	1926.	1925.
Five weeks in January-----	4,524,749	4,428,256	4,456,949
Four weeks in February-----	3,823,931	3,677,332	3,623,047
Four weeks in March-----	4,016,395	3,877,397	3,702,413
Five weeks in April-----	4,890,749	4,791,006	4,710,903
Four weeks in May-----	4,096,742	4,145,820	3,869,306
Week of June 4-----	911,298	944,864	998,243
Week of June 11-----	1,028,305	1,052,471	989,873
Total-----	23,292,169	22,917,146	22,350,734

Increase in Retail Food Prices in May.

The retail food index issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor shows for May 15 1927 an increase of slightly over 1% since April 15 1927, a decrease of more than 3½% since May 15 1926 and an increase of a little less than 61% since May 15 1913. The index number (1913 = 100.0) was 161.1 in May 1926, 153.6 in April 1927 and 155.4 in May 1927. Under date of June 17 the Bureau adds:

During the month from April 15 1927 to May 15 1927, 10 articles on which monthly prices were secured increased as follows: Cabbage, 58%; potatoes, 22%; onions, 18%; leg of lamb and oranges, 3%; round steak, 2%; sirloin steak, rib roast, chuck roast and evaporated milk, 1%. Twenty-one articles decreased: Butter, 9%; pork chops, bacon, ham, hens, canned salmon, fresh milk, oleomargarine, lard, strictly fresh eggs, cornflakes, rice, navy beans, canned corn, canned peas, coffee and prunes, 1% and cheese, vegetable lard substitute, tea and bananas, less than five-tenths of 1%. The following 11 articles showed no change: Plate beef, bread, flour, corn meal, rolled oats, wheat cereal, macaroni, baked beans, canned tomatoes, sugar and raisins.

Changes in Retail Prices of Food by Cities.

During the month from April 15 1927 to May 15 1927 the average cost of food increased in 40 of the 51 cities as follows: Cleveland, Columbus, Detroit, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, Rochester, St. Paul, Salt Lake City and Seattle, 3%; Baltimore, Buffalo, Chicago, Denver, Fall River, Manchester, Minneapolis, Newark, New Haven, Omaha, Peoria, Portland, Me., St. Louis and Washington, 2%; Boston, Bridgeport, Butte, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Louisville, Memphis, New York, Norfolk, Pittsburgh, Portland, Ore., Providence, Richmond, Scranton and Springfield, Ill., 1%, and Little Rock less than five-tenths of 1%. In 10 cities there was a decrease: Charleston, S. C., Dallas, Houston, Jacksonville, Mobile, New Orleans and Savannah, 1%, and Atlanta, Birmingham, and Los Angeles, less than five-tenths of 1%. In San Francisco there was no change in the month.

For the year period May 15 1926 to May 15 1927, 50 cities showed decreases: Jacksonville and Savannah, 7%; Birmingham and Charleston, S. C., 6%; Atlanta, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Houston, Kansas City, Louisville, Memphis, Mobile, New York and Richmond, 5%; Baltimore, Cleveland, Fall River, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Newark, New Orleans, Omaha, Rochester, St. Paul, Scranton and Washington, 4%; Boston, Bridgeport, Chicago, Columbus, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Indianapolis, New Haven, Providence, St. Louis and San Francisco, 3%; Butte, Manchester, Norfolk, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Portland, Me., and Springfield, Ill., 2%, and Peoria, Portland, Ore., and Seattle, 1%. In Salt Lake City there was an increase of 2% in the year.

As compared with the average cost in the year 1913, food on May 15 1927 was 67% higher in Chicago; 65% in Detroit, 63% in Baltimore, Richmond and Washington; 61% in Philadelphia, 60% in Birmingham, Buffalo, St. Louis and Scranton; 59% in New York, 58% in Atlanta, 57% in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Milwaukee and Pittsburgh; 56% in Boston and Providence, 55% in Charleston, S. C., and New Haven; 54% in Minneapolis and Omaha, 53% in Fall River, 52% in Indianapolis, Louisville and Manchester, 51% in Dallas, Kansas City, Newark and New Orleans, 49% in San Francisco, 48% in Jacksonville and Little Rock; 47% in Seattle, 46% in Memphis, 41% in Denver and Los Angeles, 39% in Portland, Ore., and 36% in Salt Lake City. Prices were not obtained in Bridgeport, Butte, Columbus, Houston, Mobile, Norfolk, Peoria, Portland, Me., Rochester, St. Paul, Savannah and Springfield, Ill., in 1913, hence no comparison for the 14-year period can be given for these cities.

Canadian Business Conditions as Viewed by Bank of Montreal.

Noting that more currency is in circulation than a year ago, the Bank of Montreal in its business summary dated June 23, otherwise finds improved conditions, as indicated in the following:

Commercial loans of the banks are up about 15%, railways are moving more merchandise, foreign trade has grown, and the thrift of the people

is exhibited in an increase of upwards of \$80,000,000 in notice deposits in the banks. Bank debits in May amounted to \$2,986,235,000, being very largely in excess of the corresponding month a year ago. A slight improvement in the lumber trade, long sluggish, is recorded, significant of which is a recent shipment from the Port of Montreal to Great Britain of a cargo of high grade lumber, the first of its kind in fifteen years. Anthracite coal imports from Great Britain have been resumed on a large scale, upwards of 250,000 tons having been landed at the Port of Montreal this season, and it is expected that all previous records will be exceeded.

Retail business in summer goods has been retarded by cool, wet weather, which has also delayed tourist traffic. The season, however, is still at the threshold, and a large tourist influx is confidently counted on.

The newsprint industry maintains its volume of output, but the erection of new and enlargement of old mills have reduced the percentage of sales to capacity.

Building operations throughout Canada continue extensive. It may be noted that both the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways will this summer extend branch lines in the Northwest.

With the opening of inland navigation, the foreign trade of Canada expanded largely. In the two elapsed months of the current fiscal year, aggregate foreign trade was larger than in 1926 by \$50,500,000, imports rising nearly \$15,000,000 and exports \$35,600,000. To this increment agricultural products, mainly wheat, contributed \$29,450,000, and wood products and paper \$1,200,000; while on the import side the notable increase is in manufactures of iron and steel. As a result of the larger exports an adverse balance of trade of \$2,300,000 in April and May of last year has been replaced by a favourable balance of \$18,400,000 this year.

Despite adverse seeding conditions caused by continuous rain, crop prospects in the Prairie Provinces are now considered excellent, and with favourable weather throughout the summer, a large harvest is anticipated. The area sown with wheat is about 2,200,000 acres less than last year, against which is to be set an increase in coarse grain acreage of about the same amount. Reports from the other provinces are also favourable.

Cut of 10% in Salaries by Paramount-Famous Players-Lasky Organization Followed by Salary Reductions by Fifteen Other Motion Picture Producing Companies.

It was made known on June 22 that an order calling for a 10% reduction in salaries in the case of employees of the Paramount-Famous Players-Lasky organization, whose salaries exceed \$50 a week had been issued by Vice-President Jesse L. Lasky. This action was followed by the announcement of salary cuts by fifteen other motion picture producing companies, the agreement providing, it is stated, for immediate reduction of salaries of all persons in their organizations, from executive heads down to \$50 a week employees, and including their high-salaried actors and actresses. The Associated Press advices from Hollywood, Cal., on June 22, reporting this agreement, said:

The agreement was made at a conference of executives of the producing companies. A statement was issued announcing the retrenchment, which embraces salary reductions of 10 to 25% for executives, department heads and producers. All persons under contract, such as stars, directors, actors, writers and other artists, are asked to consent to the 10% salary reduction.

The producing companies affected are Christie, Cecil De Mille, F. B. O., First National, Fox, Samuel Goldwyn, Inc.; Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Metropolitan Pictures, Harold Lloyd Corporation, Hal Roach Studios, Mack Sennett, United Artists, Universal, Warner Brothers and Jack White Comedies.

Paramount-Famous Players-Lasky announced the salary cuts yesterday. No formal announcement was made by the Paramount-Famous-Lasky Corporation, but it was learned on good authority that its salary reductions began at the top. Adolph Zukor, President of the corporation, accepted a 25% reduction in his salary, and the other highly paid executives did likewise. It was said these cuts brought the annual salaries of these men to the following figures:

Adolph Zukor, President, \$150,000; Jesse Lasky, Vice President, \$150,000; Sidney R. Kent, General Manager, \$75,000; Walter Wanger, General Production Manager, \$75,000; E. J. Ludvigh, Treasurer, \$50,000.

Expenses have been reduced in other directions, too. Employees whose services were not considered necessary have been let out and other items of overhead have been abolished or reduced.

The reason for this wave of economy, it was said, is realization by the executives of the industry that investment and expenditure have been out of proportion to returns. This, it was reported, had impressed Wall Street bankers especially. Picture companies seeking funds there have been told that they would be considered better customers if their books showed larger figures on the profit side of their ledgers. One calculation printed recently in a trade paper was that on a total investment of \$2,500,000,000 in the production, distribution and exhibition of motion pictures in the United States the net profit was less than 2%.

The action of Paramount-Famous-Lasky in ordering a reduction of 10% in salaries for all employees making \$50 a week or more brought prompt reflection on the Stock Exchange yesterday. Moving-picture stocks of all sorts quoted on the Stock Exchange and other exchanges were exceptionally weak.

Paramount opened at 100, which was 1½ points below the previous close; had a feeble rally, broke to 95½ and closed the day at 98, with a net loss of 3½ points. In other section of the list, Fox Films A lost 1½ points and closed at 56½, while Pathe was down fractionally.

Warner Brothers Pictures A shares on the big board lost 1½ points, while the B shares, quoted on the Curb, were down 1½ points. This weakness extended to practically all of the theatrical stocks.

Life Insurance Sales in Canada—May Sales 18% Higher Than Last Year.

Eighteen per cent more ordinary life insurance was purchased in Canada during the month of May than in May 1926, according to figures just issued by the Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau. During the month \$44,553,000 of new business was paid for by companies having in force

84% of the total outstanding business in Canada. This is the highest record ever made in any month with the exception of December 1926, and May sales are only \$2,813,000 below the December record, says the Bureau under date of June 18. It adds:

All of the provinces in the Dominion, with the exception of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, show gains for the month of at least 15%. Prince Edward Island leads the provinces with its monthly increase of 36%. Quebec and Ontario, in which provinces \$29,800,000 of insurance was purchased during the month, indicate gains of 17% and 29% respectively.

The sales in the first five months of the year are 9% higher than in the same period 1926. The highest gain of 20% in Prince Edward Island is followed closely by Nova Scotia with a 19% increase.

Figures for the reporting cities show large gains for the month. Ottawa continues to lead both the monthly and year-to-date increases by a large margin.

The average increase in Canada in the twelve months ended May 31 1927 over the preceding twelve months is 10%. Every province with the exception of Manitoba shows a gain of at least 6%, and Quebec leads the provinces with its increase of 17% in the twelve-month period.

New Models and Prices of Automobiles.

Reports from Detroit dated June 17 indicated that an entirely new line of cars is expected to be announced by the General Motors Corp. The new car, it is said, will supplant the smaller Buick and the Oakland. Body lines are to be changed, the wheel base will be lengthened to 117 inches and smaller wheels with larger balloon tires will be introduced.

A light four-cylinder car will shortly be introduced by Dodge Bros., Inc., according to available information. It is said to have a 108-inch wheel base and will be priced around \$750.

The price of the new four-passenger sport phaeton La Salle, mentioned last week on page 3555, is \$2,995.

The Chrysler Motor Corporation has brought out an entirely new line of cars known as the "62," to replace the present "60." The line includes a sedan, coach, phaeton, coupe with rumble seat, roadster and landau sedan. Detroit dealers quote the same prices as for the "60". The landau sedan is an entirely new model, on which delivered price in Detroit is \$1,425.

Uncertainty continues to veil the new Ford car. Newspaper reports giving the principal specifications and describing new equipment, models and improvements, which appeared as early as Tuesday of this week were later denied in a statement issued on behalf of Edsel Ford, President of the company, by the advertising agents, N. W. Ayer & Son. The earlier statement dated June 21 at Detroit, and published in the New York "Times" of the 22d, said:

Information from an unusually authoritative source circulated in Detroit, divulged what purport to be the specifications and equipment of the new Ford car, whose coming was publicly announced by Henry Ford and his son, Edsel, nearly a month ago. The official announcement, then disclosed no details, explaining that specifications would probably be announced in July.

The present report, though branded as unauthorized by Ford representatives, has received wide credence.

Prices on the new model which replaces the former model T, according to the information, will be substantially less than at present, particularly for the sedan and coupe. In addition to the standard closed models there will be, it is said, a sport roadster and a cabriolet, to cost less than the present closed and open models of corresponding design. All of the cars will be available in a wide variety of color combinations and with a scratch-proof or pyroxlyn finish.

It is also said that standard equipment will include self-starter, five wire wheels, speedometer, windshield wiper, ammeter, gasoline gauge, oil gauge, dashlight, shock absorbers and four wheel brakes on a 104-inch wheelbase.

The four-cylinder engine for the new model will be rated, the report goes, at thirty-five horsepower and designed to operate at 2,400 revolutions a minute, being capable of a speed of sixty miles an hour. The gasoline consumption, it is predicted, will establish new economies, varying from thirty to thirty-five miles per gallon. Acceleration will also be rapid.

Standard three-speed gearshift will replace the former two-speed planetary transmission which was used on 15,000,000 model Ts, having three forward speeds and one reverse, with an additional feature of roller bearings, continues the description.

Four-wheel brakes of the mechanical, expanding type designed by Henry Ford will embody entirely new principles of construction, it is said. There are two brake shoes on each drum, or eight in all giving a combined braking surface of 144 inches.

Among the other unusual features accredited to the new car will be a tandem or double fly wheel which reduces vibration, a new type of generator, an especially designed irreversible steering gear which will not deflect or rebound on rough roads, a new force feed type oiling system, new water pump, heavier front and rear axles, heavier and wider frame and a transverse type of springs similar to those now in use on expensive foreign cars.

The "Times" then reports a statement issued by N. W. Ayer & Son, advertising agents, on behalf of Edsel Ford, as follows:

I have just had brought to my attention a statement issued by a news bureau purporting to give the details of designs and equipment of the new model Ford automobile. Any statement of this sort at this time is unauthorized and apt to be misleading. No statement as to the details of new cars has been made by the Ford Motor Co., and none can be made at this time. As a matter of actual fact, the specifications for the new models are not yet complete, and it would be impossible for any one, even in the Ford organization, to discuss them with accuracy and with authority.

The following dispatch, addressed to the editor of the New York "Times" from Philadelphia, was published in the issue of June 23:

N. W. Ayer & Son, advertising counsel for Ford Motor Company, advise you that a theft has taken place from their offices in Philadelphia of certain preliminary and experimental advertisement in regard to the new Ford car, material used therein which in many particulars is fictitious and imaginative, has been issued as authentic news by a news agency. N. W. Ayer & Son state that the car is not complete, therefore any alleged specifications have no warrant of truth. We hope no newspapers will publish these stories. This wire is sent to all newspapers in the United States and Canada.

Automobile Production Continues Smaller Than a Year Ago.

May production (factory sales) of motor vehicles in the United States, as reported to the Department of Commerce, was 396,441, of which 352,268 were passenger cars and 44,173 were trucks, as compared with 397,629 passenger cars and trucks in April and 417,211 in May 1926.

The table below is based on figures received from 156 manufacturers in the United States for recent months, 53 making passenger cars and 121 making trucks (18 making both passenger cars and trucks). Data for earlier months include 95 additional manufacturers now out of business, while May data for 24 small firms, mostly truck manufacturers, were not received in time for inclusion in this report. Figures for passenger cars include taxicabs and those for trucks include ambulances, funeral cars, fire apparatus, street sweepers and busses. Canadian figures have been supplied by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics since January 1926.

AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION.
(Number of Machines.)

	United States.			Canada.*		
	Total.	Passenger Cars.	Trucks.	Total.	Passenger Cars.	Trucks.
1926.						
January	300,612	272,922	27,690	15,479	11,781	3,698
February	354,431	319,763	34,668	18,838	14,761	4,077
March	422,728	381,116	41,612	22,374	17,999	4,384
April	430,523	383,907	46,616	21,502	17,929	3,573
May	417,211	373,140	44,071	24,934	21,429	3,505
Total (5 months)	1,925,505	1,730,848	194,657	103,127	83,889	19,238
June	380,372	339,570	40,802	21,751	18,818	2,933
July	354,394	317,008	37,388	15,208	12,953	2,255
August	422,294	380,282	42,012	15,286	12,782	2,503
September	393,356	350,923	42,433	17,495	15,782	1,713
October	329,142	289,565	39,577	14,670	10,695	3,975
November	250,950	219,504	31,446	9,828	6,774	3,054
December	163,429	137,361	26,068	7,752	6,052	1,700
Total (year)	4,219,442	3,765,059	454,383	205,116	164,487	40,629
1927.						
January	*234,216	*196,989	37,243	15,376	11,745	3,631
February	*398,750	*260,632	*38,118	18,655	14,826	3,829
March	*383,731	*341,665	45,165	2,203	19,089	3,534
April	*397,629	*353,076	*44,553	24,611	20,890	3,721
May	396,441	352,268	44,173	25,708	21,991	3,717
Total (5 months)	1,713,921	1,504,658	209,254	106,973	88,541	18,432

(1) Reported by Dominion Bureau of Statistics since January 1926. (2) Not yet available. * Revised.

Falling Off in Building Construction in Illinois During May.

During May building fell off 27.0% from the previous month, as shown by building permits in 28 cities of Illinois. May building showed a total value of \$41,217,598, as compared with \$56,483,363 in April, a decrease of \$15,265,765. May of this year also showed a decline of 6.9% from the value of building authorized in the same cities during May a year ago. Chicago showed a drop from \$44,773,245 in April to \$29,130,680 in May, a loss of 34.9%, and also decreased by \$3,781,615 from May 1926. The Bureau of Industrial Accident and Labor Research of the Illinois Department of Labor, through S. W. Wilcox, Chief of the Bureau, in making the foregoing statement June 20 adds:

Of the 28 cities reporting building figures, 10 showed increases over April and 11 cities showed increases over May 1926. Berwyn, Highland Park, Rockford, Rock Island, Springfield and Waukegan, were the only cities which reported gains for May both over April and over May a year ago. The cities which showed a gain over April but a loss as compared with May a year ago are Canton, Cicero, Moline and Quincy. Those which showed a loss as compared with April 1927 but a gain over May a year ago are Danville, Elgin, Evanston, Freeport and Wilmette.

In the metropolitan area outside Chicago, Evanston leads all other cities with a total of \$2,049,850. Waukegan is second, with \$1,567,689, and also ranks fourth in the State if Chicago figures are excluded. Berwyn has authorized building to the value of \$759,400 during May, and Cicero is next in rank with \$646,962. In home-building within the same region, Evanston again leads, with provision for 201 families in housekeeping dwellings; Berwyn is second, with accommodations for 117 families; Cicero is third, with 71 families.

Outside the metropolitan area Rockford is in first place, with buildings valued at \$1,706,893, and Springfield is second, with \$1,658,229. These cities rank second and third, respectively, in the entire State, not including Chicago. In home-building outside the metropolitan area, Rockford also leads with provision for 86 families; Decatur is second, with 52 families; Springfield is third, with 46 families.

Building during the first 5 months of 1927 showed an increase over the corresponding months of 1926 amounting to 16.8% for the State (exclusive of Joliet, for which complete figures are not available), and 20.3% for Chicago. Outside Chicago 12 cities showed gains over a year ago. They are Berwyn, Evanston, Waukegan, Wilmette and Winnetka, in the metropolitan region, and Canton, Danville, Decatur, East St. Louis, Rockford, Rock Island and Springfield, outside the metropolitan area. The total for the State for the first 5 months of 1927 (exclusive of Joliet) is \$224,594,631, as compared with \$192,232,699 for the first 5 months of last year. Chicago's total for the first 5 months of 1927 is \$182,356,655, as compared with \$151,571,331 for the corresponding months of 1926. During this period in 1927 Chicago has provided housekeeping dwellings for 4,454 families.

In the metropolitan area, outside Chicago, Evanston leads all other cities in value of building authorized during the first 5 months of 1927, with a total of \$8,899,550; Berwyn is second with \$3,986,400; Waukegan is third, with \$3,614,499. Evanston also leads this district in home-building, with provision for 895 families, and Berwyn is second, with 682 families.

For the first 5 months of 1927, outside the metropolitan area, Rockford leads in value of building with a total of \$3,054,801. Decatur is second, with \$2,667,490; Springfield is third, with \$2,496,416; East St. Louis is fourth, with \$2,364,251. In home-building during this period Rockford leads the down-State cities with provision for 380 families. Decatur is second with 275 families, and East St. Louis is third with 274 families.

The following statistics are supplied by the Bureau:

NUMBER AND ESTIMATED COST OF BUILDINGS AS STATED IN PERMITS ISSUED IN ILLINOIS CITIES IN MAY 1927.

Cities.	May 1927.		April 1927.		May 1926.	
	No. Bldgs.	Estimated Cost.	No. Bldgs.	Estimated Cost.	No. Bldgs.	Estimated Cost
Whole State	4,971	\$41,217,598	5,268	\$56,483,363	6,560	\$44,264,277
Chicago	2,714	29,130,680	2,831	44,773,245	3,711	32,912,295
Outside Chicago	2,257	12,086,918	2,437	11,710,118	2,849	11,351,982
Aurora	143	284,690	102	308,110	242	501,219
Berwyn	176	759,400	153	707,400	217	746,700
Bloomington	22	71,300	23	77,800	27	227,000
Blue Island	50	76,392	65	157,892	78	124,145
Canton	7	32,900	3	960	4	34,600
Cicero	64	646,962	78	596,509	121	801,400
Danville	26	72,600	35	192,000	15	71,500
Decatur	158	502,175	156	1,216,540	165	617,925
East St. Louis	103	151,930	127	259,950	145	1,278,485
Elgin	96	216,685	160	298,393	183	212,837
Evanston	174	2,049,850	141	2,357,800	137	1,701,050
Freeport	39	138,081	25	189,400	28	94,400
Glen Ellyn	24	84,350	37	386,720	19	178,900
Highland Park	42	309,815	43	189,670	50	248,107
Joliet	64	154,300	74	201,400	80	186,42
Maywood	48	223,950	75	252,075	96	285,31
Moline	99	108,298	101	85,960	134	133,59
Murphysboro			5	9,000	3	75,60
Oak Park	93	480,814	94	1,142,014	131	845,90
Peoria	160	221,525	190	303,420	237	569,31
Quincy	54	97,360	24	43,500	48	100,47
Rockford	198	1,706,893	301	587,680	243	835,93
Rock Island	136	172,705	116	104,221	86	102,50
Springfield	149	1,658,229	136	228,955	175	625,96
Waukegan	89	1,567,689	110	1,435,724	134	483,08
Wilmette	24	164,175	34	213,275	30	131,72
Winnetka	19	103,850	20	163,750	21	139,92

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

Cities.	Total January-May, 1927.		Total Jan.-May, 1926.	Residential Buildings January-May, 1927.		Families Provided for Housekpg. Dwellings.
	No. Bldgs.	Estimated Cost.	Estimated Cost.*	No. Bldgs.	Estimated Cost.	
Whole State	21,546	\$225,586,281	\$192,232,699	8,037	\$147,098,240	24,900
Chicago	12,596	182,356,655	151,571,331	5,111	119,276,250	20,370
Outside Chicago	8,950	43,229,626	40,661,368	2,926	27,821,990	4,530
Aurora	425	1,089,742	1,749,912	146	780,350	148
Berwyn	733	3,986,400	3,861,000	409	3,696,000	682
Bloomington	72	250,100	522,250	33	166,000	34
Blue Island	196	451,002	555,625	51	349,150	56
Canton	15	106,160	46,475			
Cicero	279	2,174,421	2,290,307	128	1,626,700	272
Danville	99	520,800	441,300	81	414,600	82
Decatur	669	2,667,490	1,927,800	264	1,455,700	275
East St. Louis	549	2,364,251	2,265,910	179	489,400	102
Elgin	482	825,683	1,043,158	102	489,400	102
Evanston	611	8,899,550	6,883,670	200	6,693,500	895
Freeport	100	566,801	468,492	29	207,400	40
Glen Ellyn	97	663,300	1,011,100	52	488,375	63
Highland Park	164	936,536	1,075,859	68	759,540	68
Joliet	248	991,650	*	86	618,600	90
Maywood**	266	1,030,475	2,106,615	**	**	**
Moline	361	376,015	501,913	34	188,950	34
Murphysboro	7	17,500	132,900	4	15,100	4
Oak Park	415	2,591,978	2,716,703	96	2,020,700	243
Peoria	628	1,115,095	2,843,110	141	734,350	143
Quincy	152	313,581	516,916	54	222,650	54
Rockford	910	3,054,801	2,227,465	284	3,329,300	380
Rock Island	409	557,209	544,554	73	334,375	89
Springfield	465	2,496,416	1,862,051	148	749,650	153
Waukegan	374	3,614,499	1,881,484	179	1,163,000	247
Wilmette	123	750,261	594,974	54	653,300	54
Winnetka	101	817,910	489,825	31	674,600	48

* Figures for Joliet not available before April 1926. ** Detailed figures for Maywood not available.

Reports of Change in British Rubber Exports Restrictions Again Denied.

On June 22 it was stated in press cablegrams from London that rumors of a change in the pivotal price of rubber, on which changes in restriction under the Stevenson scheme are based, were denied by Colonial Secretary Amery in the House of Commons. If any change should become necessary, he stated, he would try to give as long notice as possible. On June 17, as indicated in our issue of a week ago (page 3556), Col. Amery took occasion to state that the rubber export restrictions would be continued. Under dat of June 2 the New York "Journal of Commerce" announced the following from London:

The London "Times" to-day came out flat-footedly against rubber restriction. The paper charged in an editorial that the Government's

Rubber Control Act has only led to a formidable expansion in Dutch production and recommended that plans be drawn up without delay, "providing some prospect that the Act will be withdrawn." The "Times" felt, however, that restriction should be abandoned under the most favorable conditions possible for the British growers.

"The longer its existence the greater the threat against the ultimate position of the British rubber industry," the article said.

The restriction Act is being assailed daily in influential sections of the London press. The London "Statist", a leading financial publication, which appeals particularly to shareholders in Colonial enterprises, has been opposed to rubber restriction ever since its enactment.

On June 18 Associated Press accounts from London said:

The Stevenson scheme for restriction of crude rubber exports is not aimed at Americans and British growers do not want it abandoned, Eric MacFayden, Chairman of the Rubber Growers' Association, was quoted as saying to-day.

Since the scheme is proving ineffective in maintaining high prices, some are inclined to urge further expert restrictions, while others are for a reconsideration of the whole restriction policy, he said.

Although the Government's assurance that it intended to maintain the Stevenson Act gave some confidence to the rubber market and the prices recovered 2 cents, uneasiness still is widespread. The Beaverbrook papers, with the tacit approval of several dealers, continue, their campaign against the scheme. The London "Times" is only lukewarm for its maintenance. While growers and most dealers still favor restriction, they see they over-emphasized the value of the restriction on output in boosting the price of the commodity.

Rubber Pool Active.

The following is from the "Wall Street Journal" of June 22:

The so-called American Rubber Pool came into the market definitely Wednesday for the first time since the break in crude rubber prices started some ten days ago, according to rubber dealers. While the pool has done some emergency buying recently, it has only purchased small lots offered at very low prices. On Wednesday, however, there were strong indications that the pool was attempting to strengthen the price of crude and to prevent a runaway bear market.

As a result of this activity on the part of the pool prices were firmer, in spite of the fact that the London market was weak. Around 1.30 p. m. Wednesday spot was quoted at 36½ cents a pound, compared with low of 34 cents established during the recent decline. At the same time July sold at 36.10, compared with Tuesday's low of 34.30; while August sold at 36.20, against a low of 34.70 the day before.

Some rubber dealers believe the pool will attempt to stabilize the price of crude around 36-37 cents for the time being.

There is much nervousness about the market, however with a wide variety of opinions as to the future trend.

Readjustment of Lumber Industry Continues.

Reports from approximately 500 of the chief lumber mills of the country to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association indicate that the readjustment of the lumber industry to generally altered economic conditions is still in process. Although business has been for several months less than last year, and production has decreased accordingly, the curtailment continues. For the week ended June 18 the reporting softwood mills showed a decrease of about 1,000,000 feet in new business, as compared with the immediately preceding week, and production fell off about a million feet, although there was an increase of 5,000,000 feet in shipments. As compared with a year ago, and making calculations for a smaller number of reporting mills, new business is about 10% under last year's at this time. This year's current production bears about the same relation to last year's, while shipments have not fallen off quite so much.

Hardwood production and new business show some weekly increase, while shipments fell off a little. As compared with and orders a trifle more, declared the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, adding:

Unfilled Orders Decrease.

The unfilled orders of 176 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 477,775,726 feet, as against 500,236,777 feet for 174 mills the previous week. The 104 identical Southern Pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of 193,425,000 feet last week, as against 206,464,424 feet for the week before. For the 72 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 284,350,726 feet, as against 293,772,353 feet for 70 mills a week earlier.

Altogether the 289 comparably reporting softwood mills had shipments 103%, and orders 88%, of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages were respectively 115 and 89; and for the West Coast mills 103 and 94.

Of the reporting mills, the 265 with an established normal production for the week of 185,556,295 feet, gave actual production 94%, shipments 97% and orders 84% thereof.

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

	Past Week.		Corresponding Week 1926.		Preceding Week 1927 (Revised).	
	Softwood.	Hardwood.	Softwood.	Hardwood.	Softwood.	Hardwood.
Mills*-----	289	166	353	149	288	164
Production-----	188,028,000	21,020,000	239,993,000	25,712,000	189,143,000	19,675,000
Shipments-----	193,774,000	22,616,000	230,528,000	22,155,000	188,450,000	23,966,000
Orders-----	166,040,000	20,290,000	244,059,000	19,655,000	176,865,000	19,359,000

* Fewer West Coast mills are reporting this year; to make allowance for this add 25,000,000 to production, 26,000,000 to shipments and 24,000,000 to orders in comparing softwood with last year.

Because of considerably smaller number of West Coast mills making statistical reports this year, cumulative figures comparing production, shipments and orders for 1927 and 1926 are discontinued.

The mills of the California White and Sugar Pine Association make weekly reports, but not being comparable, are not included in the foregoing tables. Nineteen of these mills, representing 60% of the cut of the California pine region, gave their production for the week as 28,974,000 feet, shipments 23,610,000 and new business 20,275,000. Last week's report from 17 mills, representing 51% of the cut was: Production, 23,883,000 feet, shipments, 18,337,000 and new business, 16,159,000.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wires from Seattle that new business for the 72 mills reporting for the week ended June 18 was 6% below production, and shipments were 3% above production. Of all new business taken during the week 46% was for future water delivery, amounting to 32,842,709 feet, of which 19,112,755 feet was for domestic cargo delivery, and 13,729,954 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 36,408,182 feet, or 51% of the week's new business. Forty-five per cent of the week's shipments moved by water, amounting to 34,960,233 feet, of which 25,925,907 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal, and 9,033,326 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 41,230,033 feet, or 52% of the week's shipments, and local deliveries 2,486,653 feet. Unshipped domestic cargo orders totaled 107,168,212 feet, foreign 79,351,238 feet and rail trade 97,831,276 feet.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 104 mills reporting, shipments were 14.90% above production and orders were 10.72% below production and 22.30% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 45,431,664 feet (previous week, 51,457,308); shipments, 58,471,088 feet (previous week 53,398,314), and production 50,886,367 feet (previous week, 58,526,306). The normal production of these mills is 68,172,474 feet. Of the 103 mills reporting running time, 75 operated full time, 19 of the latter overtime. Four mills were shut down, and the rest operated from three to five and one-half days.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association of Portland, Oregon, with four more mills reporting, shows considerable increases in production and shipments, and new business well in advance of that reported for the preceding week.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco, Calif., reports a notable increase in production, a nominal decrease in shipments and considerable reduction in new business.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Va., with one more mill reporting, shows a material increase in production, a substantial increase in shipments and nearly 100% increase in new business.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers Association of Minneapolis, Minn., reports production about the same, a little increase in shipments and new business slightly below that reported for the previous week.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wis. (in its softwood production), with two fewer mills reporting, shows a marked increase in production, a material decrease in shipments and a substantial gain in new business.

Hardwood Reports.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wis., reported from sixteen mills (two fewer mills than reported for the week earlier) production and shipments about the same, and a slight decrease in new business.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reported from one hundred and fifty mills (four more mills than reported for the week before) a nominal increase in production, a small decrease in shipments and a good gain in new business. The normal production of these units is 25,200,000.

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report.

Seventy mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ended June 11 manufactured 72,578,949 feet, sold 78,864,499 feet and shipped 80,774,947 feet. New business was 6,285,550 feet more than production and shipments 8,195,998 feet more than production.

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

Week Ended—	June 11.	June 4.	May 28.	May 21.
Number of mills reporting	70	69	72	70
Production (feet)-----	72,578,949	63,100,632	78,147,237	71,531,242
New business (feet)-----	78,864,499	52,212,736	86,373,977	81,249,687
Shipments (feet)-----	80,774,947	62,208,926	82,766,950	79,441,537
Unshipped balances:				
Rail (feet)-----	99,134,548	100,311,476	107,858,928	114,605,293
Domestic cargo (feet)-----	121,815,943	116,119,077	127,978,764	112,280,515
Exports (feet)-----	72,821,862	71,574,541	73,593,968	70,939,180
Total (feet)-----	293,772,353	288,005,094	309,431,660	297,824,988
First 23 Weeks of—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Average number of mills	76	105	119	127
Production (feet)-----	1,676,563,798	2,392,439,604	2,355,741,155	2,284,848,043
New business (feet)-----	1,780,591,757	2,494,165,299	2,404,276,089	2,146,616,376
Shipments (feet)-----	1,736,418,713	2,480,324,609	2,416,186,828	2,358,728,391

President Machado of Cuba to Continue Sugar Restrictions.

President Machado of Cuba, in a new pronouncement on June 16 declared that he would continue to enforce restriction on sugar production for the new crop and asserted that the 1926-27 yield would approximate 4,500,000 tons. This is learned from a special cablegram from Havana, June 17, to the New York "Journal of Commerce," from which we also take the following:

He also held that he would follow closely the world sugar situation during the present year, and should prices then be below the cost of production he would exercise his "exceptional powers" to maintain "economic stabilization" of the commodity.

The President's message also points out that only one mill now is grinding and will conclude operations shortly. Stressing the fact that he intends enforcing the curtailment program with the utmost vigor until such time as relief is in sight, the head of the island Republic took the position the step is vitally important to aid the development of the country. He also said he is determined to continue in force for another year the prohibition against clearing forest lands for further planting.

Decree Set Forth.

The announcement was issued through Dr. Viriato Gutierrez, Secretary, following a conference the President had with former President Menocal and Senor Molinet. The announcement reads:

"The practical termination of the 1926-27 sugar crop is at hand, as there is only one mill grinding, which will finish operations shortly. The total yield approximates 4,500,000 tons, which proves conclusively to the world that the measures, adopted by my Government regarding the chief industry of Cuba have been carried through and enforced in the most exacting manner. This step was warranted, as the Cuban Government is fully aware of the fact that the prosperity of the sugar industry is of utmost importance to the development of this country.

"I adopted a well defined economic policy and I intend to continue applying it with the utmost energy.

Outlines Aim.

"The principal aim of this policy is to cut off Cuba's contribution to the world's sugar over-production in order to enable the product to obtain in world markets a price above the cost of production.

"The measures adopted for this purpose are known by all, namely: "Restriction of the last two crops, delaying of commencement of the crop and prohibition against clearing of forests for planting cane. The beneficial results of these provisions have led me to order in a recent decree that the coming crop be not started before Jan. 1 and extending for another year prohibition against cutting forests. Therefore I deem it advisable to state most emphatically that I intend to continue applying this economic policy and I shall watch sugar developments the world over during the next few months and during the beginning of the last quarter of the present year if circumstances and stocks of sugar in all countries make it advisable I will make use if necessary of the exceptional powers conferred on me for the purpose of maintaining the economic stabilization of sugar and to prevent its sales below cost of production with the consequent harm to our national wealth. Therefore I want to reassert that I intend to maintain the policy used to such good purpose as hereinbefore set forth."

New Members Cotton Textile Institute, Inc., More Than 21,000,000 Cotton Spindles Represented in Membership.

Eight new members have just joined the Cotton Textile Institute, Inc., George A. Sloan, Secretary, announced on June 21. With these the membership of the Institute now represents more than 21,540,000 cotton spindles. The new members are: Neely Manufacturing Co., York, S. C.; Travora Cotton Mills, York, S. C.; Bourne Mills, Fall River, Mass.; Carolina Textile Corporation, Dillon, S. C.; Davidson Cotton Mills, Davidson, N. C.; Flint Mills, Fall River, Mass.; Dana Warp Mills, Westbrook, Me., and Gem Yarn Mills, Cornelius, N. C. Twenty-three members, representing 821,246 spindles, have been added to the membership of the Institute since headquarters were opened at 320 Broadway, Nov. 1 1926.

Activity in the Cotton-Spinning Industry for May 1927.

The Department of Commerce announced on June 21 that according to preliminary figures compiled by the Bureau of the Census, 36,874,608 cotton spinning spindles were in place in the United States on May 31 1927, of which 32,906,580 were operated at some time during the month, compared with 32,892,442 for April, 32,919,288 for March, 32,872,102 for February, 32,633,550 for January, 32,496,250 for December, 32,275,036 for May 1926. The aggregate number of active spindle hours reported for the month was 9,001,712,285. During May the normal time of operation was 25½ days (allowance being made for the observance of Memorial Day in some localities), compared with 25 2-3 for April, 27 for March, 23 2-3 for February, 25½ for January and 26 for December. Based on an activity of 8.78 hours per day, the average number of spindles operated during May was 40,205,960, or at 109.0% capacity on a single-shift basis. This percentage compares with 105.8 for April, 109.7 for March, 106.8 for February, 102.3 for January, 100.3 for December, and 88.9 for May 1926. The average number of active spindle hours per spindle in place for the month was 244. The total number of cotton spinning spindles in place, the number active, the number of active spindle hours and the average spindle hours per spindle in place, by States, are shown in the following statement:

State.	Spinning Spindles.		Active Spindle Hours for May.	
	In Place May 31.	Active During May	Total.	Average per Spindle in Place.
United States.....	36,874,608	32,906,580	9,001,712,285	244
Cotton-growing States....	18,158,432	17,685,944	5,796,861,611	319
New England States.....	17,047,972	13,752,092	2,901,968,387	170
All other States.....	1,668,204	1,468,544	302,882,287	182
Alabama.....	1,516,642	1,467,614	448,252,334	296
Connecticut.....	1,170,920	1,048,806	214,811,116	183
Georgia.....	2,969,814	2,902,778	906,984,240	305
Maine.....	1,118,316	949,622	195,705,470	175
Massachusetts.....	10,703,650	8,441,850	1,764,280,504	165
Mississippi.....	177,842	143,186	42,551,720	239
New Hampshire.....	1,427,646	1,091,096	249,411,425	175
New Jersey.....	387,044	364,444	65,301,888	169
New York.....	871,640	736,968	157,088,633	180
North Carolina.....	6,208,324	6,028,526	2,055,290,462	331
Rhode Island.....	2,482,632	2,104,534	452,766,007	182
South Carolina.....	5,381,754	5,330,978	1,848,703,845	344
Tennessee.....	583,604	573,628	169,049,626	290
Texas.....	268,848	250,176	83,915,644	312
Virginia.....	711,378	691,302	163,491,534	230
All other States.....	894,554	781,104	184,107,837	206

Newsprint Production in Canada in May 171,819 Tons—United States Output in Same Month 127,395 Tons.

From the Montreal "Gazette" of June 16 we take the following:

For the month of May the Newsprint Service Bureau reports newsprint production in Canada amounted to 171,819 tons and shipments to 170,468 tons.

Production in the United States was 127,395 tons and shipments 126,894 tons, making a total United States and Canadian newsprint production of 299,214 tons and shipments of 297,462 tons. During May 15,828 tons of newsprint were made in Newfoundland and 1,586 tons in Mexico, so that the total North American production for the month amounted to 316,628 tons.

The Canadian mills produced 90,931 tons more in the first five months of 1927 than in 1926, which was an increase of 12%. The United States output was 54,986 tons, or 8% less than for the first five months of 1926; that in Newfoundland 32,742 tons, or 48% more, and in Mexico 1,285 tons, or 25% more, making a total North American increase of 69,982 tons, or 5%.

During May the Canadian mills operated at 86.7% of rated capacity and the United States mills at 83.8%. Stocks of newsprint paper at Canadian mills totalled 27,520 tons at the end of May and at United States mills 24,233 tons, making a combined total of 51,753 tons, which was equivalent to 3.9 days' average production.

	Production.				Shipments.		
	Average Tons per Day.	Actual Tons per Month.	Actual Tons per Oper. Day.	P. C. Act. to Ave. (Total Mnth)	Tons, Month.	P. C. Ave. Production.	Mill Stocks.
<i>Canadian Mills—</i>							
1927—May.....	7,625	171,819	7,031	86.7	170,468	86.0	27,520
1926—Five months.....	7,435	826,083	6,813	86.8	813,471	85.5	27,520
1925—Five months.....	5,895	735,152	5,674	97.4	731,165	96.9	14,331
1924—Five months.....	---	623,143	---	---	617,936	---	---
1923—Five months.....	---	570,822	---	---	564,044	---	20,746
1922—Five months.....	---	312,841	---	---	506,239	---	13,561
1921—Five months.....	---	422,533	---	---	428,016	---	8,313
1920—Five months.....	---	317,496	---	---	307,607	---	20,920
1919—Five months.....	---	365,086	---	---	358,055	---	14,471
<i>United States Mills—</i>							
1927—May.....	5,844	127,395	5,012	83.8	126,984	83.6	24,233
1926—Five months.....	5,794	646,874	5,113	86.5	634,293	84.9	24,233
1925—Five months.....	5,689	701,850	5,456	95.6	697,147	95.0	18,187
1924—Five months.....	---	634,106	---	---	625,617	---	32,037
1923—Five months.....	---	636,374	---	---	624,576	---	34,708
1922—Five months.....	---	626,944	---	---	625,365	---	20,832
1921—Five months.....	---	562,912	---	---	562,065	---	24,781
1920—Five months.....	---	528,678	---	---	522,243	---	31,198
1919—Five months.....	---	629,244	---	---	621,790	---	22,823
<i>U. S. & Canadian Mills—</i>							
1927—May.....	13,469	299,214	12,043	85.4	297,452	84.9	51,753
1926—Five months.....	13,229	1,472,957	11,926	86.7	1,447,764	85.2	51,753
1925—Five months.....	11,584	1,437,002	11,130	96.6	1,428,312	96.0	32,518
1924—Five months.....	---	1,257,249	---	---	1,243,553	---	58,855
1923—Five months.....	---	1,207,196	---	---	1,188,620	---	55,454
1922—Five months.....	---	1,139,785	---	---	1,131,604	---	34,393
1921—Five months.....	---	846,174	---	---	829,850	---	33,094
1920—Five months.....	---	994,330	---	---	979,845	---	52,118
1919—Five months.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	37,294

NORTH AMERICAN PRODUCTION.

	Canada.	U. S.	Newfoundland.	Mexico.	Total.
1927—May.....	171,819	127,395	15,828	1,586	316,628
1926—Five months.....	826,083	646,874	102,046	6,330	1,581,333
1925—Five months.....	735,152	701,850	69,304	5,045	1,511,351
1924—Five months.....	623,143	634,106	27,850	3,357	1,290,456
1923—Five months.....	570,822	636,374	27,074	4,790	1,239,060
1922—Five months.....	512,841	626,944	26,356	5,000	1,171,141

EXPORTS OF NEWSPRINT FROM CANADA.

(Figures from Department of Trade and Commerce.)

	April 1927.	April 1926.	Four Mos. 1927.	Four Mos. 1926.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
United Kingdom.....	560	1,201	5,722	1,201
Cuba.....	167	633	2,499	2,494
Jamaica.....	63	---	321	291
Argentina.....	---	1,278	5,864	5,478
Other Latin America.....	---	---	---	---
South Africa.....	419	---	2,872	3,953
Australia.....	4,186	722	12,664	4,243
New Zealand.....	1,636	542	6,469	4,465
All other.....	42	25	388	103
Overseas countries.....	7,073	4,460	36,799	22,228
United States of America.....	116,376	108,368	554,679	518,735
Grand total.....	123,449	112,828	591,478	540,963

EXPORTS OF NEWSPRINT FROM THE UNITED STATES.

	April 1927.	April 1926.	Four Mos. 1927.	Four Mos. 1926.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Canada.....	150	190	543	266
Central America.....	26	115	102	304
Mexico.....	10	50	115	212
Cuba.....	354	375	907	1,415
South America.....	123	551	1,108	1,723
China.....	---	248	143	1,659
Japan.....	18	193	30	644
Philippine Islands.....	355	528	1,732	1,094
Other countries.....	36	159	274	447
Total.....	1,072	2,389	4,954	7,764

Crude Oil Prices Remain Unchanged—Further Reductions Occur in Gasoline Prices.

The price lists of crude oil in the fields throughout the country have remained unchanged during the week just closed. Further reductions, however, mainly local in character, have taken place in the gasoline prices. Effective June 18, the Standard Oil Co. of Ohio reduced prices of gasoline at its bulk or railroad service stations in Cleveland, Ohio, 2c. per gallon, making prices 19c., including 3c. State tax. With this cut, prices at railroad service stations are 2c. below those at regular service stations.

The Pure Oil Co., the Sinclair Refining Co. and some independent oil companies in Southern Ohio on June 18 and June 20 reduced their general service station price of gasoline 2c. a gallon to 19c., meeting the price which Standard Oil Co. of Ohio established at its bulk or railroad service stations. The Standard on June 21 sold at the unchanged

price of 21c. at its regular service stations throughout Ohio and 19c. at its bulk or railroad service stations.

On June 22 the Atlantic Refining Co. reduced tank wagon and service station prices of gasoline 2c. per gallon at Erie to 12c. and 15c., respectively, exclusive of State tax.

Wholesale prices in the Chicago markets on June 24 were reported as follows: United States motor grade gasoline, 6 3/4 c.; kerosene, 41-43 water white, 4@4 1/4 c.; fuel oil, 24-26 gravity, 92 1/2 @ 97 1/2 c.

New High Record Made in Crude Oil Production.

Another new high record in crude oil production was established in the week of June 18 when the daily average gross crude oil output in the United States rose 11,200 barrels to 2,509,650 barrels. This surpassed the previous record of 2,507,300 barrels per day in the week of June 4 by 2,350 barrels per day, according to estimates furnished by the American Petroleum Institute. The largest increases occurred in the Seminole field in Oklahoma. The daily average production east of California was 1,863,650 barrels, as compared with 1,854,650 barrels, an increase of 9,000 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts for the weeks given:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.

(In Barrels)—	June 18 '27.	June 11 '27.	June 4 '27.	June 19 '26.
Oklahoma	765,750	750,700	751,500	458,900
Kansas	112,250	112,750	113,750	107,750
Panhandle Texas	125,450	129,550	140,450	49,000
North Texas	87,150	88,100	87,450	84,500
West Central Texas	75,450	75,550	75,600	51,900
West Texas	117,250	120,100	117,800	30,300
East Central Texas	36,650	37,500	38,500	51,750
Southwest Texas	32,850	33,900	34,400	59,250
North Louisiana	49,300	48,350	47,500	73,800
Arkansas	112,600	111,750	113,000	165,200
Coastal Texas	137,350	134,000	136,100	73,800
Coastal Louisiana	14,950	15,350	14,500	12,350
Eastern	111,000	112,500	114,000	106,500
Wyoming	59,650	60,750	61,950	71,950
Montana	15,450	13,600	13,700	28,000
Colorado	7,350	7,400	7,150	8,250
New Mexico	3,200	2,800	3,550	4,400
California	646,000	643,800	636,400	609,500
Total	2,509,650	2,498,450	2,507,300	2,011,600

The estimated daily average gross production of the Mid-Continent field including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, North, West Central, West Texas, East Central and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended June 18 was 1,514,700 barrels, as compared with 1,508,250 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 6,450 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, Arkansas heavy oil, was 1,426,150 barrels as compared with 1,420,750 barrels, an increase of 5,400 barrels.

In Oklahoma, production of North Brame is reported at 4,750 barrels, against 4,850 barrels; South Brame, 3,450 barrels, against 3,700 barrels; Tonkawa 21,750 barrels, against 21,650 barrels; Garber 14,050 barrels, against 14,250 barrels; Burbank 44,150 barrels, against 45,700 barrels; Bristow-Slick 26,650 barrels, against 26,800 barrels; Cromwell 13,000 barrels, no change; Wewoka 19,750 barrels, against 18,750 barrels; Seminole 311,700 barrels, against 298,300 barrels, and Earlsboro 67,800 barrels, against 64,050 barrels.

In Panhandle Texas, Hutchinson County is reported at 99,600 barrels, against 102,700 barrels, and Balance Panhandle 25,850 barrels, against 26,850 barrels. In East Central Texas, Corsicana Powell 17,150 barrels, against 17,600 barrels; Nigger Creek 3,850 barrels, against 3,950 barrels; Reagan County, West Texas, 26,750 barrels, against 26,250 barrels; Crane and Upton counties 72,700 barrels, against 70,850 barrels; Pecos County 5,000 barrels, against 9,750 barrels; Brown County, West Central Texas, 28,850 barrels, against 29,050 barrels, and in the Southwest Texas field, Luling 16,150 barrels, against 16,300 barrels; Laredo District 12,900 barrels, against 13,750 barrels; in North Louisiana, Haynesville is reported at 7,750 barrels, against 7,800 barrels; Uralia 9,150 barrels, against 8,600 barrels, and in Arkansas, Smackover light 11,050 barrels, against 11,200 barrels; heavy 88,550 barrels, against 87,500 barrels. In the Gulf Coast field, Hull is reported at 18,550 barrels, against 18,050 barrels; West Columbia 9,950 barrels, against 9,850 barrels; Spindletop 58,050 barrels, against 56,050 barrels; Orange County 5,500 barrels, against 5,600 barrels, and Pierce Junction 7,950 barrels, against 7,750 barrels.

In Wyoming, Salt Creek is reported at 41,050 barrels, against 42,950 barrels, and Sunburst, Mont., 13,000 barrels, against 11,200 barrels.

In California, Santa Fe Springs is reported at 41,000 barrels, no change; Long Beach 94,000 barrels, against 95,000 barrels; Huntington Beach 73,500 barrels, against 76,500 barrels; Torrance 23,500 barrels, no change; Dominguez 16,500 barrels, against 17,000 barrels; Rosecrans 10,000 barrels, no change; Inglewood 35,000 barrels, no change; Midway Sunset 89,500 barrels, no change; Ventura Avenue, 38,000 barrels against 37,300 barrels, and Seal Beach 74,000 barrels, against 68,000 barrels.

World Zinc Stocks Reduced 1,400 Tons—Sharpe Estimates Total June 1 at 57,100 Tons—Believes General Situation Slowly Improving.

A. J. M. Sharpe, Honorary Secretary of the American Zinc Institute, estimates world stocks of zinc June 1 at 57,100 metric tons of 2,204.6 pounds each, compared with 58,500 tons May 1, decrease of 1,400 tons, first reduction in several months. The "Wall Street Journal" of June 20, in reporting this, also says:

Stocks April 1 came to 52,900 tons, March 1, 50,800; Feb. 1, 50,800; Jan. 1, 43,600; Dec. 1, 33,100; Nov. 1, 31,500; Oct. 1, 30,100; Sept. 1, 33,200; Aug. 1, 37,200; July 1, 40,600; June 1, 40,200; Jan. 1 1926, 26,150; Jan. 1 1925, 26,130, and Jan. 1 1924, 58,050 metric tons.

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

	1927				1926	
	June 1.	May 1.	Apr. 1.	Jan. 1.	Oct. 1.	July 1.
United States	38,100	37,500	33,000	19,800	14,200	23,400
Canada	2,400	3,200	3,000	3,200	2,200	2,100
Australia	2,800	2,800	2,500	2,400	2,200	2,200
Germany and Poland	6,300	6,600	6,800	9,500	5,000	6,500
Belgium	3,000	3,100	3,000	4,000	2,100	1,800
France	1,200	1,500	1,200	1,500	1,000	1,200
Great Britain	1,100	1,400	1,200	1,000	1,000	1,200
Scandinavia	200	200	200	200	200	200
Far East	500	500	500	500	500	500
Elsewhere	1,500	1,700	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Total	57,100	58,500	52,900	43,600	30,100	40,600

Mr. Sharpe, discussing the world situation, sees conditions improving slowly. In discussing conditions in detail as they appeared in the first week of June he says:

"May was a black month in the European zinc industry and gave both ore producers and smelters much to think about. The month opened with prompt shipment selling at £29 7s. 6d. a ton and closed with this position commanding £28 7s. 6d. Just before the end of the month, however, May shipment sold as low as £27 17s. 6d. and August delivery as low as 28 5s. These chances to be the turning point and at time of writing June 7, prompt has stiffened to £28 17s. 6d. and the 3-months' position is priced at £28 18s. 9d.

St. Louis Slump Affects London.

"If the course of the St. Louis market during May is studied, it will be found that the slump at that center had much to do with the weakness in London, and that immediately rates hardened at St. Louis the London market benefitted accordingly. Indeed, markets in all the principal base metals have taken a turn for the better in the past 10 days, and not only is sentiment stronger but actual business is on a much improved scale.

"While it is true Europe is now producing slab zinc on a higher scale than at any time since 1914, it will be appreciated from the situation of stocks that consumption also has gained, and is to-day taking care of not only the European output but also of the quantities of high-grade zinc imported from North America and from Australia. This high-grade is particularly favored by the brass trade.

"It is considered unlikely that the European output of common zinc will be further advanced until there is another lift upwards in consumption. It must be borne in mind that the majority of smelters in Europe are dependent upon purchased ores for their raw requirements, these being mainly supplied under long-period contracts, with the price based on the ruling monthly averages of slab zinc in London. For this reason the forcing of the zinc market to an unprofitable level would carry its own corrective, just as in the case of the Tri-State field and the St. Louis selling price of metal. In other words, when the ore producer is unable profitably to dispose of his output he will suspend or curtail operations, which in turn would not be long in being reflected in a lessened production of metal. Speaking generally, a selling price of £29 a ton in London is regarded as the lowest point at which the general run of ore producers and smelters find it profitable to operate so that whenever the market is below that level output of both ore and metal is likely to be affected.

British Supplies Specially Priced.

"British production of slab zinc was 4,200 long tons in May but, this of course, wholly originated from Australia concentrates, which are supplied to the various British smelters on specially-favored price terms. Were this not so, it is unlikely that any smelter would be operating in Great Britain to-day.

"So greatly are the Continental smelters undesirous of enlarging their existing ore commitments that the returning charge has been raised by at least £1 per ton of concentrates, with the result that fresh business is on the smallest possible scale because sellers of ore do not see their way to accept the revised terms. As already pointed out, the bulk of ore supplies are delivered under period contracts and probably when these commence to run out stiffer rates for renewals will be imposed, which will, in turn, restrain the ore supplies which have in recent months exceeded all expectations.

"The British galvanizing industry is enjoying a fair business so that British consumption of slab zinc is by no means unsatisfactory. On the Continent a fair amount of zinc is used by the rolling mills which complained of the dearth of fresh bookings a fortnight ago, but which are now stated to be in a much happier position in this respect. The brass trade also is picking up a little, so that the consumption outlook in Europe is, all things considered, satisfactory."

Increase in United States Zinc Stocks in May.

The American Zinc Institute reports zinc stocks on hand in the United States on May 31 of 42,046 tons, compared with 41,208 tons May 1. The production in May amounted to 51,296 tons, comparing with 51,626 tons in April and 56,546 tons in March. The Institute's statement for May, issued June 9, follows:

ZINC, ALL COMPANIES, MAY 1-31 1927.	
(In Tons—2,000 Lbs.)—	
Stock May 1	41,208
Produced	51,296
Shipped	92,504
	50,458
Stock May 31	42,046
Shipped from plant for export	4,898
Total retort capacity at end of period	136,844
Number of idle retorts available within sixty days	53,749
Average number of retorts operating during period	79,846
Number of retorts operating at end of period	78,057

Steel Demand Continues to Decline—Rate Under That of Last Year—Prices Unchanged.

Steel business is at a slow pace and no quickening is expected before August, declares the "Iron Age" of June 23, in summarizing current events in the markets. Last year at this time the outlook began to brighten and prices began to strengthen, although demand did not require for some weeks expansion in production. Reduction in output this week has brought the industry some 10% under the operating position it held a year ago, observes the "Age," adding:

Rail inquiries then proved to be a favorable stimulus, and now this year they have again appeared and for larger amounts. In general, however, steel consumers have enough on order to cover them into the next quarter, and fresh buying, with no broadening activity discernible in major consuming industries, will accordingly be light for some time.

Definite rail inquiries, coming as the rail mills are within two or three weeks of completing fall's contracts, are for 95,000 tons, and those in the making add 45,000 tons more. Included are 50,000 tons for the Pennsylvania, with perhaps 15,000 tons of accessories, 37,000 tons for the Southern Ry., 7,000 tons for a Northern line and 13,000 tons for a fourth road.

The Pennsylvania is asking also for 25,000 tons of plates, shapes and bars, and 24,000 rolled steel wheels. The plate production in the Chicago district is at a 100% rate, and added to liberal specifications are fresh orders for 2,500 tons.

The contraction of demand, indicated now by a 65% of ingot capacity in the Pittsburgh district and a banking of two Steel Corp blast furnaces in the Chicago district, is increasing the difficulties of steel mills to maintain prices. Sporadic cases of sharp cuts in structural material have produced quotations below 2c. delivered, both New York and Philadelphia, or \$2 and \$3 a ton below ruling levels. Although efforts are being made to hold steel bars at an equivalent of 1.80c. Pittsburgh, for large attractive lots, the so-called preferential buyers are demanding 1.75c. and even lower.

Weakness has developed also in cold finished bars, and Chicago producers, facing a marked recession in demand, have made a reduction of \$2 a ton, or to 2.30c. per pound.

Large specifications of sheets on low price contracts point to a wide acceptance of the present market levels. They will sustain high sheet mill production for July, and fresh buying is expected to be somewhat meager in the coming month, just as bookings in May fell off sharply from those of April (\$1,000 tons drop, or 27 1/2%), when covering prior to the price advances was effected.

Some business in the wider hot-rolled strips has been done at a concession of \$2 a ton. Tin plate and pipe remain firm and prices of wire products are, if anything, more stable.

Shipments of alloy steel bars are in excess of bookings, and price variations of \$1 and \$2 a ton are occasional.

Pig iron has been most active at Cleveland, with bookings of 49,000 tons, as compared with 30,000 tons in the previous week. Nowhere, however, are there signs of a developing third quarter buying movement. The decline in mill operations is bringing more steel company pig iron into the general market.

The contract price on furnace coke for the third quarter and the last half has been definitely established by purchases, calling for 50,000 tons a month, at \$3.25, Connelsville.

Heavy melting steel scrap at Birmingham, following recent declines in other market centres, has declined \$1.50 a ton. Unattractive prices have sharply reduced the movement of scrap out of New England to the usual domestic destinations, and this week several thousand tons of yard steel is being shipped to Italy. A Wisconsin producer of plate scrap has made a direct sale of 75,000 tons to a Chicago mill for delivery at the rate of 2,000 tons a week.

Steel building awards of 27,600 tons include 7,000 tons for a grandstand at Arlington, Ill., and 4,000 tons for a Chicago office building. Fabricated structural steel business fell off 16% in May from April, but the five months' bookings are 1% ahead of last year's 1,036,680 tons for the same period. Among new inquiries is an extension for Philadelphia subways taking 5,900 tons.

Concrete reinforcing bar business was swelled by 4,000 tons for a Minneapolis mail order warehouse, awarded to three companies.

Demand for steel castings this year has tapered in the miscellaneous uses as well as for the railroads. Both production and bookings have fallen 13% comparing the five months' periods of this and last year.

Improvement in demand in Canada has absorbed a production of pig iron in the Dominion so far this year of 15% in excess of the output of the corresponding period of 1926, on top of imports arriving at a 20% increased rate.

In the face of general improvement in finished steel in Great Britain, tin plate is weaker. About 30% of the Welsh mills are now idle.

Both of the "Iron Age" composite prices are unchanged from last week, that for pig iron at \$18.96 a gross ton and that for finished steel at 2.367c. a pound, as shown in the tables following:

Finished Steel.		Pig Iron.	
June 21 1927, 2.367 Cents per Pound.		June 21 1927, \$18.96 per Gross Ton.	
One week ago	2.367c.	One week ago	\$ 8.96
One month ago	2.377c.	One month ago	19.04
One year ago	2.431c.	One year ago	19.79
10-year pre-war average	1.689c.	10-year pre-war average	15.72

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

High.		Low.	
1927..2.453c., Jan. 4	2.339c., Apr. 26	1927..\$19.71, Jan. 4	\$18.96, Feb. 15
1926..2.453c., Jan. 5	2.403c., May 18	1926.. 21.54, Jan. 5	19.46, July 13
1925..2.560c., Jan. 6	2.396c., Aug. 18	1925.. 22.50, Jan. 13	18.96, July 7
1924..2.789c., Jan. 15	2.460c., Oct. 14	1924.. 22.88, Feb. 26	19.21, Nov. 3
1923..2.824c., Apr. 24	2.446c., Jan. 2	1923.. 30.86, Mar. 20	20.77, Nov. 20

Secondary buying of track material accelerated inquiry for the third quarter pig iron, and brisker contracting in coke brightens the iron and steel market that is otherwise lapsing rapidly into summer quietude, reports the "Iron Trade Review" of Cleveland on June 23. Industry is drifting into the third quarter with interest from consumers lagging beyond expectation. Production has been further curtailed, the Steel Corp. subsidiaries reducing their steel-making rate to 78%, while independent operations have shrunk to about 70. Two steel-works stacks were blown out at Chicago, making four dropped in three weeks. At no time in the first half of the year have producers retrenched so sharply as in the past fortnight. The spotty price situation is a sequel to the scanty buying of consumers, says the "Review," adding:

Pig iron prices are off 25 to 50 cents a ton in eastern Pennsylvania and No. 2 foundry in Mahoning Valley is down 75 cents to a range of \$17.75 to \$18. Quotations in almost all other districts are easy. Some third quarter contracts for heavy finished steel are being written up at \$1.80 base, Pittsburgh, on attractive lots, while \$1.85 applies to small business. Contracting for cold finished steel for third quarter delivery is being done at 2.50c., base, Pittsburgh. The price of 2.45c., base, Pittsburgh, on wire nails is an increasing factor in the market, this representing another recession of a dollar a ton. Slight shading that has developed in black and blue annealed sheets is ascribed by mills wholly to exceptional circumstances.

Chicago mills are entertaining inquiry for 120,000 tons of rails, including 50,000 tons for Pennsylvania, and accompanying 35,000 tons of track fastenings.

Two more Buffalo blast furnace interests have closed on their coke requirements for the last half and another for third quarter, each order calling for approximately 15,000 tons monthly. It is understood that 3.25c. was the minimum price quoted. The spot market for beehive furnace coke is up 10 cents, to \$3, and supplies are scarce.

Specifications to strip mills against second quarter contracts that are carrying prices in effect prior to the recent advance have been heavy. A fair portion of this business comes from the automotive industry. On the other hand, the shrinking of specifications for sheets from the automotive industry have prompted lighter mill schedules in the Mahoning Valley.

Thirty-six thousand tons of pipe will be required for a gas line from Louisiana to Texas, with additional tonnage in prospect for extensions. Demand for iron and steel scrap along the Atlantic seaboard for export to Europe have reached fair proportions in the past week and have aroused dealers' hopes that the tide of receding prices may be turned.

Report of Bureau of Business Research Regarding Employment in Ohio Blast Furnace Industry, Steel Works and Rolling Mills, &c.

Data for the month of May regarding employment and wages in the Ohio blast furnace industry, the Ohio foundries and machine shops, the Ohio steel works and rolling mills, and the construction industry, are furnished as follows by the Bureau of Business Research of the Ohio State University:

OHIO FOUNDRIES AND MACHINE SHOPS.

Index of Employment by Months—Number of Wage Earners.

1926—	July	89.8	November	93.5	February	98.1	
April	93.7	August	89.7	December	94.7	March	100.4
May	91.5	September	96.2	1927—	April	100.7	
June	91.1	October	94.9	January	94.1	May	95.7

May employment in foundries and machine shops declined 5% from April. The May index of 95.7 shows, however, an increase of 4.8% from the index of May 1926. The changes occurring in five cities of Ohio are shown in the table below.

City.	No. of Reporting Firms May '27.	Number of Wage Earners.			
		April 1927.	May 1927.	Change from April 1927.	Change from May 1926.
Cincinnati	9	112.7	107.1	-5.0	-7.2
Cleveland	18	122.4	123.9	+1.2	+36.2
Columbus	4	84.3	65.3	-23.4	-1.8
Dayton	3	92.0	93.7	+1.8	-6.6
Toledo	4	74.8	46.2	-38.2	-52.9
State	64	100.7	95.7	-5.0	+4.8

OHIO BLAST FURNACE INDUSTRY.

Index of Employment by Months—Number of Wage Earners.

1926—	July	110.1	November	99.1	February	97.6	
April	102.7	August	101.6	December	91.9	March	94.6
May	103.5	September	98.7	1927—	April	94.5	
June	110.8	October	100.3	January	94.3	May	92.9

The May reports from seven Ohio blast furnaces show a slight decline in employment. As compared with April, the decline amounts to 1.7%. The May index shows a decrease of 10.2% from the index for May 1926.

OHIO STEEL WORKS AND ROLLING MILLS.

Index of Employment by Months—Number of Wage Earners.

1926—	July	100.4	November	112.9	February	99.9	
April	102.8	August	106.6	December	101.2	March	104.7
May	98.0	September	109.9	1927—	April	103.7	
June	99.7	October	110.6	January	101.4	May	105.1

The May reports from 13 Ohio steel works and rolling mills show very little change in the employment situation. The curve shows an increase of 1.4% from April in number of wage earners employed. The May employment index shows an increase of 7.2% from the index for May 1926. It will be noted from the chart [this we omit—Ed.] that employment conditions have been steady for three months.

OHIO CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

Index of Employment by Months.

	Apr. 1926.	May 1926.	June 1926.	July 1926.	Aug. 1926.	Sept. 1926.	Oct. 1926.
	Number wage earners, actual	70.6	81.7	100.0	107.7	108.0	112.1
Corrected for seasonal variation	77.1	82.3	89.9	90.6	89.4	92.2	85.5
	Nov. 1926.	Dec. 1926.	Jan. 1927.	Feb. 1927.	Mar. 1927.	Apr. 1927.	May 1927.
Number wage earners, actual	93.6	85.2	62.1	69.4	65.7	64.5	69.3
Corrected for seasonal variation	84.4	90.0	88.4	103.2	87.7	70.5	69.9

Indices of Employment in the Ohio Construction Industry. In each series average month 1923 equals 100.

City.	Number of Reporting Firms May 1927.	Number of Wage Earners.		
		April 1927.	May 1927.	Per Cent Change from May 1926.*
Akron	17	59.5	68.0	+54.8
Canton	8	14.9	21.4	+43.4
Cincinnati	5	137.2	145.8	+87.7
Cleveland	20	51.1	55.4	+55.7
Columbus	9	85.4	89.3	+21.5
Dayton	8	218.4	175.6	+63.3
Toledo	5	44.5	55.3	+47.9
Youngstown	5	88.6	105.1	+11.9
All State	90	64.5	69.3	+15.1

* Minus (—) indicates per cent decrease

The reports from 90 general contractors of Ohio show an increase in construction employment of 7.4%, as compared with April. The normal increase from April to May is about 8%. The May level of employment shows a decrease of 15.1% from the level of May 1926. The construction employment situation in the several cities is shown in the table above.

Bituminous Coal Prices Weaken as Demand Wanes—Anthracite Market Dull.

Despite the fact that current production of bituminous is running behind that of a year ago, the buying public refuses to be alarmed by the labor situation and feels secure in the

belief that present output plus stockpiles, which even now are above the seasonal average, will take care of the fuel requirements of the country, the "Coal Age" reports in its June 22 review of the industry adding:

The Head of the Lakes alone presents evidence of buying activity. Elsewhere the producer is exerting sharp pressure to induce consumers to take in coal—and spot prices suffer in the process. The heart of the region where the suspension of union operations has been most effective exhibits less concern over the situation than communities adjacent to strong non-union producing fields. Spot prices have weakened all along the line during the past week. Possibly the most striking change has been in the Pittsburgh district where the average has declined 10 cents. "Coal Age" index of spot bituminous prices on June 20 was 152 and the corresponding weighted average price was \$1.84. This was a decline of 2 points and 2 cents from the figures of June 13.

Consumer interest in anthracite purchases is temporarily at least on the wane. Stove and egg still retain something of their former strength, but nut and pea are in disfavor. Steam sizes too are dragging. Many operators are curtailing production to bring it in line with the current buying and reports from the region indicate a disinclination on the part of a number of producers to put coal into storage.

In the anthracite trade there is now a natural seasonal slowing up of the steady pace at which the mines have been working since the latter part of March declares the "Coal & Coal Trade Journal" on June 23. Unless there should be untoward developments as a result of the rather unusual bituminous situation, it is believed there will be several weeks of lighter production. The outlook is considered favorable to the industry. The apparent increase in co-operation of all branches of the trade is already showing the helpful effect of such effort, continues the "Journal" in summarizing conditions affecting the markets. From this source we quote:

In the bituminous trade the center of interest will be in the outcome of the Philadelphia conference on June 21 between the central Pennsylvania operators and the miners, who have endeavored to continue work under the temporary agreement since the expiration of the Jacksonville scale, April 1. It is believed there will be a "show down" at this conference that will at best climax or terminate the continuation of an impossible situation. What will be the effect of the conference on the balance of the central competitive field, now in a condition of innocuous desuetude or harmless cessation, can only be conjectured.

Many believe it may turn an imitation strike, in so far as it affects consumers, into a real strike that will spread its tentacles to fields which have so far escaped; which, in fact, have been able to carry on with a production at such attractive prices, that accumulated stocks have slowly decreased.

However, the figures published last week as coming from the Purchasing Agents' Association, indicating a present stock of 72,000,000 tons, are believed to be considerably high. Perhaps the "wish is father to the thought," as they are reported as still buying for current needs.

But can you blame them when the price temptations and the uncertainties are so great.

There are no changes of consequence in the West, either in production or market. The operators are simply continuing to watch developments in fields working under temporary agreements, while the miners are watching the operators, many of them picking up other work available.

Conditions in general show an increasing inquiry for low-volatile mine-run which augurs a better market. Demand for prepared sizes continues with less intensity. Price changes might be called fractional.

Output of Coke During Month of May.

The output of by-product coke for the month of May amounted to 3,792,000 net tons, an increase of 85,000 tons, or 2.2%, when compared with the April production, according to estimates furnished by the U. S. Bureau of Mines. It was the largest output ever shown for May, being 1.4% and 15.6% higher than 1926 and 1925, respectively. The daily rate for the 31 working days in May was 122,323 tons, 1% less than the rate of 123,567 tons for the 30 days in April. The 77 active plants produced about 84% of their capacity.

According to the "Iron Age" the production of coke pig-iron for the 31 days of May was 3,390,940 gross tons, or 109,385 tons per day, as compared with 3,422,226 tons, or 114,074 tons per day for the 30 days in April. The daily rate in May was therefore 4,689 tons per day, or 4.1% less than that of the preceding month.

The output of beehive coke during May shows a decided drop in comparison with April, the total being estimated at 630,000 tons, a decrease of 150,000 tons, or 19%. The daily rate of 24,231 tons was also 19% lower than the rate for April.

Output of all coke was 4,422,000 tons, of which 86% was produced in by-product ovens and 14% in beehive ovens. The following tables were also contained in the report of the Bureau of Mines:

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

	By-Product Coke.	Beehive Coke.	Total.
1924—Monthly average.....	2,833,000	806,000	3,639,000
1925—Monthly average.....	3,326,000	946,000	4,272,000
1926—Monthly average.....	3,712,000	957,000	4,669,000
February 1927.....	3,435,000	754,000	4,189,000
March 1927.....	3,879,000	890,000	4,769,000
April 1927.....	3,707,000	780,000	4,487,000
May 1927.....	3,792,000	630,000	4,422,000

^a Excludes screenings and breeze.

The total quantity of coal consumed at coke plants during May was about 6,442,000 tons, of which 5,448,000 tons was charged in by-product ovens and 994,000 tons in beehive ovens.

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

	Consumed in By-Product Ovens.	Consumed in Beehive Ovens.	Total Coal Consumed.
1924—Monthly average.....	4,060,000	1,272,000	5,332,000
1925—Monthly average.....	4,759,000	1,452,000	6,211,000
1926—Monthly average.....	5,334,000	1,509,000	6,843,000
February 1927.....	4,935,000	1,189,000	6,124,000
March 1927.....	5,573,000	1,404,000	6,977,000
April 1927.....	5,327,000	1,230,000	6,557,000
May 1927.....	5,448,000	994,000	6,442,000

Of the total production of by-product coke during May 3,133,000 tons, or 82.6%, was made in plants associated with iron furnaces and 659,000 tons, or 17.4%, was made at merchant or other plants.

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

Month.	1922.		1923.		1924.		1925.		1926.		1927.	
	Fur-nace.	Other.	Fur-nace.	Other.	Fur-nace.	Other.	Fur-nace.	Other.	Fur-nace.	Other.	Fur-nace.	Other.
January.....	82.4	17.6	82.8	17.2	82.8	17.2	84.8	15.2	82.9	17.1	81.1	18.9
February.....	83.3	16.7	82.3	17.7	83.6	16.4	83.7	16.3	81.7	18.3	81.5	18.5
March.....	83.3	16.7	82.6	17.4	84.0	16.0	83.7	16.3	82.5	17.5	83.0	17.0
April.....	83.7	16.3	82.6	17.4	83.6	16.4	83.7	16.3	82.6	17.4	83.5	16.5
May.....	85.5	14.5	82.7	17.3	80.0	20.0	83.2	16.8	82.5	17.5	82.6	17.4
June.....	85.7	14.3	83.1	16.9	80.8	19.2	83.1	16.9	82.5	17.5		
July.....	86.0	14.0	83.3	16.7	80.8	19.2	82.6	17.4	83.2	16.8		
August.....	80.3	19.7	82.7	17.3	79.5	20.5	82.0	18.0	82.1	17.9	83.0	17.0
September.....	82.7	17.3	82.2	17.8	82.0	18.0	82.2	17.8	82.7	17.3		
October.....	83.3	16.7	82.2	17.8	82.9	17.1	82.3	17.7	82.5	17.5		
November.....	83.1	16.9	82.2	17.8	83.4	16.6	83.0	17.0	82.5	17.5		
December.....	82.9	17.1	82.6	17.4	84.6	15.4	82.9	17.1	81.8	18.2		
	83.6	16.4	82.6	17.4	82.3	17.7	83.1	16.9	82.6	17.4		

Recovery from Holiday Shown in Bituminous Coal and Anthracite Output—Coke Recedes.

The output of bituminous coal for the week ending June 11 shows a recovery from the loss of the preceding holiday week and reached the highest total recorded since the strike began on April 1, according to figures released by the U. S. Bureau of Mines. Anthracite output for the June 11 week also increased over the holiday week, reaching 1,732,000 net tons, or a gain of 161,000 net tons. Output of beehive coke during the same period fell off by about 9,000 net tons to 139,000 net tons, the Bureau reports, adding the following details:

The total production of soft coal during the week ended June 11 is estimated at 8,522,000 net tons. Following a week in which working time was curtailed by observance of a holiday, the week of June 11 shows the highest output recorded since the beginning of the suspension on April 1. Compared with the weekly rate of production in May, there is an increase of 1.9%.

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

	1927		1926	
	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week.	Cal. Year to Date. ^a
May 28.....	8,476,000	237,961,000	9,683,000	222,924,000
Daily average.....	1,413,000	1,890,000	1,614,000	1,771,000
June 4 ^b	7,379,000	245,340,000	8,660,000	231,584,000
Daily average.....	1,366,000	1,869,000	1,443,000	1,764,000
June 11 ^c	8,522,000	253,862,000	9,624,000	241,208,000
Daily average.....	1,420,000	1,849,000	1,604,000	1,757,000

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

The total quantity of soft coal produced during the calendar year 1927 to June 11 (approximately 137 working days) amounts to 253,862,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent years are given below:

1926.....	241,208,000 net tons	1924.....	211,376,000 net tons
1925.....	209,518,000 net tons	1923.....	250,643,000 net tons

WEEKLY PRODUCTION OF SOFT COAL BY STATES.

Production of soft coal in the week ended June 4, as already indicated by the revised figures above, amounted to 7,379,000 net tons, a decrease of 1,097,000 tons from the output in the preceding week. The loss was due to the holiday observance of Memorial Day. The following table appertains to the tonnage by States and gives comparable figures for other years:

Estimated Weekly Production of Soft Coal by States (Net Tons).

State—	Total Production for Week Ended—				June Average.
	June 4 1927.	May 28 1927.	June 5 1926.	May 30 1925. ^a	
Alabama.....	279,000	316,000	359,000	326,000	388,000
Ark., Kan., Mo. and Oklahoma.....	98,000	107,000	144,000	114,000	199,000
Colorado.....	159,000	155,000	135,000	154,000	176,000
Illinois.....	58,000	61,000	855,000	900,000	1,247,000
Indiana.....	104,000	127,000	261,000	309,000	417,000
Iowa.....	6,000	6,000	73,000	95,000	89,000
Kentucky—East.....	710,000	1,037,000	881,000	787,000	664,000
West.....	415,000	410,000	209,000	170,000	183,000
Maryland.....	45,000	55,000	57,000	35,000	47,000
Michigan.....	12,000	11,000	4,000	9,000	12,000
Montana.....	39,000	50,000	34,000	33,000	38,000
New Mexico.....	48,000	56,000	48,000	43,000	51,000
North Dakota.....	108,000	14,000	12,000	13,000	14,000
Ohio.....	1,929,000	2,203,000	351,000	422,000	891,000
Pennsylvania.....	86,000	86,000	105,000	86,000	114,000
Tennessee.....	24,000	22,000	13,000	16,000	21,000
Texas.....	69,000	66,000	90,000	53,000	89,000
Virginia.....	245,000	270,000	230,000	233,000	240,000
Washington.....	37,000	41,000	33,000	35,000	45,000
West Virginia.....	2,823,000	3,195,000	2,590,000	2,157,000	2,243,000
Wyoming.....	73,000	76,000	86,000	82,000	105,000
Others.....	2,000	2,000	4,000	4,000	5,000
	7,379,000	8,476,000	8,660,000	8,096,000	10,903,000

^a Revised. ^b Weekly rate maintained during the entire month. ^c Revised beginning weekly report No. 517.

ANTHRACITE.

The total production of anthracite during the week ended June 11 is estimated at 1,732,000 net tons. This is a gain over the output in the preceding week, which was curtailed by the Memorial Day holiday; but is less by about 6% than the output in the full-time week ended May 28.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

Week Ended—	1927		1926	
	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week.	Cal. Year to Date. ^a
May 28	1,844,000	35,147,000	2,089,000	27,295,000
June 4 ^b	1,571,000	36,718,000	1,678,000	28,973,000
June 11 ^c	1,732,000	38,450,000	2,083,000	31,056,000

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

BEEHIVE COKE.

Production of beehive coke declined during the week ended June 11. The total output is estimated at 139,000 net tons, a decrease of 9,000 tons, or 6.1%, from the revised estimate for the preceding week.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

	Week Ended			1927	1926
	June 11 1927. ^b	June 4 1927. ^c	June 12 1926.	Date.	Date. ^a
Pennsylvania and Ohio	110,000	114,000	163,000	3,237,000	4,977,000
West Virginia	13,000	14,000	13,000	372,000	356,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn. & Ga.	4,000	7,000	6,000	130,000	383,000
Virginia	6,000	6,000	5,000	162,000	187,000
Colorado & New Mexico	4,000	4,000	5,000	90,000	132,000
Washington and Utah	2,000	3,000	4,000	87,000	84,000
United States total	139,000	148,000	196,000	4,078,000	6,119,000
Daily average	23,000	25,000	33,000	29,000	44,000

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

Figures prepared by the National Coal Association from preliminary car loading reports show that the total production of bituminous coal in the United States during the week ended June 18 was about 8,350,000 net tons.

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on June 22, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined, shows declines for the week of \$99,400,000 in total bills and securities, of \$114,100,000 in member bank reserve deposits, of \$8,900,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation, and of \$21,900,000 in gold held abroad, and increases of \$8,400,000 in cash reserves and of \$13,500,000 in amounts due from foreign banks. Holdings of discounted bills increased \$77,700,000 during the week while holdings of Government securities declined \$177,900,000, following the redemption of \$185,000,000 of temporary certificates of indebtedness issued by the Treasury to the Federal Reserve banks on the previous report date.

All of the Federal Reserve banks report larger discount holdings except Cleveland, which shows a decline of \$27,700,000. The principal increases in discounts during the week were: New York \$36,100,000, Chicago \$31,200,000, St. Louis \$9,200,000, San Francisco \$7,500,000, Philadelphia \$7,400,000, Richmond \$5,000,000 and Boston \$4,600,000. The System's holdings of United States bonds increased \$12,400,000, while holdings of Treasury notes declined \$22,700,000, and of Treasury certificates \$167,600,000, the latter amount being \$17,400,000 less than the amount of temporary certificates held by the Federal Reserve banks on the previous report date.

The principal changes in Federal Reserve note circulation comprise an increase of \$4,300,000 reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and a decline of \$3,800,000 by Philadelphia.

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 3743 and 3744. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending June 22 1927 is as follows:

	Increases (+) or Decreases (—) During	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves	+\$8,400,000	+\$198,200,000
Gold reserves	+11,600,000	+181,600,000
Total bills and securities	—99,400,000	—126,900,000
Bills discounted, total	+77,700,000	—40,500,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	+44,800,000	+9,100,000
Other bills discounted	+32,900,000	—49,600,000
Bills bought in open market	+700,000	—64,000,000
U. S. Government securities, total	—177,900,000	—13,800,000
Bonds	+12,400,000	+51,300,000
Treasury notes	—22,700,000	—122,200,000
Certificates of indebtedness	—167,600,000	+57,100,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation	—8,500,000	+6,600,000
Total deposits	—108,900,000	+106,600,000
Members' reserve deposits	—114,100,000	+81,800,000
Government deposits	+21,300,000	+15,000,000

The Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System—Brokers' Loans in New York City.

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of 668 reporting member banks in leading cities as of June 15 shows increases of \$67,000,000 in loans and discounts, \$220,000,000 in investments, \$383,000,000 in net demand deposits, \$165,000,000 in Government deposits, and a decline of \$43,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks. Member banks in New York City reported increases of \$24,000,000 in loans and discounts, \$87,000,000 in investments, \$243,000,000 in net demand deposits, and a reduction of \$28,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve Bank.

Loans on stocks and bonds, including United States Government securities, were \$32,000,000 above the June 8 total, the principal increases being \$11,000,000 in the Kansas City district and \$10,000,000 each in the New York and

Chicago districts. "All other" loans and discounts increased \$35,000,000 during the week, larger figures being reported by all districts except Cleveland and Richmond. Loans to brokers and dealers, secured by stocks and bonds, made by reporting member banks in New York City were \$41,000,000 above the amount reported on June 8, loans for their own account and for out-of-town banks having increased \$36,000,000 and \$17,000,000, respectively, while loans for account of others declined \$12,000,000. As previously explained, 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 United States Government securities, largely due to the Government financing on June 15, increased \$176,000,000, of which \$59,000,000 was in the New York district, \$22,000,000 each in the Boston and San Francisco districts, \$19,000,000 in the Philadelphia district, \$18,000,000 in the Cleveland district, \$14,000,000 in the Chicago district, and \$11,000,000 in the Atlanta district.

Holdings of other bonds, stocks and securities increased \$35,000,000 at reporting banks in the New York district and \$44,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Net demand deposits were larger than a week ago at banks in 10 of the reserve districts, the principal increases by districts being as follows: New York, \$258,000,000; Chicago, \$41,000,000; St. Louis, \$21,000,000; Cleveland, \$20,000,000, and Boston, \$19,000,000. Time deposits declined \$27,000,000 at banks in the New York district and \$20,000,000 at all reporting banks. Government deposits increased \$165,000,000, principally in the Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Atlanta, Chicago and San Francisco districts.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 3744—we give the figures in full contained in this latest weekly return of the member banks of the Reserve System. In the following is furnished a summary of the changes in the principal items as compared with a week ago and with last year:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) During	
	Week.	Year.
Loans and discounts, total	+\$67,000,000	+\$592,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	—5,000,000	—21,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds	+37,000,000	+504,000,000
All other	+35,000,000	+109,000,000
Investments, total	+220,000,000	+493,000,000
U. S. securities	+176,000,000	+166,000,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities	+44,000,000	+327,000,000
Reserve balances with Fed. Reserve banks	—80,000,000	+129,000,000
Cash in vault	—14,000,000	—16,000,000
Net demand deposits	+383,000,000	+597,000,000
Time deposits	—20,000,000	+572,000,000
Government deposits	+165,000,000	+24,000,000
Total borrowings from Fed. Reserve banks	—43,000,000	+23,000,000

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

The Department of Commerce at Washington releases for publication to-day (June 25) the following summary of conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and other means of communication:

CANADA.

Wholesale and retail trade continues above last year's levels, except in drygoods and wearing apparel, which cool weather has affected unfavorably. A good demand for windmills and pumps is reported from the Prairie Provinces, where sales of building materials are also increasing. Recent price reductions include 10 cents per hundredweight on wire nails and one-half a cent per pound on sheet lead.

Wheat seeding has been completed in Western Canada and general crop prospects at this time are considered to be fairly good. May exports of wheat 26,698,000 bushels, valued at \$39,000,000, were 51% larger than last year, and the quantity of flour exported 804,000 barrels valued at \$5,000,000 increased about 11%.

The traffic through the Sault St. Marie, Welland and St. Lawrence canals in May was the heaviest on record, the total freight handled exceeding 14,700,000 tons. Railway equipment manufacturers report that orders approximately fifteen million dollars have been received so far this year.

UNITED KINGDOM.

The uneasiness in British coal circles over the recent French decree subjecting the importation of coal to license has been somewhat mitigated by an official report that French import licenses have been granted for the delivery of 2,800,000 tons of British coal during June, July and August. These licenses allow for a larger monthly average than the monthly ship-

ments of coal from the United Kingdom to France so far this year. The situation so developed is restoring confidence in the British coal trade and the outlook is considered much more favorable. A further increase in general unemployment was shown by the unemployment registers on June 7 at which time the total was 1,089,700 persons as against 985,500 the previous week and 978,200 on May 23. Board of Trade data covering British foreign commerce during May place exports of United Kingdom products at £63,276,000 and imports at £96,394,000. Exports are £10,666,000 greater than the April aggregate of United Kingdom exports and only £929,000 below that for May 1925. (Figures for May, 1926 were much smaller owing to the coal stoppage.) Imports declined from the April valuation of £100,751,000 by £4,357,000 and from May, 1925 by £7,872,000.

IRISH FREE STATE.

Except the usual seasonal drop in imports, no outstanding change is indicated in Irish Free State trade figures for April. Exports totaled £2,816,000 and imports £4,890,000, both slightly under 1926 figures, a tendency reflected also in the cumulative totals for the first four months of 1927. Changes in imports of staple grains are probably to be attributed either to local crop supplies or to price trends in the world market. Heavier imports of tobacco and petroleum products are to be accounted for by the operation of branch factories, and decreasing purchases of sugar probably likewise from the activity of the subsidized beet-sugar factory at Carlow. Imports of apples and oranges increased, which is believed due to increased consumption rather than to price inducements. Imports of motor cars and parts also increased substantially. The most significant trend in exports is the decline in the bacon movement in favor of larger exports of live pigs and fresh pork. Exports of potatoes and wool registered gains in both quantity and value which are encouraging in view of the favorable effect of the comparatively wide distribution of returns.

BELGIUM.

With the maintenance of the generally satisfactory conditions that have prevailed for several months, the approach of the period of seasonal calmness is viewed in Belgium without apprehension. The item of invisible receipts is expected to be much increased as a result of the international convention of Rotary clubs and the prospects for heavy tourist travel. The national financial situation is very satisfactory. Government receipts are exceeding expenses and the position of the Treasury and of the National Bank is improving daily. Further improvement is noted in foreign trade with export values during the first four months of 1927 amounting to 65% of the value of imports, a gain over 1926. The Government is co-operating with producers and shippers to eliminate wasteful competition and to develop new markets. It is also interested in the rectification of the Liege-Antwerp canal so as to give a better outlet from the industrial interior to the sea. Further projects include Government reorganization of the Lloyd-Belge line. The success of the reorganization of the railroads is stimulating similar action in connection with the telephone and telegraph services. Prices are stable and unemployment is practically non-existent. Freight car loadings are higher. Bourse prices have declined steadily over the past month. Money is very plentiful and rates are low. American capital has been investing heavily in Belgian State and Industrial securities, although the Government is endeavoring to limit the influx of foreign capital and to encourage the use of domestic capital. Strong protests have been made against the proposed new French tariff which is regarded in Belgium as bearing heavily on Belgian industry. The demand for iron and steel continues slack. Conditions in the coal industry are also dull and stocks are still accumulating. The plate glass and cement industries are prosperous. Conditions in the textile industry are very satisfactory, while the demand for leather has revived sharply due principally to heavy orders. Automobile sales are fair and should improve progressively. Crops have been injured by the cold dry weather that prevailed during May.

THE NETHERLANDS.

Business conditions in the Netherlands are generally good. Sales in most lines are fairly active and though competition is keen, there is little complaint with regard to profits. Money conditions are easy. The Netherlands bank is now extending to German banks established at Amsterdam the same foreign bill rediscount facilities as those accorded to Dutch banks, thus enabling the German banks to extend their local business greatly. Foreign exchanges have been maintained through the action of the Netherlands bank in selling foreign bill holdings. The stock exchange at Amsterdam was calm during May, but the general tendency was favorable. The uncertainty of the German stock exchange has not influenced the local market except in rayon shares. Annual reports of various companies published during May show generally favorable results. With only one exception, all issues of bonds and shares during May were fully absorbed or oversubscribed. The demand for Coal is dull despite lower prices and the outlook is uncertain. Conditions in the textile industry are promising, but due to high prices of raw materials shoe and leather manufacturers are withholding purchases and are restricting production. Stocks of lumber are heavy and the general demand is slack. Due to low temperatures and heavy rains, the condition of crops is slightly below normal. Grain prices are tending upwards with a good demand and decreasing stocks and the outlook is favorable owing to the reported exhaustion of European native grain supplies. Wholesale prices during May were slightly higher, but this development is regarded as temporary inasmuch as the general tendency of prices is downward. Unemployment slowed a further decline at the end of May. Foreign trade improved somewhat during May. Imports for the first five months of 1927 were at about the same level as during the corresponding period of last year, but exports increased by about 12%.

ITALY.

The decree prohibiting an increase in rents and requiring reductions on July 1 has been approved. The Minister of Finance announces that funds are already available for the 1,400,000,000 lire coupons due July 1 and that payment will be made to depositors in postal savings banks June 25 and to others on June 28. May imports amounted to 1,811,000,000 lire and exports to 1,229,000,000 lire.

GERMANY.

The action of the Reichsbank in raising rediscount rate from 5 to 6% on June 10 could not be averted in view of the present financial conditions in Germany. The volume of bills held by the bank had reached record levels and the expected lowering of rates on the domestic market, as a result of the curtailment of credits, had not materialized. The stock exchange is recovering from the effects of the recent fall. Industrial conditions continue satisfactory, with further progress reported in cutting the unemployment figure. It is reported that poor weather is harming winter crops.

AUSTRIA.

The upward trend in industry and trade continues on a very moderate scale with hopeful signs for the next few months. The crop prospects, however, are believed somewhat less favorable than 1st year, particularly for fruits which suffered from unreasonable cold weather in the month of

May. At the present time excellent growing weather prevails and crop reports from various districts indicate approximately an average yield. Local grain markets are very firm in sympathy with the international trend, particularly of rye and barley. The usual decline in unemployment is proceeding satisfactorily; on May 15 the number of subsidized workers totaled 165,850, as compared with 181,175 on April 30.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

There have been no outstanding changes in industrial activities during the past two weeks. An upward price tendency was noted in all branches of the cotton industry as a result of higher prices of raw cotton; the closer co-operation of foreign artificial silk manufacturers also led to a rise in prices of the domestic commodity. The plate glass industry, one of the few which has not been making some progress, is still suffering from the effects of slack domestic demand and Belgian competition in foreign markets; these conditions threaten to bring about a further restriction of activity.

RUMANIA.

According to preliminary data on Rumanian foreign trade, operations for April, 1927, resulted in a favorable balance of 17,078,000 lei (3,216,225,000 lei of imports against 3,233,303,000 lei of exports) compared with a surplus of 500,456,000 lei in April, 1926. The less favorable foreign trade situation in 1927 is believed traceable chiefly to the marked increase in imports during March and April (6,494,115,000 lei) as compared with the first two months of the year (5,275,200,000 lei) in anticipation of the new high tariff which became effective in the middle of April, 1927.

ICELAND.

Rich deposits of aluminum clay and iron ore have been reported discovered in the large mountain "Sodarnaes" between Onundarfjord and Sugundarfjord. The aluminum deposits are said to consist of a stratum two meters thick in the center of the mountain, which upon analysis in Scotland was found to contain from 35 to 50% of aluminum oxide. The layer lies about 300 meters above sea level and is about 7 kilometers in length and 3½ kilometers in width.

EGYPT.

Preliminary figures of foreign trade for the first four months of 1927 further reflect the decreased purchasing power of the population. Imports show a decline of 20% and exports are 3% lower than for the corresponding period of 1926. The Ministry of Finance has drafted a bill providing for larger native representation on the boards and among the personnel of foreign companies operating in Egypt, and also requiring that a portion of their capital be offered for subscription in the country.

BRITISH INDIA.

The passing without disorder of this year's Mohammedan festivals has inspired considerable confidence in all trades throughout India. As a result of this, it is expected in India that up-country dealers will lay in heavier stocks and that clearances of agricultural products from back-country sections will improve. Both export and import business is expected to improve during the coming months. The Government's failure to grant assistance to the cotton mill industry as recommended by the Tariff Board is reported to be a general disappointment to the Bombay mill community. The proposal to abolish the present nominal customs duty on textile machinery and mill stores is regarded in India as scant relief, and it is anticipated in India that wage cuts or shutdowns may occur. The Tariff Board's recommendation that Indian mills follow the example of Japan and use a larger proportion of American cotton, to permit the manufacture of finer counts, is of interest to American exporters.

NORTH CHINA.

North China trade continues brisk, although the outlook for future business appears uncertain owing to reported impending drive into that territory by forces of the Nationalists from Nanking. Declared exports from Tientsin in May totaled \$3,960,000, compared with \$2,693,000 in the corresponding month of 1926. Principal export items included skins and furs valued at approximately \$2,000,000, and carpet and sheep's wool worth \$870,000. Hankow exports for the same period increased in value from \$1,200,000 in May of 1926 to \$1,750,000 in May of this year. Of this amount, wood oil accounted for \$1,075,000, which was about four fold greater than for May, 1926. Exports of bristles from Hankow were valued at \$140,000, as against \$93,000 for the corresponding month of 1926. It is estimated, however, that due to heavy exports of wood oil, and the calling of German steamers at Hankow, the volume of May exports was equivalent to that of May in the previous year. Imports at Hankow were 60% below normal volume. May declared exports from Hong Kong reached \$1,060,000, a large increase compared with \$425,000 in May of 1926.

JAPAN.

Japan's May trade was dull but of a steady tendency. Extreme cautiousness marked buying, largely on account of the low exchange value of yen and general inactivity of trade and particularly that with China. May imports were lower than the previous year, and exports increased only slightly. Of the banks which closed during financial crisis few had reopened, and financial conditions were quiet. A heavy flow of funds to stronger banks continued with indications of lower dividend rates by banks and trust companies. Sales of American electrical machinery suffered due to a tendency of buying on a price basis, rather than quality and other considerations. Sales of industrial machinery and automotive lines were lower, except in light passenger cars and trucks. Larger shipments of raw silks increased exports to United States, aided by a much larger increase in tea exports. Owing to lower domestic consumption, and low exports of cotton yarn, stocks of raw cotton continued to pile up. The general tone of the silk market was steady, with increased exports and large stocks on hand. Reelers experienced difficulties in financing purchases of cocoons, and cocoon prices fell. Decreases were noted in exchange, in stock and bond flotations and bank clearings.

INDO-CHINA.

With a calm rice market, trade of Indo-China remained quiet throughout May. Deliveries of paddy to the mills continued to be irregular, with a resulting upward tendency in rice prices. Exports of rice in May were below normal for the month. Shipments aggregated 144,992 metric tons of which 93,841 tons were white rice. The plaster sold on May 31 at \$0.605. The official exchange rate on that date was 12.85 francs to the plaster.

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES.

Business was good in May although trade was somewhat affected by the recent decline in sugar prices. Sugar estates were unaffected, as they had made forward sales in practically all cases. Rubber demand continued good but dealers were not inclined to sell at the lower prices and the market fluctuated. A large rice harvest has materially reduced rice imports. Sales of textiles improved and automotive trade continued favorable, although some disturbance in the trade was caused by general price reductions. Labor regulations have been revised to permit freer emigration from Java to the Outer Possessions.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

May business was seasonally quiet, with the normal slackening in wholesale trade which follows the close of the sugar milling season. The early part of June, retail trade became more active, preparatory to the reopening of schools. Supplies of copra continued scarce in May, limiting the operation of oil mills, and the copra market was strong. Abaca trade was quiet throughout the month. Sugar output totaled 535,000 tons, according to latest estimates. Textile trade showed improvement, with advanced prices. Sales of light cars, continued excellent. The market for imported foodstuffs was generally fair.

AUSTRALIA.

A meeting of the Premiers of the six Australian States is being held in Melbourne on the proposal to take over conditionally on July 1, 1929, all State loans and that a Loan Council consisting of representatives from each State shall have jurisdiction over the outstanding State debts and pass on all new commitments. Under the plan proposed, State debts would be cleared off in 58 years, it is believed in Australia. Business in the large trading centers is seasonally dull, as the wool crop has been disposed of largely and wheat is again moving slowly. It is estimated in Australia that about 40,000,000 bushels of the exportable surplus remain to be disposed of. Reported dry conditions make it probable there may be a reduction in the next wool clip.

ARGENTINA.

The general economic situation continues to be good, as evidenced by the unusually brisk trading on the local stock exchange. The Caja de Conversion recently added two million pesos to its gold reserve. The 1926-27 cotton crop is officially estimated for the first time to be 42,000 metric tons. The Tucuman sugar mills continue the cutting of sugar cane, but the strike of the workmen is still unsettled and the President has been asked to arbitrate the dispute. The total value of Argentina's export during the first five months of 1927 amounted to 476,707,494 gold pesos, as against 380,932,696 gold pesos during the corresponding period of 1926. During the same period exports of wheat amounted to 2,800,000 metric tons while exports of linseed for the first half of 1927 are estimated in Argentina at one million metric tons.

BRAZIL.

Business in Brazil continues slow. Coffee prices are still declining and most import lines are dull, although textile imports are somewhat improved. Rio de Janeiro customs receipts to date are below those for 1926. The \$4,000,000 group municipalities loan to Rio Grande do Sul was floated in New York at 97 with 6% interest.

URUGUAY.

May imports of coal amounted to 16,000 tons, all of which came from Great Britain, of fuel oil 17,000 tons; of gasoline 204,000 cases; of kerosene 96,000 cases; of automobiles 324, of which 308 were American; of trucks 77, of which 72 were American; of tractors to 16, all of which were American; exports of wool to 5,298 bales, of which Germany took 2,327 bales, France 1,168 bales, Belgium 1,041 bales, the United States 37 bales, and all other countries 725 bales; of dry hides to 59,000 pieces; of wet salted hides to 128,000 pieces, of which the United States took 2,959 pieces. Declared exports to the United States for May according to consular reports, amounted to \$684,000, of which \$23,000 represented wool exports; customs revenues to 2,124,000 pesos; and slaughters of cattle to 110,812, of which 81,478 were killed by the frigorificos, 27,973 by the abattoir of Montevideo, and the remainder by the other meat establishments of the country.

PERU.

Although Peruvian cotton and sugar crops have been in the market for some days, there has been little change in the retail trade situation, nor have collections improved. Exchange on June 17 was \$3.72 to the Peruvian pound, as compared with \$3.79 on June 3 and \$3.63 on May 3.

PANAMA.

Business conditions in Panama during May remained at about the same level as for April. Sales were fair, and construction activities, especially in public improvement, increased sales. Sales to the American fleet have fallen below what was expected. Imports during May were valued at \$1,144,000 as compared to \$1,100,000 for April. The United States supplied 75% of the imports, or \$858,000 in May, as compared to \$857,000 in April. Native products exported through the port of Colon were valued at \$166,577, of which \$122,657 represented banana shipments for May, as compared with \$137,500 for the month of April. Also, a total of 525,500 coconuts was shipped during the month, as compared with 712,000 during April. Other exports during May were as follows: tortoise shell 317 pounds valued at \$1,981; ivory nuts, 1,440 pounds valued at \$433; and 199 pounds of sarasaparilla valued at \$200. So far the rains this year in the Boquito district have been light. Crop prospects are good, and a fair coffee crop is predicted in Panama. The old crop is all in, and shipments are moving at the rate of two cars per week.

MEXICO.

No improvement was noted in the depressed business situation in Mexico during the week ended June 18. The mining industry is reported to be feeling the effect of the decline in price of the principal metals, together with the increased cost of operation brought about the mining law.

PORTO RICO.

Business conditions in Porto Rico during the week ending June 18 showed more activity than May, but were slightly less than in June 1926. The economic outlook has suffered somewhat from the recent recession of sugar prices. Tobacco liquidations are preceeding very slowly. Tobacco buyers are reported showing more interest in the crop. About half of the sugar mills have finished grinding and the production estimate still stands at approximately 617,000 short tons. Some sugar mills have already started negotiations with the banks regarding the financing of the next crop. Present indications point to a smaller coffee crop next year, it is believed in Porto Rico. Excessive rainfall is reported to have damaged the tobacco, pineapples, citrus fruits, coffee, and other crops in some sections, but drought in the Guayama district, although from Aguirro westward the lack of rain is still severely felt. Prices of grapefruit and pineapples are firmer. San Juan bank clearings for the first 17 days of June totaled \$15,512,000 as compared with \$17,613,000 for the corresponding period of 1926.

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

The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce at Washington has made public its monthly report, showing the imports and exports of gold and silver into and from the United States during the month of May 1927. The gold exports were only \$1,510,398. The imports were \$34,211,764, \$26,053,848 of which came from

United Kingdom, \$2,433,000 from Australia and \$2,000,000 from Japan. Of the exports of the metal, \$664,752 went to Hongkong and \$509,909 to Mexico.

GOLD AND SILVER EXPORTED FROM AND IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES, BY COUNTRIES. (Figures subject to revision.)

Countries.	GOLD.		SILVER.			
	Total.		Refined Bullion.		Total (Incl. Coin).	
	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.
	Dollars.	Dollars.	Ounces.	Ounces.	Dollars.	Dollars.
Belgium		645				
France		290				2,754
Germany	70,664	40	227,371		129,223	2,184
Netherlands		734,000				
Portugal						2,020
Sweden		360				4,455
United Kingdom		26,053,848				6,355
Canada	37,955	528,246	106,152	377,865	135,431	431,808
Costa Rica		34,864		849		467
Guatemala		34,260				2,395
Honduras		20,677		357,362		201,089
Nicaragua		34,079		4,260		2,211
Panama		13,545		2,020		1,205
Mexico	509,909	484,401		2,827,036	141,881	3,310,893
Bermuda						1,498
Jamaica		290				1,000
Trinidad & Tobago		3,300				2,660
Other Brit. W. Ind.		895				788
Cuba		9,189				24,085
Dutch West Indies		2,000				
Argentina		41	6,840		4,46	1,975
Brazil	20,000					
Chile		35,960		9,947		247,930
Colombia		106,395	9,006	300	5,212	181
Ecuador						495
Dutch Gulana		2,006				
Peru		240,915		7,807		702,756
Venezuela		20,941				
British India			5,785,211		3,259,229	
Trinidad & Tobago	150,000					
China		1,026,721	4,169,116	672	2,348,321	376
Java and Madura	57,118	241,440		198,112		112,546
Hong Kong	664,752					
Japan		2,000,000				
Philippine Islands		121,099				1,641
Australia		2,433,000				
New Zealand		22,086		43		24
Belgian Congo		2,689				3,600
Brit. South Africa		3,832				14,885
Total	1,510,398	34,211,764	10,303,696	3,786,211	1,026,421	5,082,520

Coming Conference of Officials of Banks of England, France and Germany with Governor Strong of Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The departure from Germany on June 23 of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, President of the German Reichsbank, for the United States to participate in meeting of bank governors was announced in Associated Press cablegrams from Berlin that day. Vice-Governor Rist of the Bank of France is also on his way to this country, according to the following Paris advices appearing in the "Wall Street Journal" of June 23:

Premier Poincare has demanded authority from Parliament to issue rentes or Treasury bonds at home, or abroad, for reimbursement of the foreign commercial debt. This encourages the belief that he is meditating on measures for redemption of American war stock loan. Vice-Governor Rist, of the Bank of France, has sailed to New York to confer with Governor Strong of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, but his visit concerns purely monetary questions. The French Ambassador at Washington and financial attache are in Paris and Poincare's move probably is a result of discussions with them.

Proposal for Retirement of Debt of Dominion of Canada Made by R. A. Daly, President of Investment Bankers' Association of Canada.

A plan of retirement showing how a sinking fund of \$23,447,000 per annum, together with the interest on bonds redeemed, would retire the whole of the outstanding net debt of the Dominion of Canada in a period of 40 years, was presented by R. A. Daly, President of the Investment Bankers Association at the annual meeting of the organization held at Ottawa on June 9. Mr. Daly in his remarks drew attention to what has been accomplished in the United States and Great Britain in the way of debt retirement and tax reduction, stating that "perhaps it will be possible to draw some conclusions from these observations that will be helpful in working out a solution of our own problem." In part Mr. Daly's address was as follows:

In Canada we have been in a position somewhat between that of Great Britain and of the United States. We resemble Great Britain in that our war effort was for the full term of the war. Our national debt in proportion to population is greater than that of the United States, but less than that of Great Britain. Our position resembles that of the United States, however, in this, that our country has great natural resources, developed and undeveloped, and for that reason we can recover more rapidly from the effects of the war. It would seem logical, therefore, that Canada's position is more favorable than that of Great Britain, and that we should make a more rapid reduction in our debt and taxation.

Our net debt reached a maximum in 1923 of \$2,453,000,000. The net debt in each of the succeeding four years was as follows:

1924	\$2,417,000,000	1926	\$2,395,000,000
1925	2,417,000,000	1927	2,364,000,000

or a total reduction in four years of \$89,000,000. This represents a total of 3.6% of the debt at its peak in 1923. Great Britain's reduction during those four years amounted to £196,000,000, or about 2.6%. United States' reductions during the past four years have been \$3,327,000,000, or

about 15% of the total debt existing in 1922. These various rates of debt retirement in the three countries seem to mark the relative prosperity of these countries.

Debt reduction is really a question of taxation and is inevitably tied up with taxation. The public cannot ask for reduction in taxes at the expense of debt retirement. On the other hand, reduction in taxes stimulates business and makes possible a larger collection of taxes at a lower rate. I think it has been more important in a growing young country such as ours to reduce taxes than to reduce the debt, in view of the fact that some stimulus must be given to the country to gather momentum after the inertia following the war. This momentum is now happily increasing in Canada, and while it is still as important as ever to reduce taxation as rapidly as possible, it now becomes important to work out some definite plan of debt retirement. It is to be presumed that no one will seriously argue that the debt should not be reduced, although there are always those who would like to place the burden on future generations rather than to assume it themselves. But one can never tell when another national emergency might arise and we could not meet it properly if we were heavily in debt as we are to-day.

The rewards of debt retirement are obvious. In the first place the credit of the country is at once raised when a definite policy of debt retirement is undertaken. Moreover, it is apparent that if large blocks of our Government bonds are taken off the market each year the price of other Government obligations on the market will be improved to a material extent and the way is paved for the more advantageous refunding of maturing issues. The beneficial effect, therefore, of debt retirement is cumulative in that each year refunding operations become less expensive to the Government and over a long period of years a great saving in interest is made. It is, of course, perfectly obvious, too, that the longer loans are left outstanding the greater the cost to the country by way of interest. Retiring a debt of \$2,400,000,000 uniformly over a period of 20 years at an average interest rate of 4½% will cost about \$1,210,000,000 in interest; retiring the same debt in 30 years at the same rate of interest will cost about \$1,881,000,000 in interest, while to retire the debt in 60 years would increase the interest cost to about \$4,300,000,000, in addition to the principal of the redeemed securities. It is very clear, therefore, that no real saving could accrue to the public by extending the time of debt payment.

In view of the trying conditions that have existed in Canada for the greater part of the period since the close of the war the Government has been wise in not attempting to reduce the debt at a specific rate, but now that it is apparent that there is a real improvement in conditions in Canada, and that a pervading feeling of optimism exists throughout the whole country, it does become important that some definite plan of debt retirement should be set up by the Government with a view to retiring the debt in a period of, say, 30 or 40 years.

The following plan of retirement shows how a sinking fund of \$23,447,000 per annum, together with the interest on bonds redeemed, would retire the whole of the outstanding net debt of the Dominion in a period of 40 years:

Year—	Amount of Annual Retirement.			Balance of Outstanding Net Debt.
	Through Sinking Fund.	Through Saving of Int.	Total	
1927	—	—	—	\$2,364,000,000
1928	\$23,447,000	—	\$23,447,000	2,340,552,000
1929	23,447,000	\$997,000	24,444,000	2,316,108,000
1930	23,447,000	2,085,000	25,482,000	2,290,626,000
1931	23,447,000	3,118,000	26,565,000	2,264,061,000
1932	23,447,000	4,247,000	27,694,000	2,236,367,000
1933	23,447,000	5,424,000	28,871,000	2,207,496,000
1934	23,447,000	6,651,000	30,099,000	2,177,397,000
1935	23,447,000	7,943,000	31,390,000	2,146,007,000
1936	23,447,000	9,285,000	32,712,000	2,113,295,000
1937	23,447,000	10,655,000	34,102,000	2,079,193,000
1938	23,447,000	12,104,000	35,551,000	2,043,642,000
1939	23,447,000	13,615,000	37,062,000	2,006,580,000
1940	23,447,000	15,190,000	38,637,000	1,967,943,000
1941	23,447,000	16,832,000	40,280,000	1,927,663,000
1942	23,447,000	18,544,000	41,991,000	1,885,672,000
1943	23,447,000	20,329,000	43,776,000	1,841,896,000
1944	23,447,000	22,189,000	45,637,000	1,796,259,000
1945	23,447,000	24,129,000	47,576,000	1,748,683,000
1946	23,447,000	26,151,000	49,598,000	1,699,085,000
1947	23,447,000	28,259,000	51,706,000	1,647,380,000
1948	23,447,000	30,456,000	53,903,000	1,593,477,000
1949	23,447,000	32,946,000	56,393,000	1,537,084,000
1950	23,447,000	35,143,000	58,591,000	1,478,493,000
1951	23,447,000	37,634,000	61,081,000	1,417,412,000
1952	23,447,000	40,230,000	63,677,000	1,353,735,000
1953	23,447,000	42,936,000	66,383,000	1,287,352,000
1954	23,447,000	45,757,000	69,204,000	1,218,148,000
1955	23,447,000	48,699,000	72,146,000	1,146,002,000
1956	23,447,000	51,765,000	75,212,000	1,070,790,000
1957	23,447,000	54,961,000	78,408,000	992,382,000
1958	23,447,000	58,294,000	81,741,000	910,641,000
1959	23,447,000	61,768,000	85,215,000	825,424,000
1960	23,447,000	65,389,000	88,836,000	736,950,000
1961	23,447,000	69,165,000	92,612,000	643,978,000
1962	23,447,000	73,101,000	96,548,000	547,430,000
1963	23,447,000	77,204,000	100,651,000	446,799,000
1964	23,447,000	81,482,000	104,929,000	341,850,000
1965	23,447,000	85,941,000	109,388,000	232,462,000
1966	23,447,000	90,590,000	114,037,000	118,425,000
1967	22,989,000	95,436,000	118,425,000	—

The above amount of \$23,447,000 per annum would represent the minimum amount to be retired each year, and as this amount is no greater than the average amount of debt that has been retired in each of the last four years it is apparent that the plan is perfectly feasible, especially when we consider that we are now running into what should be a much more prosperous period. It is, of course, desirable that the plan of retirement should not be too rigid and for that reason the minimum retirement for each year should be well within the bounds of possibility, for a sinking fund created out of borrowed money is worse than none at all. On the other hand, if there is a substantial surplus over and above sinking fund requirements, such surplus could be used for additional debt retirement, and further reductions could be made in taxes from time to time. In that way a very comfortable flexibility could be maintained not only in the rate of debt retirement, but also in the relationship between debt retirement and tax reduction.

Gentlemen, there is no mystery about debt retirement. It is simply a matter of setting oneself a task and sticking to it until it is done. The important thing is the decision. To-day, Canada is on the threshold of greater expansion and of fuller national autonomy within the Empire. Just recently, she has attained her coming of age, so to speak, in the establishment at Washington of a Minister Plenipotentiary. Still more recently, she has acted on her own in severing diplomatic relations with a Government found breaking faith with the Mother Country. It should give us all a thrill of pleasure to be living at this particular time of Canada's Diamond Jubilee. Canada has proved her citizenship gloriously and nobly in the Great War—and in her recent recovery. Let us as men on the practical, yet necessary, plane of business do our share to lay at this time sound foundations for the future.

Reginald McKenna, Former Chancellor of Exchequer, Favors Inquiry into British Credit System—Countries Adopting New Currency Systems Have Copied Federal Reserve System.

According to copyright advices June 19 from London to the New York "Herald-Tribune," Reginald McKenna, Chairman of the Midland Bank of London, renewed his attack on British credit and currency last week in an address before the British Engineers' Association. The account says: The speech revealed that all is not peaceful in financial circles and it set observers to speculating as to the extent of the disagreement between McKenna and Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The Associated Press cablegrams from London on June 17 in stating that Mr. McKenna contended that the British Government should have acted without delay in conducting an inquiry, reported his further remarks as follows:

McKenna, who preceded Churchill as Chancellor of the Exchequer in Baldwin's first Ministry, has a reputation in the City second to none and wields a proportionate influence.

Addressing the engineers, McKenna recalled that early this year the association had passed a resolution asking for an inquiry into the theoretic basis for the practical technique of the English credit and currency system, including the position of the Bank of England as custodian of her monetary resources. The latter part of January McKenna himself startled City circles by proposing exactly the same thing, but nothing has come to pass relative to either McKenna's or the Engineers' Association suggestion.

He disclosed in his address what had not generally been known, that Churchill had blocked the way to an inquiry on the ground that it would be an unsettling influence. "I would remind Churchill," said McKenna, "that since the war there have been inquiries and reforms instituted in Albania, Austria, Chili, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Danzig, Ecuador, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Russia and South Africa."

Mr. McKenna mentioned a large number of countries which had reformed their central banking institutions by adopting the principles of the American Federal Reserve system. These countries were Albania, Austria, Chili, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Danzig, Ecuador, Esthonia, Germany, Hungary and India. Other countries which projected such reform were Latvia, Lithuania, Peru, Poland, Russia and South Africa.

"It has all been done under the compelling influence of a single idea—the necessity of providing an elastic currency by economy in the use of gold reserves, with the effect of giving greater freedom to the central bank in control of credit," said Mr. McKenna. "These countries have not copied the Bank of England, but have adopted in principle the Federal Reserve Act."

"Does not that suggest that there is something to inquire about, something for us to learn. Was the great inflation during the war and for 18 months after really inevitable? Would a better understanding of the principles on which credit should be controlled enable us to avoid much if not all of this disastrous inflation?"

"Perhaps, if the question had been thoroughly understood by financial authorities and the public, we might have been spared some of the worst excesses. I am personally of the opinion that this is a proposition capable of mathematical demonstration, and an inquiry would surely be most valuable."

"It is a delicate matter to talk about—it might look like criticism, though none is intended, of persons we all respect—but in dealing with the past we can allow ourselves some freedom. Knowledge of this extends year by year, particularly in the United States, but unfortunately in Great Britain there is a generally accepted body of opinion. An inquiry would help us to form public opinion and upon the basis of public opinion we can establish the finest system in the world."

Old Vienna Firm Fails—Neurath Bankruptcy Due to Anglo-Russian Break.

Vienna advices June 11 to the New York "Times" (copyright) said:

Financial reaction of the Anglo-Russian conflict was seen here to-day in the failure of Jacob Neurath, one of the oldest and largest Austrian metal firms. Herr Neurath is reported to be insolvent in the sum of about \$800,000. The firm had been doing several hundred thousand pounds' business annually with Russia, and the failure was due to the refusal of English banks further to discount Russian bills. The banks also recalled credits.

£5,000,000 Loan for Berlin to Be Floated in London.

The City of Berlin has accepted the offer of a London banking group to furnish a long-term loan of £5,000,000, according to a Berlin cablegram (copyright) to the New York "Times" June 23. The advices state:

The Financial Committee of the Common Council to-day adopted a resolution perfecting the deal by fifteen against nine votes, after declining the offer of a German private bank which wanted to supply the same amount at a slightly higher rate.

The only opponents of the acceptance of the London offer were Mayor Schulz and the Communists and Nationalists. The latter objected because any possible dispute between the city and the English banks is to be settled according to British law.

The bonds will be issued at 93½ and the city guarantees to redeem them at 102. The interest rate is 6½%.

It is reported that the bonds will be issued by J. Henry Schroeder & Co., N. S. Rothschild & Son and Baring Bros.

Dr. Curtius, German Commerce Minister Declares Stability of Reich Currency is Assured—Reparations Will not Interfere with It Remarks of Max Warburg.

"The stability of the German currency is absolutely assured and will never be again endangered," said Dr. Curtius, Minister of Commerce, at the annual convention in Hamburg on June 22 of the Central Organization of German Chambers of Commerce. The New York "Times" reports

this in copyright advice, and indicates as follows his further remarks:

"Not even the reparations obligations will be able to interfere with this stability," Dr. Curtius added. "The forces for execution of the Dawes Plan, especially the reparations agent, have various means of enforcing the fulfillment of the German political obligations, but they cannot take any measures at the expense of the stability of the Reich's currency."

In the course of his speech the Minister said that Germany will be dependent for a long time on foreign credits and that repayment of the necessary loans might mean a certain danger, but that it could be easily averted by increasing the rate of discount.

This step would not only bring back German capital which temporarily went abroad in search of higher profits, but would also attract foreign investments, he said. In order to bring in still more foreign capital, the Minister pointed out that it would be necessary to abolish the temporary or suspended tax on capital earnings entirely.

Further on he took a decided stand against the proposed coal and iron price increases, which, in his estimation, would cripple German industry irreparably. Turning to the problem of international commerce, Dr. Curtius said that it was necessary to nationalize industries beyond the borders of the various States and to form international combinations.

Nothing was more deplorable, the speaker continued, than the fact that an economic and industrial understanding between France and Germany had not yet been reached. Should the German efforts to reach such an agreement be in vain, the Paris Government must know it is responsible if the developments in European economic conditions become still worse, he asserted.

Regarding German customs policy, Dr. Curtius said the World Economic Conference has pointed out three ways to lower the tariff walls. First, action by the League of Nations to reduce all duties; second, the conclusion of commercial treaties of long duration; third, voluntary reduction of their tariffs by individual States.

"Germany is determined to work faithfully in all three directions," the Minister added. "We shall do everything in our power to bring about the gradual reduction of tariffs and make possible the reaching of the goal advocated by the World Economic Conference as soon as possible."

In conclusion, the Minister said:

"We have been censured because we were the first to try to carry out the doctrines of the Economic Conference, but we shall continue on the road we have taken. We are determined to reduce import duties with few exceptions, because we are convinced that Europe's fate will be that of Germany, and that the economic depression of the European States can only be overcome if all the countries drop hyper-protectionist policies and return to free economic competition."

At the same meeting Max Warburg, the Hamburg banker, brother of Felix Warburg of New York, speaking on "Credit in Business Life and the Credit of States," also stressed the stability of the German currency and declared that Continental countries make a mistake in placing their fate in the hands of the Bank of England. Herr Warburg insisted that all business transacted within Germany must be on the basis of a stable German mark. He added, according to the "Times":

European markets are not sufficient for us. We need America, but how are we to accomplish an increase in our exports, as demanded by the reparations agents, if the United States closes its doors against our products? Our exports are not only hindered by tariff walls but also by our enormous debts. The Dawes Plan burdens makes our position almost impossible.

Will the Reparations Commissioner wait until it is shown to him that money transfers cannot be made permanently without continually increasing our indebtedness? I am of the opinion that the reparations agents are too intelligent not to know this and not to understand that our present bad and burdensome situation is largely due to the Dawes Plan.

Berlin Boerse Stronger as Result of Restrictions on Credit—Restrictions Ending.

The result of the curtailment of contingent advances and credits to brokers on deposit of securities, which was forced through by Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, and which caused the "Black Friday" of May 13, was officially announced on June 16, with the statement that the plan to continue the restrictions another month has been canceled, according to a copyright message from Berlin June 16 to the New York "Times," which adds:

A communique issued reads

"The President, Board of Governors and the State Commissioner for the Berlin Stock Exchange have had occasion to discuss the present market situation with Dr. Schacht. It was stated with satisfaction that contingent and deposit advances have been reduced 50% as compared with the end of April. This means that the purpose of the step taken on May 12 has already been accomplished."

That purpose was to bring stock quotations down to a proper level and to discourage wild speculation, which had been made easy by foreign money advances. As result of the measures ordered by Dr. Schacht, quotations on principal stocks have dropped.

The same paper in further advices from Berlin, June 19, (copyright) said in part:

The firm undertone which developed on the Berlin Stock Exchange early last week notwithstanding a good deal of continued unsettlement, was credited largely to foreign buying. The monthly report of the Disconto Gesellschaft Bank declares that stocks have now nearly reached the level at which they should again be attractive to investors.

At the end of the week, as a result of the smooth mid-month settlement and of the announcement that credit restrictions by the bank are terminating, prices rose sharply all around, though they weakened slightly later. The average dividend yield of the 150 most active stocks as of June 10 was 3.73%. This compares with a yield of 3.47 a fortnight earlier. The Boerse committee has decided to close the Stock Exchange on Saturdays throughout July and August.

Relief on the Money Market.

The money market situation improved greatly during the past week, and nervousness as to the outcome of President Schacht's campaign against

speculative credits has quite disappeared. Restriction of contangos and of advances on stock collateral will be pushed no further.

Whereas the commercial banks on May 12 declared that they would reduce such credits 25% by the middle of June and still further after that date, the volume of outstanding business credits has already declined more than 50%, merely as a result of the fall in stock quotations. Through the Boerse liquidation considerable sums of loanable money has been set free for ordinary business purposes.

President Schacht's measures against speculation were referred to in these columns May 14, page 2834, and May 21, page 3005.

Redemption of German Bonds and Exchange of Holdings—Warning Against Disposing of Certificates To Unauthorized Persons.

The Special Commissioner for the Redemption and Revaluation of German Government Bonds at 42 Broadway, this city issued the following notice on June 16:

I have been informed that former holders of German Government bonds who have exchanged their bonds for Loan Liquidation Debt and Drawing Certificates under the recent exchange offer are disposing of their certificates to unscrupulous persons who are profiting by the ignorance of such holders in regard to their value.

I therefore wish to emphasize that the Drawing Certificates attached to the Loan Liquidation Debt received in exchange for old possession bonds will be redeemed over a period of thirty years at five times their face amount plus 4½% interest from January 1st 1926 to the end of the calendar year in which the certificate may be drawn. For example, a drawing certificate of a face amount of Reichsmark 100. will be redeemed with Reichsmark 500. plus interest. The present market value for such certificates in Germany is approximately \$73.

It must be clearly kept in mind that in order to secure redemption of the Drawing Certificates a Loan Liquidation Debt Bond for the same face amount must be surrendered with the respective Drawing Certificate, and that the present market price of \$73.—appr. for Reichsmark 100.—Drawing Certificates in the example mentioned above includes the Loan Liquidation Debt.

German banks are prepared to inform holders of Drawing Certificates when their numbers have been drawn, provided the securities are deposited with them.

I am informed that the National City Bank of New York, official Depository for the revaluation of German Public Bonds, and other American Banks with Departments for the safe keeping of securities will also attend to this matter on behalf of all persons depositing their bonds with them.

At the same time attention is being drawn to the early expiration of the time limit set for exchange of Government bonds. All Mark Loans of the German Reich (i. e. either direct issues of the German Reich, or such bonds of the following German States:

Prussia, Bavaria, Saxony, Wuerttemberg, Baden, Hessen, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Oldenburg

as have been taken over by the Reich) which have not been delivered for exchange in the revaluation procedure provided for "Old Holdings," will have to be exchanged before the end of this month through delivery at any one of the Exchange Agencies.

Bonds which have not been submitted during this time become void and no longer represent any claim against the German Government.

The Compulsory Loan (issued July 20th, 1922) which was supposed to replace certain taxation has for this reason been excluded from revaluation and cannot be accepted for exchange.

The time limit for the exchange of bonds will expire it is stated on June 30.

Following the issuance of the above statement, Zimmermann & Forshay gave out a statement on June 22 in which they said:

Since the appearance of the respective news items, numerous holders of German Government bonds (War loans and prior issues), Prussian Consols, &c., called on us or addressed inquiries to our firm, as they could not understand the incomplete and ambiguous statement of the Special Commissioner, who practically dwelled solely on the subject of the value of the loan liquidation bonds and drawing rights combined. Most people are of the opinion that the final time limit—June 30 1927—set for the exchange of German Government bonds, &c., is an additional extension or renewal of the time limit set for the revaluation of "old possession." This erroneous presumption was brought about by the fact that the German Special Commissioner did not enlighten the readers that the securities which were not surrendered for revaluation up to about the middle of the year 1926 as so-called "old possession," will now be "revalued" only as "new possession," at the rate of 25 reichsmark in new bonds for each 1,000 mark surrendered; furthermore, that these new certificates are neither redeemable nor interest-bearing until all reparation payments had been met.

While the market value of the loan liquidation debt bond with the drawing certificate attached, received in exchange for recognized "old possession," is for some time past less than the figure named by the Special Commissioner, the market value of the loan liquidation debt bond, which "new possessions" are receiving for each 1,000 mark bonds surrendered, is hardly one dollar per 25 reichsmarks of such new bonds.

We feel impelled—in the interests of the public at large—to address this communication to you, for the purpose of enlightening the holders of German Government bonds (war loans and prior issues), Prussian Consols, &c., of the actual status, so that they do not spend much time and money in order to have their securities revalued as "new possession."

We again wish to emphasize that such holdings will be "revalued" at the rate of 25 reichsmark loan liquidation bond—hence without drawing certificate attached—which has a market value of hardly one dollar at present. Since the public was induced to surrender their bonds for revaluation, all "old holders" who were unable to furnish sufficient proofs—to the entire satisfaction of the debtors—as to the purchase prior to July 1 1920 and continuous possession of the identical bonds since, and those who surrender their bonds as "new possession" are sustaining an additional pecuniary loss by reason of the depreciation in market value of more than 50%.

Payment to Foreign Holders of Austrian and Hungarian Bonds.

Foreign holders of bonds of the Austrian and Hungarian pre-war public debt and of the 3% bonds of the Austrian chartered company of State railways, issues of the former

Austrian-Hungarian Imperial Government, will receive payments upon presentation of these bonds to the Caisse Commune, at 22 Boulevard de Courcelles, Paris, according to information received at the State Department from the American Embassy in the French capital on June 16, Washington advises that day to the New York "Journal of Commerce" said:

The Caisse Commune, which was constituted with the approval of the Reparations Commission in Paris to represent various bond-holding group in the matter of the recoupage and resumption of interest payments on certain classes of pre-war Austrian and Hungarian unsecured bonds, has fixed a delay of one year, expiring on October 6 1927, for the presentation of the public debt bonds and the railroad bonds.

Supreme Court Decision Regarding Obligation of an Austrian Bank to Repay a Pre-War Kronen Bank Balance Payable in Austria—Action of Zimmermann & Forshay Against Alien Property Custodian and Wiener Bank Verein.

A suit to apply property in the hands of the Alien Property Custodian or the Treasurer of the United States seized as property of the Wiener Bank Verein as allowed by the amendment of the Trading With the Enemy Act of June 5 1920, was the subject of a decision by the United States Supreme Court on May 16, when it affirmed the conclusions of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. The case came before the Supreme Court upon the appeal of Leopold Zimmerman, Louis J. Rees and others, co-partners, doing business under the firm name of Zimmerman & Forshay. In upholding the Circuit Court in its ruling against the firm, the United States Supreme Court, in its conclusions read by Mr. Justice Holmes, said, according to the "New York Law Journal" of June 1:

The appellants were the plaintiffs. Before the late war they were depositors in the Wiener Bank Verein, and on April 6 1917 had on deposit 2,063,799.03 kronen. The war intervened, and after cessation of hostilities the plaintiffs demanded the amount of said kronen on deposit as of April 6 1917, at the average call rate of exchange for the month preceding the outbreak of war between the United States and Austria-Hungary, viz., 11.18 United States cents for each Austrian krone.

The General Civil Law of Austria, Section 1425, provided that if a debt could not be paid because of dissatisfaction with the offer or other important reasons, the debtor might deposit in court the subject matter in dispute, and that if legally carried out, and if the creditor was informed, this measure should discharge the debtor and place the subject matter delivered at the risk of the creditor. The creditor not being satisfied with what the bank was willing to do, the bank on April 1 1920 deposited the amount stated to be due in the proper court, with interest at 2½%, and notified the plaintiffs. It relies upon the deposit as a defense, and the Circuit Court of Appeals held it to be one (7 Fed., 2d, 443, overruling the decision of the District Court, which allowed a recovery at the rate of exchange of Aug. 12 1919, on the ground that the plaintiffs showed that they wanted their money, although they made no adequate demand on that day (2 Fed., 2d, 629).

The decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals was right, and in view of the recent case of Deutsche Bank, Filiale, Nuremberg, against Humphreys, Nov. 23 1926, does not need extended reasoning. Here, as there, the debt was due and payable in the foreign country. The only primary obligation was that created by the law of Austria-Hungary, and if by reason of an attachment of property or otherwise the courts of the United States also gave a remedy, the only thing that they could do with justice was to enforce the obligation as it stood, not to substitute something else that seemed to them about fair. The distinction between the Deutsche Bank case and Hicks vs. Guinness (269 U. S., 71) is not, as argued, that the plaintiff in Hicks vs. Guinness was in the United States, but that as the court understood the facts, the debt was payable in New York and subject to American law, so that upon a breach of the contract there arose a present liability in dollars. As the present debt was governed wholly by the law of Austria-Hungary on April 1 1920, when the deposit was made, it was discharged by the deposit which was substituted as the only object of the creditor's claim.

An elaborate argument is made that the original contract between the parties was dissolved by the war. Such considerations are immaterial when it is realized that in any view of all that had happened the only obligations of the Wiener Bank Verein were those imposed by the law of Austria-Hungary, and that if that law discharged the debt the debt was discharged everywhere.

The plaintiffs argue that they had rights under the treaty of Aug. 24 1921, between the United States and Austria. But a short answer is that their rights against the bank were ended before that treaty was made. They also urge that this is a suit under the Trading With the Enemy Act. But so was Deutsche Bank vs. Humphrey. That Act did not turn an Austrian into an American debt and impose a new and different obligation upon the Austrian bank.

Decree affirmed.

Three Receivers Named to Disburse Funds Subscribed for Bonds Issued to Establish Irish Republic—Lawyers' Fees of \$226,000 Awarded Out of \$2,500,000 Funds.

The \$2,500,000 proceeds from the sale of bonds issued in this country for the purpose of establishing a Republic of Ireland and which in May was ordered returned to the original subscribers, was reduced on June 17 by \$226,000, which will go to counsel who appeared in the suit over the money before Justice Peters in the New York Supreme Court. According to the New York "Evening Post" of June 17, the awarding of attorneys' fees was part of the judgment in the case filed in the County Clerks' office by Justice Peters. That account also said:

The total for the lawyers is considerably less than it would have been had their claims not been scaled down by the Court.

Henry Wollman for instance, asked \$560,000 for the work performed by himself and his associates, one of whom was Frank P. Walsh, in behalf of the Hearn committee of the bondholders. He and his colleagues were awarded \$90,000.

Justice Peters appointed three receivers to disburse the fund to the bondholders. They are Peter J. Brady of the Federation Bank & Trust Co., the "labor bank"; J. Edward Murphy, 165 Broadway, lawyer, and State Senator John L. Buckley, 220 Broadway, also a lawyer.

He also named former Congressman Henry M. Goldfogle, 291 Broadway, to act as referee in disputes that may arise over the amounts due to individual holders of the securities.

The Federation Bank & Trust Co. and the National City Bank were designated as the new depositories for the fund.

The counsel awards, in addition to Mr. Wollman's, were: Martin Conboy and John Finerty, who represented Eamon de Valera and Stephen O'Mara, trustees, \$110,000; counsel for Bishop Michael Fogarty of Ireland, another trustee, \$10,000; George Gordon Battle, counsel for the Noonan committee of bondholders, \$10,000; counsel for the Harriman National Bank, Central Union Safe Deposit Co. and Garfield Safe Deposit Co., depositories, \$2,000 each.

The receivers are directed to set up an office to handle the business of settling the fund and to advertise to bondholders the details of the redemption process.

In May Justice Peters decided the bondholders had the only legal claim to the \$2,500,000.

Justice Peter's conclusions were noted in these columns May 14, page 3853.

Luigi Criscuolo on Effect of European Politics on Foreign Securities.

In an article bearing on American investments in foreign Government bonds, Luigi Criscuolo discusses the effect of European politics on such securities. The article appeared in a recent issue of the "Wall Street Journal," and we reproduce it herewith:

Criticism has been directed by some authorities toward the severe competition among American banking houses in bidding for foreign government financing. One banker referred to reports of competition as being on almost a "violent scale for the purpose of obtaining loans in various foreign money markets overseas."

There is a phase of the situation which apparently is not receiving the amount of attention that is warranted, in the opinion of Luigi Criscuolo, and that is the moral risk. M. Criscuolo is a prominent representative of that portion of our citizens of Italian descent and is a close student of European affairs. His views may differ decidedly from those of others as to the soundness of European government securities but as they may open other avenues of thought than those generally accepted they are here presented as he sets them forth. Mr. Criscuolo, says:

"The average American banker who deals in European securities is a novice as to economic and political conditions in Europe at the present time. Bankers who discuss financing for corporations place a great amount of stress on the question of management and moral risk. Those who deal in foreign bonds are apparently so anxious to purchase securities that they make absolutely no investigation of the moral risk behind foreign government or municipal securities. As a matter of fact, the most important factor regarding the safety of such securities is the moral risk. In the event any foreign countries should default in the payment of interest and principal of securities owned by American investors, it is not likely that the United States government would employ its army or navy to collect the amounts due. The Department of State has said repeatedly that it assumed no responsibility for financing of this nature.

Three Classifications.

"In view of this, investors are naturally anxious to know what types of foreign securities are immune from danger of default. In studying the political situation, European countries may be divided into three classifications, namely:

1. Where reasonably established political conditions exist.
2. Where political conditions are uncertain or present reasonably dangerous complications
3. Where conditions are hazardous on account of the existence of difficulties with minority populations which have been absorbed unwillingly.

"In Classification 1 we can include the Nordic countries, such as Norway, Sweden, Denmark—as well as Great Britain, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland and Spain.

"In Classification 2 can be included France, Italy, Germany and Portugal. In France the politicians have been using unusual means to maintain the dignity of France as a great nation. They have been depleting its resources by indulging in adventures in connection with the 'Little Entente' which are far beyond the means of France in view of her sacrifices during the war.

"Italy is similarly indulging in extremes. While in the first two years Fascism had a wonderful effect on Italian morale and credit abroad, recent excesses are bad. While Fascism is a majority proposition at the present time, it was a minority question several years ago. An accident to Mussolini or a change in the government, for one reason or another, might easily put Fascism in the minority, with a possibility of its disappearance in the future. Italians are passive during an upheaval, but have latent political ideas which break out over night at the psychological moment. That which would cause an upturn in Italy comes from economic causes, such as unemployment due to the efforts to stabilize the lira at a higher price than in the past few years.

Wavering Portugal.

"In Portugal the people are continually wavering between a monarchy and a republican form of government, but have not yet succeeded in learning how properly to govern themselves. Germany, perhaps, belongs in a category between 1 and 2—although the situation is still uncertain.

"In Classification 3 there are Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Russia, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Albania, Greece and Turkey. These are countries where either political chaos exists, as in Russia, or countries which came out of the Treaty of Versailles, such as Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, &c. Political disturbances are common in such countries, and industrial stabilization has not yet been realized. Furthermore, Poland, Latvia and Lithuania are always in peril of invasion from Communist Russia. To the south there is the 'Little Entente' including Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Yugoslavia, where the most dangerous factors lie in the minorities.

Cases Where Minorities Rule

"These conditions are overlooked by Americans who have been brought up in an atmosphere where there is no difficulty between States and who

cannot understand the mentality of European politicians. There is a condition in Europe where a group of countries embracing a territory not as large as one of our own States will startle the world by warlike preparations every now and then. The claim is made that in Czechoslovakia 4,000,000 Czechs rule the country, with no practical representation for 9,000,000 Slovaks. In Yugoslavia the Serbs centralize their power at Belgrade and attempt to dictate to people who desire autonomy, such as in Croatia, Bosnia, Herzegovina and Slovenia, which came out of the Austrian Empire as well as Montenegro, which for many years before the war was an independent kingdom, and was forcibly absorbed by Yugoslavia. This question has not been settled. In Rumania there is the Bessarabian question as well as the Hungarian minorities in Transylvania, aside from the much discussed persecution of the Jews. In Bulgaria there is a state of continual disturbance, particularly with Yugoslavia over the Macedonian question.

"One feature might well be dwelt upon: Whereas a banker would not hesitate to force a board of directors to eject from the management a president or a group of officials who were wrecking a corporation, the same banker might hesitate to dictate terms to a government where unhappy political conditions existed. If a banker has the right to control an industrial corporation, he has also the right to tell a sovereign State in Europe, or elsewhere, that it must clean its political house, use its money for production purposes and treat its subjects like human beings. Otherwise such a country might face a situation where the money of American investors would not be available.

"The report is current that some of the countries which borrowed money in the United States in the course of the past few years have used the funds borrowed, in whole or in part, for the purpose of buying war munitions. This can hardly be considered productive enterprise. Other countries have used these funds to stabilize their foreign exchanges. This action was taken in spite of the fact that the money had been originally intended for the building of railroads and for public works in general.

"It seems to me that if the investment banking fraternity is not sufficiently interested in their clients' funds to refuse to participate in such issues, then the Department of State might some day decline to embroil the American people in future discussions over the necessity of collecting interest and principal from countries which may have to repudiate their obligations. The minorities of to-day may overthrow the majorities of to-day and refuse to recognize the validity of bonds issued for non-productive purposes.

"It is notorious that banking houses are falling all over each other in a mad scramble to secure foreign business and in the rush they are quite prone to overlook the most important factor in government financing—namely—the moral risk."

Reports Regarding Mexican Loan.

Mexico City advices June 22 to the New York "Times" (copyright) said:

American bankers will lend the Mexican Government 5,000,000 pesos, according to a statement of the Treasury Department. The statement says that the International Committee of Bankers has offered a short-term loan at low interest. The loan will enable the Treasury to develop its plan to regulate the value of the Mexican silver peso in relation to gold. At present the rate of exchange is fluctuating between 8 and 10% against silver.

In printing Associated Press advices from Mexico City reporting the semi-official announcement of the conclusion of an arrangement with a group of international bankers for a short-term low interest 5,000,000 peso loan to the Mexican Government the New York "Herald Tribune" of June 23 said in part:

No information relative to a loan to Mexico was available last evening at the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co.

A foreign loan to Mexico would be an event of first importance at this time, but the text of the dispatch from Mexico City would suggest that the transaction now concluded is not a foreign loan in the full meaning of that term. The amount, equal to about \$2,500,000 in American dollars, is too small to have any important bearing on Mexico's foreign debt situation, that country owing now about \$700,000,000 in face value to foreign creditors, principal and interest. It is too small a sum to figure in Mexico's railroad and highway problems. That the loan runs for a short period and bears a low rate of interest would suggest a banking operation, probably with collateral security. It would appear improbable that any securities in denomination of Mexican pesos would be floated publicly abroad at this time.

Mexico Plans to Reduce Silver in Circulation.

Two decrees have been presented for the approval of President Calles by Secretary of Finance Luis Montes de Oca, the purpose of which is to bring the Mexican silver peso to par as against gold, according to Mexico City advices June 22 published in the New York "Journal of Commerce." The account also states:

The sum of 5,000,000 pesos would be employed for the withdrawal from circulation and demonetization of all silver pesos and half pesos in excess of the minimum demands of business.

This action was taken after a consultation with Alberto Mascarenas, Manager of the Bank of Mexico, and other financial experts. Funds would be secured through a 2,000,000-peso cut in the appropriation for irrigation and 1,000,000 from the highway appropriation. The Bank of Mexico would also advance 1,000,000 against credits which are to become due the Federal Government during the course of the year.

The silver retired would be sold as bullion on the open market, the funds being devoted to further retirement of silver until the desired balance is obtained.

Costa Rica Authorizes \$2,500,000 Bond Issue.

The Government of Costa Rica has authorized a bond issue of 10,000,000 colones (\$2,500,000) to finance construction and improvement of existing roads and existing water pipe lines, according to the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce," who, in his advices June 22 adds:

Eighty per cent of the total sum will be devoted to roads. This issue is the first of those provided for in Article 5 of Decree No. 46 of Dec. 24 1926, wherein was stipulated a total issue of bonds in an amount not to

exceed 25,000,000 colones or its equivalent in dollars for public works, in accordance with the loan agreement entered into with banking interests of New York City.

The bonds will be exempt from all present or future ordinary or extraordinary imposts or taxes. New series of bonds may be issued with the approval of the Legislature in a sum or sums not in excess of the sum total of the revenues assigned for their service, or in accordance with the same authorization other revenues or a larger proportion of those already provided may be assigned for the service of any new issue of bonds.

For the service of the bonds there is provided: (a) A surcharge of 0.25 colones on each litre of liquor produced by the National Liquor Factory (a Government monopoly). (b) The net receipts of the territorial tax. Bonds shall be sold as funds become necessary for the carrying on of the work. These bonds are redeemable by means of a 2% accumulative amortization fund plus the interest otherwise payable on bonds, which may be redeemed before maturity. The bonds shall bear 8% per annum interest.

Chilean Restrictions Against Exports of Nitrates to End July 1—Increased Consumption Looked For.

Large exports of Chilean nitrate at lower prices are expected for the last half of this year, according to W. Arthur Murphy, a member of the Chilean Nitrate Producers Association and President of the committee for increasing the consumption of nitrate of soda. Mr. Murphy says:

The Chilean Government and the producers have joined hands in an effort to offset last year's declines in nitrate sales. Abrogation of the twenty-five-year-old agreement limiting the amount of nitrate exported from Chile will permit the delivery of large quantities at reduced prices. In addition, the development of new processes of nitrate extraction is achieving a radical reduction of cost. The Government announced last month that the Prudhomme and Guggenheim processes have cut the cost of nitrate production by a substantial amount.

Without doubt, world consumption, and particularly United States consumption, will expand in response to these factors. Although the United States is the largest single consumer of Chilean nitrate, its use of fertilizer per acre is far less than in Europe. As a result, the soil has steadily been decreasing in fertility. This loss in fertility must be counteracted by better fertilization.

Reports from Germany that synthetic nitrate has soured the soil and reduced the unit yield per hectare in the past five years have again emphasized the superior qualities of natural Chilean nitrate. The American farmer, now faced with the need of more intensive cultivation, is beginning to take advantage of the lower price of Chilean nitrate, and American consumption is expected to show a marked expansion.

The unlimited export of nitrate will be permitted after July 1, which is the beginning of the new nitrate year. Sales for delivery after that date already amount to over 500,000 tons, which is an encouraging indication of the importer's confidence in the market.

Bankers' Committee Asks Holders of Russian Government Bonds to Further Extend Protective Agreement.

Notice has been issued (under date of June 20) to holders of participation certificates and certificates of deposit for participation certificates in the \$50,000,000 6½% three-year Imperial Russian Government credit, dated July 10 1916, asking them to grant an extension of the protective agreement now in force for another three years. The notice says:

The last extension of the protective agreement under which holders of participation certificates in the Imperial Russian Government \$50,000,000 6½% three-year credit, dated July 10 1916, have deposited their certificates with the undersigned committee expires on July 1 1927. This committee serves the interests of depositors of participation certificates without compensation and the expenses to date are nominal. In the interest of depositors we ask an extension for a further period of three years and append hereto form of extension agreement which we ask the certificate holders to sign and return to the Secretary of the committee.

The committee has no report of progress to make at this time. The conditions prevailing in Russia and the status of the existing Government are constantly commented upon in the public press and are undoubtedly familiar to you. While no step has been taken by the Soviet Government with respect to a settlement of the obligations of the Imperial Russian Government, as represented by the certificates of participation of this issue, it is obvious that the present Government will fail of credit status in this country until such time as satisfactory provision has in some way been made on the old account. Your committee stands ready to defend this position in the interest of depositing bondholders.

The committee already represents \$41,836,000 of the above \$50,000,000, but it does not have authority to act for holders who have not deposited their participation certificates. Therefore it has been decided to extend the opportunity to those who have not deposited their participation certificates to make such deposit now under the terms of the original agreement.

Deposits made be made by sending certificates to one of the depositaries, either The National City Bank of New York, 55 Wall Street, New York City, or the Old Colony Trust Co., 17 Court Street, Boston, Mass. Certificates must be endorsed in blank by the registered holders and the signature guaranteed by a bank with a correspondent in New York City, or by a member of the New York or Boston Stock Exchange, or acknowledged before a Notary Public with a County Clerk's certificate attached, showing the authority of the Notary.

The Protective Committee is composed of Charles E. Mitchell, President The National City Bank of New York, Chairman; Thomas Cochran, of J. P. Morgan & Co.; Harold Stanley, President Guaranty Co. of New York; Lloyd W. Smith, of Harris, Forbes & Co.; Charles S. Sargent Jr., of Kidder, Peabody & Co.; Frederic W. Allen, of Lee, Higginson & Co., and Albert H. Wiggin, Chairman of the board of directors of Chase National Bank, New York. William W. Hoffman, of 55 Wall Street, acts as Secretary for the committee.

Financial Showing of State Railroads of Chile.

Under date of June 3, Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. state:

State railroads of Chile, which have shown a constant improvement in efficiency and financial stability during the last five years, in 1926 received a gross income of 238,500,000 pesos, as compared to 223,500,000 pesos in 1925 and 168,000,000 in 1922. This figure is the highest reached in the history of the service in Chile. The net profit in 1926 was 18,800,000 pesos, or more than twice the amount of the previous year.

The improvement of last year was made in spite of the almost complete elimination of agricultural freight occasioned by a depression in the nitrate industry, which was offset by increased activities in the mining fields of the northern provinces. With unlimited export of nitrate to be permitted after June 30, production and exports are expected to show a marked expansion. A number of nitrate plants are reopening, and this will in time require a considerable increase in freight traffic.

The Chilean Government owns 3,772 miles of road, or 61% of the total mileage in the country, thus being one of the few South American countries whose roads are not largely controlled by European interests.

President Ibanez on Chile's Improved Financial Condition.

Speaking before the Congress of Chile, Carlos Ibanez, now President of the Republic, discussed the improved financial condition of that country, resulting from the balanced budget and the stable currency. He pointed out in particular that a financial expert from the United States has been appointed to advise concerning the new position of Comptroller-General; that the legal assets of the Central Bank, including gold deposited in foreign countries, represent a larger proportion of note circulation than in any other country; and that the Government proposes to facilitate the granting of credit to industry by establishing an institution of industrial credit. His statement, as furnished June 1 by Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., follows in part:

Regarding the 1927 budget, the Government expects that the receipts will meet the expenditures.

The actual yield of fiscal receipts in the first quarter of 1927 has fulfilled the estimates for budget receipts. In the Customs Service there is a considerable increase in exportation and importation receipts for the first quarter. Exportation amounted to 68,233,229 pesos, and importation, 83,940,576.

The necessity of providing an effective form of control of the national revenue and for correct expenditure of funds, added to the unhappy events and numerous embezzlements ascertained in several public services, moved the Government to decree the creation of a Comptroller-General's office. The arrival of an expert, contracted for in the United States, only is awaited that this important service may start to exercise the high controlling power with which it is invested.

The Government thinks it necessary to refer to the action of the Central Bank of Chile on the monetary and economic situation. Firstly, the Central Bank has been able to maintain the stabilization of the currency within the limits of exportation and importation of gold, and thus the gold standard has been maintained under very satisfactory conditions. Secondly, the Central Bank, acting on rediscount, has permitted a lowering of the rate of interest, helping thereby to meet the needs of industry, production and commerce. Starting from an initial 10%, the Central Bank has been able to reduce its rediscount rate successively to 9, 8½ and 7%, that is to-day's interest.

According to the last weekly balance, the outstanding bank notes amounted to 356,000,000 pesos, a value lower than the one which existed when the Bank was established, but the deposits have increased considerably.

The legal assets of the bank, including gold deposited at 30 days in foreign countries, amount to 110%, a proportion unsurpassed by any central bank in any country.

The Government proposes to submit to your consideration a number of measures for the development of national production, among them the creation of an institution of industrial credit, offering our industrial men credit facilities necessary to the development of their business facilities, which is to-day only granted in a very restricted form by the banking institutions of the country. The Government thinks of giving the industrial men the same facilities the farmers get to-day through mortgage credits.

Owen D. Young, Head of United States Delegation to Stockholm Meeting of International Chamber of Commerce, Says Trade Barriers Will Be Chief Subject of Discussion.

On the eve of his departure for Europe on June 14 on the steamer "George Washington," Owen D. Young, Chairman of the Board of the General Electric Co., and Chairman of the American delegation to the Stockholm meeting of the International Chamber of Commerce, stated that the meeting would centre its work on the subject of "trade barriers." The Stockholm meeting will be held June 27 to July 2 and the American delegation is comprised of 150 business men, the organizations which they represent including the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, the American Bankers Association, the New York State Chamber of Commerce, National Fertilizer Association, Illinois Chamber of Commerce and Illinois Manufacturers Association, Boston Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, Merchants' Association of New York, Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, Associated General Contractors of America, Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce, American Petroleum Institute, National Association of Manufacturers and other trade and commercial bodies holding membership

in the International Chamber. In his statement Mr. Young said:

The Stockholm Congress is a business man's meeting. It is not a diplomatic conference. It is not a political convention. It will bring together a thousand business men of the 43 countries represented in the Chamber. They will discuss international business and economic problems with frankness and entire freedom. They will suggest solutions based on practical knowledge and practical experience.

These business men realize that the problems in which they are interested and concerned will have to be settled formally in the chanceries and parliaments of the world. They have no desire or intention of infringing on the prerogatives and functions of their Governments. They wish only to be helpful to them.

They are not content with pious resolutions. Resolutions are to them expressions of common agreement which must be translated into common action. The record of the Chamber's work is tangible proof of resultant action. The resolutions of the Rome and Brussels meetings played a most important part in the creation of an informed public opinion on the problems of reparations and the transfer of international debt payments, which aided greatly in the progress made in the solution of these thorny questions. In the international economic field nothing can be done without the support of public opinion. Nothing can be done right without the support of an intelligent opinion. On economic and business questions no one is in a better position to help in the formation of an intelligent and informed opinion than the business men grouped in the International Chamber.

The reparations problem is on its way to final settlement. International debts are in most part funded. Currencies have been largely stabilized. In all these forward movements the Chamber has played a part in helping to create an international public opinion supporting constructive action. However, other problems remain to be solved. Artificial obstructions and unnecessary impediments to international trade, largely the outgrowth of post-war economic disorganization, still hinder the full development of world commerce and the full restoration of the producing and consuming power of the world.

It is on the subject of "trade barriers" that the Stockholm meeting will centre its work. That subject was chosen before the Geneva Economic Conference was called. It is a big subject in which American business is keenly and directly interested. It groups such important questions as the free movement of raw materials, import and export restrictions, discriminatory treatment of foreign nationals, companies and capital, obstacles to transportation, international cartels and complicated and wasteful customs procedure.

In preparation for this discussion at Stockholm competent committees have been at work for two years in all the member countries, gathering into a common pool facts as to the difficulties and hindrances encountered in international trade and practical suggestions for their elimination.

In addition to trade barriers the meeting will consider such questions of important practical interest as commercial arbitration, international protection of patents and trade marks, uniform commercial letters of credit, communications, multiple taxation of the same income in more than one country, enforcement of foreign judgments and highway transportation. All these subjects have had the same careful preparation by international experts, who will present to the business men at Stockholm the result of their work and their recommendations.

In addition to Mr. Young, the following will serve as Chairman of delegations from others of the countries represented at the Congress:

Sir ARTHUR BALFOUR, Capital Steel Works, Sheffield, England.
MAURICE DESPRET, President of the Bank of Brussels, Belgium.
ALBERTO PIRELLI, former member of the Dawes Committee, Italy.
JOHN SYZ, former President of the International Federation of Cotton Spinners, Switzerland.
FRANZ VON MENDELSSOHN, Berlin banker, Germany.
ETIENNE CLEMENTEL, former French Minister of Finance, France.
K. WALLENBERG, President of Stockholms Enskilda Bank, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sweden.
W. WESTERMAN, President Rotterdamsche Bankvereeniging, Netherlands.

Dr. Julius Klein, director of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce, and Normal F. Titus, Chief of the Transportation Division of the Bureau, will represent the Department of Commerce.

To Pay Off Ottoman Debt.

London advices June 22 published in the New York "Evening Post" state:

The "Financial News" has a Paris dispatch stating that with the exception of a few minor details arrangements have been completed for the settlement of the Ottoman debt. The Turkish Government is to deposit by Oct. 1 the amount stipulated by Sir Adam Block in behalf of foreign bondholders.

£4,500,000 Loan for Palestine Guaranteed by Great Britain.

From the New York "Times" we take the following Jerusalem advices, June 20 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency):

A Governmental ordinance authorizing the floating of the Palestine Government loan for the amount of £4,500,000 guaranteed by the British Exchequer has been published in the "Official Gazette."

Under the ordinance, £1,640,000 will be used by the Government for the purchase of the Palestine Railways and other capital assets from the British Government. The sum of £1,000,000 will be used for the Haifa harbor construction and other port improvements, £1,115,000 for public buildings and a telephone system and £745,000 for other works.

The ordinance authorizes the High Commissioner to issue stock or bonds through the Bank of England for £4,500,000. Payment of principal and interest is to be made from Palestine Government revenues.

Hallgarten & Co. and Associates, Successful Bidders for Colombian Loan of \$25,000,000.

It is stated that Hallgarten & Co. and associates were the successful bidders for an issue of \$25,000,000 6% Republic of Colombia loan. The bonds are part of a total issue of \$60,000,000. According to the New York "Times," those

associated with Hallgarten & Co. are: Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co.; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; Lehman Brothers; Cassatt & Co.; the William R. Compton Co., and a group of European banks. No date has been set for public offering of the bonds.

Offering of \$5,900,000 Bonds of City of Sao Paulo (United States of Brazil)—Books Closed—Bonds Oversubscribed.

A new issue of \$5,900,000 City of Sao Paulo (State of Sao Paulo, United States of Brazil) 30-year 6½% external secured sinking fund gold bonds of 1927 was offered on June 23 by the First National Corporation of Boston, Harris, Forbes & Co. and Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc. The issue was offered at 98 and interest, to yield about 6.65%. Subscription books were closed shortly after their opening, an oversubscription being announced. The proceeds of the loan are to be used to consolidate the floating debt of the city, equivalent to about \$2,400,000, and to finance various municipal improvements. The bonds will be dated May 15 1927 and will mature May 15 1957. They will be redeemable as a whole on May 15 1928 or on any interest date thereafter upon 90 days' notice at 102½ and accrued interest. It is stated that the city will provide a cumulative sinking fund calculated to be sufficient to retire all these bonds at or before maturity, to operate semi-annually by drawings at par. In coupon form in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, the bonds will be registerable as to principal only. Principal and interest (May 15 and Nov. 15) will be payable at the office of the First National Corporation, paying agents, in New York City, in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for any Brazilian Federal, State, municipal or other taxes, present or future. Dr. J. Pires do Rio, Prefect of the City of Sao Paulo, says:

These bonds are the direct obligation of the City of Sao Paulo, which pledges its full faith and credit for the due and punctual payment of principal and interest. In addition, the bonds are specifically secured by a first charge and lien on the municipal fees, license and publicity taxes as well as by a lien and charge, subject only to the liens now existing, upon the industries and professions, transportation, sanitary and vehicle taxes. After deducting all prior charges, these pledged revenues produced in 1926 the equivalent of \$2,819,100, or more than six times the annual requirements for interest and sinking fund. For 1927 the revenues from these pledged taxes, after deducting such prior charges, are officially estimated at about \$3,220,000, or more than seven times the annual requirements of this issue.

As to the finances of the city he says:

The revenues of the city have shown a steady growth, having increased from \$2,327,000 in 1921 to \$5,143,000 in 1926. Revenues and expenditures for 1927 are officially estimated at about \$5,380,000. For the six years ended Dec. 31 1926 the total aggregate revenues were \$20,317,000, against total expenditures of \$22,068,000.

The floating debt of the city amounts to about \$2,400,000, representing principally the aggregate deficit for the last six years. As of May 31 1927, i. e., before the present issue, the city's total debt was \$19,197,000, of which \$13,143,000 represents external funded debt, \$3,654,000 internal funded debt and the remainder floating debt. The city has at all times met the service of its external and internal funded debt promptly and in full.

The municipally owned properties, including markets, abattoirs, theatre and other real estate, are estimated to be worth in excess of \$13,200,000. The valuation of privately owned real estate in the city has been officially estimated at \$528,000,000.

The purchase of the bonds by the bankers offering them was noted in these columns June 4, page 3290.

\$2,000,000 Bulgarian Loan in London Soon for Stabilizing Leva.

With the Esthonian 7% loan a complete success in its London offering, says the New York "Evening Post" of June 21, reports reached New York that day that a £2,000,000 loan for Bulgaria was being considered in London at the same rate. It would be redeemable in 30 years said the "Post," which further stated:

The Bulgarian financing is needed, it was said, to enable the National Bank of Bulgaria to stabilize the leva, loan department of the national bank, is negotiating a loan for £2,000,000.

Oversubscription of Estonia Loan in London in Advance of Public Offering.

It was announced on June 18 that London advices received by Hallgarten & Co. stated that although the prospectus would not be officially advertised until Monday June 20, the sterling issue of the international loan to Estonia, under the auspices of the League of Nations, had already been many times oversubscribed. The sterling issue is in the amount of £700,000. Subscriptions in London were received by Midland Bank, Ltd. and Royal Bank of Scotland, while in Holland they were received through Amsterdamsche Bank and other leading institutions. The dollar issue, amounting to \$4,000,000 was offered in the American market on June 17 by Hallgarten & Co and was referred to in these columns a week ago. page 3568.

Guaranty Trust Co Trustee for Bonds of Hungarian Mutual Credit Institute.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed trustee, registrar and paying agent of an authorized issue of Hungarian Central Mutual Credit Institute 7% land mortgage sinking fund gold bonds, series A, dated Jan. 1 1927, and due Jan. 1 1937. The issue was referred to by us on page 3288, June 4.

Forthcoming Offering of \$5,000,000 Bonds of Province of Upper Austria.

The first Austrian financing in some time in this market will come with the early offering by Blyth, Witter & Co. of \$5,000,000 Province of Upper Austria thirty-year external secured sinking fund 6½% gold bonds authorized by and issued with the approval of the Austrian Government. Upper Austria is an autonomous State of the Austrian Republic and one of the oldest political units in Central Europe. It is the chief agricultural Province of Austria and contains large coal deposits and important water power resources. Proceeds from the sale of these bonds will be used for loans to the Communal and Mortgage banks, for the retirement of existing internal and external floating debt and for productive provincial purposes. It is stated that the Province of Upper Austria has had a balanced budget for the past six years with the exception of 1923, when a small deficit was reported. Revenues last year amounted to \$4,867,862 and expenditures, \$4,768,834.

Exchange of Interim Receipts for Definitive Bonds of Mortgage Bank of Chile.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co. announced, June 20, to holders of interim receipts representing Mortgage Bank of Chile guaranteed sinking fund 6¾% gold bonds, due June 30 1961, that they may now exchange their holdings for definitive bonds on or after June 20 1927 at the trust department of the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, New York.

New French Consolidation Loan—Opening of Books June 27.

The new French Consolidation loan, through which it is proposed to redeem some 10,000,000,000 francs of bank notes and national defense bonds now in circulation, will be offered next week. Regarding the new loan, Paris advices to the "Wall Street Journal," June 21, said:

Issue price of recently announced loan is 92. subscription books opening June 27 and closing July 23. The 1920 6% rentes are currently quoted at 87, but these are perpetual, whereas the new rentes will be redeemable within fifty years by annual drawings.

Expectations are that cash subscriptions will vary from 5,000,000,000 to 10,000,000,000 francs. It is doubtful whether any large portion of idle funds in Paris is amenable to long-term investment, but the loan is expected to command support of the Provinces. Co-operation of the banks has been secured, and a minimum, therefore, has thus been guaranteed.

Secretary of Agriculture Jardine on Progress of Co-Operation Among Farmers.

Before the American Institute of Co-operation at Chicago, Illinois, on June 20, Secretary of Agriculture, W. M. Jardine stated that over 150 co-operative associations each handle business exceeding a million dollars annually. In practically every section of the country, he said, co-operative organizations are setting new standards in efficient marketing. In part he added:

The aims of co-operative marketing are to make farming a more profitable, respected and self-respecting profession. To accomplish these aims, it must bring the farmer an adequate return for his labor and invested capital. However, the effect of co-operation cannot be measured by comparisons between co-operative and non-co-operative methods of marketing. The effect of efficient co-operation is to stabilize marketing and non-co-operators share in the benefits thereof, in so far as they adapt their production and marketing practices to the improvement initiated by the co-operative system.

In carrying out their aims, the co-operative associations must begin with production. In fact, one of the strongest features of co-operative marketing is that it co-ordinates production and marketing in a way that is possible under no other system. We must have economical production, which means the proper choice of land, of crops, and of varieties suitable to the land and the climate, and the systematizing of all production processes. Also, we must produce in accordance with market demands, which means improvement and standardization of varieties of crops and breeds of livestock, correct fertilization, spraying and cultivation of crops, and correct feeding of livestock and poultry. The elimination of waste in production will make marketing a much less formidable problem.

There is every indication, I think, that co-operation is taking up the slack in production. Worthless varieties of fruit are being eliminated. One type of hog is becoming standard throughout the corn States. The South is moving toward one-variety communities in the production of cotton and a new standard for butter has been set by the federated creameries of Minnesota. These are natural developments in the growth of a marketing system which is operated for and by the farmers.

The co-operative marketing program includes also standardization of grades, of packs and handling methods. This eliminates wastes and helps to stabilize market conditions. While grade standards for agricultural products have been developed by Government agencies, much of the recent progress in this phase of marketing can be traced to the activities of the associations. Co-operative organizations, from the very nature of their relation to their members, must have grade standards in order to make equitable returns under a pooling system. There is the further consideration, of course, that good merchandising must be based on standard products.

With products of the highest market quality, made so by the joint efforts of the producers and their marketing agency, market outlets, market information and skilled salesmen are the third step in the program.

Co-operative associations cannot create a fictitious demand for farm products. They can influence only to a relatively small degree the basic economic conditions that determine demand and price. Their aim should be rather to adapt production and marketing to these conditions. First in this program, as I have pointed out, comes economic production; second, standardization, and finally skillful merchandising. In carrying out a merchandising program, information regarding the supply of and demand for a particular product handled by an association and regarding competing products, a knowledge of conditions influencing demand, and of the price of the product in relation to supply and demand over a period of years are the necessary equipment of up-to-date sales service. It is this type of service that is being developed in the most efficient co-operative organizations.

Market research is also essential, and several of the larger co-operative associations are setting up research departments to study their peculiar problems, supplementing and giving more practical application to the work of the State and Federal institutions engaged in economic research.

The interest of the co-operatives in marketing studies extends beyond the functions which they themselves perform. Because they represent the producers, they are interested in preventing every waste or excessive cost which deducts something from the net returns to the farmer or serve to restrict the demand for his product.

Michigan co-operative associations marketing potatoes, for example, have a vital interest in the fact that it costs more to transport a sack of potatoes from the freight yards in Jersey City to the store of a retailer in the Bronx than to move the same sack from the shipping point in Michigan to the Jersey City terminal. Terminal facilities and practices which make charges of this kind necessary have as much effect on the welfare of the Michigan potato growers as the costs and practices of their local associations. If retailing margins are large and retailing practices are inefficient, the producers of the farm crops handled by these agencies suffer ultimately, and co-operatives that study these problems are strictly within their field.

In order that the associations may carry out these aims successfully, it is necessary that they have adequate finances. Associations not only need money for their own requirements, but oftentimes have to provide marketing and to some extent production credit for their members. There is, therefore, a double necessity for strong financial organizations which can command credit on equal terms with any other business enterprise.

Co-operative marketing organizations are expanding and assuming new functions. For this reason also financial strength is essential. The members should be brought to realize that in providing the necessary capital they are making an investment in marketing facilities which will serve them more and more effectively. As they gain in financial strength, in volume of business and in business experience, the co-operative organizations, I believe, will come ever closer to a realization of the objectives which they have set up.

In the development of the co-operative movement, the part which research, educational and extension organizations can play appears to be clear-cut. First of all, the co-operatives need assistance in working out technical and economic problems connected with marketing. Their peculiar and special interest in all phases of marketing makes them ready to welcome the assistance which research agencies can give. In order to be most helpful, I believe that research work should be practical and should have a direct bearing on the current and long-time problems of the organizations. There are demands for such assistance beyond the present capacity of the experiment stations and the Department of Agriculture.

Secondly, there is need for a national summarization and evaluation of our knowledge of co-operation and co-operative marketing practices. This need the American Institute of Co-operation is meeting admirably.

There is a further need for the extension of the principles and practices of co-operation among farmers. They need direction and instruction as to what constitutes good marketing and regarding their own responsibilities as producers in bringing about better marketing conditions.

This is work which devolves largely upon the extension services of our agricultural colleges. Their responsibilities as educators in approved marketing practices are fully as great as their responsibilities with respect to production problems. With few exceptions, the efforts of the extension services to make the farmers better producers are incomplete unless they can at the same time assist in developing better marketing.

All this points to the need of complete, up-to-date information by the extension people, and of a close co-ordination of the work of extension and research men in the field of marketing. The United States Department of Agriculture is attempting to meet this need by promoting, in co-operation with the agricultural colleges and the associations, short-time schools of co-operative marketing. The schools in which the department participates are designed for the leaders in the various States—directors of co-operative associations, managers, county agents, and others. It is hoped that local schools giving instruction directly to members and other producers may be developed later, largely on the initiative of the State people.

Finally, if we are to have a generation of farmers trained in co-operative marketing, the study of its principles and practices should be part of the curriculum of primary and secondary schools in rural districts. Approximately 5% of the agricultural high schools are at present offering special courses in co-operation. Many more are studying co-operation incidentally in general courses, or in connection with commodity projects. All are handicapped, however, by lack of full unbiased information regarding the possibilities and accomplishments of the co-operative organizations.

The development of such work in the rural schools is fundamental. With a background of early systematic instruction we can hope that the farmers of the future will accept co-operation not only as an efficient method of marketing farm products, but as a type of organization which intergrates and harmonizes the whole business of farming. They will accept it also as a way of living which will give rural life the satisfaction and dignity which it should enjoy.

New York Produce Exchange Begins Trading in Cash Wheat for Export on Basis of New York Futures.

The Grain Futures Market of the New York Produce Exchange, in an effort to further meet the requirements of

buyers and sellers of export grain, began on June 22 trade in domestic cash wheat for export, regardless of whether c.i.f. or f.o.b. Atlantic or Gulf ports, or c.i.f. Eastern Lake ports or Montreal—on the basis of New York futures. In a letter sent to the grain trade on June 20 William Beatty, President of the Exchange, said the Grain Futures Market, which was opened for trading last August, is now sufficiently established to warrant a more extended use of its facilities, prominent among which is serving as a hedging market for cash grain bought or sold for export. President Beatty's letter said in part:

In order to convince outside business friends of the advantages and the usefulness of the New York market, it is felt that an actual test on their part is necessary, and to bring this about in a practical way the grain trade of New York has decided, beginning June 22 1927, to trade in United States cash wheat for export—whether c.i.f. or f.o.b. Atlantic or Gulf ports, or c.i.f. Eastern Lake ports or Montreal—on basis of New York futures.

We earnestly solicit your co-operation in this matter, particularly by your making all your offers of cash wheat for export on basis of New York July, September or December wheat, and we feel assured that any futures orders sent to the New York market will be executed in a satisfactory manner.

John Kellogg Suspended from Chicago Board of Trade for Two Years—George E. Thompson Expelled—Action Outgrowth of Failure of Grain Marketing Company—Acquittal of K. V. R. Nicol.

On June 18 John Kellogg, former President of the Armour Grain Co., and Vice-President of the defunct Grain Marketing Co., was on June 17 found guilty by the Governors of the Chicago Board of Trade of a charge of dishonorable conduct. The verdict carried with it suspension from the Exchange for two years. The Chicago Board of Trade's statement in the matter says:

Kellogg's trial grew out of the failure of the Grain Marketing Co., formed by a merger of elevator interests of the Armour Grain Co. and the Rosenbaum Grain Co. It was alleged the Armour Co. misrepresented grades of wheat delivered to the Grain Marketing Co., and an arbiter, after a year's investigation, held the Armour company guilty.

When the arbiter's finding was made public the Board of Trade named a special committee, headed by L. F. Gates, former President of the Exchange, and this committee first asked denial of trading privileges to the Armour company, which was then barred from the Exchange, and later brought charges against three officials of the company holding membership on the Exchange.

George E. Thompson, the first to be tried, was expelled from the Board of Trade, June 13, after a trial of nearly a month. He had been accused by the Gates committee of dishonesty when "the Armour Grain Co. defrauded the Grain Marketing Co. by misrepresenting the character of wheat in the Northwestern elevator." The committee accused Kellogg, who succeeded George E. Marcy as President of the Armour company, with having known of the alleged frauds without taking action to protect the Grain Marketing Co.

Regarding the acquittal of K. V. R. Nicol, who was also placed on trial on similar charges, the Board under date of June 18 stated:

K. V. R. Nicol, former Vice-President of the Armour Grain Co., to-day was acquitted of charges of dishonorable conduct by the directors of the Chicago Board of Trade.

Nicol was the last of the three former Armour officials to be tried by the Exchange as a result of charges that the Armour Grain Co. defrauded the Grain Marketing Co. by misrepresenting grades of wheat.

The Nicol verdict ended, at least for a time, a sweeping inquiry by the Exchange that has continued for months. It began when the findings of an arbiter in the private money dispute of the Armours and Rosenbaums were published. A special committee headed by former President L. F. Gates was named by the Exchange to determine the conduct of the Armour officials who held Board of Trade memberships. Scores of witnesses were heard, the Armour Grain Co. was barred from the Exchange, and the former officials brought to trial.

Meantime a special legislative committee from Springfield which had held hearings in Chicago for weeks, filed a report exonerating Kellogg, who, nevertheless, was tried by the Exchange and suspended for two years.

Thompson was formerly General Superintendent of the Northwestern Elevator at South Chicago, operated by the Armour Grain Co. He was expelled from the Board by a vote of 13 to 5. The vote suspending Kellogg for two years was 11 to 7. The Governors of the Chicago Board of Trade began hearing testimony in the cases on May 20.

Inquiry by New York Stock Exchange into Trading in Common Stock of Norwalk Tire & Rubber Co.

Under date of June 20 the following letter calling for information regarding transactions in the common stock of the Norwalk Tire & Rubber Co., was addressed to members of the New York Stock Exchange by Secretary E. V. D. Cox:

June 20 1927.

To the Members of the Exchange:

The Committee on Business Conduct directs me to request you to furnish it by noon, Monday, June 27 1927, with a list of all full lot transactions made by you from May 24 to June 18 1927, inclusive, in the Norwalk Tire & Rubber Co. common stock, giving the volume and prices, the names of the members or firms with whom the transactions were made, and the customers for whom you acted. Kindly use trade dates and not blotter dates.

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

Very truly yours,
E. V. D. COX, Secretary.

With reference to the inquiry, the New York "Times" of June 22 stated:

Norwalk Tire common is one of the lowest-priced stocks on the Exchange, but it has attracted attention recently because of its fluctuations. It held fairly steady yesterday, closing at 3, with a net gain of $\frac{1}{8}$. On June 16 it touched a new low of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, after rising to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ on the day before. The stock's high for the year is 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, established on Feb. 10.

It was reported yesterday that the Committee on Business Conduct had been made suspicious by the stock's action and started the investigation for the purpose of determining the responsibility, if any exists, for the unusual price movements.

The action of the preferred of the Norwalk Tire & Rubber Co., which has fluctuated even more violently, is not under investigation. This stock broke 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ points on June 15, touching a low of 34 $\frac{1}{4}$. Its high for the year of 75 was reached on Jan. 5. The company announced last week the omission of the quarterly dividend of \$1.75 due on the stock at that time.

Removal of Stock of Financial and Industrial Securities Corporation From New York Curb Market—Action Taken at Instance of Stockholders and not at Request of Unlisted Security Dealers.

On June 19, Frederick H. Hatch, President of the Unlisted Security Dealers' Association, issued a statement pointing out that the association had nothing whatever to do with the removal on June 17 of the shares of the Financial & Industrial Securities Corporation from trading on the New York Curb Exchange. Ralph Jonas, the Chairman of the Board of the Financial & Industrial Securities Corporation, confirmed Mr. Hatch's statement, and added that the stock was removed solely because a large percentage of the stockholders of the company preferred it to be dealt in "over the counter." Following is the statement made by Mr. Hatch:

Our association played no part whatsoever in connection with the request made to the Curb to drop from unlisted trading privilege the securities of the Financial & Industrial Securities Corporation. Published accounts with reference to the action of the Curb which have been brought to my attention are misleading in that they convey the thought that unlisted dealers wish to monopolize dealings in insurance, financial and institutional securities, leaving dealing in industrial and certain other types of securities to the organized exchanges. This is a mistaken impression, since one of the primary functions of the "over-the-counter" dealers is to provide a market for securities of all classes, whether they be of insurance, investment trusts, banks, public utilities, industrials or any other type. It is a well-known fact that it would frequently be difficult for owners of many sound securities to find a ready and favorable market were it not for the "over-the-counter" dealers.

There have been numerous previous instances in which the curb market has admitted securities to unlisted trading privileges upon the request of a member of the Curb over the insistent protest of the officials of companies whose stocks have been so introduced to Curb trading.

Therefore, the present action of the New York Curb Market in dropping the Financial & Industrial Securities stocks from unlisted trading privileges is in line, as I understand it, with a recently established precedent, and seems to indicate an attitude manifestly fair in refraining from maintaining trading privileges for securities of companies which prefer to have trading in their securities confined to the "over-the-counter" market.

On June 19 Mr. Jonas, Chairman of the Financial & Industrial Securities Corporation, confirmed the fact that the Unlisted Security Dealers' Association had nothing whatever to do with the request made to the New York Curb that the stock of Financial & Industrial Securities Corporation be dropped from trading on the curb, and again stated that the reason the request was made was solely because a very large percentage of the stockholders preferred it to be dealt in "over-the-counter" in manner similar to that which bank, insurance and trust company stocks are dealt in. A statement previously given out by Mr. Jonas (June 17) said:

At the request of the Financial & Industrial Securities Corporation, its stock has been removed from the unlisted trading privileges of the Curb. Its shares, on May 19 1927, were admitted to the privileges of unlisted trading at the request of a member of the Curb Association, who was also a stockholder. The great majority of our stockholders regard their investment in the view that, since this company's holdings consist so largely of bank, insurance company and trust company stocks, its shares should be treated and traded in similarly to the over-the-counter trading in bank, insurance company and trust company stocks; accordingly, this company made the request to remove such listing, which was granted to-day.

Jason Westerfield of New York Stock Exchange on Necessity of Clearer Understanding of Functions of Wall Street.

A clearer understanding of the character and functions of Wall Street and a closer co-operation between that financial centre and other equally important and interdependent sections of the country are essential to continued progress and prosperity, Jason Westerfield, Director of Publicity of the New York Stock Exchange, declared in an address before the Trenton Rotary Club on June 16. Mr. Westerfield spoke on "The Real Wall Street" and declared with emphasis that the delusion and suspicion which exist toward the financial centre are due in large measure to a failure to understand Wall Street as it really exists and to recognize the difference between legitimate, necessary economic enterprise and fraudulent financial operations of swindlers. The speaker

described the part which Wall Street and organized finance have played in the creation of national prosperity, and the economic development of the nation during the last century. In his remarks he said:

Without large accumulations of capital, easy of access and mobile in form the miracle of American progress could not have happened; the locomotive would have remained a laboratory dream; the railroads would never have been constructed and woven into the marvelous network which now brings every section of the United States into a close and prosperous relationship. Our nation would have comprised a sparsely settled area bounded on the west by the Mississippi River and dotted here and there by a few cities enjoying the tenuous economic and social interrelations to which they were limited by the buggy and stage coach methods of transportation.

Production and distribution are economic Siamese twins, and it would indeed be futile to attempt to form great corporations necessary for the concentration of capital into great productive units unless the means for the distribution of corporate securities were ready at hand. Thus has the New York Stock Exchange, by providing the complete machinery for the marketing of corporate stocks and bonds become one of the necessities in the economic progress of the nation. By means of its ample facilities, and surrounded and safeguarded by its numerous protective regulations, American business has found in Wall Street and the New York Stock Exchange the means by which steady and continuous progress is possible.

Mr. Westerfield referred to attacks which have been centred against Wall Street as a result of the operations of swindlers and fraudulent promoters who were at no time a part of legitimate organized finance. This same legitimate business, however, has for years been a leader in the fight to stamp out dishonest practices and each year, he declared, further marked progress is being made. To this end the New York Stock Exchange has established a Fraud Bureau, which works in close co-operation with Better Business Bureaus and agencies of Government all over the country. Moreover, he pointed out, the Exchange has tried with a large measure of success to have laid before the investors of the nation the essential facts concerning enterprises into which they propose to put their money in order that they may determine from these facts whether or not the proposed investment is a proper one to fit their own individual needs.

Record Expansion of Brokers' Loans Laid to Bond Issues—Bankers Estimate \$700,000,000 of Recent Offerings Still Unabsorbed—Foreign Issues Fared Worst of All.

The persistent rise in the volume of loans made to brokers during the past few months has been caused by the large volume of undigested bond issues overhanging the market, and not by extensive stock speculation on the part of the public, a careful survey of the current situation in Wall Street revealed yesterday, according to the New York "Journal of Commerce" of June 22. In its further comment that paper said:

Bond house officials placed the total of securities offered during the present year and unsold at upward of \$700,000,000, and practically all of these bonds are being carried through brokers' loans.

The weekly figures of brokers' loans issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York have shown a steady rise week after week. For the week ended June 15 they amounted to \$3,159,876,000, a rise of \$41,000,000, a record figure within seven days and a gain of nearly \$500,000,000 from the low point of the year.

No Marked Stock Rise.

An expansion in brokers' loans, it is pointed out, may arise from two primary sources. Extensive stock speculation would make larger loans necessary, and a large volume of unsold bonds on dealers' hands would contribute to a similar result. While stock trading has been active in the last few weeks, there has been no marked sign of public participation, and the average of prices has not made any significant headway in either direction.

On the other hand, new financing has gone on at a record pace. In May the volume of new bond offerings reached 946,769,379, the highest monthly total ever attained. For the five months the total of new offerings amounted to \$4,374,329,245.

If these new offerings are absorbed by the public they would have no appreciable effect upon brokers' loans, for the bonds are then paid for, and the bankers turn the money of investors over to liquidate the loans they incurred from the banks to pay for the issue. But unsold bonds, whether carried by the issuing syndicate or individual houses, are generally turned over to the banks as collateral for loans.

Many Unsold Foreign Issues.

The total of unsold bonds is estimated at \$700,000,000, or upward of 16% of the total of new flotations, whether for new capital or refunding purposes. Of this total it is estimated that foreign bonds account for about \$250,000,000. In all about \$450,000,000 of foreign issues have been floated, so that the foreign bonds market is in a much poorer state relatively than is the domestic market.

A survey in the financial district showed that relatively few of the recent large offerings have been well absorbed by investors. The recent oil financing probably has taken least well of any. The \$40,000,000 Phillips Petroleum issue, brought out on a 5.33% yield basis, is still largely in the hands of the selling syndicate. Dealers also report poor distribution of the \$30,000,000 serial note issue of the Marland Oil Co., with yields varying from 5.30 to 5.50%. Others in this group which have not enjoyed a satisfactory distribution were the \$50,000,000 5c issue of the Shell Union Oil Corporation and the \$15,000,000 issue of Skelly Oil Co. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % debentures.

Another large industrial issue where considerable difficulty is reported in distribution is the Goodyear Tire & Rubber \$60,000,000 issue of 5% mortgage bonds, which were sold on a 5.20% basis. Although a substantial amount of these bonds have been sold, the syndicate has a sizable block

in its hands still. Another issue put out earlier in the year which is not as yet distributed is the \$50,000,000 of Erie Railroad refunding 5s. Numerous smaller offerings remain in large part in the dealers' hands, such as Distribution Terminal Cold Storage 6½s and Florida West Coast Ice 6s. On the other hand, the \$48,000,000 Chesapeake Corporation 5s, more liberally priced, appear to have been thoroughly absorbed.

Among the foreign issues, great difficulty is being met in passing on to investors the \$50,000,000 of New South Wales 5s offered earlier in the year, the \$30,000,000 of Milan 6½s, the last \$42,500,000 Chilean loan, the \$20,000,000 loan to the City of Budapest and the last offering of the Province of Buenos Aires 7s. The \$15,000,000 of Canadian National Railways 4½s and the \$25,000,000 of Batavian Petroleum 4½s are also reported to have been left in large part in the dealers' hands.

Began in February.

It is the general opinion that the present state of indigestion in the bond market dates from February and March of this year. An active and rapidly advancing bond market in the first two months of the year had led bankers to accept numerous new issues and price them rather high. Investors became more wary, the demand did not prove as large as anticipated and as a result the offering syndicates were left with large portions of their issues.

In several quarters the hope has been expressed that the large July reinvestment demand will correct this situation. Many observers on the Street do not think this optimistic view is justified. They do not think the new offerings are attractive enough and of the right quality to be absorbed within so short a period. In their opinion the situation may not right itself until the end of the year, and in the meanwhile the large volume of unsold bonds will go to swell the total of brokers' loans.

Good Guessers in Wall Street, According to Federal Reserve Official, Commenting on Bear Raids on Heavy Loan Figures.

Officials of the Federal Reserve Board expressed themselves as skeptical on June 21 that any one should have advance information regarding the Board's weekly reports on the amounts loaned by New York bankers to brokers. In stating this, the Washington correspondent of the New York "Times" adds:

The coincidence of market raids late on Mondays in several consecutive weeks, when the post-closing Reserve Board figures showed huge increases in loans attracted some attention in Wall Street yesterday.

One Federal Reserve Board official made the statement to-day that if there had been activities in the market which seemed to indicate that some operators might have had the benefit of inside information as to the showing on brokers' loans for last week or any preceding week it was due to shrewd guessing rather than authentic knowledge.

"In a market where the turnover has run as high as 2,000,000 shares a day," this official said, "it would be a simple matter for one familiar with what is going on to figure out with pencil and paper the approximate loans for a given period. In the case of a broker with big accounts the matter would be more simple. Such a broker could tell by the trend in his own office what others were doing.

"In this way a broker, or one in the confidence of a broker, might be able to determine approximately the probable total of loans for a weekly period. I do not believe that there have been any leaks on these reports. I have seen nothing that could possibly lead to such a conclusion."

Practice of Announcing Bond Oversubscriptions Irrespective of Whether They Have Actually Moved Out of Financial District.

The following is from the New York "Times" of June 19: The present stagnation in the bond market, due to the great mass of new issues, some of which are clogging dealers' shelves, has brought directly to the fore the practice of almost all investment bankers of announcing complete subscriptions to their new issues whether or not the bonds have actually moved out of the financial district. Some investment firms would like to see this old custom changed because of the fact that, in the first place, the purpose is very obvious, and that in the second place it fools no one. It sometimes does more harm than good, particularly so far as the retail bond salesmen are concerned. Some of the bankers would like to see the methods of the London banking houses in this respect introduced here. If an issue does not go so well and is not fully subscribed, it is the custom for the London bankers to give the percentage of total subscriptions which have been received.

Discussion of "Types of Social Radicalism" by Benjamin M. Anderson Jr. of Chase National Bank of New York Before Bond Club.

According to Benjamin M. Anderson Jr., Ph. D., economist of the Chase National Bank of the City of New York, "the great challenge which capitalism is entitled to make to Socialism and Communism centres about the problem of guiding and controlling the industries of a country, putting the proper amounts of labor and capital in different industries, producing goods of the right kinds, in the right amounts; and at the right times, keeping the proper co-ordination between production and consumption—keeping industry a going concern." Mr. Anderson's remarks on the subject, under the head "Types of Social Radicalism," were presented before the Bond Club of New York at a luncheon at the Bankers' Club of America June 21. The address appears in the "Chase Economic Bulletin" issued this week. Mr. Anderson observed that "Social radicals have often been effective in their criticisms of evils under the capitalist system, but they have been woefully weak in their constructive planning." He added:

The Capitalistic System.

The great legal fundamentals of the capitalistic system of society are:
(1) Private property in the instruments of production, including land.

(2) Free enterprise.

(3) Competition.

The Socialist and Communist attack all three of these. The scientific defender of the existing social order defends all three.

The capitalist system based on these three great fundamentals does not imply the absence of political control or the negation of government. There must be government, and government must perform very important functions if capitalism is to be successful. There must be law and order and social tranquillity. There must be contract law and the enforcement of contracts. There must be bankruptcy law in order that the inefficient business man, who is unable to make his balance sheet balance, may surrender the control of the industry which he has mismanaged into the hands of those more competent to manage it. There must be law to prevent fraud. Capitalism presupposes an elaborate system of commercial law. Capitalism presupposes sound money, which usually depends on governmental regulation.

Capitalism presupposes also a level of commercial morality such that men may make plans for dealing with one another and for co-operating with one another with confidence that other men will keep their engagements.

Modern capitalism assumes a government which will act as an umpire, supplementing morality by law where necessary to make the rules of the game satisfactory. It assumes a government which will regulate the level of competition in cases where morality and trade practices are inadequate. It assumes a government which will regulate weights and measures, which will standardize qualities of commodities in a good many cases, which will protect trade-marks and brands, and which, in the public interest, will protect new discoveries by patent rights and the like. It assumes a government which will check the business man who seeks to stifle competition—a government which, on the one hand, will prevent monopoly, and which will, on the other hand, maintain such a level of competition as to prevent success in competition by unfair practices and by the substitution of inferior for standard grades.

From the summary of his speech we also take the following:

Socialism in Post-War Europe.

The post-war history of Continental Europe gives a striking demonstration of this weakness of Socialism. Following the war, Socialists came into power throughout much of Continental Europe, and Communism was in control in Russia and for a time in Hungary. In Germany, the Socialists, under the able and upright President Ebert, were in complete control, as they were in Austria. In Czechoslovakia, Professor Masaryk, a distinguished Socialist, was elected President. Socialists were strong in Sweden and came into office in 1920. They had their opportunity in many important places to inaugurate a Socialist regime, and this was notably true in Germany. Sobered by power and responsibility, facing the immense difficulties of the constructive problem, they recognized that their thought and planning had been given only to agitation and propaganda, and they did not know what to do. Socialism in practice left capitalism intact, and contented itself with labor legislation, &c., to improve the conditions of the workers under the wage system.

I hold this to be no reproach to the responsible Socialist authorities. It was rather an exhibition of a fine sense of responsibility and concern for the general welfare. I take this occasion also to credit the Socialists in Europe since the war with having done very much to re-establish a genuine spirit of peace and friendly international relationships.

Socialism Versus Communism.

The Socialist believes in democracy and he proposes to reach his Socialist state by legal methods, the winning of elections and parliamentary majorities, and the transformation of Socialist institutions by legislation. The present day Communist, on the other hand, has grown weary of politics. He has seen Socialist leader after Socialist leader rise to power and "turn respectable." The Communist has lost hope in the responsiveness of the masses of the people. He sees that they are easily frightened into reaction by radical proposals and revolutionary measures. He proposes, therefore, to abandon politics and to turn to revolution. He wishes to establish a dictatorship of an aggressive, militant minority of class-conscious workingmen and their leaders.

Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald, the distinguished head of the British Labor Party and former Prime Minister of England, says:

"This has presented very troublesome and unpleasant problems to the various Socialist Governments established since the war. In Germany a Socialist Government formed by the Majority Social Democrats was faced by a Communist conspiracy, armed and revolutionary, determined to overthrow it by bloodshed. In Georgia and elsewhere Socialist Governments have been faced with the same opposition. . . . But the issue which the Communist parties in States like Germany and Georgia raised was not that of free speech, but of free action for bloodshed. Faced by that, a Government has either to prohibit or resign and refuse to carry out its responsibilities."

I am not as a practical matter afraid of Communism in any society where the masses of the people have anything to lose. The masses of men will support constitutional government in its defense of law and order against revolutionary violence and economic chaos.

I have no fear that Communism may be successful, but rather that it will breed reaction and increase the difficulties of moderate men who are trying, piecemeal, by legal methods, to bring about needed social reforms.

Communism in Russia.

The Bolshevist experiment in Russia, so far from constituting a vindication of Communism, demonstrates to the extent that it demonstrates anything, the superiority of capitalistic methods over communistic methods. So long as the Bolshevist authorities tried to substitute the conscription of labor, the requisition of grain from the peasants, and the rationing of products to consumers, for the processes of the markets, Russian economic life went steadily down hill, reaching an appalling disorder and chaos in 1921. Lenin candidly recognized the facts, and announced in 1921 the "New Economic Policy," which he said is "nothing more nor less than the direct re-establishment of capitalism." The policy involved the redevelopment of money held as closely as possible at a parity with gold, the use of market machinery, liberty to buy and sell on the part of the peasants and a great many private middlemen, especially in retail trade, and concessions to outside capitalists. Agriculture, the overwhelmingly important industry, was in private hands. The State remained dominant in the field of manufacturing, and retained a monopoly of foreign commerce, but the State itself used capitalistic methods, creating business corporations whose stock it held, creating banks which could lend to these corporations as well as deal with private customers, &c.

Beginning with 1921, Russia began rapidly to regain lost ground in economic matters. Production increased both in industry and in agriculture, reaching in a good many cases magnitudes not far from pre-war magnitudes and in some cases exceeding pre-war magnitudes. Foreign trade revived and is now approximately one-half of pre-war volume.

But capital is desperately scarce in Russia. A State loan of 100,000,000 rubles issued last year yields 14%. State loans, moreover, have been largely subscribed to by the Government's own institutions, banks, syndicates and trusts, a borrowing from Peter by Paul. It is doubtful, in the opinion of

M. Rykoff, Chairman of the Council of Commissars, and M. Quibisheff, Chairman of the Economic Council, whether the new capital has been adequate to make good the deterioration in equipment during the same period. M. Quibisheff says: "In all the preceding years and partially in 1925-26, the development of industry was carried through the utilization of existing reserve capital which is at present almost entirely used up." M. Rykoff says: "It is supposed that the Communist Party has been existing on the resources amassed by the bourgeoisie."

Russia's great problem is such an amendment of her relations with the world outside as to make possible the obtaining on reasonable terms of an adequate volume of foreign capital. It is a curious anomaly that nowhere else is capital so tyrannous as in Bolshevist Russia. It is tyrannous because it is scarce and timid.

Guild Socialism Versus State Socialism.

Among the Socialists themselves there has been great discontent with the picture of one great economic organization regulated by a central brain under the authority of the State. Many of them have felt that it would destroy the liberty of the individual, breed stagnation, ignore the personal wishes of consumers, and destroy the individual's freedom of choice of an occupation. In England an interesting movement in thought, known as Guild Socialism, has arisen, which would seek to obviate these difficulties. It would reduce the State to a subsidiary position, and would organize each industry into guilds, largely self-governing. It has devised an intricate scheme of checks and balances, involving negotiations among guilds, regulations of prices and incomes by communes, parliamentary legislation, &c., for bringing about some sort of harmony and co-ordination among the different groups. Where capitalism relies upon the automatic, unconscious workings of the markets to bring about a social order, and where State Socialism must rely upon a central brain, Guild Socialism would rely upon a diffused and interminable debating society.

Donald M. Marvin of Royal Bank of Canada on Work of Bank Library.

On June 21 Donald M. Marvin, Ph.D., Economist of the Royal Bank of Canada, delivered an address before the Special Library Section of the American Library Association at Toronto, in which he treated of the work of the bank library in supplying information concerning Canadian and foreign business conditions to officers and clients of the bank. In part he said:

The keynote of modern industrial economy is interdependence. . . . Naturally, the economic relationships between nations have become tremendously complex. The surplus exports of Canada to Great Britain are roughly balanced by the surplus of exports from the United States to Canada. The change of tariff in one country may distort the flow of trade in totally different commodities in other countries. It has become an economic truism that sweeping changes in economic policy are likely to do more harm than good since they usually produce a series of unforeseen dislocations.

Whatever helpful contribution to European economic stability was made by the recent International Economic Conference at Geneva was due to success in dealing with a number of apparently insignificant practical problems and not to the great orations on the theory of free trade. Constructive work is rarely spectacular. Sound development must be achieved after the careful study of ultimate relationships and by means of the deadly routine of a series of minor adjustments. In the great international banking institution there is a wide variety of topics of special significance. Through the library, the bank may keep its finger on the pulse of international events, the changes in tariff or taxation or Government monetary policy which may result in the inflation or contraction of currency, a change in the channels of trade or an impetus to the development of new industries. The appreciation on the part of the executive officers of their need for varied and detailed information is the factor which accounts for the rapid increase in the number of financial libraries in the trading centres of the world.

The banking system of Canada consists, in the main, of eleven chartered banks with nearly four thousand branches located in all parts of the country from Halifax on the Atlantic to Vancouver on the Pacific. The Royal Bank of Canada is the one of these banks which has the largest number of branches, both in Canada and abroad. The Royal Bank has more than 700 branches in Canada, and has branches throughout South America and the West Indies, and in London, Paris, Barcelona and New York. Naturally, it is necessary for a bank with such wide connections to keep in touch with business conditions throughout the world. One aid to the solution of this problem is the library at head office for the collection and dissemination of publications dealing with problems of world commerce.

Much information may be obtained from books, but the most up-to-date material on economic conditions and commercial and financial statistics is found in current periodicals. For this reason, the library receives over 150 periodicals and newspapers, a large number of which are circulated among members of the staff; articles which would be of special interest are brought to the attention of the proper officials of the bank, and those which contain valuable reference material are indexed. A number of these periodicals are bound, others are kept unbound, and the rest eventually discarded.

Useful files of pamphlets and reports have been built up and these are indispensable in answering reference questions. The necessary reference books, such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, year books, directories, together with books on commodities and countries, constitute the backbone of the library.

The great national newspapers and periodicals, such as the Manchester "Guardian," the New York "Times," the "Economist" and the "Commercial and Financial Chronicle," are valuable sources of reference concerning foreign conditions, but banks frequently require more detailed information than that which is available in these sources, and for this reason the library needs a wide variety of foreign periodicals. Important decisions may hinge upon the question as to whether a country is in a position to return to the gold standard. Provision must be made to finance the expanding commerce of Latin America, and detailed market information concerning coffee, rubber and cocoa must be available. While the library may have a considerable amount of material which will throw light upon some general trend, it frequently happens that letters from foreign representatives or the first-hand reports of experienced foreign observers will be of greater value than any published material. In such cases, the library may supply supplementary information or statistics which will throw added light upon these reports. Excellent compilations of production and consumption statistics and prices are available in such reports as those of Standard Statistics, Inc., the New York "Journal of Commerce," and the "Statist." Special trade papers, such as the "Iron Age," "The Sugar

Trade Journal," "The Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter," and the "Newsprint Service Bureau," furnish an intimate view of happenings within an industry or the condition of a particular market. . . .

For Canada, in which the bank is carrying on its main banking business, both the executive officers and clients expect the library to maintain complete files of information and statistics concerning the situation in each industry. Canada stands on the verge of a period of wonderful expansion. In each industry there are remarkable opportunities. In agriculture, the annual crops are worth about one and one-half billion dollars, and there must be complete statistics concerning acreage, crop condition, crop yield, prices and markets. Dairy products alone have a value of more than \$250,000,000. The recent marvelous discoveries in the mining areas of the country are attracting attention throughout the world. Canadian manufacturing is branching out in many new directions, and there is a constant demand for new statistics and for data of various types. The pulp and paper industry of Canada now leads the world. Inquiries come to the bank both from home and abroad as to the investment opportunities offered in many lines of manufacture.

To assist in answering such inquiries concerning Canada, every possible index of business conditions must be kept up to date. Railroad earnings, freight loadings, employment and building statistics, production of automobiles, newsprint, steel and flour each have their place in assisting one to secure a clear viewpoint concerning the general situation. One of the most important industries in the country is electric power production and the Royal Bank of Canada maintains the most complete figures in the country on the generation of electric energy. The growth of energy consumption indicated by these figures constitutes a most important index of the expansion of the manufacturing industry. A bank with 700 branches scattered throughout the country is able to supplement this general information with regular reports from managers in every part of the country, and thus secure a much more complete picture of the situation as a whole than would be possible from general indices.

Comptroller of Currency McIntosh Announces that 34 State Banks With Resources of Over a Billion Dollars Have Entered National System Since Enactment of McFadden Bill—Review of Banking Conditions in Maine.

In an address before the Maine Bankers' Association at Poland Springs, Maine, on June 18, Comptroller of the Currency J. W. McIntosh stated that during the four months the McFadden Bank Act has been on the statute books "18 State banks have consolidated with national banks under the national charter and 16 State banks have converted into national banks, bringing in aggregate resources for the 34 State banks considerably more than one billion dollars." In picturing banking conditions in Maine, Comptroller McIntosh noted that for every dollar of gross income in 1926 you (the bankers of the State) distributed 45.3 cents to depositors as interest. This he said is higher than the aggregates of National banks in any other State. Comptroller McIntosh also referred to the fact that in 1926, for every dollar of gross income, the Maine bankers had distributed 13.6 cents to officers and employees as salaries and wages, this, he added, being the lowest of any State aggregates. The remarks of the Comptroller follow:

The most popular topics discussed at bankers' conventions last season, and so far this season, are those built around the slogan "Better Banks and Better Banking" and many a sermon is being preached relative to the investment accounts, secondary reserves, credit controls, reduction of costs and that very annoying subject of interest paid on deposits.

However, in reviewing the banking conditions in Maine and the position of banks in Maine, especially National banks, with which I am most familiar, I feel that it would be presumptuous on my part to preach a sermon to you on any topic relating to "Better Banks and Better Banking."

I endeavored to discover something unique and unusual in the Maine banking situation. One proof that you are good bankers is that Maine is one of the few States in the Union in which there has not been a single failure of a National bank; it is one of the few States which has not come in contact with our Division of Insolvent National Banks, and I trust that no bank in Maine will ever find it necessary to have a contact with that Division.

In the aggregate, the Investment Accounts of the National Banks of Maine are conservative and strong; the great majority of investments are represented by U. S. Government, State, County and Municipal, Railroad and Public Service Corporation bonds—another proof that you Maine bankers are scientists in the investment of moneys.

You have educated the people of your State in the services of banking and in habits of thrift as witnessed by the following:

The per capita individual deposits are \$489.62—only eight other States outrank you in this.

The per capita savings deposits are \$359.67—only seven other states outrank you in this.

You National bankers submit reports of earnings and dividends to the Comptroller and perhaps you have asked yourself as to what use these are placed outside of a check on your institutions. Our Statistical Department compiles therefrom aggregates of sources of income, expenses and profits of National Banks arranged according to States and Reserve Cities. Thus compiled they serve as a valuable barometer of banking results in all parts of the Country. These are submitted in my annual report to the Congress and are available to you.

These figures serve as a basis for disclosing the results produced by the National Banks of Maine as compared with those of other States. It is stated that the true test of management ability is the relative stability, consistency and degree of net profits produced. The aggregate net profit to capital and surplus of Maine National Banks each year, for the past six years, has been about the most consistent of any State aggregates. Fluctuations each year have been relatively slight. The net profit ratio has been consistently above that of any other New England State, and the New England Banks as a group have always reflected good earning power. The sounder the bank, and the more stabilized its earnings, the better its position to serve its community.

The factors which make up this net profit are interesting and some of them, on a comparative basis, are rather unique. For example: for every dollar of gross income in 1926 you distributed 45.3 cents to depositors as

interest. This is higher than the aggregates of National banks in any other State. The New England average is 37.6 cents and the National average is 32.5 cents.

In 1926, for every dollar of gross income, you distributed 13.6 cents to your officers and employees as salaries and wages. This is the lowest of any State aggregates. The New England average is 17.2 cents and the National average is 19.3 cents.

For every dollar of gross income, you disbursed 4.2 cents for taxes. This is very near the New England average of 4.4 cents, but below the National average of 5.8 cents.

For every dollar of gross income, you spent 8.9 cents for other expenses, that is, expenses other than interest paid, salaries, taxes and losses. This factor is about as low as can be found in any State. The New England average is 10.4 cents and the National average 11.4 cents.

For every dollar of gross income, you had net charge offs of 5.7 cents. This is about as low as can be found in any State. This factor for New England States is 7.5 cents and the National average is 8.5 cents. This again proves that you are good bankers.

For every dollar of gross income, 21.6 cents remained as net additions to profits. When we consider that your interest paid factor is decidedly above the average, this is a splendid showing. The New England average is 21.3 cents and the National average 20.9 cents.

I believe, and have also been told by students of banking, that the Annual Report contains the most comprehensive and complete data on banking conditions and results which can be found anywhere. It is extremely valuable to all bankers who wish to gain a comprehensive picture of banking conditions and trends and determine the position of their institution with the general field.

The foregoing statements indicate that it is unnecessary for me to discuss for you any topic on the subject of "better banking," hence I will take this opportunity to turn briefly to a discussion of recent developments in the National banking system in the country as a whole.

It was a well known fact that during the period immediately following the World War the growth of the resources of National banks fell off each year in proportion to the annual growth of State bank resources. This was due largely to the fact that there was a strong tendency among National banks to do business under State charters, either by consolidation with State banks or directly giving up their National charters. This situation had become so serious as to attract nation-wide attention in banking circles and it was the general consensus of opinion both among State and National bankers that the National banking system should be maintained in full strength as a Federal instrumentality. The passage of the McFadden Bank Act was the answer of Congress to this question.

This Act has more than justified itself as an aid to the National banking system. It has been upon the statute books less than four months during which time eighteen State banks have consolidated with National banks under the National charter and sixteen State banks have converted into National banks, bringing in aggregate resources for the 34 State banks considerably more than one billion dollars. This statement includes pending consolidations and conversions of State banks which have been brought to my attention. This gain in National bank resources by additions from the State banks is greater than the total losses in resources suffered by the National system through relinquishment of National charters in favor of State charters for the entire period from October 21 1923, to October 1 1926.

These conversions and consolidations of State banks since the passage of the McFadden Act are not confined to any one section of the country. Nine of them were on the Pacific Coast, 6 in the Southern States, 17 in the middle West and two in New England.

These figures are enough to show that the effect of the McFadden Act will be to restore completely in the near future the equilibrium between the State and the National banking systems.

Samuel Untermyer Disputes Senator Glass on Authorship of Federal Reserve Act—Credit Given to Senator Owen by Mr. Untermyer—Latter Claims Legislation Resulted from Pujo Investigation in Which He Participated.

The contention that "Senator Glass is not the chief author of the Federal Reserve Act, nor is he justly entitled to the main credit for its enactment, but that on the contrary that credit belongs to Senator Owen," is contained in a pamphlet just issued by Samuel Untermyer, under the caption, "Who is Entitled to the Credit for the Federal Reserve Act? An Answer to Senator Carter Glass." Mr. Untermyer furthermore contends that the Federal Reserve Act was the outcome of the investigation conducted by the Pujo Committee, for which he acted as counsel and investigator. Mr. Untermyer's statement in the matter is presented in the following foreword in the pamphlet:

During the past winter, while the undersigned was absent from this country on a world tour, the New York "Evening Post" published a series of articles by Senator Carter Glass of Virginia, who was Chairman of a Sub-Committee of the House of Representatives at the time of the framing of the Federal Reserve Act. These articles have now been embodied by him in a book entitled "Adventures in Constructive Finance." The manifest purpose was to picture Senator Glass in the role of the sole author of that historic piece of legislation and all others as at best assistants or supernumeraries.

In order to accomplish that purpose and to emphasize his importance in the results achieved, Senator Glass saw fit not only to bitterly assail the integrity of Colonel House and to belittle and grossly misrepresent the work of the undersigned, but to minimize the important part played by Mr. McAdoo, to ignore the influence of Colonel Bryan and, above all, to take from Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma the credit to which he more than any other man is entitled of being in effect the true author and draftsman of the present bill and by far the chief and overshadowing figure of all of us who had the good fortune to be identified with that historic accomplishment.

The accompanying letters between the undersigned and Senator Owen (who was Chairman of the United States Senate Committee on Currency and Finance when the Federal Reserve Act was under consideration and passed) and the attached exhibits are largely self-explanatory.

It is believed that they fully establish:

1. That the Federal Reserve Act is the direct outcome of the disclosures of the dangerous concentration of the control of money and credits by the Pujo Investigating Committee of the House of Representatives of the 1912-13 Congress, for which

the undersigned had the honor of acting as counsel and investigator, and that proved the existence of a vast money trust which it was the design of the Federal Reserve Act to destroy.

2. That Senator Glass is not the chief author of the Federal Reserve Act, nor is he justly entitled to the main credit for its enactment, but that on the contrary that credit belongs to Senator Owen, who had deeply studied the subject and equipped himself for the difficult task over a long period of years.

3. That the references of Senator Glass to the part of the undersigned in the preparation of the so-called Treasury Bureau bill or in the efforts to have it substituted for the Federal Reserve Act are fiction pure and simple from beginning to end; that the undersigned (a) at no time knew or heard of any such bill until the appearance of Senator Glass's interesting work of imagination; (b) that the entire record of the undersigned and his writings and speeches on currency legislation are diametrically opposed to every principle of this Treasury Bureau bill and were at all times in support of the plan and principles of the Federal Reserve Act, which was in line with all that he ardently and openly supported at every stage; (c) that he actively collaborated with Senator Owen in the Federal Reserve Act in substantially the form as passed and had consistently opposed every thing for which the Treasury Bureau bill stood, the authorship and championship of which are baselessly sought to be attributed to him by Senator Glass.

4. That Senator Glass's fable of a scheme on the part of Colonel House and Mr. McAdoo or anyone else to have the undersigned slipped into the White House at night to argue with the President in favor of the Treasury Bureau bill should not have imposed upon the credulity of a newborn babe and should certainly not have been swallowed by Senator Glass as the undersigned had access to the White House whenever he so chose.

5. That it was upon the urgent insistence of the undersigned that Colonel William Jennings Bryan went to the President and demanded that the fundamental policies that were finally retained in the Federal Reserve Act, after a struggle to the death with the powerful banking interests for (1) regional banks as against a central bank; (2) Government money as against bank money, and (3) Government control of the system as against banking control, be so retained.

6. That Mr. McAdoo, so far from having advocated this so-called Treasury Bureau bill does not appear ever to have seen or heard of it—that at least is what he has told Senator Owen; and that Mr. Tumulty has no record or recollection of any such incident as that referred to by Senator Glass.

7. That in his credulity and carelessness in accepting rumor and hearsay, Senator Glass was manifestly imposed upon as was the President, in attributing to the undersigned either the paternity, championship or knowledge of this Treasury Bureau bill which he had never seen or heard of, but that when confronted with the facts Senator Glass has lacked the courage to confess and correct his error. And so he has now, after due warning, deliberately chosen to put forth over his name a work of fiction in the guise of a historical survey of a great event in the history of our country.

That attitude seems quite consistent with the other parts of his book in which he by indirection and implication undertakes to filch from Senator Owen and others and to take unto himself credit for accomplishments to which he is not entitled and which history will not accord him. He had an honorable and creditable part in the legislation within the limitations of his powers, but by reason of want of familiarity with the many details connected with the complicated subject of currency reform and his consequent necessity for reliance upon others, he had a decidedly subsidiary part and if left to his own devices would unintentionally have wrecked this great adventure in constructive legislation.

Whether or not it was the revelations by the Pujo Committee of the stranglehold of the great banks and financiers (which had stirred the nation to its very depths as had no other disclosures in a generation) that made possible the Federal Reserve Act against the wild protests and warnings of financial disaster by the leading bankers of the country, must be left to others to say. There can, however, be no doubt that next to President Wilson, Senator Owen primarily and then Mr. McAdoo, are mainly responsible for the structure of the Federal Reserve Act.

President Wilson deserves the everlasting gratitude of the country for the resolute manner in which he put all the power of his Administration behind the currency reform and for his wise decisions, first in supporting Senator Owen in giving the Government control of the system through a Reserve Board consisting exclusively of Government officials; second, in having the money furnished the Reserve banks consist of United States Treasury notes, secured by commercial bills with gold redemption.

Several letters which passed between Mr. Untermyer and Senator Owen in May with regard to the statements in Senator Glass's book, are presented by Mr. Untermyer, one of which—that addressed to Mr. Untermyer by Senator Owen, we quote herewith:

May 14 1927.

Samuel Untermyer, Esquire, 120 Broadway, New York City.

My dear Mr. Untermyer: Your letter of May 10 referring to the statements published in a book by Senator Carter Glass, entitled, "An adventure in Constructive Finance," is received.

I note the cable sent you by your son, and your cabled reply. I am utterly at a loss to understand how Mr. Glass could have been so misled, unless, perhaps, he overlooked the fact, that after demolishing Colonel House as a witness against himself, with my help, he could not, in common fairness, use the annihilated Colonel as a witness to discredit me or you either.

You express your desire of setting the record straight, and in answer to your request that I furnish you with a statement of my connection with the Federal Reserve Act and of your association with the matter as far as I personally knew of it, I gladly comply.

I have just read the chapter in Mr. Glass's book, Chapter 6, entitled "A Threatening Flank Movement—An Intrigue to Wreck the Measure—President Wilson Plunk an End to it," in which Colonel House appears to have sent and supported a bill to create a Bureau Bank in the United States Treasury with all the elements of a central bank involving a tremendous issue of Treasury notes to supersede outstanding greenback and gold certificates, and seeming to contemplate a seizure of the gold in trust behind the certificate.

George M. Reynolds, of Chicago, is quoted as referring to this measure as a bill sponsored by the people in the Treasury Department, with a basis of "fiat" money.

Mr. Glass describes Colonel House as tiptoeing on the scene as an advocate of this "central-bank-greenback scheme," and pressing the President for a personal interview for you, in order that this scheme might be presented "in all its alluring aspects," "and the Federal Reserve Bill ditched," etc. He states that Mr. McAdoo insisted on this Treasury Bureau plan and said it had the endorsement of eminent bankers and urged its substitution for a bill Mr. Glass favored. Mr. Glass recites that Mr. McAdoo told him that I thoroughly approved this so-called Treasury bill. Mr. Glass says he could readily believe this because of expressions akin to it which he had heard me use.

I never heard of the bill as far as I know. My files show no record of it. My then Secretary, Mr. James W. Beller, advises me that he never heard of it. The proposal of a central bank and fiat money flatly contradict everything that I have believed in. I was always consistently opposed to a central bank and to fiat money.

In reading this chapter, I think the impression would be left on the mind of the ordinary reader that you, Mr. McAdoo, Colonel House and myself were then engaged in an intrigue to ditch the bill Mr. Glass favored; that the President did not seem especially impressed, but conceivably had given tacit permission for the experimental attempt at the rival plan.

Mr. Glass narrates that on his protest against the House bill the President gave his decision against it, and Mr. McAdoo graciously acquiesced.

The imputation that I ever at any time favored a central bank, or that I ever at any time favored fiat money or greenbacks or unsecured bank notes for money has no foundation whatever, and from what I knew of your views, it is inconceivable to me that you could have done so.

My own connection with the banking Acts of the United States began in 1890, when I sought and obtained an amendment to the National Bank Act extending its provisions to the Indian Territory. I thereupon organized the first national bank in Indian Territory, the largest bank in then eastern Oklahoma. I was President of it ten years, have been a director of it for thirty-seven years, have directed its policies; conducting its policies successfully through several panics. It has never failed to pay its dividends with perfect regularity, and is a model now. I had had practical banking experience for over twenty years before entering the Senate.

I studied the principles of banking with the direct object of mastering them. I demanded a plank in the Democratic platform at Chicago in 1896 for emergency currency, and was assisted by Hon. Charles S. Thomas of Colorado, William J. Bryan and Allan Thurman.

In 1898 I went to Europe and visited the Governor of the Bank of England, the Governor and directors of the Bank of France, and the officials of the Reichsbank of Berlin, and studied their methods for stabilizing credit and preventing panics.

In 1899 I wrote a series of articles explaining how these principles worked out by these European banks could be applied to the national bank system in the United States.

Some of these articles, published in 1899, can be seen in the "Congressional Record" of Feb. 25 1908 (p. 2453), advocating an elastic currency adequately secured by collateral.

On Feb. 6 1900 (Cong. Rec. 1534), Hon. James K. Jones, then Democratic leader of the United States Senate, offered an amendment to the Aldrich bill proposing an emergency currency, adequately secured, with automatic contraction provisions to prevent inflation. These notes were United States Treasury notes. I drew the amendment.

On Feb. 25 1908 (Cong. Rec. 2429), within about two months after my admission to the United States Senate, I put into the "Record" a letter of Hon. James K. Jones, acknowledging my authorship of this amendment, a copy of the amendment itself, and the article written in 1899 above referred to.

On this day in a three-hour speech (Cong. Rec. 2427), I discussed the Aldrich bill for currency associations then pending and made many constructive suggestions. For example,

1st. That the volume of such emergency elastic currency should not be limited except by the actual requirements of our commerce. (p. 2435) This was accomplished by the Federal Reserve Act.

2d. That this currency should not be national bank notes, but United States Treasury notes based upon collateral security and the credit of the banks, and supported by the taxing power of the people of the United States. This was accomplished by the Federal Reserve Act.

3d. The retirement of the bond secured national bank notes and the issuance in lieu thereof of Treasury notes above referred to payable in gold (p. 2436). This plan was written into the Federal Reserve Act.

4th. The issuance of Treasury notes (p. 2436) as such elastic currency using gold as cover of the new currency, together with the other securities. This has been accomplished in the Federal Reserve Act.

5th. The readjustment of cash reserves (p. 2444) so that they would be real reserves and actually available. This was done in the Federal Reserve Act.

6th. I stated at that time the fundamental principles which should govern the statutes on banking and that the objects of vital importance to be attained were:

The prevention of panic, the protection of our commerce, the stability of business conditions, and the maintenance in active operation of the productive energies of the Nation.

7th. I pointed out that the vital defect of the Vreeland-Aldrich bill was in putting the currency system in the control of the banks and making the currency difficult of access and expensive. These errors were all corrected in the Federal Reserve Act.

The Vreeland-Aldrich Act, upon my demand made on the floor of the United States Senate, March 25 1908, p. 3874, and accepted by Senator Aldrich provided for the National Monetary Commission. The Commission sat for four years, collected a library of 2,500 volumes, made a report of 33 volumes, and brought in a bill in 1912 proposing to repeat many of the errors I had pointed out, such as bank control, bank notes for currency, a central bank, etc., and to which I was unalterably opposed.

The objections I had pointed out Feb. 25 1908 (p. 2433 and 2435) on the issuance of currency, that the limitations of Sections 1 and 3 and 5 of the Vreeland-Aldrich Act were unwise, proved to be very real indeed, and on Friday, July 31 1914, when the European War broke out, I drew and offered an amendment suspending limitations imposed. On Wednesday, Aug. 4, both Houses had agreed on the bill and in the meantime over \$300,000,000 of emergency currency was shipped to New York and a dangerous war panic prevented by the suspension of the limitations of Sections 1, 3 and 5, against which I had protested Feb. 25 1908.

In this action Mr. Glass and Mr. McAdoo co-operated and Frank A. Vanderlip and Charles C. Glover were very active advocates.

When the National Monetary Commission drew up its bill in 1912 to establish a central bank under bank control with bank notes for money, a propaganda was put on to secure public approval. The Democrats resisted this plan and opposed the so-called "Money Trust."

The House of Representatives under Resolutions 405, 429 and 504 authorized an investigation (Sixty-second Cong., 2d Sess.) to ascertain the facts to enable the Congress to determine what legislation was needed. On May 16 1912, the sub-committee of which Mr. Pujo, of Louisiana, then Chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency, was Chairman, met to consider the subject of the "money trust."

You conducted this inquiry, and in my judgment you were the best qualified man in America to do it.

The hearings continued to Feb. 26 1913. The "Record" makes 2226 pages and your report on the "Money Trust" made a profound impression on Congress and on the country. It did you great credit and contributed in the most important way to crystallize public opinion in support of the Wilson Administration in passing the Federal Reserve Act. I certainly felt grateful to you for this valuable and patriotic service, and for that reason, knowing your progressive and liberal views, I sought your advice frequently in working on the currency bill. You were certainly generous in the extreme. At your home you made various engagements for me to meet severally Frank A. Vanderlip, A. Barton Hepburn, Paul Warburg and others whose intimate views I desired in framing the Federal Reserve Act.

When the Democratic Senate met in March 1913 I took part in organizing the more progressive Democrats in order to select a more sympathetic chairman of the Democratic Conference and thus control the Committee on Committees, of which I became a member.

The Committee on Committees on my request divided the Finance Committee and gave its jurisdiction on banking and currency to a new committee called "The Committee on Banking and Currency." My associates selected me as its Chairman on the sole ground of qualifications, already established on the floor of the Senate, and in spite of my representing a new State of comparatively small population and wealth.

I had entered the Senate with this end in view and in the hope I might be of real service to my country in improving the banking laws whose deficiencies as a practical banker I had had many concrete reasons to keenly appreciate.

Immediately, and to the exclusion of everything else, I devoted myself to this bill and gave it my entire time until it was signed Dec. 23 1913.

I framed a bill in March and April and had a committee print made of it the 27th of May 1913 (copy enclosed) providing in Section 2 for eight Reserve banks, with corporate powers, capital to be provided by national banks as member banks, with six directors representing the member banks and three directors appointed by the President on the suggestion of a Governing Board. The banks were distributed from Boston to San Francisco and from Chicago to New Orleans.

Section 6 provided for a Board of Governors of seven persons, including the Secretary of the Treasury and Comptroller of the Currency, but all of them Government officials, with general supervisory power over the Reserve System.

Section 13 provided for a note circulation consisting of United States Treasury notes issued to the Reserve Bank, redeemable on demand in gold and secured by a first lien "upon all the assets" of the Reserve Bank and further protected by "prime commercial paper as collateral security" for the return of such notes to the United States Treasury. "Prime commercial paper" was defined in Article 1 as "a commercial bill, payable within four months, signed by at least two persons, either of whom shall be good for such bill and one of whom shall be a member bank, such commercial bill to be based upon an actual commercial transaction and not to be based upon a permanent investment."

These principles of Sections 2, 6 and 13 for regional banks, a Government controlled Board and Treasury notes secured by collateral became the law.

When this draft was written I was Chairman of the United States Senate Committee on Banking and Currency and had the committee prints made about May 1 1913, for the use of the committee members and to submit to various citizens qualified to make useful suggestions. I had no reason to change my views on these fundamental principles and did not do so.

About June 1 1913 W. Parker Willis, of New York, brought to my residence at Leroy Place, Washington, D. C., the draft made by him under the direction of Mr. Carter Glass, then, or about to be made, Chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Glass did not become Chairman of the Banking Committee until June 3 1913, seven days after the Government Printing Office had printed my bill.

I was advised that this bill had been submitted to President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo and that it met their general approval in principle. When I examined the Willis draft I was disturbed to find that while the bill provided for twenty Reserve cities and twenty Reserve banks it put them all under one controlling directory of forty-three members, forty of whom were to be elected by the directors of the twenty Federal Reserve banks and only three ex-officio members representing the United States, thus putting the effective control of the credit system in the hands of a central banking board of private persons. (Section 10.)

An Executive Board was proposed to consist of nine members, three practical bankers, three named for long terms by the President, and three ex-officio members, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Comptroller of the Currency and the Secretary of Agriculture.

The Executive Committee to be under the by-laws and subject to two-thirds vote of the full board. (Section 11.)

I did not regard this plan as a compliance with the Democratic national platform which had declared against "the establishment of a central bank" and I insisted on the plan I had drawn of a board consisting exclusively of Government officials. Being unable to induce Mr. Glass to concur with my views, we submitted the matter to Mr. Wilson at the White House in June 1913. We had a conference of about two hours in the Cabinet Room and Mr. Wilson decided to support my views. The bankers violently protested and Mr. Glass gives an account of their protest in his book "An Adventure in Constructive Finance," in Chapter 7, entitled "The Bankers Excluded."

The Willis draft, also Section 23, provided that the Federal Reserve notes should be bank notes instead of Treasury notes and proposed "Said notes shall be in all respects similar to existing national bank notes except that they shall not bear any legend or superscription indicating that they are secured by United States or other bonds," and these notes were to be printed and delivered to any national Reserve bank in an amount not to exceed "a sum equal in the aggregate to double the face value of the capital stock of such bank."

This provision was not acceptable to me because:

- 1st: Making the money of the country mere bank notes did not make it sufficiently secure.
- 2nd: It gave the National banks control of the money of the country.
- 3rd: It expanded their power over the Credit System.
- 4th: It put an unnecessary restriction on the issue.
- 5th: They were not secured by commercial bills or collateral.
- 6th: It was contrary to democratic doctrine and the Party Platforms.

The platform of 1908, for example, declared that the "Currency should be issued and controlled by the Federal Government and loaned on adequate security to national and State banks."

My own draft had followed the national platform and what I conceived to be the better policy. You will recall how tenaciously I defended this position in a six-hour conference with Paul Warburg at Greystone in your presence where he took the opposing positions.

I immediately called on William J. Bryan at Calumet Place and obtained his co-operation to correct this grave error on the currency of the Willis draft. He assisted me and Joseph P. Tumulty then Secretary to the President, co-operated, and my views prevailed.

These fundamentals being reconciled, Mr. Glass and myself on June 26 1913 introduced identical bills as a basis for discussion in Congress.

On Sept. 17 1913 the House passed the bill.

On Tuesday, Sept. 2 1913 as Chairman, I called the Banking and Currency Committee of the Senate to begin hearings on the Senate Bill, concluding the hearings on Oct. 27 1913, taking testimony of 3,100 pages. I presided at these hearings.

On Oct. 25 1913 the hearings before the Senate Committee, which consisted of seven Democrats and five Republicans, closed and were followed by various executive sessions, which demonstrated that it was impossible to obtain a committee report in the usual manner, because Mr. Hitchcock, of Nebraska, joined the Republicans against his Democratic colleagues, dividing the Committee in 6 and 6. I then endeavored to get the six Democratic members together, but was only able to obtain the sympathetic co-operation of three of them, two of them not fully approving my views.

These three authorized me, however, to frame the bill, which I did, with constant collaboration with them. When we had finished this task, the other two Democratic members consented to join the four members referred to and I made various concessions in order to get a bill which we could present to the Democratic conference, reserving the right, however, to bring up in conference any point upon which we had disagreed. Thereupon, the Democratic members of the Senate, excepting Senator Hitchcock, met daily and for three weeks I defended the bill in conferences frequently extending all day. The result was a bill with which I was completely satisfied, and which was acceptable to the Democratic conference and was put through the Senate of the United States as a Democratic Party measure.

The original bill upon which Mr. Glass and myself tentatively agreed and introduced June 26, passed the House with some modifications, but the changes in the Senate were so numerous when we had finished this work, that I moved to strike out the House bill and substitute the Senate bill which I had prepared and worked out in the Democratic conference.

Senator Hitchcock, who took the pains to examine into it, said on Nov. 25 1913 (Cong. Rec., p. 6783) that only 40% of the House bill remained. I think this is quite unimportant, as the fundamental principles upon which Senator Glass and myself had agreed on June 26 remained in the bill, except that I recall I insisted on having the United States Treasury retain its independence in making deposits.

On Dec. 19 1913 my substitute for the House bill was agreed to, yeas 54, nays 34. I found it expedient to have nine conferees appointed on behalf of the Senate in order that I could control as a party matter the conferees. This I did by having four out of the six Democrats in active sympathy with me, and having the conference report treated as a Democratic Party measure in which we did not permit the Republican members to divide the Democrats and thus block or change the legislation. This explains why the conference report was signed only by Democrats.

On Dec. 20 the House appointed its three conferees. The conference report was agreed to in the House by 298 to 60, and in the Senate at 2.30 p. m. on Dec. 23 1913 by 43 yeas and 25 nays.

The House conferees struck out two items I thought of special value, one on domestic acceptances, which was written into the bill subsequently, Sept. 7 1916, and one providing for exchange of Reserve notes for gold. This latter provision was subsequently accepted by Congress and proved useful.

That same afternoon, Dec. 23, the President signed the bill and presented me with one of the gold pens with which he signed the bill and a letter of appreciation for my services in which he was gracious enough to say:

The whole country owes you a debt of gratitude and admiration. It has been a pleasure to have been associated with you in so great a piece of constructive legislation.

I was presented with a copy of the Act on vellum, identical in form with the bill which the President signed, and containing the signatures of the officers of the United States Senate and of the House of Representatives and of the President, also a full set of the first Federal Reserve notes properly framed.

I thought Mr. McAdoo entitled to great credit in the matter. The action of President Wilson in making it an Administration measure, throwing his full strength behind it, settling disputes between parties to the legislation was splendid and vital to success.

I wrote a reminiscence of my personal connection with the Federal Reserve Act in 1919 after it had proved its worth, a copy of which I enclose. You will find in this little book that I gladly gave Mr. Glass full credit for his services as Chairman of the House Committee, and that I also recognized the work done by the committee members of both the House and the Senate and of the great bankers, business men and counselors who helped perfect the measure.

It would be extremely distasteful to me to engage in any controversy with Mr. Glass as to who rendered the greater service. He did his utmost to be of service, and so did I. Under the circumstances, since it was your wonderful work in conducting the Pujo investigation that exposed the money trust, and since I personally framed and had printed, as Chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency of the United States Senate, the Federal Reserve bill, whose fundamental principals were afterwards written into the Act, and did this before Mr. Willis ever presented his first draft, which I rejected, and which was never printed, it seems somewhat ungracious for my lifetime friend, Mr. Glass, to portray me as approving an intrigue to wreck the measure, or to belittle, in any way, either you or me, in his narrative. I still retain in a vault the original Willis bill with Mr. Glass's notes on it, in his own handwriting, as a part of my voluminous records of this interesting legislative experience.

Mr. Willis did a perfectly natural thing in following the National Monetary Commission bill in making his preliminary draft and Mr. Glass did a natural thing in supporting his expert, for whom he had great respect, in yielding something to the bankers' views in order to reconcile them to enter the new system. We were all feeling our way with a patriotic end in view.

There is enough credit in the whole performance to do honor to all the leading participants without questioning the loyalty or in any way discrediting any who tried to help.

I sympathized, however, with Mr. Glass's displeasure with Colonel House's very unfair references to him and gave him a letter which he used in his book to discredit Colonel House, as a witness against him. Naturally, I do not relish this witness then being used by him to discredit me, or to discredit you.

I know of my own knowledge that your views were substantially the same as mine, and the photograph of Mr. Wilson's memorandum referring to "Mr. Untermeyer's paper" is not in the least convincing to me that the paper referred to in any way contradicts what I personally know of your attitude. Your patriotic services in this matter were very extraordinary and deserve the admiration of the country.

Yours very respectfully,

ROBT. L. OWEN.

The pamphlet also contains the purported "Willis draft," which, according to Senator Owen, was rejected and never printed.

Advisory Council of Federal Reserve Board Recommends Continuance of Cuban Agency—Study of Question of Establishing Agencies Outside United States Suggested.

The Federal Reserve Board in its June "Bulletin" makes known the fact that at the meeting of the Federal Advisory Council in Washington on May 20 the following recommen-

dation was made to the Board relative to the Cuban agency of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta:

The Federal Advisory Council recognizes that it is not advisable to discontinue the Cuban agency at this time. The Council, however, wishes to reiterate the view to which it has given expression on several occasions in the past, to wit: That it does not believe it to be good policy for the Federal Reserve banks to establish agencies of the character of the Cuban agency outside of the continental United States. The Council, therefore, suggests to the Federal Reserve Board that it study the whole problem to the end that, if possible, some plan be devised which may be an effectual substitute for the present arrangement.

Dallas Federal Reserve Bank Commended by Stockholders' Association.

Commendation for the work of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas in handling finances during the period of business depression was voted on June 15 by the newly organized Stockholders' Association of the bank, it is learned from the Dallas "News," from which we also quote the following:

Officers were elected and a permanent organization formed with an advisory committee to confer throughout the year with the directors of the bank. More than 500 bankers attended the meeting, which was held in the crystal ballroom of the Baker Hotel.

W. W. Woodson of Waco was elected temporary President, A. R. Davis of Garland, temporary Secretary, and the association later voted to continue them for the ensuing year. The advisory committee, consisting of seven men from Texas and one each from Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico, consists of the following:

A. F. Jones, Portales, N. M.; J. Melton Oakes, Homer, La.; F. H. Sherwood, Hugo, Okla.; Bracey Curtis, Nogales, Ariz.; John Yantis, Brownwood; R. A. Underwood, Plainview; Ed Schmidt, Eagle Pass; Barlow Roberts, Sherman; Nathan Adams, Dallas; Ewing Norwood, Navasota, and Harry Baker, Paris.

The morning session was largely of an organization nature. The general banking and credit situation in the district was discussed in the afternoon, Lynn P. Talley, Governor of the bank, taking a prominent part and answering many questions as to reasons for various regulations in force. Both sessions were executive.

Bank's Operations Reviewed.

Colonel C. C. Walsh, Federal Reserve Agent, explained that the purpose of the meeting was to form an unofficial organization which would bring the member banks into closer touch with the Reserve Bank. Governor Talley gave a review of the bank's operations for the last year, showing that operating costs have been cut materially, being \$500,000 less for 1926 than they were in 1921. He also spoke of the rapid improvement in business conditions over the district.

Credit problems of the bank were discussed by Governor Talley and many of the questions asked during the afternoon were on this phase of operations. E. B. Stroud, legal counsel, told what negotiable paper offered by member banks is acceptable to the Reserve Bank and explained the contractual relations, particularly as to collection of checks.

In addition to the resolution complimenting the Reserve Bank for its success, the association passed a resolution declaring that too cheap credit might result in harm to general business.

Many of the bankers felt that much had been accomplished, they said, that the formation of the advisory committee will enable them to air grievances against the Reserve Bank and to suggest changes in modes of operation. The advisory committee also is to meet and arrange for the date and program for the annual meeting. Each member bank is to have one vote in the association.

Legal Reserve Requirements of Central Banks.

A summary of the legal reserve requirements of the Central banks in European and other countries appears in the June number of the Federal Reserve "Bulletin," which we quote as follows:

Legal provisions prescribing the reserve requirements of the central banks in 16 European countries and four other countries are summarized below. The principal purpose of the summaries is to indicate for each bank the amount of reserve required by law, the character of those assets of the bank which may be legally counted as reserves, and the extent to which the required reserve must consist of gold or may consist of foreign assets of liquid character. The summary also indicates whether reserves are required only against the notes of the bank, or against its demand deposits as well.

The extent to which gold and liquid foreign assets are in fact held at present either as required reserves or operating reserves, and the volume of liabilities involved, are discussed in the leading article in this issue of the "Bulletin" [this we give in another item—Ed.].

England.—Reserve of 100% required against Bank of England notes (except for the authorized fiduciary issue, £19,750,000). It must consist of gold to the extent of at least 80%. (Ever since 1853 it has been the practice of the bank to include no silver in its reported reserve.) There is no specified reserve requirement against currency notes.

France.—The law does not impose specified reserve requirements on the Bank of France. It does, however, impose a maximum limit on note issue; since Dec. 4 1925 this limit has been 58,500,000,000 francs.

Germany.—Reserve of 40% required against notes in circulation. Not less than three-quarters of this reserve must be in gold—gold in the possession of any office of the bank or deposited with foreign banks of issue in such manner as to be at the free disposal of the bank; the remainder may be in foreign exchange—bank notes, bills of exchange having not more than 14 days to run, checks and other claims (payable on demand in foreign currency) against banks of known solvency in foreign financial centres.

Japan.—Reserve of 100% required against notes (except for the authorized fiduciary issue, 120,000,000 yen). Not less than 75% of the required reserve must consist of gold; the balance may be in silver.

Austria.—At the present time a reserve of 20% is required against notes in circulation (less issue covered by State debt to the bank) and demand deposits. It may consist of gold, foreign currency, foreign bills of exchange, and credits or deposits available on demand at leading banking centres in Europe and America. The law provides for a gradual increase of the reserve to 33 1-3%.

Belgium.—Reserve of 40% required against all liabilities payable on demand, including both notes in circulation and demand deposits. Three-quarters of this reserve must be in gold; the balance may be in foreign exchange convertible into gold.

Bulgaria.—Reserve of 33 1-3% required against all liabilities payable on demand, including both notes in circulation and demand deposits. It may consist of gold, silver at its current value in gold, and foreign exchange and bank notes convertible into gold. (The law states that the bank will endeavor to increase its reserve to 40%.)

Chile.—Reserve of 50% required against notes outstanding and deposits combined. It may consist of gold (either in vault or earmarked abroad) and demand deposits in foreign banks of high standing.

Czechoslovakia.—At the present time a reserve of 21% is required against notes in circulation (less State notes debt balance) and all other demand liabilities. It may consist of gold, silver, foreign currency, and foreign exchange. The law provides for a gradual increase of the reserve to 35%.

Denmark.—A gold reserve of 33 1-3% is required against notes in circulation.

Hungary.—At the present time a reserve of 20% is required against notes in circulation (less issue covered by State debt to the bank), and all other liabilities payable on demand. It may consist of gold, silver, stable foreign currency, stable foreign bills of exchange, and credits and cash deposits available on demand at leading banking centres in Europe and America. The law provides for a gradual increase of the reserve to 33 1-3%.

Netherlands.—Reserve of 20% required against all liabilities payable on demand, including both notes in circulation and demand deposits. It may consist of gold and silver. (It is not the practice of the bank to include any appreciable quantity of silver in its reported reserve.)

Norway.—A gold reserve of 100% is required against notes in circulation (except for the authorized fiduciary issue, 250,000,000 kroner).

Peru.—Reserve of 50% required against all liabilities payable on demand including notes in circulation and demand deposits. It may consist of gold (at home or abroad) and bills of exchange on or balances in New York and London.

Poland.—Reserve of 30% required against notes in circulation. It may consist of gold, a limited amount of silver counted at its value in gold, and specified foreign assets readily convertible into gold—foreign bank notes, net balances abroad payable at sight or within 30 days, bills of exchange, drawn on foreign banks of known solvency, and checks and claims payable on demand in foreign currency.

Russia.—Reserve of 25% required against notes in circulation. It may consist of gold, other precious metals, and foreign exchange.

Spain.—The requirement is that a reserve of 45% shall be maintained for note circulation up to 4,000,000,000 pesetas and a reserve of 60% for note circulation in excess of 4,000,000,000 pesetas. The required reserves may consist of gold, silver, and balances held abroad at the immediate disposal of the bank. Of the 45% reserve, 37 must be in gold, 3 may be in balances abroad, and 5 may be in silver; of the 60% reserve 47 must be in gold, 3 may be in balances abroad, and 10 may be in silver.

Sweden.—Reserve of 50% required against notes (except for the authorized fiduciary issue, 125,000,000 kroner). The entire 50% must consist of gold, which must belong to the Riksbank and be located in Sweden.

Switzerland.—Reserve of 40% required against notes in circulation. It may consist of gold coin and bullion, Swiss silver 5-franc pieces, and a limited amount of silver 5-franc pieces of other countries of the Latin Monetary Union (at the value of their silver content). (It is not the practice of the bank to include any appreciable quantity of silver in its reported reserve.)

Treasury Department Closes Offer to Purchase Second Liberty Loan Bonds from Holders—Proposals Aggregating \$63,000,000 Accepted.

Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, announced on June 23 that the privilege of tendering second Liberty Loan 4% and 4 1/4% bonds for sale to the United States expired at the close of business on June 22. According to reports received from the Federal Reserve banks, about \$72,000,000 face amount of bonds were tendered, including \$324,000 of 4% bonds. The proposals accepted by the Treasury aggregated about \$63,000,000 face amount at an average price for the 4 1/4% bonds of par plus 15 1/2-32nds. The maximum price was 100 1/2. The bonds which failed of acceptance by the Treasury were rejected because the price at which the bonds were offered was considered too high. The Treasury Department's offer to purchase the bonds direct from the holders was noted in our issue of June 18, page 3571.

Seymour Lowman Named Assistant Secretary of Treasury, Succeeding L. C. Andrews, Resigned.

President Coolidge on June 10 appointed Seymour Lowman of Elmira, N. Y., as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury to take the place of Lincoln C. Andrews, resigned. The appointment will become effective Aug. 1. Mr. Andrews' resignation was referred to in our issue of May 28, page 3153.

Three-Power Naval Conference at Geneva—Statement by Hugh Gibson Presenting Message of President Coolidge—American Naval Limitation Proposal.

The three-Power conference at Geneva, designed to bring about the further limitation of naval armaments in which the participants are the United States, Great Britain and Japan, was formally opened on June 20 with the presentation of the American proposals by Hugh S. Gibson, head of the American delegation. In indicating that the United States proposed to hold to the 5-5-3 naval ratio proposed at the Washington Conference in 1921, the Associated Press accounts from Geneva June 20 said:

Hugh S. Gibson, who was elected President after the adoption of a cordial message of greeting to President Coolidge for convoking the conference, proposed in behalf of the American delegation maximum and minimum total tonnage figures slightly under the existing strength, but on the basis of the ratio five for the United States and Great Britain and three for Japan,

and pledged an American welcome for the lower figures of the other nations so desired.

Though carefully avoiding talking terms and figures, Japan virtually recommended the maintenance of the status quo in cruisers, destroyers and submarines, with prohibition of the building of additional warships.

Reopening the Washington conference decisions, Great Britain urged reducing the size of battleships, cruisers and aircraft carriers and also the size of their guns. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the British Admiralty, argued that the British proposals would involve a genuine reduction of armaments and bring great economies.

The first American reaction to the recommendation of Japan is that it would strangle future American freedom in naval construction, and to the recommendations of Great Britain that it would at least be difficult to have any thought of accepting them. It is admitted that the British suggestions mean limitation downward, not upward. But aside from the objection of reconsidering the Washington treaty, with France and Italy, co-signatories, absent, the Americans gravely doubt the wisdom of decreasing the size of battleships and cruisers, and especially cruiser guns, which was fixed at Washington after due regard for the needs of American national safety and with the approval of the five participating Powers.

The proposals of all three delegations will be combined if possible into a single harmonious project.

The delegates to the conference sent the following message, proposed by Admiral Viscount Saito of Japan, to President Coolidge:

"To the President of the United States

"Profoundly and cordially appreciating the humane and wise initiative of the President of the United States in convening the present conference with a view to the further reduction of the burden and danger of naval armaments, the delegates assembled desire to tender him this expression of their highest respect and their strong hope of a most satisfactory result."

The State Department at Washington was advised on June 21 by Ambassador Gibson of the suggestion at the Conference that a technical committee be formed to exchange statistics, Mr. Gibson's advice being as follows:

With a view to the proper consideration of the proposals submitted by the governments of the United States, of the British Empire and of Japan on June 20, it is suggested that a technical committee be formed to exchange agreed statistics of the present cruiser, destroyer and submarine tonnage of each of the three powers and of the designed tonnage of ships of these classes comprised in programs now authorized and appropriated for, and any other information tending to clarify the proposals of the three governments. In this manner the conference will be in position to start its deliberations on an agreed basis of fact.

In Geneva advices (Associated Press) the same date (June 21) it was announced that the Executive Committee of the conference, under the presidency of Mr. Gibson had decided to convoke a meeting of the technical experts of Great Britain, the United States and Japan. Continuing these advices stated:

The experts were instructed, first, to exchange views and reach an agreement on the existing status of the three navies, including building programs and second, to begin study of the three sets of proposals placed before the conference yesterday, with a view of clarification of their real purport.

An official communique was issued saying the Executive Committee had adopted a resolution in which it suggested that a technical committee be formed to "exchange agreed statistics of the present cruiser, destroyer and submarine tonnage" of each of the three powers and of the designed tonnage of ships of those classes comprised in the naval programs now authorized and for which money has been appropriated; also "any other information tending to clarify the proposals."

The resolution concluded with the hope that in this manner the conference would be in a position to start its deliberation on "an agreed basis of fact."

The same cablegram said:

Admiral Saito in a statement to The Associated Press tonight, in which he explained the purport of the Japanese proposals, threw an entirely new light on some of Tokio's intentions and justified the belief of the American delegation that an agreement would be more possible on a basis of the Japanese plans than the British. He made it clear that in America's future cruiser building program she could under the Japanese project scrap some of her numerous destroyers and put the tonnage thus saved into cruisers.

As any low limitation scheme would undoubtedly involve the scrapping of American destroyers because of their superior numbers, the head of the Japanese delegation declared that by the transfer of destroyer tonnage American cruiser power could be brought up to meet any American requirements.

But Admiral Saito emphasized that Japan wanted to keep her existing or contracted-for strength in cruisers, numbering thirty-two with a total tonnage of 200,000. It is evident that on these figures the United States would be obliged to possess eventually some thirty high-powered cruisers of 10,000 tons each, if she desired to keep the parity of 5-5-3, which was fixed at the Washington Conference for battleships.

The Admiral admitted that the Japanese plan allowed the construction of small submarines without limit, but that these were purely for the defense of Japan's extensive island coast line.

It was stated on June 22 that the State Department had been informed that day by Ambassador Gibson that the following communique had been issued by the conference:

The technical committee, established on June 21 by resolution of the executive committee of the conference, met today to exchange information with a view to elucidating in a more detailed manner the respective proposals.

The Geneva accounts on June 21 indicated that a possible solution was shaping of the problem presented at the Conference by Great Britain's desire to reopen and transform at Geneva the fundamental provision of the Washington naval treaty, including the size of battleships, cruisers and aircraft carriers. It was further observed by the Associated Press:

As a measure of conciliation it is not impossible that the American delegation will propose the adoption by the conference of a resolution that any agreement reached at Geneva will not prejudice the agents of the second Washington conference, to be held in 1931. This, by the very terms of the Washington Treaty itself, must convene to determine whether the developments of science justify any modification of the decision relative to the size of battleships, cruisers and aircraft carriers.

In this connection it is pointed out that the recent transatlantic flights of Lindberg and Chamberlin have raised the question whether aircraft carriers should not be increased in size and number to meet the rapidly developing speed of intercontinental air communication.

The American delegation is clearly opposed to any direct reconsideration of the Washington agreements with France and Italy, the two signatories not parties to the present parleys, but may attempt to meet British ambitions half way by suggesting such a resolution as the foregoing, with the idea that a building program on which no immediate speed was necessary could be held in abeyance until the second Washington conference.

It was noted in the Washington dispatch June 22 to the New York "Herald-Tribune" that no "take it or leave it" attitude is assumed by the American government. This dispatch went on to say:

The early stages of an international conference from which much is hoped could hardly be helped by an ultimatum. There is no desire, therefore, on the part of the United States to decline to give the most careful consideration to any proposals offered by the other parties to the conference in the hope that some arrangement can be reached in line with the American program.

At the Geneva session June 23 Lord Cecil, on behalf of Great Britain who laid before Ambassador Gibson the desirability of reducing the size of battleships, aircraft carriers and cruisers, which was definitely fixed at the Washington parley. Lord Cecil stressed this from the viewpoint of economy and practical expediency says the Associated Press, which added:

The British spokesman later informed The Associated Press correspondent that the British were convinced that reduction in the size of warships would not only mean economy to the taxpayers but would be a real step toward outlawing wars. He made it clear that the British idea is that each power represented at the present conference should justify to the others whatever requests are made for tonnage in the various classes of warships. He doubted exceedingly whether the United States could prove America's necessity for having as many cruisers as Great Britain, as, for instance, to protect trade routes, because it was generally recognized that a large part of American trade was transported on British ships.

The same thing could be said for Japan, despite the fact that Japanese have sometimes to voyage afar to transport merchandise and acquire raw material.

From the Associated Press cablegrams yesterday (June 24) it is learned that Great Britain will accept parity with the United States in 10,000-ton cruisers according to the British delegate, Mr. Bridgeman. Yesterday's Cablegram (Associated Press) also said:

If the British project is agreed to the 10,000-ton category would disappear when the time comes for replacement of the vessels, and the maximum of all would then be 7,500 tons.

The American delegates continue absolutely opposed to the British suggestion for discussion during the present meeting of the agreement reached at the Washington Naval Conference in 1922.

The delegates met and decided to ask Mr. Bridgeman to act as chairman of the executive committee. They decided to ask the naval advisers to form groups to study from a technical viewpoint the question of limitations of cruisers, destroyers and submarines.

The British scheme for reducing the tonnage of cruisers built hereafter from 10,000 to 7,500 tons necessarily involves the question of the competency of the conference to reopen questions decided at the Washington conference. The maximum tonnage for cruisers was fixed at Washington at 10,000, which figure the American delegation is seeking to maintain.

The Associated Press was informed to-day the Japanese delegation has officially notified the British group that the reopening of the Washington agreements would exceed the mandates of the present conference.

It was agreed to-day that any formulas drawn up by the subcommittees of the conference will be subject to review by the executive committee.

More hopeful opinions were expressed unanimously by the delegates this afternoon.

Reiterating that the reduction in the size of warships, outlined in the British proposals would mean not only a saving for the taxpayer, but would signify a definite move toward outlawing wars, the British spokesman said Great Britain, from the very nature of her acceptance of President Coolidge's invitation, had a right to reopen the Washington discussions.

It was recalled the acceptance said the British Government was "prepared to consider to what extent the principles adopted at Washington can be carried further either regarding the ratio in different classes of ships between various Powers, or in any other important ways.

France and Italy, which participated in the Washington conference, are interested in the present parley to the extent of having "observers" present. Elsewhere in this issue we give the British and Japanese proposals submitted at this week's conference. The statement made at the opening session by Mr. Gibson (who, besides being head of the American delegation, is Ambassador to Belgium) follows:

It is my agreeable duty to convey to you the following message from the President of the United States:

I am deeply gratified that the representatives of the British Empire and of Japan are meeting with the representatives of the United States to consider measures for the further limitation of naval armaments through the extension of the principles of the Washington Treaty.

An agreement rendering impossible any form of naval competition between the three powers will have a lasting influence in cementing the present relations of good understanding between the three countries and constitute a definite step in advance toward the common objective of a general limitation of armaments.

Please assure the representatives of the British Empire and of Japan that I am only interpreting the overwhelming sentiment of the American people in stating that the United States will do its utmost to make such an agreement possible.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

Your Government's response to the President's proposal and your presence here make it clear that you share the President's desire to extend the principles of the Washington Treaty and thereby avoid a recurrence of the evils of competitive naval building. Our work is thus beginning under favorable conditions, and we are fully justified in feeling that with a common purpose, a common interest and mutual good-will we shall find a satisfactory solution to the problem which has been entrusted to us.

I am sure that I voice the feeling of all the members of the conference in expressing regret that all the powers parties to the Washington Treaty have not felt that they could participate fully in our work. We have no doubt, however, that both France and Italy share our desire that naval building programs should be limited, and I am confident that the result of our work here will be of a character to facilitate their future co-operation with us in a task which the five powers initiated and which I trust will be carried forward by the five powers as a common enterprise in the interest of peace. Pending the time that this may be possible we are glad to welcome the representatives of France and of Italy who have been sent here to follow the work of the conference.

In view of the work which has been initiated here by the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference, it is entirely fitting that the consideration of further naval limitation should take place in Geneva, and I desire to express the appreciation of my Government for the courtesy of the Swiss Government, whose hospitality we are enjoying, and our thanks to the Secretary General of the League of Nations for the facilities so kindly placed at the disposal of the conference.

Our deliberations will have a far-reaching influence, as they will serve to determine not only the feasibility of further progress in naval limitation, but will also have an important bearing upon the practicability of the endeavor to deal with the general problem of armaments.

We must recognize that we are dealing with the least intricate phase of the problem of armaments. If we should fail to make definite progress, a serious blow would be dealt to efforts which are being made to limit land and air armaments. On the other hand, our success would materially aid the Preparatory Commission in its task of opening the way for a general conference on the limitation of armaments.

Representing as we do the powers which now lead in naval armaments, it is appropriate that we should assume all responsibility for initiating further naval limitation. If we were not prepared to limit we could not expect others to do so.

Fortunately our task is made easier by the fact that we are here to complete a program successfully initiated at Washington in 1921 and that we have as a basis for our work principles which have stood the test of five years' practical application.

Further, we can start with assured agreement on the following points:

1. That in the interest of international understanding there should be no competition between the three powers in the building of naval armaments.
2. That our respective navies should be maintained at the lowest level compatible with national security and should never be of a size or character to warrant the suspicion of aggressive intent.
3. That a wise economy in government dictates that future naval construction should be kept to a minimum.
4. That the methods and principles of limitation set forth in the Washington Treaty are both effective and should be extended to all categories of combatant vessels of the three powers.

The four points I have indicated should constitute a valuable basis of agreement from which we can approach the consideration of the special requirements of each of the powers here represented.

Here, with your permission, it may be well for me to take this occasion to state briefly the general views of the American Government.

The proposals made by the American Government at the Washington Conference covered auxiliary vessels as well as capital ships. At that time we might have been justified in insisting that before we sacrifice capital ships where we had assured preponderance there should be a general limitation of all classes of vessels. It was the desire of the American Government that there should be a general limitation on the ground that any failure to make the agreement comprehensive would leave one or more classes open to the continued evils of competitive building.

Practical obstacles were encountered, however, in making such a comprehensive agreement, and the American Government felt that to insist upon the adoption of its original proposals in regard to auxiliary vessels would jeopardize the success of the conference and lead to the indefinite postponement of any naval limitation.

We therefore consented to restrict the field of agreement, and directed our efforts toward achieving limitation of capital ships and aircraft carriers.

We recognize that all powers parties to the Washington Treaty made substantial concessions in order to make possible a limitation of these classes of vessels and the fact that our sacrifices in 1921 were numerically more considerable than those of other powers is not to-day a cause of regret to us.

The results achieved amply justified them. I feel, however, that I should point out that our present naval situation as regards auxiliary vessels is due in large measure to our reluctance to embark upon an extensive building program so long as there is any hope that an early agreement may be reached for the limitation of such vessels. It is well known that the President has recently exerted his influence to postpone construction by the United States in the hope that it may be possible at this time to reach an agreement which will obviate the need or inducement for further competitive building.

Our policy with respect to naval armaments is guided solely by the desire for adequate defense. We have no intention of maintaining a naval force which could be regarded as a threat to any power. Neither have we any desire to initiate a competitive building program in any class of vessel which might influence others to lay down more vessels than they would otherwise consider necessary.

Pursuant to this policy the United States is prepared to accept a general program providing for as low a total tonnage in each class of auxiliary vessels on the basis of the Washington treaty ratio as will be acceptable to the other powers here represented. The American delegation has come to the conference with an estimate of what we consider equitable tonnage allocations in the various categories of vessels, but with no rigid quantitative proposals. We are prepared to discuss the question of tonnages fully and frankly in the light of our several legitimate needs. It is our desire to have a real limitation which would obviate the necessity for extensive building programs in the future and we feel that we should therefore keep in mind that the fixing of unduly high tonnages for various classes of auxiliary vessels would not be calculated to achieve this result.

American Suggestions.

The American suggestions are based on the following considerations:

1. That the ratios and principles of the Washington treaty be applied to cruisers, destroyers and submarines.
2. That any agreement concluded here by the three powers to limit the building of auxiliary vessels should be made coterminous with the Washington treaty and contain the same general provisions for extension or modification. It may be desirable to include an additional provision respecting revision in the event of an extensive building program by a power not a party to any agreement we may conclude.
3. That for the purpose of the future limitation of naval armaments, auxiliary vessels be divided into four categories, three of which, namely, cruisers, destroyers and submarines, shall be subject to limitation, with a fourth category of negligible combatant value not subject to limitation, as follows:
 - (A) Cruiser class, including surface naval combatant vessels between 3,000 tons and 10,000 tons.
 - (B) Destroyer class, including all surface naval combatant vessels between 600 and 3,000 tons with a speed greater than 17 knots.
 - (C) Submarine class, including all vessels designed to operate below the surface of the sea.

(D) An unrestricted class, including other naval vessels of negligible combatant value, the definition of vessels falling in this class to be subject to technical agreement.

Before suggesting tonnage allocations in the various classes, I desire to state that we frankly recognize that naval requirements are relative, that building programs on the part of the one power may well require corresponding programs on the part of the other, and that if these limits were adjusted for one of the three powers, they should be so adjusted for all.

The tonnage allocations suggested by the American delegation as a basis of discussion are the following:

<i>Cruiser Class.</i>	
	<i>xTonnage.</i>
United States.....	250,000 to 300,000
British Empire.....	250,000 to 300,000
Japan.....	150,000 to 180,000

<i>Destroyer Class.</i>	
	<i>xTonnage.</i>
United States.....	200,000 to 250,000
British Empire.....	200,000 to 250,000
Japan.....	120,000 to 150,000

<i>Submarine Class.</i>	
	<i>xTonnage.</i>
United States.....	60,000 to 90,000
British Empire.....	60,000 to 90,000
Japan.....	36,000 to 54,000

x Total tonnage limitation.
If any of the powers represented here feel justified in proposing still lower tonnage levels for auxiliary craft, the American Government would welcome such proposals.

In order to obviate the scrapping of comparatively new vessels in one class and the simultaneous building of vessels in another, a wasteful method of procedure, the American proposals contemplate an adjustment over a period of years between the cruiser and destroyer classes.

If it should eventually be possible to reach a general agreement between all naval powers to abolish submarines, the United States would not be unfavorable to its consideration. My Government realizes, however, that such action in order to be acceptable, must necessarily be universal.

The technical details of the foregoing proposals are being submitted to you in written form.

We must not underestimate the difficulties of the task we have before us but I feel that we may approach it with optimism. The difficulties we may encounter will result primarily from the difference in the character of the technical naval problems with which our countries are faced. Problems of this character we shall be able to take up and determine on their merits in a spirit of mutual accommodation, each having due regard for the needs of the others.

We have none of us a right or interest to maintain a naval force which would constitute a threat to any one of us. We have every right to maintain a naval force sufficient for our legitimate requirements of national defense. The relations of friendship which exist between our peoples make it unthinkable that we should any of us contemplate a naval program which would be a just cause of apprehension to the others.

We have only faithfully to translate into written agreement the feeling of cordial understanding between our countries and our peoples and thus make it impossible, in so far as this can humanly be done, that naval rivalry should ever disturb the relations between us.

According to Washington Associated Press advices, June 20, the official American memorandum circulated at the opening session of the Conference for the Further Limitation of Naval Armament at Geneva, containing the technical details of the American proposals, was as follows:

Outline of American Proposals.

1. The proposed new treaty to supplement the Washington Treaty should be continuous with it and contain provisions for extension or modification similar to those of the Washington Treaty. It might be desirable to provide for the possibility of reconsideration in the event that the requirements of national security of any contracting power in respect of naval defense are, in the opinion of that power, materially affected by any change of circumstances.
2. Provisions for the limitation of auxiliary naval armament should be by classes of vessels as follows:
 - (a) The cruiser class.
 - (b) The destroyer class.
 - (c) The submarine class.
 - (d) An exempt class, not subject to a limitation.
3. Limitation by total tonnage in each of the several classes should be modified as necessary to provide for transition from the status quo to the final tonnages in each of the several classes.
4. The United States, while suggesting tonnage limitations at various classes, will accept as low a total tonnage limitation in each of the several classes of auxiliary vessels, on the basis of the principles of the Washington Treaty ratio, as the British Empire and Japan will accept.

Definitions.

The cruiser class shall include all surface naval combatant vessels which are of standard displacement of more than 3,000 tons and not exceeding 10,000 tons and not carrying guns exceeding eight inches in calibre.

The destroyer class shall include all surface naval combatant vessels of standard displacement of 600 tons and not more than 3,000 tons, which have a designated speed greater than 17 knots.

The submarine class shall include all vessels designed to operate below the surface of the sea.

An unrestricted class to include vessels of limited combatant value. The technical definition of vessels to fall within such a class should be the subject of future agreement.

Replacement.

The age limit for replacement in the several classes shall be as follows:

1. Cruisers, 20 years.
2. Destroyers, 15 to 17 years.
3. Submarines, 12 to 13 years.

Proposals for tonnage limitations by classes:

Cruiser Classes.

For the United States, 250,000 to 300,000 tons.
For the British Empire, 250,000 to 300,000 tons.
For Japan, 150,000 to 160,000 tons.

Destroyer Classes.

For the United States, 200,000 to 250,000 tons.
For the British Empire, 200,000 to 250,000 tons.
For Japan, 120,000 to 150,000 tons.

Submarine Class.

For the United States, 60,000 to 90,000 tons.
For the British Empire, 60,000 to 90,000 tons.
For Japan, 36,000 to 54,000 tons.

In order to provide for the transition from the status quo to the proposed definitive tonnage limitation in the cruiser and destroyer classes, it is suggested that during the transition period existing cruiser and destroyer tonnage be considered together and that the tonnage to be scrapped be the excess over the combined cruiser and destroyer tonnage limitations. Replacement in each class should, however, only be permitted within the allowed maximum tonnage of that class. As applied to cruisers on the basis of a total tonnage of 300,000 tons and to destroyers on the basis of a total tonnage of 250,000 tons, the proposal would work out as indicated below:

(a) The total combined tonnage of both cruiser and destroyer classes of vessels of all ages shall not exceed at any time:

For the United States, 550,000 tons.
For the British Empire, 550,000 tons.
For Japan, 330,000 tons.

(b) The total tonnage of the cruiser class, less than 20 years old from date of completion, shall not be augmented so as to exceed:

The United States, 300,000 tons.
The British Empire, 330,000 tons.
Japan, 180,000 tons.

(c) The total tonnage of the destroyer class, less than 15 years old from date of completion, shall not be augmented so as to exceed:

The United States, 250,000 tons.
The British Empire, 250,000 tons.
Japan, 150,000 tons.

(d) All excess in the allowed combined tonnage of vessels of the cruiser and destroyer classes now existing shall be scrapped. The choice of vessels to be scrapped shall be made by the power whose vessels are to be scrapped. Within the allowed tonnages no vessels scrapped shall be replaced until the date when she would have reached the age limit of her class.

According to the New York "Times" the effect of the American proposals at Geneva for further scrapping of warships was outlined in an explanatory statement given out at Geneva and Washington, as follows:

If the plan outlined in the American proposal were adopted on the basis of 300,000 tons of the cruiser class for the United States and the British Empire, and 180,000 tons of Japan, and 50,000 tons in the destroyer class for the United States and the British Empire, and 150,000 tons of Japan, the following is an approximate estimate of the tonnage that would have to be scrapped, provided existing programs of construction were brought to completion:

The United States would have to scrap immediately about 60,000 tons of auxiliary combatant surface vessels and 80,000 additional tons of such vessels upon the completion of the present building program.

The British Empire would have to scrap about 60,000 tons of auxiliary combatant surface vessels upon completion of the present building program. Japan would have to scrap about 40,000 tons of auxiliary combatant surface vessels upon the completion of her present building program.

If the plan outlined in the American proposal were adopted on the basis of 90,000 tons of submarines for the United States and the British Empire, and 54,000 tons of submarines for Japan, no scrapping of submarines would be necessary until present building programs are brought to completion.

Most of all vessels to be scrapped under the American plan are now or soon will be obsolete.

This plan stops competitive building, which is the chief objective of this conference, avoids scrapping of new construction and permits moderate replacement and building programs within clearly defined limits.

If a lower limit of total tonnage of (he cruiser, destroyer and submarine classes were agreed to, the scrapping programs would be correspondingly increased and the possible building programs would be curtailed.

Three-Power Naval Conference at Geneva—British Proposals.

As we indicate in another item, the three-power conference on limitation of naval armament, was opened at Geneva on June 20 by Hugh S. Gibson, head of the American delegation, and the proposals presented by him in behalf of the United States are given in that item. We give here the proposals of Great Britain submitted by W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the British Admiralty. In referring to the British proposals it was stated on June 20 by the Geneva correspondent of the New York "Herald-Tribune" that Great Britain reopens questions settled at the Washington conference of 1921 by suggesting a further limitation of the number of battleships that may be built thereunder, suggests reducing the size and armament of both battleships and cruisers and accepts the 5-5-3 ratio to apply to 10,000-ton cruisers, but does not mention its application to smaller types." The summary of Mr. Bridgeman's speech embodying the British proposals, (as made public at Washington, June 20) is taken as follows from the "Herald-Tribune":

After thanking the President of the United States of America for the invitation to the conference, and the League of Nations for their kindness in affording facilities, Mr. Bridgeman mentioned that the Admiralty proposals intended to be laid before the Washington powers were actually in the hands of Mr. Baldwin when President Coolidge's invitation was received. He said: "It is a matter of deep regret to His Majesty's government that France and Italy have not found themselves able to take part. But it is my earnest hope that any agreement which may be reached in this conference will be of such a nature as to make it easier for them to consider adherence at no very distant date."

Urges Complete Frankness.

Mr. Bridgeman then drew attention to the great achievements of the Washington conference which put an end to the danger of ruinous competition in naval armaments which seemed then imminent and moreover proved the possibility of limiting them by agreement. The time was now ripe for a further extension of this principle, he said, and "I am quite convinced that we are all animated by a strong desire to reach agreement and a readiness to appreciate the special conditions which differentiate our respective positions. And I think our deliberations are more likely to reach a success-

ful conclusion if each country adopts an attitude of complete frankness in stating what naval force they want and why they want it. I am assuming that none of the countries represented here to-day requires a navy for aggressive purposes and that we have come together to consider what we require respectively for the defense of our existing interests and are prepared with arguments in support of these requirements based on purely defensive considerations."

Defines Britain's Position.

The British Empire's position was then defined by the First Lord as resting on the following factors:

1. On insular position of the mother country, dependent for raw materials, food and her very existence on the free passage of the seas. This made their position unique and made discussion of naval disarmament more difficult than for any other power.
2. Length of trade routes.
3. Extensive coast lines of all parts of the empire and the long lines of communication to be protected against any danger.

The position was of vital seriousness to them; but at the same time he said: "We feel that there are limitations in naval armament, beyond those which have been accepted in the Washington conference, to which we could safely agree if the other powers found themselves able to consent."

Mr. Bridgeman then proceeded to lay the British proposals briefly before the conference as follows:

1. The extension of the accepted life of existing capital ships from 20 to 26 years and a consequent waiver by the three powers of their full rights under the replacement tables agreed upon at Washington. Such an arrangement would naturally have to provide for some little elasticity on each side of that figure.
 2. The fixing of the life of other vessels:
 - (A) Eight-inch gun cruisers at twenty-four years.
 - (B) Destroyers at twenty years.
 - (C) Submarines at fifteen years.
 3. The reduction in the size of any battleships to be built in the future from the present limit of 35,000 tons displacement to something under 30,000 tons.
 4. Reduction in the size of guns in battleships from the present limit of 16-inch to 13.5-inch.
 5. Limitation of the displacement of aircraft carriers to 25,000 tons instead of 27,000 tons.
 6. Reduction of guns on aircraft carriers from 8-inch to 6-inch.
 7. Acceptance of the existing ratio 5-5-3 for cruisers of 10,000 tons displacement carrying 8-inch guns.
- The numbers of these larger cruisers which each of the three countries require can be the subject of further discussion.
8. A limitation of 7,500 tons and 6-inch guns to be placed on all future cruisers after the number of 10,000-ton cruisers has been decided upon.
 9. Limitation of displacements of (a) destroyer leaders to 1,750 tons; (b) destroyers to 1,400 tons.
 10. Guns on destroyers to be limited to 5-inch.

Question of Submarines.

11. Submarines. We have not changed our mind since the Washington conference, when our delegates expressed their willingness to agree to the discontinuation of the use of submarines in warfare. But we recognize that powers which possess fewer of the larger vessels of war regard the possession of submarines as a valuable weapon of defense.

At the same time we feel that if the proposals we have put forward for limitation of battleships and other more powerful vessels of war should be accepted it would not be unreasonable to suggest some limitation in the size and perhaps also in the number of submarines.

We, therefore, propose that the tonnage of the larger type of submarines be limited to 1,600, and of the smaller type to 600 and the armament of each to five-inch guns. We also think it would be desirable to discuss the possibility of limiting the number of submarines according to our varying requirements; and it must be borne in mind that any limit placed on the number of submarines would make it easier to limit the number of destroyers, and if agreement were reached on these points with other powers it might be possible also to consider the numbers of cruisers each of us should possess. It will be noted that we have not made any definite proposals with regard to miscellaneous vessels, such as mine layers, small aircraft carriers, torpedo boats, mine sweepers, fleet auxiliaries and purely local defense vessels. We have, however, prepared a comprehensive classification table which includes all types of vessels with suggestions for the limitation of their tonnage and armaments designed solely with a view to preventing their development in such a way as to jeopardize the security arising out of any agreement we may reach in regard to the more important types of vessels.

After outlining his proposals, the First Lord made it clear that he spoke with the consent of his colleagues there who were plenipotentiaries for the Dominions, and explained that the plenipotentiaries of Great Britain and the Dominions were all appointed as representatives of His Britannic Majesty, and he added that as regards the form of the treaty which may result from the deliberations of the Imperial Conference which met last year, and the statement made by Sir Austen Chamberlain at the March meeting of the Council of the League of Nations, that such treaty should be made in the name of the heads of States.

The object of his proposals, Mr. Bridgeman said, was to secure economy in the replacement of ships as they become obsolete and to eliminate the danger of rivalry in new vessels by stabilizing their size and armament.

He made, however, one reservation. Owing to the position of Great Britain in relation to Europe, it was necessary to guard against an increase of naval strength on the part of Powers not signatory to an agreement reached relating to the United States, Japan and the British Empire in which, accordingly, provision for reconsideration would be needed. He hoped most earnestly, however, that European powers would find it possible to give their adherence to the agreement, thereby reducing the danger and perhaps making it possible to go more fully into the question of limiting numbers in other categories. His proposals had been framed with that in view.

In conclusion, he assured the conference of the deep feeling amongst his countrymen in favor of a further agreement and his most fervent hope that what he had said might lead to a satisfactory result.

Three-Power Naval Conference at Geneva—Japan's Proposals.

In its proposals presented at the Geneva three-power conference held this week, the Japanese Government, through Admiral Viscount Minoru Saito, made the suggestion that "none of the conferring powers shall, for such period of time as may be agreed upon, adopt new building programs or acquire ships with the purpose of increasing its naval strength." Viscount Saito's address, delivered at the opening session on June 20, was given out as follows by the Japanese Embassy at Washington:

It is the traditional policy of the Japanese government to give the heartiest support to all measures and endeavors which, in whatever form, aim at promotion of the peace of the world and the welfare of mankind.

It was in keeping with that fundamental policy that they gladly participated in the Washington Conference of 1921-1922, which presented an epoch-making treaty to the world.

It was in this spirit also that they have from the outset freely and loyally co-operated in all the efforts and labors of the League of Nations directed to the object of general disarmament, especially in those made by the preparatory Committee, which recently sat in this room.

True to that spirit again, the Japanese government most promptly and wholeheartedly agreed to the American proposal to hold the present conference. The people and government of Japan sincerely desire that an arrangement fair and satisfactory to all may result from the conference now

inaugurated in such auspicious circumstances. The Japanese delegation firmly believe there ought to be nothing to prevent that desired end from being attained if proper and sympathetic consideration be given to the peculiar conditions and requirements of the respective nations and if the interested States are determined upon frank and sincere co-operation and are guided by a spirit of accommodations.

In the admirable speeches to which we have just had the privilege of listening, both the American and British delegates have expressed their views on the question of auxiliary vessels. While declaring our readiness to accord the most careful and sympathetic consideration to any proposals that have been or will be made, we may be permitted to submit to the conference an outline of our views in this matter.

The purposes for which auxiliary craft may be employed are manifold and their utility and value to each respective country vary according to the special conditions of that country. It may be said, however, that the requirements of each nation in regard to auxiliary craft are reflected in what that nation possesses actually or in authorized programs. For that reason, in any discussion concerning auxiliary vessels, adequate consideration must be given to the existing status of each nation in that particular respect.

The most important object of an agreement looking to limitation of armaments lies in preventing the expansions of armaments without at the same time endangering the national security of any power party to that agreement. Such radical departures from existing conditions, therefore, as may be calculated to shake the foundation on which the sense of security of a nation rests should be carefully avoided.

Japanese Proposals.

The Japanese delegation ventures to submit here a practical plan of limitation which may be summarized as follows:

[N. B.—Capital ships and air craft carriers covered by the Washington naval treaty are not included in this proposal.]

1. None of the conferring powers shall, for such period of time as may be agreed upon, adopt new building programs or acquire ships with the purpose of increasing its naval strength.

2. By the term "naval strength" used in Article 1, is meant the total tonnage comprised in the category of surface auxiliary craft and the total tonnage comprised in the category of submarines to be agreed upon on the basis (a) of the tonnage of completed ships actually possessed by each Power which have not reached the replacement age specified in Article 4, and (b) of the designed tonnage of ships now in course of construction by that Power.

In determining the naval strength to be allotted to each power, (a) the designed tonnage of ships not yet laid down, but which are embodied in authorized building programs, and (b) the tonnage of ships which will pass the replacement age during the execution of such programs, shall also be taken into consideration.

3. The following ships are excluded from the application of the foregoing two articles.

(a) Ships not exceeding 700 tons in displacement.

(b) Surface ships carrying no gun exceeding 3 inches in caliber or carrying not more than four guns exceeding 3 inches and not exceeding 6 inches in caliber, with or without any number of guns not exceeding 3 inches in caliber, provided, however, that the speed thereof shall not exceed 20 knots.

(c) Aircraft carriers under 10,000 tons.

4. Each power may replace ships which shall have passed the ages hereunder specified or which shall have been lost, by the construction or acquisition of ships of the corresponding category within the limits of the naval strength prohibition under Article 2.

Surface auxiliary craft: Above 3,000 tons, 16 years; under 3,000 tons, 12 years; submarines, 12 years.

Provided that although the normal ages for the replacement of ships are those above specified, exceptions may be permitted in case the conditions at present prevailing call for any special adjustments to be made.

5. Any tonnage in excess of the naval strength prescribed in accordance with the provisions of Articles 1 and 2, as also any ships replaced by others under the provisions of Article 4, shall be disposed of according to the provisions to be agreed upon.

6. Appropriate regulations shall be provided in respect of replacement construction in order to avoid sudden displacements of naval strength as between the conferring Powers and to equalize, as far as possible, the amount of annual construction undertaken by each.

Bill for Danish Arms Cut Defeated—Landsting Rejects Army and Navy Reduction by Vote of 39 to 24.

The Danish Landsting on June 8 by 39 votes to 24 rejected the disarmament bill which caused much stir when introduced by the late Social-Democratic Government, says copyright advices from Copenhagen to the New York "Times," the account adding:

The bill, which was carried in the Folketing in March 1926, provided for a reduction in military costs from over \$60,000,000 to \$17,500,000 annually, the Army to be replaced by a military guard corps and the navy to be only a guard for home waters and to inspect fisheries, and also called for the abolition of the general conscript system and the dismantling of fortifications.

President Coolidge Addresses National Editorial Association.

At the summer White House, in the Black Hills, South Dakota, President Coolidge last week addressed the members of the National Editorial Association, in a brief speech delivered on the lawn of his summer quarters. The President's remarks follow:

It is a great pleasure to welcome your association to South Dakota. It is true that I have been here only two or three days, but the people have extended to us such a hearty welcome that I feel like one of the oldest inhabitants and consider myself endowed with the privilege of extending a welcome to you in behalf of the State.

Some of you I have seen at other times in Boston and Washington, and I am glad to see you are taking the opportunity of looking over our wonderful State in the tour you are now making. I doubt if you will find anything more inspiring than this locality and State. Other places may have developed more industrially and have a longer history, but none is more romantic, and I do not know any that has made such a development in such a short time. When you write your dispatches I want you to advertise this wonderful country. I am going to do all I can to advertise it.

Many of you are a long way from home. I myself am 1,800 miles from my base, yet I am in intimate touch with Washington as if I were in Bal-

timore, Cleveland or Philadelphia. Reports are coming to me from Washington all the time telling what is going on.

I am especially interested to-day in receiving a report on the Conference on Naval Armament which is assembling in Geneva next Monday. I will watch the outcome of this conference with a great deal of interest and with the hope that our country and those interested will receive great benefits.

It is not my purpose to make an extended address, but I did want to tell you how glad Mrs. Coolidge and myself have been to welcome you to our summer home.

Gov. Young of California Grants Pardon to Charlotte A. Whitney, Convicted of Violating Criminal Syndicalism Act.

On June 20 Governor C. C. Young, of California, issued a complete pardon to Charlotte A. Whitney, who had been convicted of violating the California Syndicalism Act. The constitutionality of the Act was upheld by the United States Supreme Court on May 16, and the conclusions of the court were given in these columns May 28, page 3157. As a result of the pardon granted by Governor Young, Miss Whitney is spared from a one to fourteen-year term in San Quentin Prison. According to Associated Press accounts from Sacramento June 20:

Governor Young gave as his reasons for the issuance of the pardon:

"Because I do not believe that under ordinary circumstances this case would ever have been brought to trial.

"Because the abnormal conditions attending the trial go a long way toward explaining the verdict.

"Because I feel that the Criminal Syndicalism Act was primarily intended to apply to organizations actually known as advocates of violence, terrorism or sabotage, rather than to such organizations as a Communist labor party.

"Because the judges connected with the case as well as the authors and some of the strongest advocates unite in urging a pardon.

"Because not only the evidence but also the testimony of all Miss Whitney's acquaintances show her to have the utmost respect for law and to be adverse to violence in any form; because her imprisonment might possibly serve a harmful purpose by reviving the warring spirits of radicals, through making her their martyr.

"Because whatever may be thought as to the folly of her misdirected sympathies, Miss Whitney, lifelong friend of the unfortunate, in any true sense, is not a criminal and to condemn her at sixty years of age to a felon's cell is an action which is absolutely unthinkable."

Petition Before United States Supreme Court for Rehearing of Conclusions Affecting Criminal Syndicalism Act.

A petition for a rehearing and for stay of mandate has been filed before the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of William Burns, who was convicted under the Criminal Syndicalism Act of California. As stated in these columns May 28 (page 3157) the Supreme Court of the United States on May 16 affirmed the judgment of the lower court. The "United States Daily" of June 20, in indicating that a petition for a rehearing had been filed, said:

As a ground for the petition the petitioner seeks to show that, in the decision of the court, the court erred in failing to hold that the statute, for a violation of which this plaintiff in error was prosecuted and convicted as applied in the prosecution of the plaintiff in error, violates the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, in that the plaintiff in error has been held responsible for the unlawful doctrines and precepts of an organization without proof that he had any knowledge of such unlawful doctrines and precepts.

It is contended that this point was duly reserved in the District Court, presented in the Transcript of Record in the Supreme Court of the United States, and argued before the Supreme Court.

It is stated that in the case of Harold E. Fiske against the State of Kansas, it was held that displaying and distributing the Preamble to the Constitution of the Industrial Workers of the World, soliciting members of that organization, and being authorized to organize members into that organization imparts no such criminality as to constitute an offense punishable by the State.

On this basis it is contended that, in the instant case, this plaintiff in error did exactly, knew exactly and had exactly the same authority in the Yosemite National Park as Harold E. Fiske did and had in the State of Kansas.

The argument is advanced that if the acts of Fiske did not show any criminality, then the identical acts of Burns could not show any knowledge on his part of the unlawful purpose of the organization to which he belonged. Thus, it is said:

"We have a case where this statute has been applied to convict a man for adherence to unlawful doctrines and precepts of which he had no knowledge."

The petitioner seeks to point out that the court failed to consider one of the most substantial objections to the statute as applied to this case. It is contended that the statute is in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment. And it is said:

"When said objection to the statute is fully considered, it must be held that the statute as interpreted in this case attempts to write into the law the principles of guilt by association, and to establish the crime of constructive conspiracy; that that principle and that crime violate the guaranty of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States that no citizen shall be deprived of his liberty except by due process of law."

Mississippi Flood Loss Estimated at \$200,000,000 to \$400,000,000 by Secretary Hoover—Present Task of Rehabilitation to be Hastened—Consideration of Flood Control Problem Begun.

The first official estimate of the losses occasioned by the recent Mississippi floods was made June 18 by Herbert

Hoover, Secretary of Commerce and Chairman of the Cabinet Relief Committee appointed by President Coolidge. Such losses, said Mr. Hoover, in a statement in the New Orleans "Daily States," probably will run from \$200,000,000 to \$400,000,000. Engineering plans for flood control must be changed, Mr. Hoover added, indicating that the levee system must be strengthened and supplemented. The statement said:

In human terms, this Mississippi River flood of 1927 means 750,000 people flooded, 600,000 driven from their homes or made dependent upon relief.

The economic loss will probably run from \$200,000,000 to \$400,000,000. That 1,500,000 of our countrymen should continue to live in such jeopardy is unthinkable.

America will spend more than \$30,000,000 in flood relief in one form or another this year, and that is but a small part. Every worker, every farmer, every investor in the United States will bear some part of the shock.

All engineering plans for flood control of the river must be revised against any possible combination of floods from their tributaries.

The main thing is a plan, bold and strong enough to deal with the question of finality. For we must live with the river for thousands of years yet.

As an engineer I have a technical interest in this problem; as a citizen my mind is filled with recollections of suffering and misery I have seen.

The levee system must be revised and strengthened. Above all we must have some safety devices to relieve the strain on the levee system in periods of superfloods and make them absolutely sure once and for all.

Spillways in Louisiana are proposed. There are approximately three spillway locations: The Atchafalaya River; some spot on the Mississippi east bank above New Orleans, opening direct into Lake Pontchartrain; some spot on the Mississippi east bank below New Orleans, approximately where the levee was dynamited at Caernarvon. Reservoirs in the upper reaches of all tributaries are also proposed.

I believe that we can give security to the people living below the levees. We cannot abolish the levee system. We can strengthen the levees and supplement them strongly with safety devices of one kind or another.

Supplementing this statement early this week in Washington, Mr. Hoover asserted that little or no effect would be exercised on the prosperity of the country as a whole by the floods. The losses, though vast, are but a small percentage of the national income, he pointed out.

The refugees, meanwhile, are steadily returning to the homes despoiled by the muddy torrent. The water level in the entire valley is dropping and as more land reappears, boats take the farmers back to the nearest levee where trucks wait to complete the journey. All are anxious to make crops, it is said, and enter upon the work with promising determination.

A further statement was given out in Washington by Secretary Hoover on June 19, in which the need for speeding the work of rehabilitation was emphasized. The problem of flood control will come later, Mr. Hoover said, urging that immediate attention be given the great present task of replacing on farms and industries the army of unfortunates who were forced to flee. His remarks, reported in the New York "Times," were as follows:

At this moment we have just one great task demanding immediate attention, and that is the replacement on farms and in industry of this great army of unfortunate people.

The problem of flood control will come later. There is no minimizing the size of the job facing those who are giving their time, without remuneration or hope of reward, except that of gratitude and the consciousness of duty well done, to this task, involving as it does the greatest peace-time calamity in the history of our country.

Personally, I have no doubt but we are going to master the situation. The personnel of the organizations created to handle the job is alone a guarantee of success. It includes the very best of the citizenship of the States, counties and municipalities that were in the path of the deluge.

Just how long it is going to take, I cannot say, but it will probably be many months before the word "end" is written to the last chapter in this heart-breaking and pathetic story of suffering, destitution and homelessness.

Mr. Hoover returned to the flood district Wednesday to resume active charge of the work. He indicated that arrangements have been completed for a systematic health program over the flood States, especially directed against malaria, typhoid, &c. In the meantime, engineers of the army, headed by Major-General Edgar Jadwin, are studying every angle of the complicated engineering problem of flood control. The House Committee on Flood Control, of which Representative Frank R. Reid of Illinois is Chairman also will begin a survey of the flood zone in the next few weeks.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

The New York Stock Exchange membership of Arthur S. Wheeler was reported posted for transfer this week to Robert H. Loeb, the consideration being stated as \$210,000. Last preceding sale was for \$220,000.

Stockholders of the Drivers' & Mechanics' National Bank of Baltimore will shortly be asked at a special meeting to authorize a proposed increase in the bank's capital from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000 as recommended by the directors of the institution on June 21. The new stock, according to the Baltimore "Evening Sun" of June 21, the par value of which is \$100 a share, will be offered to the stockholders at \$200 a

share. The last sale of the bank's stock in the open market was \$425 a share. Shareholders will have the right to subscribe for the new stock to the extent of two-thirds of their present holdings. Of the proceeds of the sale (\$800,000) \$400,000 will be added to capital and \$400,000 to surplus, giving the institution a capital of \$1,000,000 and combined surplus and undivided profits of \$1,500,000. Deposits approximate \$17,000,000. During the Presidency of Heyward Boyce—a period of less than nine years—the deposits of the institution have increased approximately \$7,000,000; surplus and undivided profits have practically doubled, and the dividend rate has been increased from 10% per annum to 18%.

The directors of the Bank of the Manhattan Company of this city have recommended to their shareholders that the capital be increased from \$10,700,000 to \$12,500,000, the enlarged capital to consist of 125,000 shares with a par value of \$100. The stock has heretofore consisted of shares having a par value of \$50. The additional stock is to be issued for the purpose of acquiring the Bank of Washington Heights at 1915 Amsterdam Ave., which is to be merged with the Bank of the Manhattan Company. It is announced that the stockholders of the Bank of the Manhattan Company will be given the right to subscribe to 10% of the par value of their holdings at \$250 a share for each share of the new \$100 par stock. The Bank of the Manhattan Company is one of the last of the old New York banks to change the par value of its shares from \$50 to \$100. Special legislation was enacted for this purpose at Albany. The old \$50 shares are selling at \$290, or at the rate of \$580 for the new shares. The meeting of shareholders to approve this increased capitalization and the merger with the Bank of Washington Heights has been called for Aug. 2. The main office of the Bank of the Manhattan Company is at 40 Wall St., with branches in Manhattan at Union Square and 16th St.; also at 43d St. and Madison Ave. In addition it maintains 39 offices covering Queens and a large section of Brooklyn. With the acquisition of the four branches of the Bank of Washington Heights the bank will have 46 offices in New York City. The Bank of Washington Heights was organized in 1901. Besides its main office at Amsterdam Ave. and 155th St., it has branches at 171st St. and Broadway, 181st St. near St. Nicholas Ave., and Dyckman St. and Sherman Ave. It is planned to continue the present staff of the Bank of Washington Heights in charge of their respective offices. When the new stock has been issued the Bank of the Manhattan Company will have a capital of \$12,500,000, a surplus of \$12,500,000 and undivided profits in excess of \$6,000,000.

In order to maintain a proper ratio between capital and deposits in conformity with conservative banking practice, the directors of the Bowery & East River National Bank of this city have called a special meeting of stockholders for July 28 at its main office, 1451 Broadway, for the purpose of approving an increase in the capital of the institution. It is proposed to issue 10,000 additional shares of stock to stockholders at a price of \$450 a share. Deposits of the bank now total more than \$82,000,000, whereas at the end of last year the aggregate reported was \$67,238,269. It is proposed to add \$1,000,000 realized from the sale of the new stock to capital, bringing it up to \$4,000,000. The balance, \$3,500,000, will be allocated to the surplus account, thereby increasing surplus and undivided profits to \$7,273,828. Total capital, surplus and undivided profits will stand at \$11,273,828, as compared with \$6,773,828 on March 23 1927. Last week the bank increased its dividend rate from \$14 to \$16 annually.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Equitable Trust Co. of New York on June 21 Thomas M. Debevoise was elected a trustee of the company. Mr. Debevoise is attorney for John D. Rockefeller Jr. and the Rockefeller Foundation. He is a native of New York City, a graduate of Yale University, and New York Law Schools, and a director of a number of corporations.

John L. Merrill, President of All-America Cables, Inc., was elected a director of the Grace National Bank at a meeting of the board of directors on June 22.

The directors of the Interstate Trust Co. of this city have elected E. Milton Berry, Vice-President of the Baltimore Trust Co., a Vice-President of the Interstate Trust Co. Mr.

Berry will take up his new duties on July 1. Mr. Berry was connected with the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation for eighteen years and has been Vice-President of the Baltimore Trust Co. for the past seven years.

Guy E. Tripp, Chairman of the board of directors of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co., a director of the Chase National Bank of New York, and various other organizations, died on June 14. He was in his 63d year. During the war Mr. Tripp served as Chief of the Production Division of the Ordnance Department, U. S. A. He entered the military service in January 1918 with the rank of Major in the Ordnance Department and within ten months had been made a Brigadier-General and Assistant to the Chief of Ordnance of the United States Army. When he retired, after the armistice, he received the Distinguished Service Medal for "particularly meritorious service."

John T. Pratt, a member of G. M. P. Murphy & Co. and a director of the Delaware & Hudson Co., International Acceptance Bank, J. G. White & Co., Inc., the New York New Haven & Hartford RR., etc., died suddenly in his office at 26 Broadway, this city, on June 18. Mr. Pratt was a son of Charles Pratt, founder of the Pratt Institute of Brooklyn, and co-founder of the Standard Oil Co. Among his numerous other interests Mr. Pratt had served as a trustee of Pratt Institute. He was in his 54th year.

On June 17 John J. Daly was elected a Vice-President of the Madison State Bank of this city. Mr. Daly was formerly an Assistant Secretary of the Fidelity Trust Co.

The board of directors of the Chase National Bank have appointed Jose Emilio Obregon a manager of the Havana, Cuba, branch. Mr. Obregon, who has been associated with the Havana branch of the Chase bank since April, has for many years been identified with financial affairs in Cuba.

The newly organized West Hempstead National Bank, of West Hempstead, N. Y., is slated to begin business about July 15. The proposed formation of the bank was noted in these columns April 16, page 2233. The application to organize was approved by the Comptroller of the Currency on April 12. The bank will start with a capital of \$50,000 and surplus of \$25,000. It will be under the direction of Stephen A. Bedell, President, E. N. Townsend and Howard S. Brower, Vice-Presidents, and George Langdon, Cashier. Vice-President Townsend is a partner in the firm of Curtis & Sanger.

Carrying out its program of extension of services, The First National Bank of Jersey City on June 22 opened a branch bank in the Old Bergen District, at 89 Monticello and Harrison Avenues. This is the second branch to be opened by this institution within the past ten days and, with the main office at Number 1 Exchange Place, gives The First National three offices.

A special meeting of stockholders of Provident Trust Co. of Philadelphia will be held on July 6, for the purpose of voting upon the agreement between Provident Trust Co. of Philadelphia and The Commonwealth Title Insurance & Trust Co., for the purchase of the stock of the latter by the Provident Trust Co. At the same time the plans to increase the Capital Stock of Provident Trust Co. from \$2,000,000 to \$3,200,000 will be acted upon, the increase in capital to become effective immediately. The par value is \$100, and the stock is to be exchanged on the basis of four shares of stock of Provident Trust Co., of Philadelphia for five shares of stock of The Commonwealth Title Insurance & Trust Co. of Philadelphia. An item regarding the negotiations appeared in our issue of April 16, page 2235.

In its issue of June 9 the Philadelphia "Ledger" stated that the directors of the Broad Street Trust Co. of that city had recently voted to increase the capital of the institution from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 and a special meeting of the stockholders has been called for Aug. 8 to vote on the proposition. According to a statement made the previous day (June 8), the new stock will be allotted to present stockholders' share for share at a price to be determined upon before the shareholders meet. The bank's last statement showed surplus of \$300,000; undivided profits of \$39,000; contingent reserve fund of \$38,000, and deposits of \$2,400,000. The company, whose main central city office is at the northeast corner of 12th and Arch streets, and which maintains branch

offices in the Majestic Hotel at Broad and Girard streets, according to the "Ledger," is about to erect a bank and office building on the site of the old Cramp Mansion at the northeast corner of Broad and Stiles streets, which the company has just purchased. The lot is 77 by 160 feet and is believed to have been acquired for approximately \$325,000. The plans for the new building call for banking rooms on the first floor of the building facing on the Broad Street front and extending 100 feet in the rear. The rest of the structure will consist of a ten-story office building, with its entrance on Broad Street, north of the entrance to the bank. In architecture the building will be Philadelphia Colonial, of brick, the bank and main floor to be ornamented with stone and the skyline with terra cotta. The officers of the institution are: Joseph W. Salus, President; S. C. Kraus and Hubert J. Horan Jr., Vice-Presidents; H. J. McCaully, Secretary and Treasurer; Louis E. Mill and Allen C. Mueller, Assistant Secretaries and Treasurers, and Francis K. Hammon, Title Officer.

A merger plan under which Mitten Management, Inc., of Philadelphia was to assist in the direction of the banks of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers in various parts of the country and which, it was said, would have linked the \$89,000,000 total resources of the Brotherhood banks with a substantial amount of new capital, was withdrawn from, by the Philadelphia corporation yesterday (June 24), according to the following dispatches by the Associated Press from Philadelphia and Cleveland yesterday, printed in the New York "Evening Post" last night:

Mitten Management, Inc., of Philadelphia, to-day withdrew from the proposition to assist in the direction of the banks of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

The proposition had been before the national convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers for more than a week. It provided for Mitten Management, Inc., of which Thomas E. Mitten is the head, to direct Brotherhood banks in various parts of the country.

A bank in Philadelphia controlled by the Mitten interests and one owned by the Brotherhood here recently were merged under Mitten Management.

The following telegram was sent to-day to William B. Prenter, President of the Brotherhood, by Dr. A. A. Mitten, Vice-President of Mitten Management and a son of Thomas E. Mitten.

"The apparent impossibility of there being a sufficiently unanimous accord of the convention in approval prompts us now to request that the proposition by which our organization agreed to assist in the development of your banks and, at the request of your advisory board, Mitten personally act as trustee in the working out of Venice and your other slow assets over an extended period, be now withdrawn from further consideration by your convention."

Venice, mentioned in the telegram, is a real estate development in Florida, in which an investment company controlled by the Brotherhood is interested.

Announcement from Philadelphia that the Mitten Management, Inc., has withdrawn from a proposed alliance with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers in the operation of its business enterprises comes while a special finance committee of the engineers was still studying the proposal.

The committee announced yesterday it hoped to make a recommendation to the convention "in a short time."

Dr. A. A. Mitten appeared twice before the convention to explain the plans for the affiliation, but the convention had taken no direct action pending the recommendation of its committee.

At a meeting of the directors of the First National Bank of Philadelphia on June 16, Carl H. Chaffee, Cashier, was elected Vice-President. He will continue as Cashier also.

According to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of June 16, S. Y. Ramage has resigned as a Vice-President and a director of the Oil City National Bank, Oil City, Pa., and E. C. McFate has been elected to the office of Vice-President, while John L. Vaughn and Walter W. Faller have been appointed Cashier and Assistant Cashier, respectively.

A charter was issued by the Comptroller of the Currency to the Economy National Bank of Ambridge, Pa., on June 7. The institution which began business June 20 has a capital of \$100,000 and surplus of \$15,000. Its officers are F. C. Schroeder, President, L. C. Beal, Vice President and J. H. Murdock, Cashier.

Edwin V. Hale, a Vice-President of the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland and prominent in the business and social life of that city, died on June 18 after a prolonged illness. Mr. Hale, who was the son of E. B. Hale, founder of one of the first private banking firms in the State of Ohio, was born in Cleveland and received his education at the Central High School of that city, Brooks Military Academy and at Yale University. His banking career began with the old Western Reserve Bank of Cleveland. In 1898 he was elected Secretary and Treasurer of the American Trust Co. of Cleveland and in 1903 when the Citizens' Savings & Trust Co. was organized he became Treasurer of that institution. Ten years later he was made a Vice-President. Upon the amalgamation of the Citizens' Savings & Trust

Co. and other Cleveland institutions to form the Union Trust Co. in 1921, Mr. Hale became a Vice-President of the new organization, the position he held at the time of his death. Mr. Hale was fifty-eight years of age.

Edwin V. Hale, Vice-President of the Union Trust Co., of Cleveland, died on May 18 at the age of 58, after a lingering illness. Born in Cleveland in 1869, he was the son of E. B. Hale, the founder of one of the first banking firms in Ohio, known as E. B. Hale & Co. He started his business career with the old Western Reserve Bank, and in 1898 was made Secretary and Treasurer of the American Trust Co. After the formation of the Citizens Savings & Trust Co. he was made Treasurer of that organization, in 1903. Ten years later he was named Vice-President, and when that bank merged with other Cleveland banks to form the Union Trust Co. he went into that institution, where he remained until his death.

Formal merging of the Commonwealth-Federal Savings Bank of Detroit and the Commercial State Savings Bank of that city to form the Commonwealth-Commercial State Bank (the proposed consolidation was referred to in our issue of May 7, page 2704) takes place to-day (June 25). The consolidated bank, according to the Detroit "Free Press" of June 19, will have combined capital and surplus of \$2,000,000 and total resources in excess of \$23,000,000. It will maintain twenty-two branches throughout the city. Beginning Monday, June 27, the new organization will have its main downtown office in the former head office of the Commonwealth-Federal Savings Bank in the Hammond Building. Pending the remodeling of the banking quarters and the installing of new fixtures and furniture—alterations which, it is said, will require at least a month to complete—the former main office of the Commercial State Savings Bank will be operated as a downtown branch. The roster of the new bank is as follows: Elbert H. Fowler, Chairman of the Board; J. W. McCausey, President; Martin E. Galvin, Vice-President and Chairman of the Executive Committee; C. R. McLaughlin, Frank Wolf, Fred H. Talbot, G. W. J. Linton, W. W. Smith and T. Allen Smith, Vice-Presidents; Howard P. Parshall, Vice-President and Cashier; and Arnold Baenziger, W. R. Seawright, Bert Owen, Arthur O. Dahlstrom and Earl A. Robinson, Assistant Cashiers. The board of directors includes the following:

Frank Hooker Alfred, David H. Barnett, James R. Blackwood, James B. Bradley, Alexander Freeman, Thomas Forman, M. E. Galvin, Clarence E. Gittins, John S. Haggerty, Brinton F. Hall, Alfred E. D. Allan, Frank G. Baxter, Elbert H. Fowler, James H. Garlick, Lewis G. Gorton, George W. Graves, George G. Harvey, Ernest O. Knight, C. R. McLaughlin, Paul H. King, H. Wm. Klare, Joseph W. McCausey, T. J. W. McCausey, Robert Oakman, W. W. Smith, Daniel P. Markey, Fred H. Talbot, Comfort A. Tyler, Frank Wolf, Albert E. Manning, Frederick C. Mathews, Guy W. Moore, Charles P. Sieder, William H. Steger, Carl T. Storm, Clyde I. Webster, Arthur E. Wood, and Fred L. Woodworth.

The Guardian Group of banks in Detroit announces that, through an oversight in the preparation of the Guardian Group Booklet (now being distributed), the name of Howard M. Smith, who is Vice-President of the Guardian Detroit Company, in charge of its New York office, was not included. The Guardian Group of financial institutions is composed of the Guardian Detroit Bank, the Guardian Trust Co. of Detroit and the Guardian Detroit Co.

S. Ross, Manager of the foreign division of the National Bank of the Republic, Chicago, sailed this week on the "Aquitania."

An application to organize the Blackstone National Bank of Chicago, Ill., was received by the Comptroller of the Currency on June 7. The institution will have a capital of \$200,000 and surplus of \$50,000. The stock will be in shares of \$100 and will be placed at \$125. The proposed location of the bank is 1365 East 47th Street.

According to the Louisville "Courier-Journal" of June 21, a meeting of the stockholders of the Louisville National Bank of that city will be held on July 18 at which time they will be asked to vote on a proposed increase of 50% (from \$500,000 to \$750,000) in the capital stock of the institution; the changing of the bank's name from Louisville National Bank to Louisville National Bank & Trust Co., and the investment of \$150,000 in the stock of the Louisville National Co., a new affiliated organization. An explanation of the questions to be submitted, accompanying the notice of the meeting sent to the stockholders by Richard Bean, the bank's President, as printed in the "Courier-Journal," said in part as follows:

We are building up the personnel for a trust department, as we want to engage actively in the handling of trust business. Therefore, we think it

advisable to change our name as suggested, for that will call the public's attention to the fact that we are now serving in all trust capacities.

Our banking business has increased so enormously that it seems advisable to make an increase in our capital stock. Furthermore, we need \$150,000 to put into the new affiliated company—the Louisville National Co. That will be the bond investment and real estate lending department of our business. We already have an experienced real estate man organizing that department and we look forward to a profitable history for it.

Now as to the new capital stock, our suggestion is that we sell the 2,500 shares to the stockholders at \$200 a share, which will produce \$500,000. We will take \$150,000 of that for the capital of the Louisville National Co. We will take \$250,000 of it for increased capital stock of our bank, and add the remaining \$100,000 to surplus. Our financial structure will then show, in round figures, these amounts: Capital stock, \$750,000; surplus, \$500,000; and undivided profits, \$150,000.

In addition to these figures, each share of bank stock will call for one-fifth of a share of stock in the Louisville National Co.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the American Trust & Savings Bank of Birmingham, Ala., has been called for July 9 to take action upon the proposed consolidation of the institution with the Traders' National Bank of that city under the title of the American-Traders National Bank, reference to which was made in these columns on June 11.

Four months ago the Barnett National Bank of Jacksonville, Fla., announced the opening of new and much larger offices in an 18-story building owned by and constructed for the bank. The present month the bank announces a further extension of its facilities. The earlier home of the bank, which adjoins its new offices, has been completely remodeled and is now open as an annex to the main banking rooms. Thus the banks extends for a full block in length and has entrances on three of Jacksonville's principal thoroughfares—Adams, Laura and Forsyth. W. R. McQuaid, President of the bank, said that with its recent additions and enlargements the Barnett National Bank now offers a banking service than which there is none more comprehensive in the entire South. The savings departments has been tripled in size and the collection department considerably enlarged. The bond department has been augmented both in personnel and in the space allotted to it. A. C. Biese, Vice-President of the bank and formerly Vice-President of the Robinson Humphreys Co. of Atlanta, is in charge. The trust department, under the supervision of Vice-President Curtis P. Kendall, has been enhanced by the addition of private offices for consultation purposes. Another augmentation of the Barnett service is the mortgage and loan department, which will handle first mortgages on improved residences and business property.

The application to organize the First National Bank in Palm Beach, Fla., was approved by the Comptroller of the Currency on June 4. The institution will have a capital of \$100,000 and surplus of \$50,000. Plans to organize the bank were noted in our issue of June 4, page 3306. The bank is expected to begin business about Oct. 15 next.

The Northwood Bank & Trust Co. of West Palm Beach, Fla., one of the banks of that place which closed last March, reopens to-day (June 25) without loss to its depositors, according to special advices from West Palm Beach on June 22 to the New York "Herald-Tribune." The bank, which is a suburban institution located in the northern section of West Palm Beach, had several hundred thousand dollars on deposit when it closed. The dispatch also reported that the First Bank & Trust Co. of Lake Worth, Fla. (a city seven miles south of West Palm Beach), had announced on that day (June 22) that arrangements had been made to reopen the institution very soon.

That Beverly D. Harris, former Houston banker, was elected a Vice-President and a director of the Second National Bank of Houston at a meeting of the directors on June 14 and would assume his new duties on June 16, was reported in the Houston "Post" of June 15. In regard to Mr. Harris's career, the paper mentioned said in part:

Harris is well known in Houston, as well as throughout the Southwest, through long residence in Texas and as an executive in the past of some of the more prominent banks of Dallas and Houston. He began his banking career with the City National Bank, Dallas, leaving that institution in the capacity of Cashier and coming to the Commercial National Bank, Houston. He was later First Vice-President and a director of the South Texas Commercial National Bank, and also served as Chairman of the Houston Currency Association. He left Texas to accept a Vice-Presidency in the National City Bank, New York, with which institution he was connected for more than seven years in charge of business in four Federal Reserve districts in the West. He later served as President and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Mansanto Chemical Works of St. Louis, affiliated with the Groessner-Mansanto Chemical Works of Ruabon, South Wales, and as Senior Vice-President and Managing Director of the American Foreign Credit Underwriters of New York and Chicago. For the past four months Harris has been taking a vacation and rest in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, and has decided to return to Texas and make his permanent home in Houston, which he regards as

a city of outstanding prominence and business future in the Southwest as well as a most desirable place of residence. He will immediately take up his duties with the Second National Bank with the firm belief in the future destinies of Houston and will bring to the management of the bank the benefit of an unusually wide and diversified business experience.

The following has been issued by the Bank of Italy (Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association), San Francisco, in regard to the increase made last week in the bank's dividend rate and to which we referred in last Saturday's "Chronicle" (June 18), page 2586:

Increase in the annual dividend rate of the Bank of Italy to \$5.24 per share of \$25 par value—equivalent to \$21 on the old \$100 par value stock has been approved by the institution's board of directors.

The dividend is payable quarterly at the rate of \$1.31 on each share. On the basis of the present capitalization represented by 1,200,000 shares of stock, the bank will distribute more than \$1,500,000 in dividends each three months' period.

Prior to the stock split of 4 to 1, with a reduction in par value from \$100 to \$25 per share, which occurred immediately after the nationalization of the Bank of Italy last March, the annual dividend was \$18, or the equivalent of \$4.50 on the new stock. The present increase of approximately \$3 per share therefore gives the stockholders an additional yearly return of 16%.

Dividends are payable on the combined shares of the Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association and its affiliated organization, National Bankitaly Company (formerly Stockholders Auxiliary Corporation) the stock of which is owned share for share by the bank stockholders.

"The present increase in the dividend was determined upon as a result of the sustained earnings of the institution," said James A. Bacigalupi, President of the bank, in commenting upon the board's action. "Since our consolidation with Liberty Bank of America in the spring, there has been an eminently satisfactory growth in net profits, and it is our expectation that these shall not only be sustained, but also materially increased.

"The policy of the bank has always been to maintain the dividend in proper relation to the earnings, so that the stockholders might participate in the prosperity their investment has fostered. Whenever it has become evident that the profits have reached a permanently higher level, the dividend has correspondingly increased. That is our purpose to continue this policy is evidenced by the present action."

The Bank of Italy has paid dividends continuously, and on a steadily ascending scale, since the first six months of its organization in 1904. The original dividend was \$5 a share, and this has been advanced successively through subsequent years, reaching its high point in the increase authorized yesterday.

The Standard Bank of Canada (General Manager's Office, Toronto) has declared a dividend for the current quarter ending July 31 at 3%, being at the rate of 12% per annum, upon the paid-up capital stock of the bank, and which is to be payable on and after Aug. 1 to shareholders of record July 16.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The speculation for higher prices met with somewhat of a setback the present week, though the market improved very materially on Friday. While certain groups of stocks have at times displayed moderate strength, price movements generally have been irregular and confused, and a number of new low records for the year have been established. The worst break came on Thursday, when a wave of selling carried nearly every active stock to lower levels. Market movements were somewhat mixed and the tone uncertain during the greater part of the two-hour session on Saturday, declines and advances occurring simultaneously in various parts of the list. Lehigh Valley was one of the outstanding features of the trading and moved briskly forward 5 points to 132½, though it lost about 3 points later in the day. Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul issues attracted considerable attention, the preferred gaining nearly 2 points and crossing 29 and practically all of the merger socks were higher. Colorado Fuel & Iron was unusually active and advanced 5 points to above 89. In the specialties group Baldwin Locomotive was the outstanding strong feature and bounded forward 3 points to 221. Industrial Alcohol was also strong and at 80% was nearly 2 points above the preceding close. The market continued unsettled on Monday, some stocks moving widely in different directions, General Motors, after selling at 204½, receded to 201, Hudson Motors yielded nearly 2 points and Houston Oil declined more than 5 points from its early high. In the railroad group, Hocking Valley and Kansas City Southern were strong for a time and Nickel Plate advanced more than 5 points to the highest level reached since it sold ex the Chesapeake securities dividend. Baldwin Locomotive ranged from 220¼ to 228 at its high for the day, but reacted 5 points in the recessions of the final hour.

On Tuesday stocks opened irregular and in many cases weak, but improved as the day advanced and closed with substantial gains ranging from 1 to 5 points. General Motors moved to the front and held a strong position during the early part of the day, but, following the announcement of the details of the new Ford car, lost all of its gain and closed with a loss of 2 points. Hudson Motors, White and Chrysler moved in the same way. Most of the railroad shares lost ground, though Wabash continued in strong demand and closed with a net gain of more than a point. Specialties as

a group were fairly strong, General Railway Signal moving up 5 points to above 114, followed by Postum Cereal, with an advance of 3 points to a new high record above 105. Baldwin Locomotive reached a new top at 229, but reacted 3 points in the closing hour. The best gains of the day were made by United States Distributing, Commercial Solvents "B," General Railway Signal, International Harvester and Air Reduction. United States Steel common closed lower. Prices continued unsettled on Wednesday and the majority of changes at the closing hour were toward lower levels. The Milwaukee & St. Paul issues, particularly the preferred, were in strong demand at improving prices, the preferred making a new top for the year on an advance of 2 points to 33. Western Pacific advanced 5 points to 46, and New Haven and Missouri Pacific were in strong demand at advancing prices.

On Thursday, the market was definitely reactionary in the forenoon and in the last half-hour an avalanche of selling precipitated a sharp break, which swept practically every active stock to lower levels. The downward movement gained such momentum that the stock tickers were unable to keep the pace and it was nearly twenty minutes after the close before the final quotations were recorded on the tape. The break was due in part to the announcement of the Paramount-Famous-Lasky Corporation of a 10% reduction in the salaries of employees and in part to the advance in the time-money rate to 4½%, the highest since Jan. 1. In the early trading motor stocks and oil issues were the weak spots, General Motors receding about 3 points, followed by Hudson Motors and White, the latter reaching a new low for the year at 56½%. The market developed a better tone on Friday and much of the loss of the preceding day was recovered. Baldwin Locomotive led the upswing and reached a new high at 230¼, followed by Eastman-Kodak, American Express and Adams Express, which also moved into new high ground. Colorado Fuel & Iron gained 2¼ points to 87½ and du Pont advanced nearly 2 points to 240. Specialties were in good demand at improving prices, General American Tank Car advancing 5 points to 55¼ and General Railway Signal 1½ points to 119¾.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended June 24	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal and Foreign Bonds.		United States Bonds.
			State.	Municipal and Foreign.	
Saturday	979,940	\$2,895,000	\$1,337,000		\$1,320,050
Monday	1,896,410	6,382,000	2,322,000		692,350
Tuesday	1,729,455	6,458,500	2,677,000		806,150
Wednesday	1,754,948	6,047,500	2,496,000		503,200
Thursday	2,087,044	6,178,000	2,681,000		758,850
Friday	1,480,700	5,516,000	1,498,000		913,000
Total	9,928,497	\$33,477,000	\$13,011,000		\$4,993,600

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended June 24.		Jan. 1 to June 24.	
	1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.
Stocks—No. of shares.	9,928,497	8,970,517	264,700,804	215,578,425
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$4,993,600	\$6,199,400	\$169,792,000	\$149,746,300
State and foreign bonds	13,011,000	14,333,000	439,220,700	323,114,550
Railroad & misc. bonds	33,477,000	36,911,000	1,132,355,550	1,100,995,700
Total bonds	\$51,481,600	\$57,443,400	\$1,641,368,250	\$1,573,856,350

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended June 24 1927.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	*15,303	\$7,590	9,655	\$14,600	1,207	\$22,200
Monday	*26,972	23,250	19,465	23,500	2,072	26,800
Tuesday	*32,243	26,050	18,281	54,500		10,600
Wednesday	*26,043	55,700	14,723	25,500	2,391	19,500
Thursday	*25,562	28,300	22,133	11,400	1,637	19,000
Friday	8,644	27,000	21,823	47,000	1,677	64,000
Total	134,767	\$167,890	106,080	\$176,500	10,840	\$162,100
Prev. week revised	119,996	\$70,600	116,625	\$206,400	14,348	\$174,700

* In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 3,920; Monday, 8,426; Tuesday, 16,379; Wednesday, 18,376; Thursday, 15,386.

THE CURB MARKET.

An uncertain tone characterized trading in the Curb Market in the fore part of the week, the large increase in brokers' loans being a deciding factor. Later prices turned weak, though declines were not large. Amer. Arch declined from 95½ to 91½ and sold to-day at 92. Amer. Mfg. com. was off from 84½ to 81, recovering finally to 83¾. Bancitaly Corp. was strong, advancing from 120 to 123½, the close to-day being at 123. Celanese Corp. new com. after an advance from 70 to 73¼ dropped to 68½, the final figure to-day being 70. Central Leather (new company) was active and strong, the class A and prior pref gaining some six points, the former to 30 and the latter to 97½. The close to-day was at 29 and 96, respectively. Curtis Publishing com. sold

up from 173¾ to 190 and down finally to 184 ex-dividend. Deere & Co. was conspicuous for a drop from 163 to 134, with a final recovery to 145. Ford Motor of Canada moved up from 449 to 490, the close to-day being at 456. Fulton Sylphon was a strong feature, advancing from 49 to 53 and reacting finally to 51½. General Baking, class A, also gained appreciably, advancing from 59 to 63, the close to-day being at 61¼. Richmond Radiator com. gained some seven points to 32½ and sold finally at 31. Oils were firm with changes slight. Vacuum Oil rose from 128 to 134½ and closed to-day at 133½.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 3761.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Week Ended June 24.	STOCKS (No. Shares).			BONDS (Par Value).	
	Ind & Misc.	Oil.	Mining.	Domestic.	Foreign Govt.
Saturday	71,925	46,760	31,310	\$1,231,000	\$434,000
Monday	131,840	46,605	48,020	1,996,000	440,000
Tuesday	132,100	43,550	50,110	2,639,000	304,000
Wednesday	165,861	45,510	60,410	3,279,000	351,000
Thursday	192,425	56,540	32,470	2,625,000	454,000
Friday	139,865	46,750	19,300	2,015,000	359,000
Total	834,006	285,715	241,620	\$13,783,000	\$2,342,000

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

London.	Sat., June 18.	Mon., June 20.	Tues., June 21.	Wed., June 22.	Thurs., June 23.	Fri., June 24.
Silver, per oz.	26½	26 1-16	26	26 1-16	25 15-16	26 1-16
Gold, per fine ounce	84.11½	84.11½	84.11	84.11½	84.11½	84.11½
Consols, 2½ per cents	54	54	54	54	54	54½
British, 5 per cents	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
British 4½ per cents	95½	95½	95½	95½	95½	95½
French Rentes (in Paris) .fr.	59.25	59.25	59.25	59.25	59	58.40
French War Loan (in Paris) .fr.	76.25	76.05	76.10	76.10	75.75	75.40

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Foreign	56½	56¼	56¼	56¼	56¼	56¼

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings this week also show an 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 June 25), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 1.8% larger than those for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$9,507,098,597, against \$9,338,648,390 for the same week in 1926. At this centre there is a gain for the five days of 3.8%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended June 25.	1927.	1926.	Per Cent.
New York	\$4,466,000,000	\$4,303,000,000	+3.8
Chicago	548,878,774	513,711,841	+6.8
Philadelphia	446,000,000	459,000,000	-2.8
Boston	409,000,000	393,000,000	+4.1
Kansas City	114,980,173	117,038,039	-1.8
St. Louis	116,200,800	119,000,000	-2.4
San Francisco	161,166,000	156,150,000	+3.2
Los Angeles	140,870,000	140,856,000	+0.01
Pittsburgh	149,295,577	149,896,191	-0.4
Detroit	154,472,483	154,380,764	+0.1
Cleveland	104,642,737	93,730,291	+11.6
Baltimore	89,205,571	101,187,387	-11.9
New Orleans	53,399,053	53,154,329	+0.5
Thirteen cities, 5 days	\$6,954,110,368	\$6,754,104,842	+3.0
Other cities, 5 days	1,001,805,130	999,480,830	+0.2
Total all cities, 5 days	\$7,955,915,498	\$7,753,585,672	+2.6
All cities, 1 day	1,551,183,099	1,585,062,722	-2.1
Total all cities for week	\$9,507,098,597	\$9,338,648,390	+1.8

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday) and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. Accordingly, in the above the last day of the week has in all cases had to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ended June 18. For that week there is an increase of 5.2%, the 1927 aggregate of clearings being \$10,933,429,777, and the 1926 aggregate \$10,394,679,296. Outside of New York City, the increase is only 0.8%, the bank exchanges at this centre having increased 8.6%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from that it appears that in the Boston Reserve District there is a gain of 6.5%, in the New York Reserve District (including this city) of 8.5%, and in the Cleveland Reserve District of 11.9%. The Philadelphia Reserve District shows a loss of 5.6%, the Richmond Reserve District of 9.9%, and the

Atlanta Reserve District of 7.0%, the latter due mainly to the decrease at the Florida points, Miami recording a loss of 60.2%, and Jacksonville of 33.8%. In the Chicago Reserve District the clearings are larger by 2.9%, in the St. Louis Reserve District by 0.3%, and in the San Francisco Reserve District by 0.1%. The cities in the Minneapolis Reserve District fall 0.5% behind, those in the Kansas City Reserve District 3.1%, and those in the Dallas Reserve District 6.8%.

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

Week End. June 18 1927.	1927.	1926.	Inc. or Dec.	1925.	1924.
Federal Reserve Districts					
1st Boston.....12 cities	570,131,337	535,384,830	+6.5	493,495,081	424,707,956
2nd New York.....11 "	6,049,375,174	5,986,054,180	+8.5	5,917,058,989	5,179,072,634
3rd Philadelphia.....10 "	603,932,151	639,510,690	-5.6	682,029,452	566,846,577
4th Cleveland.....8 "	493,115,365	440,487,286	+11.9	432,021,581	370,262,105
5th Richmond.....6 "	206,984,345	229,489,993	-9.9	227,279,442	194,705,495
6th Atlanta.....13 "	213,788,672	229,908,968	-7.0	233,967,778	178,237,358
7th Chicago.....20 "	1,065,771,003	1,035,591,159	+2.9	1,007,715,799	894,884,919
8th St. Louis.....8 "	247,305,532	246,536,833	+0.3	239,501,235	213,758,996
9th Minneapolis.....7 "	131,082,559	131,702,496	-0.5	134,827,878	114,981,874
10th Kansas City.....12 "	262,275,769	270,585,584	-3.1	265,310,762	223,421,107
11th Dallas.....5 "	71,790,945	77,045,160	-6.8	69,475,704	59,161,320
12th San Fran.....17 "	572,876,925	572,379,129	+0.1	511,108,160	467,229,011
Total.....129 cities	10,933,439,777	10,394,679,296	+5.2	10,203,591,661	8,877,069,352
Outside N. Y. City.....	4,583,507,565	4,548,703,599	+0.8	4,417,131,200	3,819,062,642
Canada.....31 cities	377,629,633	349,996,739	+7.9	285,682,850	295,205,469

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

Clearings at—	Week Ended June 18.				
	1927.	1926.	Inc. or Dec.	1925.	1924.
First Federal Reserve District—Boston					
Maine—Bangor.....	762,566	657,065	+16.1	757,153	771,934
Portland.....	3,861,586	4,251,892	-9.2	3,445,802	2,596,580
Mass.—Boston.....	513,000,000	478,000,000	+7.3	439,000,000	378,000,000
Fall River.....	2,214,668	2,031,518	+9.0	2,117,985	2,171,371
Holyoke.....	a	a	a	a	a
Lowell.....	1,373,384	1,189,335	+15.5	1,284,065	1,250,967
Lynn.....	a	a	a	a	a
New Bedford.....	1,316,826	1,279,776	+2.9	1,380,783	1,176,090
Springfield.....	5,320,362	6,109,209	-12.9	5,456,824	5,192,430
Worcester.....	3,877,758	3,884,935	-0.2	3,582,752	3,704,000
Conn.—Hartford.....	15,337,114	16,065,509	-4.5	13,952,223	11,714,756
New Haven.....	7,587,390	7,328,045	+3.5	7,593,702	6,099,098
R. I.—Providence.....	14,750,700	13,868,100	+6.4	14,207,700	11,360,400
N. H.—Manchester.....	728,983	719,446	+1.3	716,082	670,330
Total (12 cities)	570,131,337	535,384,830	+6.5	493,495,081	424,707,956
Second Federal Reserve District—New York					
N. Y.—Albany.....	6,067,945	8,103,257	-25.1	6,009,016	4,958,301
Binghamton.....	1,227,000	1,070,900	+14.6	1,117,200	1,050,400
Buffalo.....	59,772,884	56,735,281	+5.4	58,973,674	47,952,728
Elmira.....	1,195,769	1,093,876	+9.3	919,868	739,866
Johnstown.....	1,556,995	1,656,865	-6.0	1,643,922	1,371,788
New York.....	6,349,923,212	5,845,975,697	+8.6	5,786,460,461	5,057,996,710
Rochester.....	14,929,291	13,610,211	+4.8	12,473,325	10,985,196
Syracuse.....	6,522,541	5,829,646	+11.9	5,792,544	6,451,764
Conn.—Stamford.....	3,873,443	4,181,336	-7.4	4,216,521	3,471,657
N. J.—Montclair.....	1,061,299	1,199,118	-11.5	634,358	943,135
Northern N. J.....	48,905,795	46,597,993	+5.0	38,818,100	43,151,089
Total (11 cities)	6,494,375,174	5,986,054,180	+8.5	5,917,058,989	5,179,072,634
Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia					
Pa.—Allentown.....	1,651,223	1,621,855	+1.8	1,381,515	1,507,738
Bethlehem.....	4,615,549	4,612,072	+0.1	4,538,442	3,508,962
Chester.....	1,389,754	1,395,627	-0.9	1,640,548	1,563,765
Lancaster.....	2,118,930	2,028,361	+4.5	2,616,836	2,755,780
Philadelphia.....	571,000,000	606,000,000	-5.7	649,000,000	537,000,000
Reading.....	4,360,937	4,427,156	-1.5	3,840,152	3,114,710
Scranton.....	6,428,480	6,350,351	+1.2	6,263,601	5,681,342
Wilkes-Barre.....	3,947,817	4,588,361	-14.0	4,392,395	4,022,707
York.....	1,976,389	1,964,866	+0.6	1,924,251	2,359,182
N. J.—Trenton.....	6,449,072	6,522,041	-1.1	6,431,712	5,332,191
Del.—Wilmington.....	a	a	a	a	a
Total (10 cities)	603,932,151	639,510,690	-5.6	682,029,452	566,846,577
Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland					
Ohio—Akron.....	7,921,000	7,103,000	+11.5	6,034,000	7,444,000
Canton.....	5,396,859	4,440,599	+20.9	4,338,006	4,711,916
Cincinnati.....	85,514,196	83,316,082	+2.6	79,868,421	66,383,736
Cleveland.....	153,937,991	137,564,200	+11.9	137,524,783	111,433,877
Columbus.....	19,185,200	16,868,300	+13.7	15,572,200	12,775,600
Dayton.....	a	a	a	a	a
Lima.....	a	a	a	a	a
Mansfield.....	2,546,449	2,393,199	+6.4	2,266,803	1,633,131
Springfield.....	a	a	a	a	a
Toledo.....	a	a	a	a	a
Youngstown.....	6,495,580	6,489,268	+0.1	5,436,729	4,385,838
Pa.—Erie.....	212,148,090	182,312,638	+16.4	180,980,639	161,494,007
Pittsburgh.....	a	a	a	a	a
Total (8 cities)	493,115,365	440,487,286	+11.9	432,021,581	370,262,105
Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond					
W. Va.—Hunt'n'g.....	1,364,489	1,516,867	-10.0	1,646,234	2,030,497
Va.—Norfolk.....	45,847,627	8,690,548	-32.7	8,171,049	7,232,715
Richmond.....	47,869,000	49,487,000	-3.3	51,132,000	52,931,000
S. C.—Charleston.....	42,444,876	2,550,642	-4.1	2,059,204	2,284,888
Md.—Baltimore.....	120,880,048	135,685,091	-9.9	136,611,449	104,549,395
D. C.—Washington.....	28,578,305	31,559,845	-10.8	27,659,506	25,677,000
Total (6 cities)	206,984,345	229,489,993	-9.9	227,279,442	194,705,495
Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta					
Tenn.—Chatt'ga.....	9,143,939	8,586,131	+6.5	8,250,287	7,154,847
Knoxville.....	4,000,000	3,882,725	+3.0	2,930,786	3,100,000
Nashville.....	24,777,029	23,711,678	+4.5	22,541,207	16,351,285
Ga.—Atlanta.....	59,925,929	59,630,967	+0.5	65,422,092	52,595,450
Augusta.....	1,874,449	1,633,501	+14.7	1,707,000	1,397,109
Macon.....	1,929,143	1,880,453	+2.6	1,506,683	1,331,119
Savannah.....	a	a	a	a	a
Fla.—Jack'nville.....	20,453,635	30,884,268	-33.8	27,279,000	16,437,777
Miami.....	4,493,026	11,298,638	-60.2	18,900,627	3,775,791
Ala.—Birmingham.....	25,571,372	24,480,576	+4.5	25,996,821	25,001,742
Mobile.....	1,990,246	2,204,864	-23.3	1,918,394	1,650,464
Miss.—Jackson.....	1,795,424	1,596,000	+12.5	1,305,157	1,140,952
Vicksburg.....	509,444	352,635	+44.5	288,286	276,934
La.—New Orleans.....	57,625,040	50,766,520	+13.5	55,921,348	48,623,888
Total (13 cities)	213,788,672	229,908,956	-7.0	233,967,778	178,237,358

Clearings at—	Week Ended June 18.				
	1927.	1926.	Inc. or Dec.	1925.	1924.
Seventh Federal Reserve District—Chicago					
Mich.—Adrian.....	316,183	301,083	+5.0	225,221	260,749
Ann Arbor.....	1,238,130	1,058,105	+17.0	904,970	887,621
Detroit.....	210,153,922	203,710,015	+3.2	189,562,683	149,910,304
Grand Rapids.....	9,311,696	8,573,026	+8.6	8,290,876	6,866,603
Lansing.....	2,757,489	2,824,000	-2.4	2,757,268	2,167,000
Ind.—Ft. Wayne.....	3,155,361	3,546,829	-11.0	2,705,380	2,105,524
Indianapolis.....	24,305,000	21,920,000	+10.9	17,380,000	17,753,000
South Bend.....	3,143,300	3,039,700	+3.4	2,908,000	2,780,000
Terre Haute.....	5,135,827	4,746,154	+8.2	4,353,804	4,606,242
Wis.—Milwaukee.....	47,665,262	45,713,109	+4.3	40,779,742	35,585,846
Iowa—Ced. Rap.....	3,074,657	2,784,070	+10.4	2,689,493	2,532,299
Des Moines.....	10,493,705	10,899,010	-3.7	11,033,300	10,238,571
Sioux City.....	6,265,996	7,331,071	-14.5	7,237,901	6,016,221
Waterloo.....	1,359,409	1,564,453	-13.1	1,171,328	1,465,392
Ill.—Bloomi'g'n.....	1,644,287	1,880,448	-12.6	1,667,200	1,296,078
Chicago.....	722,499,551	703,069,044	+2.8	701,571,417	629,854,751
Danville.....	a	a	a	a	a
Decatur.....	1,451,424	1,322,407	+9.8	1,535,745	1,281,962
Peoria.....	5,149,856	5,403,400	-4.7	5,076,338	4,311,807
Rockford.....	3,926,619	3,275,022	+19.9	3,276,444	2,609,855
Springfield.....	2,723,329	2,630,213	+3.5	2,588,189	2,953,094
Total (20 cities)	1,065,771,003	1,035,591,159	+2.9	1,007,715,799	884,684,919
Eighth Federal Reserve District—St. Louis					
Ind.—Evansville.....	9,644,641	6,283,533	+23.8	5,065,225	4,574,157
Mo.—St. Louis.....	159,606,000	164,600,000	-3.1	162,000,000	147,000,000
Ky.—Louisville.....	39,936,468	39,048,110	+2.3	39,139,883	33,997,127
Owensboro.....	319,409	304,849	+4.8	314,956	336,574
Tenn.—Memphis.....	21,608,634	21,120,832	+2.3	19,243,344	15,876,425
Ark.—Little Rock.....	14,339,181	13,265,643	+8.1	11,774,234	10,384,511
Ill.—Jacksonville.....	328,827	359,398	-8.5	420,734	296,199
Quincy.....	1,528,372	1,554,468	-1.7	1,537,857	1,294,003
Total (8 cities)	247,305,532	246,536,833	+0.3	239,501,235	213,758,996
Ninth Federal Reserve District—Minneapolis					
Minn.—Duluth.....	8,908,328	7,955,621	+12.0	8,793,728	9,194,590
Minneapolis.....	81,067,143	82,125,895	-1.3	85,462,332	68,609,032
St. Paul.....	34,041,698	34,888,157	-2.4	33,921,682	31,256,969
No. Dak.—Fargo.....	2,082,773	1,788,088	+16.5	1,726,658	1,532,322
S. D.—Aberdeen.....	1,335,382	1,523,424	-12.4	1,351,951	1,165,336
Mont.—Billings.....	533,235	517,136	+3		

Public Debt of United States—Completed Returns Showing Net Debt as of April 30 1927.

The statement of the public debt and Treasury cash holdings of the United States as officially issued April 30 1927, delayed in publication, has now been received, and as interest attaches to the details of available cash and the gross and net debt on that date, we append a summary thereof, making comparisons with the same date in 1926.

CASH AVAILABLE TO PAY MATURING OBLIGATIONS.		
	April 30 1927.	April 30 1926.
Balance end month by daily statement, &c.	\$236,212,774	\$334,771,857
Add or Deduct—Excess or deficiency of receipts over or under disbursements on related items.	-2,467,711	+1,092,987
Deduct outstanding obligations:	\$233,745,063	\$385,864,844
Matured interest obligations	\$56,765,233	\$60,238,396
Disbursing officers' checks	76,173,345	73,950,313
Discount accrued on War Savings Certificates	8,102,235	11,260,105
Settlement warrant checks	2,347,810	1,186,227
Total	\$143,388,623	\$146,635,041
Balance, deficit (-) or surplus (+)	+890,356,440	+189,229,803

INTEREST-BEARING DEBT OUTSTANDING.		
Title of Loan—	Interest April 30 1927.	
	Payable.	\$
2s Consols of 1930	Q.-J.	599,724,050
2s of 1916-1936	Q.-F.	48,954,180
2s of 1918-1938	Q.-F.	25,947,400
3s of 1961	Q.-M.	49,800,000
3s Conversion bonds of 1946-1947	Q.-J.	28,894,500
Certificates of Indebtedness	J.-J.	1,123,135,000
3½s First Liberty Loan, 1932-1947	J.-J.	1,397,687,000
4s First Liberty Loan, converted	J.-D.	5,155,700
4½s First Liberty Loan, converted	J.-D.	532,873,350
4½s First Liberty Loan, second converted	J.-D.	3,492,150
4s Second Liberty Loan, 1927-1942	M.-N.	20,848,550
4½s Second Liberty Loan converted	M.-S.	1,676,389,950
4½s Third Liberty Loan of 1928	M.-S.	2,157,998,350
4½s Fourth Liberty Loan of 1933-1938	A.-O.	6,314,456,950
4½s Treasury bonds of 1947-1952		763,948,300
4s Treasury bonds of 1944-1954		1,047,087,500
3½s Treasury bonds of 1946-1956		494,898,100
4s War Savings and Thrift Stamps	Matured	326,736,096
2½s Postal Savings bonds	J.-J.	13,229,660
5½s to 5¾s Treasury notes	J.-D.	2,044,144,600
Aggregate of interest-bearing debt		18,675,401,386
Bearing no interest		240,754,896
Matured, interest ceased		25,012,255
Total debt		18,941,168,537
Deduct Treasury surplus or add Treasury deficit		+90,356,440
Net debt		18,850,812,097

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of June 8 1927:

GOLD.					
	June 2.	June 3.	June 4.	June 7.	June 8.
Received					£250,000
Withdrawn	£7,000	£500,000			10,000
					£191,000

The receipt of £250,000 yesterday was announced as sovereigns released from 'set aside on account of the South African Reserve Bank.' The bulk of the withdrawals was in bar gold, the destination of which was not revealed. The £208,000 sovereigns withdrawn were destined as follows: Holland, £110,000; India, £91,000, and Spain, £7,000. During the week under review £458,000 on balance has been withdrawn from the Bank, making a net efflux this year of £182,000. Since the restoration of an effective gold standard there has been a net efflux of £5,506,000 as set out in the daily bulletins at the Bank.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered in the week ended the 1st inst.:					
	Imports—		Exports—		
Belgian Congo	£24,100	Germany		£129,653	
British South Africa	35,704	Netherlands		33,100	
Other countries	9,953	Belgium		102,501	
		British India		154,225	
		Other countries		15,770	
	£69,757			£435,049	

It was announced on the 2d inst. that the Imperial Bank of India had reduced its rate of discount from 7 to 6%.

The Southern Rhodesian gold output for April 1927 amounted to 48,290 ounces, as compared with 50,407 ounces for March 1927 and 51,928 ounces for April 1926.

SILVER.					
	Imports—		Exports—		
United States of America	£50,633	Iraq		£100,000	
Mexico	130,397	British India		147,105	
Other countries	4,129	Other countries		20,756	
	£185,159			£267,861	

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.			
(In lacs of rupees.)	May 15.	May 22.	May 31.
Notes in circulation	17075	17086	17144
Silver coin and bullion in India	10343	10354	10412
Silver coin and bullion out of India			
Gold coin and bullion in India	2976	2976	2976
Gold coin and bullion out of India			
Securities (Indian Government)	3546	3546	3546
Securities (British Government)	210	210	210

No silver coinage was reported during the week ended the 31st ult. The stock in Shanghai on the 28th ult. consisted of about 74,400,000 ounces in sycee, 73,600,000 dollars and 5,500 silver bars. No fresh figures have come to hand.

Quotations During the Week—	—Bar Silver, Per Oz. Std.—		Bar Gold, Per Oz. Fine.
	Cash.	2 Mos.	
June 2	26 ¼d.	26 3-16d.	84s. 11 ½d.
June 3	26 7-16d.	26 ¾d.	84s. 11 ½d.
June 4	26 ¾d.	26 ¾d.	84s. 11 ½d.
June 7	26 3-16d.	26 3-16d.	84s. 11 ½d.
June 8	26 3-16d.	26 3-16d.	84s. 11 ½d.
Average	26.287d.	26.262d.	84s. 11.4d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are, respectively, 3-16d. and ¾d. below those fixed a week ago.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 3797.—All the statements below regarding the movement of grain—receipts, exports, visible supply, &c., are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. First we give the receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years.

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 196lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48lbs.	bush. 56lbs.
Chicago	190,000	349,000	1,467,000	596,000	74,000	18,000
Minneapolis	1,211,000	798,000	208,000	379,000	37,000	37,000
Duluth	538,000	5,000	10,000	45,000	157,000	2,000
Milwaukee	52,000	133,000	378,000	313,000	108,000	32,000
Toledo	207,000	81,000	54,000	16,000	1,000	9,000
Detroit	24,000	9,000	16,000	1,000	2,000	—
Indianapolis	49,000	146,000	90,000	2,000	—	—
St. Louis	114,000	240,000	759,000	270,000	—	—
Peoria	55,000	9,000	773,000	142,000	29,000	—
Kansas City	698,000	560,000	46,000	—	—	—
Omaha	206,000	740,000	150,000	—	—	—
St. Joseph	77,000	158,000	52,000	—	—	—
Wichita	267,000	7,000	6,000	—	—	—
Sioux City	20,000	264,000	16,000	—	—	—
Total wk. '27	411,000	4,028,000	6,145,000	1,969,000	638,000	255,000
Same wk. '26	370,000	3,510,000	4,620,000	3,047,000	627,000	261,000
Same wk. '25	414,000	4,615,000	3,149,000	4,345,000	728,000	159,000
Since Aug. 1						
1926	21,425,000	315,050,000	206,635,000	133,125,000	20,296,000	29,551,000
1925	20,065,000	311,860,000	218,379,000	207,456,000	68,488,000	22,544,000
1924	20,708,000	476,062,000	227,260,000	249,131,000	60,818,000	55,639,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, June 18, follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	185,000	628,000	21,000	348,000	189,000	225,000
Philadelphia	37,000	78,000	11,000	38,000	—	1,000
Baltimore	24,000	66,000	13,000	19,000	—	2,000
N'port News	1,000	—	—	—	—	—
Norfolk	2,000	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans*	60,000	18,000	72,000	12,000	—	—
Galveston	—	216,000	—	—	—	—
Montreal	60,000	4,209,000	1,000	815,000	225,000	3,357,000
Boston	22,000	2,000	1,000	20,000	—	—
Total wk. '27	391,000	5,215,000	119,000	1,252,000	414,000	3,585,000
Since Jan. 1 '27	10,358,000	120,368,000	5,399,000	12,745,000	18,502,000	14,462,000
Week 1926	459,000	6,946,000	265,000	1,730,000	870,000	540,000
Since Jan. 1 '26	11,155,000	84,573,000	8,757,000	23,762,000	12,514,000	6,634,000

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, June 18 1927, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	1,345,337	—	48,471	156,609	60,446	119,385
Boston	24,000	—	—	—	—	38,000
Philadelphia	200,000	—	1,000	—	—	—
Baltimore	136,000	—	12,000	—	—	—
Norfolk	—	—	2,000	—	—	—
Newport News	—	—	2,000	—	—	—
New Orleans	14,000	40,000	25,000	23,000	—	—
Galveston	260,000	—	4,000	—	—	30,000
Montreal	3,879,000	—	85,000	667,000	2,262,000	927,000
Total week 1927	5,858,337	40,000	179,471	846,609	2,322,446	1,114,385
Same week 1926	7,402,183	107,000	244,518	1,581,962	646,645	698,392

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

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.		Capital.
June 17—New First National Bank in Leonia, N. J.	Correspondent, Samuel S. Lefkowitz, 345 Broad Ave., Leonia, N. J.	\$100,000
June 17—The National Bank of Lake Ronkonkoma, N. Y.	Correspondent, George C. Raynor, Lake Ronkonkoma, N. Y.	25,000
APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.		
June 17—The Williston Park National Bank, Williston Park, N. Y.	Correspondent, Henry H. Tredwell, East Williston, N. Y.	50,000
June 17—Hartshorne National Bank, Hartshorne, Okla.	Correspondent, M. L. Harris, Wister, Okla.	50,000
June 17—Third National Bank in Nashville, Tenn.	Correspondent, Frank M. Farris, 210 Independent Life Building, Nashville, Tenn.	600,000
CHARTERS ISSUED.		
June 13—Bolton National Bank of Bolton Landing, N. Y.	President, Fredk. S. Braley; Cashier, Walter O. Rehm.	\$50,000
June 15—First National Bank in Palm Beach, Fla.	President, F. A. Shaughnessy; Cashier, D. K. Worcester.	100,000
June 17—The American National Bank of Aberdeen, Wash.	President, Gaylord Adams; Cashier, Jas. H. Fuller.	400,000
CHANGES OF TITLE.		
June 14—The Kalamazoo National Bank, Kalamazoo, Mich., to "Kalamazoo National Bank & Trust Co."		
June 14—The Port Washington National Bank, Port Washington, N. Y., to "The Port Washington National Bank & Trust Co."		
June 15—The American National Bank of Mount Vernon, N. Y., to "The American National Bank & Trust Co. of Mount Vernon."		

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION.

June 17—The First National Bank of Wyndmere, No. Dak. \$25,000 Effective June 10 1927. Liquidating Agent, John R. Jones, Hankinson, No. Dak. Absorbed by Bank of Wyndmere, No. Dak. In Weekly Bulletin No. 1780, issued on May 31 1927, voluntary liquidation of the First National Bank of Pixley, Calif., No. 11371, was announced and the statement made that it had been absorbed by the Growers Security Bank of Selano, Calif. It now appears that the liabilities of the national bank were not assumed by any other bank and that its business is being liquidated by the bank itself.

BRANCHES AUTHORIZED UNDER THE ACT OF FEB. 25 1927. June 10—The National Park Bank of New York, N. Y. Location of Branches—Vicinity of corner of Broadway and West 74th St., N. Y.; vicinity of corner of Madison Ave. and 26th St., N. Y. June 16—The Union National Bank of Lowell, Mass. Location of Branch—Vicinity of 421 Middlesex St., Lowell. June 16—The First National Bank of Union City, N. J. Location of Branch—Vicinity of Bergenline Ave. and 17th St., Union City.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia on Wednesday of this week:

By Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:

Table with 4 columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., and description of securities such as 265 A. J. Bozarth Corp., class A, no par; 181 Chas. Stutz Co., Inc., com. \$2,500 lot; 5 Braisley Realty Corp., no par. \$26 lot; 100 Hydro Refrigerator Co., Inc. \$43 lot; 80 New Diamond Point Pen Co., Inc. \$9,500 lot; 5 Asbestos Corp. of Amer., pref., & 5 shares common as bonus. \$1 lot; 40 Denver & Rio Grande RR. Co., pref., certif. of deposits; \$4,000 Chic. & Indiana Coal Ry. \$3 lot; Co. 1st 5c, 1936, stamped, July 1914 & sub. coupons attached.

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table with 4 columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., and description of securities such as 5 National Shawmut Bank .285 x-div; 6 Fitchburg Bank & Trust Co. .145 1/4; 6 National Shawmut Bank .286 1/2 ex-div; 18 York Manufacturing Co. 23; 100 Harmony Mills, pref. 62 3/4; 8 Everett Mills 12 1/4; 100 Saco Lowell Shops, 1st pref. 15; 10 Wm. Whitman Co., Inc., preferred. 83 1/4 flat, ex-div; 40 Nashawana Mills 75 1/4; 50 Saco Lowell Shops, 2d pref. 10 1/4; 20 Nashua Mfg. Co., common. 50; 7 Peperell Manufacturing Co. 111 1/4; 11 Merrimack Mfg. Co., common. 125 1/4; 10 Nashua Mfg. Co., pref. .95 & div; 35 Nashua Mfg. Co., common. 50; 2 Essex Co., par \$50. 195; 4 Saco Lowell Shops, 2d pref. 10; 125 Merrimack Chemical Co., par \$50. 76.78 ex-div; 18 New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co., undep., par \$25. 102 1/2; 12 Lowell Elec. Light Corp., undep., par \$25. 90; 10 Andrews Real Estate Trust. 70 1/4; 28 Heywood Wakefield Co., com. 41; 100 North Boston Lighting Properties, pref., v. t. c. 122 1/2-123 1/4.

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

Table with 4 columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., and description of securities such as 15 National Shawmut Bank .287 ex-div; 100 National Shawmut Bank .287 ex-div; 2 National Shawmut Bank .287 ex-div; 7 Lancaster Mills, preferred. 39 1/4; 20 Naumkeag Steam Cot. Co. 184 ex-div; 10 Farr Alpaca Co. 152 ex-div; 135 Arlington Mills Nat. 55-60; 20 Peperell Mfg. Co. 111; 7 Salmon Falls Mfg. Co. 33 3/4; 50 Hamilton Mfg. Co. \$10 lot; 7 Boston Revere Beach & Lynn RR. 79 1/4 ex-div; 2 Nashua & Lowell RR. 140; 10 Northampton St. Ry. Co. 6 1/4; 3 Nashua & Lowell RR. 140; 20 Fitchburg Gas & Elec. Co., undeposited, par \$50. 122; 4 Sullivan Machinery Co. 50 1/4; 1 State Theatre, pref. 65 ex-div; 5 New England Fire Ins. Co., par \$10. 44; 6 Mass. Ltg. Cos., 8% pref., undep. 137; 5 Baxter D. Whitney & Sons, Inc., 8% 1st pref. 97; 5 Home Bleach & Dye Works, pref. 20c; 8 units First Peoples Trust. 58 ex-div; 1 Greenfield Tap & Die Corp., 8% preferred. 96 1/4 ex-div; 1 Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co., Ltd., common. 97 1/4.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table with 4 columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., and description of securities such as 80 Nat. Ry. Publication Co. 45 1/4; 70 Van Selver Corp., pref., par \$25. 25; 25 Knickerbocker Lime Co., pref. 100; 20 Hayes Hunt Corp., no par. 5 1/4; 5 Frankford & Southwark Pass. Ry. 225; 15 Continental Equitable Title & Trust Co., par \$50. 270; 2 Market St. Nat. Bank 511; 13 Southwark National Bank 442; 1 Penn National Bank 635; 25 Union National Bank 310; 5 Nat. Bank of North Philadelphia 325 1/4; 22 First Nat. Bank of Phila. 479 1/4; 7 1/2 Corn Exchange Nat. Bank 730 1/4; 6 Central National Bank 680; 10 Union Nat. Bk. of Wilmington, Del. 161; 15 Union Nat. Bk. of Wilmington, Del. 158 1/4; 5 Manayunk Trust Co., par \$25. 166; 5 Manayunk Trust Co., par \$25. 165; 20 Wharton Title & Tr. Co., par \$50 40 1/4; Shares of Brotherhood of Loco. Eng. Title & Tr. Co. as follows: 1 at 70 1/4; 10 at 70; 25 at 65; 16 at 65; 50 at 64; 20 at 64 1/2; 70 at 65 1/2; 10 Girard Ave. Title & Trust Co., par \$50. 322; 27 Fitten Men & Mgt. Bk. & Trust Co., par \$50. 150; 3 West Phila. Title & Trust Co., par \$50. 245 1/2; 18 Mutual Trust Co., par \$50. 152.

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

Table with 4 columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., and description of securities such as 2 Buff. Niag. & East. Pow., no par. 32 1/2; 20 Robertson Cataract Electric Co., no par. \$5 lot; 500 Niag. Hawk, par \$1. 5c; 2 Buff. Niag. & East. Pow., par \$25 2 1/2; 100 March Gold, Inc., par 10c. 6c.

DIVIDENDS.

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

The dividends announced this week are:

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, and Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and various other companies like Allegheny & Western, Belt RR. & Stock Yards, Inc., Boston & Maine, etc.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. The table is divided into sections: Public Utilities (Concluded), Banks, Trust Companies, Miscellaneous, and Miscellaneous (Continued). Each entry lists a company name, its percentage, payment date, and book closing details.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. The table is split into two main sections: 'Miscellaneous (Continued)' on the left and 'Miscellaneous (Continued)' on the right. Each entry lists a company name, its percentage, payment date, and the date the books were closed.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Days Inclusive. The table is split into two sections: 'Miscellaneous (Continued)' on the left and 'Miscellaneous (Continued)' on the right. It lists various companies such as Midland Steel Products, Procter & Gamble, and many others, with their respective financial details and closing dates.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists various companies like United Drug, United Drywood, etc.

* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.

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 June 18. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results.

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS. (Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

Main table showing weekly returns with columns: Week Ending, New Capital, Profits, Loans, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositors, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits, Bank Circulation. Includes sub-tables for State Banks and Trust Companies.

Note.—U. S. deposits deducted from net demand deposits in the general total above were as follows: Average total June 18, \$17,175,000. Actual totals, June 18, \$23,763,000; June 11, \$11,494,000; June 4, \$17,346,000; May 28, \$16,273,000; May 21, \$23,703,000; May 14, \$29,299,000.

* Includes deposits in foreign branches not included in total footings, as follows: National City Bank, \$248,574,000; Chase National Bank, \$13,200,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$38,200,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$77,564,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$2,235,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$97,656,000.

The reserve position of the different groups of institutions on the basis of both the averages for the week and the actual condition at the end of the week is shown in the following two tables:

STATEMENT OF RESERVE POSITION OF CLEARING HOUSE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Table showing reserve position with columns: Members Federal Reserve Bank, State banks, Trust companies, Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve.

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank. † This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank, includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: June 18, \$19,190,400; June 11, \$19,439,100; June 4, \$19,171,710; May 28, \$19,097,070; May 21, \$19,192,569; May 14, \$18,763,410.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, June 23 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 3707 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 JUNE 22 1927.

Table with columns for dates from June 22 1927 to June 23 1926. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve agents, Gold redemption fund, Gold held exclusively, etc.) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits, etc.).

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," previously made up of Foreign Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, was changed to "Other securities, and the caption, "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities." The latter item was adopted as a more accurate description of the total of the discounts, acceptances and securities acquired under the provisions of Sections 13 and 14 of the Federal Reserve Act, which, it was stated, are the only items included therein.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 22 1927

Table with columns for Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve Agents, Gold redemption fund, etc.) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes received from Comptroller, F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent, etc.).

Bankers' Gazette

Wall Street, Friday Night, June 24 1927.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 3731.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended June 24, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Railroads, Industrial & Misc., and various stock categories.

Table with columns: Industrial & Misc., Alb Pref Wrap Pap., American Ice Rts., Am-La Fr F E 7% pf 100, American Piano, etc. Lists various industrial and miscellaneous stocks with their respective prices and ranges.

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

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Rows include Sept. 15 1927, Dec. 15 1927, Sept. 15 1927, Mar. 15 1928, Mar. 15 1930-32.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table with columns: Banks—N.Y., America, Amer Union, Bowery East R, Bronx Boro, etc. Lists various banks and trust companies with their assets and liabilities.

* Banks marked (*) are State banks. † New stock. ‡ Ex-div. § Ex-stock div. ¶ Ex-rights.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table with columns: Alliance R'ty, Amer Surety, Bond & M G, etc. Lists various realty and surety companies with their assets and liabilities.

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

Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan bonds and Treasury certificates on the New York Stock Exchange. The transactions in registered bonds are given in a footnote at the end of the tabulation.

Table with columns: Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, June 18, June 20, June 21, June 22, June 23, June 24. Rows include First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, Third Liberty Loan, Fourth Liberty Loan, Treasury.

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

Table with columns: 2 1/2 3 1/2, 1 1/4, 1 1/8, 1 1/4, 2 1/4. Lists registered bond transactions.

Foreign Exchange.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4.85 1/4 @ 4.85 1/8 for checks and 4.85 11-16 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4.85 1/4; sixty days, 4.81 1/2; ninety days, 4.79 1/2; and documents for payment, 4.81 1/4. Cotton for payment, 4.85 1/4, and grain for payment, 4.85 1/4.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 3.91 1/2 for short. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 40.04 1/2 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 124.02 francs; week's range, 124.02 high and 124.02 low.

Table with columns: Sterling, Actual, Checks, Cables. Lists foreign exchange rates for Sterling, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

* No par value.

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

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, etc.); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926. Includes stock names like Atoch Topeka & Santa Fe, Canadian Pacific, etc.

* Bid and asked prices, s Ex-dividend, a Ex-rights, b Ex-div. 1/10 shares of Chesapeake Corp. stock.

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

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

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and \$ per share, listing various stock prices.

Sales for the Week

Table listing various stocks under 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'Indus. & Miscel. (Con.) Par' and 'Shares'.

PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927

Table listing stock prices with columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926

Table listing stock prices with columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices for the previous year.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. e Ex-rights.

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

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

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

Table with columns for 'Sales for the Week', 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE' (Lowest, Highest), and 'PER SHARE' (Lowest, Highest) for the previous year (1927, 1926).

*Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. * Ex-dividend; † Ex-rights; ‡ Ex-dividend 100% in stock.

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

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

Table with columns for dates from Saturday, June 18 to Friday, June 24, and 'Sales for the Week'. It lists various stock prices and shares.

Table titled 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927' and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926'. It lists various stock names and their price ranges.

*Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. ± Ex-dividend ± Ex-rights

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

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

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and price ranges for various stocks.

Main table listing various stocks (e.g., Indus. & Miscell., Motor Mater, National Biscuit) with columns for sales for the week, lowest and highest prices, and previous year's performance.

* Bid and asked prices: no sales on this day. \$ Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights. b Ex-dividend one share of Standard Oil of California new. c Distributed one-half share common stock and one-half share preferred B stock.

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales of the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, Stocks & Petroleum, etc.); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1927; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1926.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. b Ex-dividend and ex-rights. c Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights. z Ex-dividend.

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds

Main table with columns: BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended June 24, Price Friday, June 24, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and similar columns for the second section.

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Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, Interest Period, and various other details. The table is organized into two main sections: 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

Due Feb. Due May. Due Dec.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Friday, June 24), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details. The table is split into two main sections: 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS New York Central (Concluded)'.

Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'Interest Period', 'Price Friday, June 24.', 'Week's Range or Last Sale', 'Range Since Jan. 1.', 'Bonds Sold', and 'Range Since Jan. 1.'.

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Table with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Friday, June 24), Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other financial metrics. The table is organized into two main sections: 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended June 24.' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended June 24.' with sub-sections for 'Registered' and 'Without warrants'.

New York Bond Record—Concluded—Page 6

Table of New York Bond Record with columns for Bonds, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and Interest" except where marked "f"

Table of Quotations of Sundry Securities including Standard Oil Stocks, Public Utilities, and other financial instruments.

* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶ New stock. // Flat price. † Last sale. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-riquo. ¶ Canadian quotation. § Sale price.

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

Table with columns for dates from Saturday, June 18 to Friday, June 24, and various stock symbols and prices.

Table with columns for Stocks Boston Stock Exchange, Range Since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest), and Per Share Range for Previous Year 1926 (Lowest, Highest). Includes categories like Railroads, Miscellaneous, and Mining.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. a Assessment paid. b Ex-stock dividend. c New stock. d Ex-dividend. e Ex-rights. f Ex-dividend and rights.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange June 18 to June 24, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Chic Jet Ry & U S Y 5s '40, East Mass Street RR, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, June 18 to June 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sale lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Abbotts A1 Dairy, pref. 100, Almar Stores, Alliance Insurance, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Gas & Elec 5s, 2007, Consol Trac N J 1st 5s 1932, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange June 18 to June 24, both inclusive, compiled from official lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Arundel Corp new stock, Baltimore Brick, Baltimore Trust Co, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued), Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Consolidation Coal, Continental Trust, Crook (J W) pref, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Century Parkway 6s, Commercial Credit 6s, 1934, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange June 18 to June 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Adams Royalty Co, All America Radio, Am Fur Mart Bldg, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and a second set of columns for another group of stocks.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange June 18 to June 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and a second set of columns for another group of stocks.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange June 18 to June 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and a second set of columns for another group of stocks.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange June 18 to June 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and a second set of columns for another group of stocks.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and a second set of columns for another group of stocks.

* No par value.

San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange June 18 to June 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

* No par value.

New York Curb Market—Weekly and Yearly Record

In the following extensive list we furnish a complete record of the transactions on the New York Curb Market for the week beginning on Saturday last (June 18) and ending the present Friday (June 24). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Market itself, and is intended to include every security, whether stock or bonds, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered.

Large table with columns: Week Ended June 24, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1.

Table with multiple columns: Public Utilities (Concluded), Mining Stocks (Concl.), and various stock listings. Columns include Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

of record July 5 and the regular dividend Aug. 15 to holders of record Aug. 5. An extra distribution of 2% was also made on Jan. 15 of this year (see V. 123, p. 3178).—V. 124, p. 3057.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Nickel Plate Refuses to Extend Time for C. & O. Purchase of Pere Marquette Stock.

The directors of the New York Chicago & St. Louis RR. at a meeting, June 18, refused to extend the duration of the option it has given the Chesapeake & Ohio upon its holdings of Pere Marquette common stock at 110. The option expires July 1 next, and covers 174,900 shares of Pere Marquette common stock. The C. & O. had requested the Nickel Plate to extend the option for sixty days, as the former's application for authority to acquire the stock is pending before the I.-S. C. Commission.

C. & O. Attempts to Force Action on Marquette Stock.

Hearings before the I.-S. C. Commission on the application of the C. & O. for authority to acquire control of the Erie and Pere Marquette railroads through the purchase of their capital stock were concluded June 22.

Shortly before the close of the proceedings Herbert Fitzpatrick, counsel for the C. & O., read in the record a letter from W. J. Harahan, Pres. of the C. & O., to Walter L. Ross, Pres. of the Nickel Plate, and Ross's reply relative to the refusal of the Nickel Plate to grant an extension of time beyond July 1 on the option held by the C. & O. for the purchase of 174,900 shares of Pere Marquette stock owned by the Nickel Plate.

Vigorous objection to the placing of these letters in the record without having witnesses testify as to the facts contained therein was made by Henry W. Anderson, chief of counsel for a group of minority stockholders, who are opposing the application.

Mr. Fitzpatrick explained that he desired to have the letters in the record so as to impress the Commission with the necessity of deciding before July 1 whether or not it would approve the proposed purchase by the C. & O. of the Pere Marquette stock.

Charles D. Mabaffie, Director of the Commission's Bureau of Finance, who presided at the hearing, announced that he would not strike the letters from the record, and indicated that it was impossible to reach a decision by the date mentioned by Mr. Fitzpatrick.

The next step in the proceedings will be the filing of briefs by interested parties and then the assigning of a date on which to hear oral arguments. A decision in the matter will probably not be handed down before Jan. 1 next.—V. 124, p. 3347.

Chicago & North Western Ry.—Equipment Trusts.

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 10 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of \$1,950,000 equipment trust of 1925 certificates, series R, to be issued by the United States Trust Co. of New York under an equipment trust agreement dated Jan. 20 1925 and sold to the highest bidder in connection with the procurement of certain equipment.

The report of the Commission says in part: The applicant states that no arrangements for the sale of the certificates have been effected, but that such sale when made will be by and through the vendors at not less than par and accrued interest. Our views as to the advantages of selling equipment trust certificates by competitive bidding are given in our report in Western Maryland Equipment Trust, 111 I. C. C. 434. We will therefore require that the certificates shall be offered for sale through competitive bidding in accordance with the procedure prescribed by our order in Ex Parte No. 54, 56 I. C. C. 847, and sold to the highest bidder.—V. 124, p. 3347, 3202.

Chicago Springfield & St. Louis Ry.—Notes.

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 9 authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$42,770 of promissory notes, or lease warrants, in connection with the procurement of one gasoline-motor car and one trailer car.—V. 122, p. 2795.

Delaware & Hudson Co.—Files Brief in Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Case.

Counsel for the company has filed with the I.-S. C. Commission a reply brief to those opposing its application for authority to acquire control, under lease, of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry. and to contract for trackage rights over the Pennsylvania RR.

The brief refers to the lack of opposition from any State, municipality, commission, board, commercial organization, shipper or security holder of either the B. R. & P. or Pennsylvania roads and observes that opposition is centered about interested parties, the New York Central and the Baltimore & Ohio. It contends that the Commission has power to approve both lease and trackage agreement, that there has been no change in relations between applicant and lessee which could deprive the Commission of jurisdiction, that the proposed route is a natural one, and anticipates annual savings in car movement and capital outlay of \$1,536,000.

It is the last brief to be filed in the case and after reviewing it with the previously submitted briefs of the New York Central and Baltimore & Ohio, a decision by the Commission is looked for before the end of the summer.

After referring to the endorsement given the proposed lease by shippers, the brief comments upon the only opposition which comes from "two great railroads, both which developed mightily by the processes of buying, acquiring stock control and leasing, before the Commission received power to control such expansion."

"Both New York Central and Baltimore & Ohio had opportunity to acquire the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh, and declined or neglected to accept the proffered terms," the brief says. "Yet they unite in opposing its lease to the applicant and each indicates desire to possess at least a portion of the property, and the Baltimore & Ohio represents that it would desire 'to take up negotiations' for all of it (whether for permanent retention or for dismemberment and division with the New York Central was not stated) if the way were made clear."

"All arguments based upon volume of traffic interchanges, extent of established relations, &c., &c., are essentially arguments based on size, i. e., mileage. Pressed to a logical conclusion, their result would be that only the largest railroads could become larger, no smaller railroad could have any accretion. These intervenors appear to have considered that their preponderating size conferred prior rights in regard to any railway property that they might care to acquire, either jointly or severally. They seem to expect to exclude the applicant, on account of its relative size."

The brief ended by repeating that Mr. Lorie's merger would provide a natural route from points in New York State to Pittsburgh, that the elimination of empty car movement would save \$411,567 annually and that the reduction in capital expenditures would average \$1,125,000 annually.—V. 124, p. 3202, 2902.

Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR.—Examiner Advises Disapproval of Step in Formation of Securities Company.

The I.-S. C. Commission June 20 was advised by an examiner to disallow one step in the D. L. & W. company's organization of the Lackawanna Securities Co.

The railroad founded the securities company primarily to take over securities representing its ownership of \$58,500,000 of Glen Alden Coal Co. bonds.

The Commission was asked to allow the road to turn over \$13,635,000 of 5% bonds of the New York, Lackawanna & Western, and \$11,582,000 of 6% bonds of the Morris & Essex RR. two of its subsidiaries. The examiner suggested that the latter proposal be rejected because it would leave the road with very small holdings of the securities of its two subsidiaries.—V. 124, p. 2267.

Erie RR.—Equipment Trusts.

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$6,422,000 4 1/4% equipment trust certificates, which it proposes to sell to the highest bidder and use the proceeds in the acquisition of 82 locomotives, 4 dining cars and 50 passenger coaches costing \$8,094,800.

No Dividends on Erie Preferred.

The "Wall Street Journal" says: "Despite the rumors that have cropped up almost monthly since the first of the year to the effect that Erie would resume dividends on its first and second preferred stocks, it can be stated such action is not likely this year. If this year's results are satisfactory, preferred dividend action will probably be taken in the forefront of next year. April of 1928 is about the earliest date that can be looked forward to."

"Official estimate of Erie's surplus after charges for 1927 is \$11,848,754 (before estimated sinking fund charges of \$1,476,000) equivalent to \$8.26 a share on \$112,481,900 common (\$100 par) after allowing for 4% dividends on \$63,904,000 first and second preferred stock. Such a record showing would compare with surplus before sinking fund charges of \$10,113,393, or \$6.71 a share on common, in 1926.

"Due to the scrapping of a large number of locomotive and freight cars this year, retirement charges will be heavy. Above official estimate does not take into consideration abnormal retirement charges of \$4,901,486. It is hoped the I.-S. C. Commission will allow these latter charges to be charged off through surplus account. If such a petition is denied, then the official estimate for surplus after charges would be reduced to \$6,947,268, equivalent to \$3.90 a share on common."

Forecasts Five Years of Erie Earnings.

An interesting forecast of the earnings of the Erie RR. was worked out under the direction of W. J. Harahan, Pres. of the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry., with the assistance of the Erie officials, and presented as an exhibit in the C. & O. hearing on its application to acquire control of the Erie. The forecast is for a five-year period beginning with this year. It assumes constant dividends from Erie's coal properties throughout the period. Following is a summary of the earnings forecast in the exhibit:

	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
aGross revenues.....	\$125,473	\$137,500	\$130,000	\$132,500	\$135,000
aOperating expenses.....	98,119	97,066	97,249	97,749	97,955
Operating ratio.....	78.2%	76.2%	74.8%	73.8%	72.6%
Transportation ratio.....	38.3%	37.5%	37.1%	36.8%	36.5%
aNet operating income....	19,750	21,579	23,300	24,754	26,468
aDividend income.....	5,304	5,304	5,304	5,304	5,304
aGross income.....	25,994	27,823	29,581	31,021	32,687
aFixed charges.....	14,146	13,675	13,480	13,146	12,701
aNet income.....	11,848	14,148	16,100	17,875	19,985
Earnings a share on com....	\$8.26	\$10.30	\$12.04	\$13.61	\$15.50
aSinking fund charges.....	1,476	1,493	1,552	1,613	1,676
aNet sink. fund chgs.....	10,378	12,654	14,548	16,262	18,309
Earnings a share on com. after sink. fund charges....	\$6.95	\$8.97	\$10.66	\$12.18	\$14.00

a Last three figures omitted. Due to the retirement of about 5,705 freight cars, 189 passenger cars, 10 marine equipment units and 285 locomotives this year, there will be an extraordinary retirement charge of about \$4,901,486. If the Commission will allow it, this retirement expense will be charged off through the surplus account. Otherwise it will have to be considered as an operating expense and as such it will cut into net income, so that earnings on common for this year would be equal to only \$3.90.

After this year no extensive equipment retirement is contemplated in the next four years. The forecast cost of retirements for 1928 is \$22,2857; for 1929, \$352,026; for 1930, \$441,318; and for 1931, \$296,367.

Estimates for depreciation on equipment are \$3,523,358 for 1927, \$3,623,432 for 1928, \$3,718,730 for 1929, \$3,838,604 for 1930, and \$3,909,583 for 1931. These amounts are included in operating expenses.—V. 124, p. 3493, 3347.

Grand Trunk Ry. Co. of Canada.—Junior Stockholders' Protection Committee Issues Statement.

The following statement was issued recently by the protection Committee:

"The Grand Trunk junior stockholders' protection Committee have received from Canada a report of an interview with the Hon. C. A. Dunning, Dominion Minister of Railways, regarding the claim made by the Committee on behalf of the stockholders of the Grand Trunk Railway Co. of Canada. As no official reply to the claim is yet to hand, the Committee think it right to comment on two points.

"The report refers to the purchase of the Grand Trunk Railway by the Government and its incorporation into the Canadian National system. It is to be known that the Government never purchased the railway. It proposed to secure control of the company by the so-called Acquisition Act of 1919, but the junior stockholders never assented to the terms of that Act.

"They still hold their stock certificates, and have never made any agreement either to sell or exchange their stock. They accept no responsibility for the arbitration proceedings for which the Act provides. Mr. Dunning suggests that the junior stockholders should take action against their old directorate regarding the irregularities which occurred.

"The Act, however, was promoted by the Canadian Government and not by the company, and it was surely the peculiar obligation of the Canadian Parliament as both Legislature and potential purchasers to act with scrupulous justice towards the stockholders. The protection Committee, therefore, while regretting Mr. Dunning's difficulties and the tangle he has inherited from his predecessors, cannot see their way to adopt his suggestion."

Probability of Legal Proceedings.

The Grand Trunk Junior Stockholders' Protection Committee, Ltd., has decided to alter the name of the company to Grand Trunk Junior Stocks, Ltd., and to take steps to collect all the outstanding stock certificates in the Grand Trunk Railway Co. of Canada, together with a small assessment from each holder. The Junior Stocks Co. will issue new shares in exchange for the quotation of which application will be made to the London Stock Exchange. A meeting of all the Junior stockholders will be called shortly, to be preceded by separate meetings of each of the four classes of Junior stockholders. This scheme is being prepared in view of the probability of legal proceedings.

Early in May the Committee announced that it had decided to recommend a revaluation of the certificates of the Grand Trunk Railway Co. at £10,000,000, so that the interests of the four classes of junior stockholders may be united on an approximate valuation of: First preference stock at £80, second preference stock at £60, third preference stock at £25, and ordinary stock at £10.—V. 120, p. 2546.

Grand Trunk Pacific Ry.—Loses Separate Entity.

The separate entity of the Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. has been terminated by an Order in Council of Dominion of Canada which relieves the Minister of Railways as receiver and the Exchequer Court as custodian of the property. This means that the Canadian National Rys. system, which has been operating the G. T. P., will now also assume its financial administration. The remaining barrier to fusion of the road with the Canadian National was removed some months ago when a settlement (V. 124, p. 1354) involving \$35,000,000 was made with owners of the Grand Trunk Pacific 4% debentures.—V. 124, p. 1354.

Great Northern Pacific Ry.—New Holding Company to Control Great Northern and Northern Pacific Roads Under Unification Plan.—See Great Northern Ry. below.

Great Northern Ry.—Great Northern-Northern Pacific Unification Plan Declared Operative.—The plan for unification of control of Northern Pacific and Great Northern railway companies through stock ownership and leases (V. 124, p. 1062) was declared operative by the deposit committee at a meeting at which the committee also approved the making of application to the I.-S. C. Commission for its approval of the acquisition of control by Great Northern Pacific Ry., a new company incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, of the Northern companies and the Spokane Portland & Seattle, and the other steps incident to the unification.

The plan is based on the provision of the Inter-State Commerce Act empowering the I.-S. C. Commission to approve and authorize the acquisition of control of carriers through stock ownership and lease when deemed by the Commission to be in the public interest. The plan provides for the new company (1) to take a lease of the Spokane Portland & Seattle which is controlled by the two Northern companies (2) to acquire the stock of the Northern companies by exchanging therefor on a share-for-share basis the new company stock, and (3) to take leases of the properties of the two Northern companies.

After the meeting the committee announced that more than 70% of the outstanding stock of each of the two Northern companies had been deposited under the plan for exchange for the new company stock. Further deposits of stock of the Northern companies under the plan as provided for by an extension of time for deposit until further notice.

The committee also made public the terms of the leases and announced that the boards of directors of Northern Pacific and Great Northern had approved the leases.

The leases covering the properties of the two Northern companies are identical except for necessary differences in the descriptions of the property

transferred. In addition to its undertaking to pay to each Northern company taxes, rentals, interest on funded debt and other fixed charges, the new company agrees that when it pays any dividend upon its common stock, which it will issue to the exchanging stockholders of the Northern companies it will at the same time and at the same rate per share make payments to non-exchanging stockholders. At the termination of the leases, the new company, in addition to returning to the Northern companies or accounting to them for all of their properties transferred under the leases, will account to the Northern companies for all surplus accumulated and not distributed during the term of the leases earned from the operation of the properties of the Northern companies and of the Spokane Portland & Seattle and from any other properties not acquired by the new company through the use of its own credit, in proportions based upon the principle of the equality of value of one share of stock of one Northern company to one share of stock of the other.

To any stockholder who does not desire either to exchange his stock for stock of the new company or to continue as a stockholder of the old company, opportunity is afforded to dispose of his stock to the new company at its fair value to be determined, in default of agreement, by the I.-S. C. Commission or if the Commission does not act, by impartial arbitration.

In other respects the leases differ but little from the forms customary in similar situations. They contemplate the transfer to the new company for a term of 99 years of substantially all of the properties of each of the Northern companies. Corporate books are excepted from the leased properties and in a few cases where the property is to be reduced to cash, such property is excluded with a provision for transfer of the proceeds when received. All lines of railroad and appurtenances, equipment, easements, trackage and terminal rights and other operating contracts are transferred, together with all title and interest in all bonds, notes and shares of stock including the respective companies' interests in the stock of the Burlington and in the stock and bonds of the Spokane Portland & Seattle. All dividends on stock and interest on bonds and notes go to the new company during the term of the leases. Current assets and cash are also transferred against the lessee's obligation to pay all current liabilities existing at the effective date of the leases, with a provision for accounting at the termination of the leases for any difference one way or the other. The leases contemplate the operation of the properties of the two Northern companies and of the Spokane Portland & Seattle as a unified whole with complete discretion in the new company as to operating and financial policies and the making of additions, betterments and extensions to road and equipment. The provision for accounting as to surplus is so drawn as to leave the use and disposition of the surplus earnings during the term of the leases in the control of the new company subject only to the duty to account on the termination of the leases.

The proposed lease of the properties of the Spokane Portland & Seattle Ry. is generally similar in its administrative provisions to the leases from the Northern companies but differs in some respects consistently with the basic difference in the situation that all of the stock of the Spokane Portland & Seattle is owned by the two Northern companies.—V. 124, p. 3203, 2743.

Hampden RR.—Receivership Ordered Closed.

Judge Henry T. Lummus in Superior Court at Springfield, Mass., has signed a final decree that the report of Receiver William E. Gilbert be approved and filed and that the receivership be closed. The final decree was handed down in an action started March 16 1921 by the Hampden National Bank of Westfield against the railroad for money alleged due.

The report of Receiver Gilbert showed that he has complied with the order of the Court in the matter of distribution of the assets of the defendant company and that nothing remains for the receiver to do. The right of way of the railroad in Springfield, Chicopee, Palmer and Belchertown was sold to the Montague Co. of Turners Falls for \$35,000, and all structures except fences about right-of-ways were sold to the Roxbury Iron & Metal Co. of Boston for \$30,748.—V. 123, p. 204.

Illinois Central RR.—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding \$16,000,000 15-year 5½% secured gold bonds, dated Jan. 1 1919, at 101 and int. at the Farmers Loan & Trust Co., trustee, 22 William St., N. Y. City.—V. 124, p. 3348.

Kanawha & Michigan Ry.—To Pay Bonds.

The 2d mtg. 5% bonds due July 1 1927 will be paid on and after that date at the office of the company, 466 Lexington Ave., N. Y. City, it is announced.—V. 121, p. 1457.

Kansas City Southern Ry.—Southwestern Merger.

Special committees have been appointed by directorates of Missouri-Kansas-Texas, St. Louis Southwestern and Kansas City Southern to consider L. F. Loree's new plan for unification of the three systems. It is hoped that the approval of the committees of the new plan will be ready shortly, when a formal statement of their decisions may be returned to the three directorates.—V. 124, p. 3626.

Lake Superior & Ishpeming RR.—Proposed Stock Div.

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to capitalize and distribute to its stockholders, in the form of a 200% stock dividend, \$2,856,000 of the surplus earnings accumulated by the company and its predecessor companies during more than 30 years, which, the application says, "have been plowed back into the common carrier property of the company."

The present capital stock of the company is \$1,428,000 and the application says that after capitalization of \$2,856,000 of surplus, a surplus of \$631,360 as of Dec. 31 1926, will be left.

"The present capitalization of applicant is abnormally low," it says, "considering the character and value of its property and its annual earnings, and results in the payment of a comparatively high rate of dividend which gives an exaggerated impression of applicant's ratio of earnings. The grand total valuation which this Commission has placed upon the property now owned and possessed by this applicant (including non-carrier property valued by this Commission at less than \$10,000) is \$9,033,490. This property is carried upon the books of applicant at the lower valuation of \$7,865,938 so that if applicant were to adopt, for the purpose of computing its surplus, the valuation placed upon its common carrier property by the Commission, it would result in an addition of \$1,167,556 to the surplus of \$3,467,360 shown on its books."

The company operates 319 miles of line in the Lake Superior ore district. Of the \$1,428,000 capital stock outstanding 75.02% is owned by the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co.—V. 123, p. 2256.

Missouri-Kansas-Texas Ry.—Key of New Plan.

It is reported in financial circles that in the Loree new southwestern railroad unification plan the Missouri-Kansas-Texas replaces the Kansas City Southern as the key road of the group, which includes the St. Louis Southwestern. Establishing the M-K-T as the nucleus of the system is one of the efforts of L. F. Loree and his associates to meet the opposition of the I.-S. C. Commission which brought about denial last month of the first proposal. Every effort is being made to meet all of the other objections. These efforts have developed several problems difficult to solve, one of which is the transfer or disposition of the large block of M-K-T stock held by the Kansas City Southern.

Provision for those who care to exchange their stock holdings for stock in a possible new holding company, it is stated, has received the most diligent attention of the framers of the new plan. One proposal, it is said, has been the receipt share for share of new holding company stock by common stockholders of both Kansas City Southern and M-K-T. Common stockholders of St. Louis Southwestern would receive 2 or 2½ shares of new common.—V. 124, p. 3064.

New York Central RR.—Acquires Property of Clinton Iron & Steel Co. Through Pittsburgh & Lake Erie.

See Clinton Iron & Steel Co. under "Industrials" below.—V. 124, p. 3626.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—Obituary.

John Teele Pratt, a director, died in New York City on June 17.—V. 124, p. 3626.

Northern Pacific Ry.—Unification Plan Declared Operative.

See Great Northern Ry. above.—V. 124, p. 3626, 3348.

Northern RR. of New Jersey.—To Issue Bonds.

The company a subsidiary of the Erie RR. has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$707,000 gen. mtg. 4½% bonds to be sold at 92½ and the proceeds to be used in paying maturing bonds.

The Erie RR. which also asked authority to guarantee the bonds, proposes to enter into an agreement with Drexel & Co., the application states, to purchase or procure purchasers for the bonds at a commission of 2%.—V. 106, 709.

Pittsburgh Shawmut & Northern RR.—

The receiver has asked the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$2,044,350 of receivers' certificates of indebtedness and \$322,000 of promissory notes. Proceeds from the sale of the securities will be used in refunding certain outstanding obligations.—V. 124, p. 3493.

St. Louis & O'Fallon Ry.—Valuation Case.

Attacking the constitutionality and legality of the I.-S. C. Commission's findings against them (V. 124, p. 2904) in the recent valuation case, the St. Louis & O'Fallon Ry. and the Manufacturers' Ry. in May last filed suit against the United States and the I.-S. C. Commission in the Federal District Court at St. Louis. An injunction restraining the Commission from enforcing its recapture order is asked.

The plaintiffs petition charges that the Commission placed a valuation on the O'Fallon without giving effective weight to the cost of reproduction, and the great increase in the costs of labor, material and equipment over 1924 prices, except to the extent that such increase is reflected in the cost of additions and betterments added to the property since June 30 1914.

Assailing the recapture order, which directs payment to the Commission of one-half, and the accumulation in reserve fund of a substantial part of remaining excess net railway income, the O'Fallon charges that this order is in violation of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution and that the limitations placed upon the reserve fund, not allowing it to be used for general corporate purposes and withdrawing it to be used for general corporate purposes and withdrawing it from the control of the O'Fallon and its managing officers without just compensation, are contrary to law. The plaintiffs contend there is no provision of law which upholds the Commission's order that the railroad pay interest at the rate of 6%, which amounts to \$61,450, on the claimed recoverable net railway income for the years 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924, in that the I.-S. C. Commission did not inform the O'Fallon of the amount which they considered recoverable, until March 31 1927.

The petitioners add that no method sufficient to constitute due process of law is provided, within the meaning of the fifth amendment of the constitution, for the determination of the value of the O'Fallon, nor for the determination of net operating railway income, upon the basis of which the amounts to be paid to the Commission and to be placed in reserve fund are to be determined. Therefore, the plaintiffs contend that Section 15a relating to recapture is invalid and is an attempt by Congress to delegate power to an administrative body, without prescribing the rule, conditions or limitation upon which the powers shall be exercised.

The I.-S. C. Commission has postponed from July 15 until Nov. 15 the effective date of its order requiring the company to pay the Government approximately \$226,000 in excess earnings, ordered recaptured as a result of its findings in a recent decision. The order was originally made effective May 15 but later postponed on July 15.—V. 124, p. 3349.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry.—New Director.

Frank Bailey, Chairman of the board of directors of Realty Associates, has been elected a director.—V. 124, p. 3064.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Tentative Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$125,481,756 on the total owned, and \$129,616,457 on the total used properties of the company, as of June 30 1918. ADD UP

To Protest Tentative Valuation Figures.—President S. Davies Warfield, in connection with the above tentative valuation figures, said:

These figures of tentative valuation of the Seaboard Air Line Ry., has announced, do not include certain subsidiaries nor do they include anything for other values or elements of value. The announced tentative valuation is as of June 30 1918, and does not include any of the new Florida lines or the great amounts expended in additions, improvements, betterments or extensions made in the last 9 years.

The Seaboard, like nearly every other railroad that has been valued, will not accept the Commission's tentative valuation as announced. This valuation, you understand, is based on 1914 prices and is for rate-making purposes. The Seaboard is one of some 20 carriers composing the South-eastern Group and rates are made on the aggregate value of all of the roads of that group. Along with other Class 1 railroads of the country we will, of course, take our case before the courts in due time, after we have attended hearings before the Commission, with a view of submitting important data which we were not given an opportunity to file in certain schedules in connection with depreciation and in other directions, which should have been filed prior to the announced tentative valuation.

The public has ceased to be interested in the valuation of railroad properties as announced by the Commission—which itself is nearly evenly divided for and against the methods that are now employed by the Commission in valuing the properties of railroads—with the knowledge on the part of the U. S. Supreme Court, with the decision of the courts thus far inclined toward the policy advocated by the minority members of the Commission outlined in their report in the O'Fallon case. This state of mind is due to the firm conviction that the policy adopted by the majority members of the Commission will be reversed by the U. S. Supreme Court.—V. 124, p. 3626.

Seaboard-All Florida Ry.—Extension.

The company has asked the I.-S. C. Commission for an extension of time, from June 1 until Nov. 1 1927, within which to complete the construction of a new line of road from Miami to Florida City, Fla., about 34 miles. In 1925 the commission authorized the company to build a line from West Palm Beach to Florida City, via Miami, about 100 miles. That portion of the line from West Palm Beach to Miami, 68 miles has been completed, but the company claims it will be unable to complete the remainder of the line until November, although the rails have been laid and other parts of construction nearly completed.—V. 124, p. 1663.

Spokane Portland & Seattle Ry.—Unification Plan Declared Operative.

See Great Northern Ry. above.—V. 123, p. 1872.

Washington & Choctaw Ry.—Abandonment of Line.

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 9 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon, as to Inter-State and foreign commerce, its line of railroad, which extends from Bolinger to Cantwell, 10½ miles, all in Choctaw County, Ala.—V. 122, p. 2796.

Wellington Gray & Bruce Ry.—Interest Payments, &c.

The estimated earnings for the half year ending June 30 1927 applicable to meet interest on the bonds will admit of the payment of \$3 17s. 8d. per £100 bond. This payment will be applied as follows, viz.: 8s. 7d. in final discharge of coupon No. 86 due July 1 1913, and £3 9s. 1d. on account of coupon No. 87 due Jan. 1 1914, and will be made on and after July 1 next at the offices of the Canadian National Ry. Co., Orient House, 42-5, New Broad St., London, Eng. The coupons must be left three clear days for examination. Last January £4 7s. 10d. per £100 bond was paid.

Fifty-four (£5,400) 1st mtg. 7% bonds have been called for payment July 1 at par and int. at the offices of the Canadian National Ry. Co., in Montreal, Canada, or in London, Eng.—V. 124, p. 109.

Western Maryland Ry.—Seeks to Acquire Road.

The company has asked the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to acquire control of the 74-mile Green Brier Cheat & Elk RR. by purchase of its capital stock. The road extends from Cheat Junction to Beree, W. Va. The carrier also asked permission to guarantee an issue of \$1,585,000 first mortgage 5% bonds of the Green Brier as payment for the stock to be acquired. An application was also submitted by the Green Brier road for permission to issue the bonds.

Examiner T. F. Sullivan has recommended in a report to the Commission that the application of the Western Maryland to acquire control of the 2-mile Chesapeake & Curtis Bay RR. by purchase of its capital stock for \$32,000 be disapproved, as it was held not to be in the public interest because of the excessive cost of purchasing the road.—V. 124, p. 3494, 2896.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Alabama Water Service Co.—Stock Sold.—G. L. Ostrom & Co., Inc., have sold privately 5,000 shares of \$6 cum. pref. stock at \$94 per share and divs. to yield over 6.38%.

Preferred both as to assets and dividends over the common stock. Divs. payable Q-M. Entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$6 per share per annum. Red., all or part, on any div. date, upon at least 30 days' notice, at \$105 and divs. Upon any dissolution or liquidation of the company entitled to \$100 per share and divs., plus a premium of \$5 per share if such dissolution or liquidation be voluntary, before any distribution may be made to the holders of the common stock. Holders are entitled to vote equally with holders of the common stock if at any time dividends shall be in arrears and unpaid on the pref. stock for four quarterly periods, so long as such non-payment shall continue. Free from present normal Federal income tax. Transfer agent, American Trust & Savings Bank, Birmingham, Ala.

Issuance.—Authorized by the Alabama Public Service Commission. Company.—Will supply water, without competition, for domestic and industrial purposes to communities which are, to a large extent, located in the so-called Birmingham District.

Earnings.—The consolidated earnings of the properties after placing certain minor properties, which have been in operation for only a part of a year, on an annual earnings basis, are reported as follows for the years ended:

Table with 3 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '26, Mar. 31 '27. Rows include Gross revenues, Oper. exp., maint. & deprec. as provided in trust indenture, and taxes other than Fed. inc. taxes, Net earnings, and Annual int. requirements on entire funded debt.

Balance.—\$148,482. Ann. div. requirements on 5,000 shs. of \$6 cum. pref. stock.—\$30,000. Purpose.—Proceeds will be applied partly to the retirement of pref. stocks of predecessor companies and for other corporate purposes. Compare also V. 124, p. 2904.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$20,000,000 additional capital stock, making the total amount applied for \$1,122,449,800. The shares of additional stock have been offered for subscription to employees of the company and of its subsidiary corporations.

Comparative Balance Sheet. Table with 3 columns: Description, Mar. 31 1927, Dec. 31 1926. Rows include Assets (Stocks of associated companies, Bonds & notes, Long lines plant and equipment, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Capital stock installments, etc.).

* Includes capital stock premiums of \$44,885,063 as of Dec. 31 1926 and \$46,931,899 as of Mar. 31 1927.—V. 124, p. 2276, 1664.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc. (Va.).—To Redeem 7% Cum. 1st Pref. Stock—Alternative Offer.—The company called for redemption on Aug 15 1927 its entire issue of 7% cum. 1st pref. stock at 110 and divs. at the Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N. Y. City. For the convenience of foreign holders arrangements will be made so that they may surrender their certificates at the Bankers Trust Co., 26 Old Broad St., London, E. C. 2, England, on or after Aug. 15 1927, and receive in payment a draft on New York in dollars, or at the option of the holder, a check in sterling at Bankers Trust Co.'s rate for buying drafts on New York on the date of such surrender. All transfers of record must be made on or before the close of business Aug. 13 1927.

To provide for this and certain acquisitions and other corporate purposes, the American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc. (of Del.), new company, will issue 200,000 shares of \$6 series 1st pref. stock, bearing dividends from July 1 1927, the sale of which to bankers (W. C. Langley & Co.) has already been arranged. The \$6 series 1st pref. stock is cumulative as to dividends and callable at \$110 per share.

The company has arranged to have the following alternative offer made to the holders of the 7% 1st pref. stock of the old company: Stockholders delivering their share certificates to Bankers Trust Co., N. Y. City, on or before July 5 1927 will receive in exchange for each share so delivered, one share of \$6 series 1st pref. stock of the Delaware company at \$110 per share in cash, and a cash adjustment of dividends between the two issues of preferred stock. For the convenience of foreign holders arrangements have been made so that they may avail themselves of this offer by surrendering their certificates at the London office of Bankers Trust Co. on or before July 4 1927 for transmittal to New York.

Acquisition of Davenport Water Co.—The company announces the acquisition of the Davenport (Iowa) Water Co. According to the most recent estimates, the city of Davenport has a population of 60,000 people. There are 12,000 customers attached to the mains of the water company. The Davenport company has a daily high service pumping capacity of 21,000,000 gallons, supplemented by a 14,000,000-gallon daily booster capacity. There are 125 miles of mains in the distribution system. In 1926 sales of water totaled 1,180,200,000 gallons. The Davenport company will be grouped for operation and general management with the 33 other water works properties now under the control of the parent company.—V. 124, p. 3627.

Brooklyn City RR.—New Director.—Frank Bailey, Chairman of the Realty Associates, Brooklyn, N. Y., has been elected a director.—V. 124, p. 2746.

Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp.—Dividends.—The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, payable July 1 to holders of record July 1. The directors also declare the full year's dividend of \$6 per share on the pref. stock, payable as follows: \$1.50 each on July 15, Oct. 15 1927 and Jan. 16 and April 16 1928 to holders of record July 1, Oct. 1, Dec. 31 1927 and April 1 1928, respectively.—V. 124, p. 504.

Central Union Gas Co. of N. Y. C.—To Pay Bonds.—The outstanding \$3,500,000 1st mtg. 5% gold bonds of the Central Union Gas Co., dated Aug. 16 1897, due July 1 1927, will be paid at maturity upon presentation at the Central Union Trust Co., trustee, 80 Broadway, N. Y. City. The interest coupons, due July 1 1927, from these bonds will be paid at the National City Bank of New York, 55 Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 80, p. 1855.

Chicago South Shore & South Bend RR.—Equip. Trust Authority to issue \$710,000 equipment trust certificates was asked in a petition filed June 20 with the Illinois Commerce Commission and the Public Service Commission of Indiana. Proceeds from the sale of the certificates will be used to finance in part the purchase of 20 new passenger cars, locomotives, flat cars and other equipment. The certificates will

mature serially in annual installments over a period of 10 years and will bear dividend rates ranging from 4 1/2% to 5 1/2%.—V. 123, p. 323.

Canada Northern Power Corp., Ltd.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1926, 1925. Rows include Gross earnings, Operation and maintenance, Taxes, Bad debts, Discount, &c., on securities, Interest, Surplus for year, Surplus brought forward, Total, Preferred dividends paid, Common dividends paid, Minority interest in surplus, Transferred to depreciation reserve, Settlement of law suit.

Surplus carried forward \$694,413 \$99,927. * Includes surplus of additional companies acquired during the year 1926.—V. 122, p. 3336.

Cincinnati Car Co.—Earnings.—Results for 3 Months Ended Dec. 31 1926.

Table with 2 columns: Description, 1926. Rows include Net profit from operation of mfg. division & from Traction Building, after provisions for depreciation, Other income, Total net profit, Federal income taxes.

Balance transferred to surplus \$18,392. Shares of capital stock outstanding (no par) 234,917. Earnings per share on capital stock \$0.43.

The company (formerly controlled through stock ownership by the Ohio Traction Co.) was reorganized on Oct. 1 1926, on which date the assets and liabilities of the Ohio Traction Co. were transferred to and entered upon its books. Stockholders were fully informed from time to time of the steps taken to effect the reorganization through sale of The Ohio Traction Co.'s assets to the committees representing the preferred and common stockholders of that company. The deposited stocks of the Ohio Traction Co. were exchanged for the new no par value stock of the Cincinnati Car Co. on the basis of 1 share of Ohio Traction Co. preferred stock for 2 1/2 shares of this company's no par value stock, and 3 shares of Ohio Traction Co.'s common stock for 1 share of the no par value stock of this company.—V. 124, p. 3073.

Cincinnati Georgetown & Portsmouth RR.—New Co. Incorporation papers were filed May 25 at Columbus for the Cincinnati Georgetown & Portsmouth RR., with an initial capitalization of 500 shares of no par value. The incorporators are John V. Campbell, Charles H. Elsten, John P. Goldberg, Mary P. Hilton and Pauline E. Smith. The property includes a main line of 48 miles from Cincinnati to Russellville, with a branch to Batavia, where connection is made with the Norfolk & Western. The property was sold recently for \$225,000 under court order in foreclosure proceedings brought by the Fifth-Third Union Trust Co. as trustee of the mortgage, following default. The incorporation of the new company with precisely the same name as the old is the first step in the reorganization of the property so as to facilitate the operation of the railroad.—V. 124, p. 2747.

Columbus Ry. Power & Light Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1926, 1925, 1924, 1923. Rows include Railway oper. revenues, Pr. lt. & ht. oper. revs., Non-oper. revenues, Total gross revenues, Oper. expenses, Taxes, Interest charges, Other deductions, Net inc. avail. for sing. fund, divs. & other financial requirements, Sinking fund, 1st pref. dividends, Series B pref. dividends, Common dividends.

Table with 4 columns: Description, 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923. Rows include Balance, Balance at begin. of yr., Delayed income credits, Miscell. credits, Total credits, Delayed income debits, Miscell. debits, Balance at end of year.

Commonwealth Power Corp.—Larger Common Div.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 6 1/2% cents per share on the common stock and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% on the preferred stock, both payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 14. The previous dividend rate on the common stock was 50 cents per share quarterly and, in addition, the company on May 2 paid an extra of 50 cents per share (see V. 124, p. 1818).

Table with 4 columns: Description, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include 12 Months Ending May 31—Gross earnings, Oper. exp., incl. taxes & maintenance, Fixed charges (see note), Dividend on preferred stock, Provision for retirement reserve, Balance, surplus.

Note.—Includes interest, amortization of debt discount and earnings accruing on stock of subsidiary companies not owned by Commonwealth Power Corp.

This statement is prepared on the basis of giving effect for the full three year period to the acquisition of the control of Tennessee Electric Power Co. under plan which became effective in July 1925. After provision for retirement reserve earnings for the 12 months ended May 31 1927 were equivalent to \$21.68 per share on the preferred and \$4.24 per share on the common as compared with \$16.46 and \$2.83 per share respectively, for the same period last year, based on the number of shares outstanding May 31 1927. General business in the territory served by the corporation subsidiaries continued active as indicated by the increased sales of electricity and gas. May sales of electricity were 133,237,157 kw.h. and gas 547,553,700 cu. ft. Increases of 15.50% and 10.49%, respectively, over May 1926. For the 5 months ended May 31 1927 sales of electricity were 646,422,752 kw.h. and gas 2,685,372,200 cu. ft., increases of 8.61% and 12.72%, respectively, over the same period last year—the electric sales were almost as much as for the full year 1922 (the first year of the present organization) when total sales were 750,346,913 kw.h.—V. 124, p. 2905.

Consumers Power Co.—Earnings.—12 Mos. end. May 31—1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exps., incl. taxes & maintenance, Fixed charges, Div. on preferred stock, Prov. for retire. reserve, Balance, surplus.

—V. 124, p. 2586.

Detroit United Ry.—Payment.—

A. L. Drum, receiver has notified holders of the 1st & coll. trust sinking fund 5-year 6% bonds that, pursuant to a court order entered June 21, they will be entitled on and after July 1 1927, to receive upon presentation of their bonds at the Central Union Trust Co. of New York, 80 Broadway, a payment of 6% on account of the principal of these bonds.

Duluth-Superior Traction Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years— 1926. 1925. 1924. 1923. Total oper. revenues... \$1,951,143 \$1,943,494 \$1,789,402 \$1,904,607 Total ry. oper. expenses... 1,622,132 1,578,013 1,486,059 1,500,988 Taxes... 133,974 139,294 113,313 134,991

Operating income... \$195,037 \$226,186 \$190,030 \$268,627 Non-operating income... 38,370 32,070 25,360 28,731 Gross income... \$233,906 \$258,257 \$215,390 \$297,358 Int. on funded debt, &c... 172,405 173,790 172,778 173,637 Miscellaneous debits... 705 604 607 610 Preferred dividends... (4%)60,000 (5)75,000 (3)45,000 (6)90,000 Pref. div. Dul. St. Ry... 24,987 14,038

Dixie Gas & Utilities Co.—Prof. Stock Offered.—Goddard & Co., Inc., Moore, Leonard & Lynch, New York, and Pittsburgh, and Hutchison & Co., Providence, are offering at par (\$100) \$1,500,000 7% cum. pref. (a. & d.) stock.

Bank of America, New York, and Commonwealth Trust Co., Pittsburgh, transfer agents; Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., New York, and Bank of Pittsburgh, N.A., Pittsburgh, registrars. Dividends (cum. from July 1 1927) payable Q.-J., first div. being payable Oct. 1 1927.

Capitalization— 7% cumulative preferred stock... 50,000 shs. 15,000 shs. Common stock (no par value)... 500,000 shs. 150,000 shs.

Data from Letter of W. L. Moody III, President of the Company.—Company.—Incorp. in Delaware. Has been formed by W. L. Moody III and O. R. Seagraves, who are active heads of the Houston Gulf Gas Co. and associates, to acquire natural gas properties, both producing and distributing, in Louisiana, Texas and other States which properties will be operated under their management.

The Dixie Gas & Utilities Co., controlled by interests closely identified with the Dixie Gas & Utilities Co., has been formed to build and operate a trunk pipe line from the vicinity of the Waskom field to Port Arthur and Houston, Tex., having a daily capacity of approximately 100,000,000 cubic feet of gas.

In addition to the foregoing, the company is negotiating for the acquisition of other distributing systems in nearby communities. It will be the policy of the company to acquire franchises for the construction and operation of natural gas distributing systems for domestic and industrial use in communities where such service does not now exist.

3 Months Ending March 31 1927. Year Ending Dec. 31 1926. Year Ending Dec. 31 1925. \$66,207 \$163,456 \$173,695

Contracts and Production.—The Marshall Gas Co. owns the gas distributing system in the town of Marshall, Tex., and (through a subsidiary) in Cedar Grove, La., having a combined population of approximately 20,000. The company serves 3,850 domestic consumers, 79 public institutions and 12 industrial plants.

The State Line Oil & Gas Co. has a daily open flow production of approximately 275,000,000 cubic feet of gas derived from 25 wells located on 7,320 acres of gas lands in the Waskom and other gas fields of Louisiana and Texas.

This company has a sales contract with the Bethany Oil & Gas Co., a subsidiary of the Southwestern Gas & Electric Co., serving consumers in Shreveport and vicinity under the terms of which the Bethany Co. agrees to purchase at the wells a minimum of 4,000,000,000 cubic feet of gas during the year 1927, which amount increases to 4,500,000,000 cubic feet of gas during the year 1928, and 5,000,000,000 cubic feet of gas during the year 1929.

Dixie Gas & Utilities Co. will enter into a long term contract for the sale of all its surplus gas to the Dixie Pipe Line Co. The Dixie Pipe Line Co. has entered into a contract with the Texas Co. to sell gas to the Texas Co., deliveries to begin in December 1927.

Electric Light & Power Co. of Abington and Rockland, Mass.—Voting Trust Agreement.—President Orrin G. Wood, May 9, in a letter to the stockholders, said in subst.:

While the directors have no knowledge of any effort being made to acquire control of the stock of this company, should such an attempt be made, many individual stockholders might dispose of their holdings at a lower price than could be obtained by concerted action on the part of a substantial portion of stockholders represented by trustees vested with authority to carry on such negotiations.

The following have consented to act as trustees: Wilmot R. Evans (Pres. Boston Five Cent Savings Bank), Edward V. French (Pres. Arkwright Mutual Fire Insurance Co.), Henry B. Patrick, Roger Pierce (V.-Pres. New England Trust Co.), Orrin G. Wood (member of firm of Estabrook & Co.).—V. 124, p. 3066.

Electric Public Utilities Co.—Acquisitions.—The company has applied to the Maryland P. S. Commission for authority to acquire the Home Electric Co. of Lonaconing, Md., the Emmitsburg (Md.) Electric Co., the Antietam Power Co. and the Midland Electric Light Co., western Maryland concerns. The purchase price for the combined plants is said to be \$468,000.—V. 124, p. 3351.

Elizabethtown Water Co. Consol.—New Rate Opposed.—An injunction restraining the New Jersey P. U. Commission from enforcing its order fixing the rates of the company is asked in a suit in equity filed by the latter in the U. S. District Court in Newark, N. J., on June 20.

The Board of Public Utilities allowed the company a 16% increase over the rates of 1922 and a surcharge of 2% to be imposed until a deficit of \$117,000, accrued under the old rates, was wiped out. The Board valued the plant of the company at \$6,650,000, while the company held the plant to be worth \$9,000,000.

Federal Light & Traction Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after July 1 of not exceeding \$62,625 common stock (par \$15) on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making the total amount applied for \$6,326,265 common stock.

Income Account Three Months Ended March 31. Inter-company earnings... 1927. 1926. \$391,761 \$314,089 Miscellaneous earnings... 107,093 79,854 Total income... \$498,854 \$393,944 Expenses... 76,491 85,051 Net income... \$422,362 \$308,892 Interest and discount... 169,976 146,011 Net profit... \$252,387 \$162,882

Federal Water Service Corp.—Debentures Sold.—G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc., New York, have sold \$10,000,000 convertible 5 1/2% gold debentures at 96 3/4 and int., to yield 5 3/4%.

Dated July 1 1927; due July 1 1957. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable in N. Y. City. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500c*. Red. on any int. date upon 40 days notice to and incl. July 1 1937 at 105 and int.; thereafter to and incl. July 1 1956 at 103 and int.; thereafter at par and int. Int. payable without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Refund of certain Penna., Conn., Kan., Calif., and Minn. taxes not to exceed 4 mills; Md. tax not to exceed 4 1/2 mills; Ky., W. Va., and Dist. of Col. taxes not to exceed 5 mills; Mich. exemption tax not to exceed 5 mills; Va. tax not to exceed 5 1/2 mills, and Mass. income tax not to exceed 6%.

Data from Letter of C. T. Cheney, President of the Corporation.—Corporation.—Through its constituent companies, including companies under contract of purchase, will supply water for domestic and industrial purposes to various communities in numerous States, including New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Alabama, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, California, Oregon and Washington.

The above capitalization is as of June 14 1927, after giving effect to completion of financing and to retirement on Sept. 1 1927 of all the 6% convertible gold debentures, series A, outstanding on June 14 1927.

Capitalization— Authorized. Outstanding. Convertible 5 1/2% gold debts. (this issue)--- x \$10,000,000 Cumulative preferred stock (no par value)--- 250,000 shs. 961,000 shs. Class A stock (no par value)--- 260,000 shs. 17,760 shs. Class B stock (no par value)--- 100,000 shs. 65,000 shs.

Security.—Direct obligation of corporation and will represent its only funded debt outstanding upon completion of this financing. Indenture will provide that no additional debentures may be issued thereunder, except for refunding purposes, unless net income for 12 consecutive calendar months within the preceding 15 calendar months shall have been at least 2 1/2 times the annual interest charges upon all outstanding funded indebtedness, including the debentures then proposed to be issued.

Earnings.—Consolidated earnings of corporation, including companies under contract of purchase, are reported as follows:

ting station, one of the largest in the South. Construction of this station, which is located on a tract of land covering an area of more than 90 acres on the Houston Ship Channel about 10 miles from the center of Houston, was begun in the early part of 1923. It is designed and is partially built for an ultimate capacity of 180,000 kw. and it has a present installation of 65,000 kw., consisting of two 20,000 kw. turbo-generators, together with boilers and all the necessary auxiliary machinery, and a 25,000 kw. turbo-generator now nearing completion. Three independent 33,000 volt transmission lines connect the Deepwater station with the company's Gable Street electric station in Houston and its distribution system, and these transmission lines will be shortly supplemented by a 66,000 volt line to a point within two miles of the Gable Street station.

The Deepwater and Gable Street stations are equipped to burn fuel oil or natural gas. During 1926 the company substituted natural gas for fuel oil with satisfactory results.

Company's Gable Street generating station is located near the center of the City of Houston. It has a present installed generating capacity of 32,500 kw.

Company owns an extensive system of transmission and distribution lines, aggregating 1,244 miles, which radiates from the center of the City and extends from the Deepwater station into Harris and 6 other adjoining counties, interconnecting all communities served. During 1926 the company added 77 miles to its distribution system and 154 miles of high voltage transmission lines and in 1927 has either completed or has under construction 141 miles of additional high voltage transmission lines.

Security.—Secured equally with series B and series C bonds by a direct mortgage on all the present mineral property and franchises of the company, subject to \$4,503,000 underlying first mortgage (closed) bonds, of which \$2,100,000 are deposited with the trustee, thus causing these bonds to share in their security.

Capitalization.—

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st lien & ref. mtge. bds., ser. A 5s (incl. this iss.)	\$8,000,000	
do Series B 6s due 1953	a	2,000,000
do Series C 5½s, due 1954		2,000,000
1st mtge. 6s, due 1931	(closed)	b2,403,000
Preferred stock 7% cum. (par \$100)		c3,000,000
Common stock (no par)	250,000 shs.	250,000 shs.

a Issuance of further bonds limited by restrictions of mortgage. b In addition, there are pledged under the 1st lien & ref. mtge. \$2,100,000 of these bonds (authorized \$5,000,000) exclusive of \$497,000 bonds that have been retired and cancelled through the sinking fund. c All sold under customer and employee ownership plan in territory served.

Purpose.—Proceeds will reimburse the company in part for expenditures in connection with the enlargement and extension of its property, in order to meet the greatly increased demand for electric power and light that has taken place in the last few years within the territory served, and will place the company in funds for carrying on its extensive construction program and for other corporate purposes.

Earnings 12 Months Ended April 30 1927.

Gross earnings (incl. other income)	\$5,244,124
Oper. exp., maint. & taxes	2,992,780
Net earnings	\$2,251,344

Interest on bonds and other interest and deductions for the above period were \$662,615

Annual interest on total bonded debt, outstanding with public, including this issue, requires \$750,150.

Supervision.—Operations are supervised by the Electric Bond & Share Co.

Listed.—Bonds listed on the Boston Stock Exchange.—V. 124, p. 2278, 1359.

Illinois Power & Light Corp.—Bonds Offered.—Harris, Forbes & Co.; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co., and Spencer Trask & Co. are offering at 97 and int., yielding 5.20%, \$4,000,000 additional 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds, series C, 5%, 30-year. Dated Dec. 1 1926; due Dec. 1 1956.

Corporation.—Organized in Illinois.—Owns and operates electric power and light, gas, heat and city railway properties in a large number of the most populous and prosperous municipalities in Illinois. Corporation also controls Illinois Traction, Inc.—which owns an extensive system of trunk line electric railroads in Illinois—and other utilities of which the most important are Des Moines Electric Light Co. and the Kansas Power & Light Co. The business of the corporation and its controlled companies includes service rendered to more than 470 municipalities. The electric power and light properties, with a generating capacity of over 280,000 k.w., serve without competition over 251,000 customers. The gas properties, with a generating capacity of about 27,000,000 cu. ft. of artificial gas a day, serve, also without competition, over 88,000 customers. The city railway systems have over 200 miles of track. The principal portion of the electric trunk line railroad system, which has over 550 miles of main line track, connects the cities of Peoria, Springfield, Bloomington, Danville, Urbana, Champaign and Decatur with St. Louis, which it enters over its steel toll bridge into its own terminal in the heart of the city. Company also controls a steam railroad entering East St. Louis and exchanging traffic with the St. Louis Belt System.

Consolidated Statement of the System for Years Ended April 30.

	1926.	1927.
Gross earnings from operations	\$29,843,536	\$31,598,017
Oper. exp., maint. & taxes (except Fed. taxes)	18,782,369	19,256,848
Net earnings from operations	\$11,061,167	\$12,341,169
Non-operating deductions—net	245,525	861,515
Net income available for corporation bond int.	\$10,815,642	\$11,479,654

Ann. int. on \$91,402,300 mtge. bds. outstanding (incl. this issue) 5,100,792
Over 80% of the net earnings are derived from electric power and light, gas and miscellaneous sources other than transportation.

Capitalization of Corporation (Giving Effect to this Financing).

Common stock (no par value)	400,000 shs.
Participating preferred 6% cumulative stock	\$1,382,450
First preferred 7% and 6% cumulative stocks	33,776,250
30-year 5½% sinking fund debentures, due 1957	9,500,000
First & ref. mtge. series A 6s, 1933	40,200,000
do Series B 5½s, 1954	10,200,000
do Series C 5s, 1956 (including this issue)	11,500,000
Divisional underlying (closed for issuance to public)	23,702,300
Control. —Common stock is controlled by the North American Light & Power Co.—V. 124, p. 3352, 2279.	

Inland Power & Light Corp.—Initial Pref. Dividend.—An initial quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the 7% cum. pref. stock has been declared, payable July 1 to holders of record June 20.—V. 124, p. 3628.

International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.—Bonds.—All of the outstanding 20-year 5½% conv. gold debenture bonds have been called for payment Sept. 1 next at 105 and int. at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., New York.

The corporation announces that the holders of these bonds are entitled until and including such redemption date, but not thereafter, to convert any and all thereof into the common stock of the corporation at the rate of \$125 of bonds for \$100 of stock. The corporation has designated the National City Bank, 55 Wall St., N. Y. City, as the agency at which such bonds may be presented for conversion.

Rights to Subscribe for Additional Common Stock.

At a meeting held June 14 the directors authorized the issue of additional common stock at \$100 per share. The stockholders of record Sept. 6 1927 will be given the right to subscribe for such stock on or before Oct. 5 next at the rate of one share of new stock for each eight shares held.

All payments may be made and warrants may be exchanged or transferred at the office of the corporation, 41 Broad St., N. Y. City, or through the following agencies where arrangements have been made to receive and forward subscriptions and payments: *Spain*—International Telephone & Telegraph Corp., Espana, Avenida del Conde de Penalver 5, Madrid; *Cuba*—Cuban Telephone Co., 161 Aguilar, Havana; *Porto Rico*—Porto Rico Telephone Co., Telephone Bldg., San Juan. See also V. 124, p. 3628.

International Utilities Corp.—Acquires Rosetown Co.

The corporation has acquired the Rosetown Electric Light & Power Co., Ltd., of Rosetown, Saskatchewan. The latter company furnishes power and light to Rosetown, situated on the Calgary-Saskatoon branch of the Canadian National Rys., about 100 miles southwest of Saskatoon. The acquisition is in furtherance of the general plan of the International Utilities Corp. to build a chain of electric light and power properties in the Western Provinces of Canada. Chandler & Co. are bankers for the corporation.—V. 124, p. 3495.

Iowa Service Co.—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds of the Lee Electric Co. of W. Va. (now the Iowa Service Co.) have been called for redemption on Dec. 1 1927 at par and int. at the Union Trust Co., trustee, Clarinda, Ia. R. Schaddelle is President and L. H. Heinke, Secretary.

Kansas City Power & Light Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$3,000,000 1st mtge. 30-year 4½% gold bonds, series B, dated Jan. 1 1927, due Jan. 1 1957.—V. 124, p. 2427, 1820, 1814.

Laclede Gas & Electric Co.—Control.

Utilities Power & Light Corp. below.—V. 124, p. 3066, 111.

Laclede Gas Light Co.—Validity of Corporate Charter and Franchises Attacked by City of St. Louis.

The City of St. Louis has announced its intention to institute quo warranto proceedings in the Missouri Supreme Court to test the validity of the corporate charter and franchises of the company and its subsidiary companies. Concerning these proposed proceedings, Charles A. Monroe, Chairman of the Board, states:

"Laclede Gas Light Co. owns a perpetual franchise to distribute gas and electricity in St. Louis. During the past 50 years it has been necessary on many occasions to secure opinions as to the franchise rights of the company, and without exception these opinions hold that the company owns a perpetual franchise. The company's charter has never been questioned by any court has been held to be perpetual by the most notable lawyers in the American bar, including John F. Dillon, Davies, Stone & Auerbach, Stetson, Jennings & Russell, and Sullivan & Cromwell. "The company stood as last as Feb. 1 1923 \$17,500,000 1st mtge. coll. & ref. gold bonds to a group of bankers headed by Halsey, Stuart & Co.; W. A. Harriman & Co., and G. H. Walker & Co. Also in August 1925 the company sold \$3,000,000 10-year 5½% gold notes to a group of bankers headed by Guaranty Co.; Halsey, Stuart & Co.; Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, and W. A. Harriman & Co. These issues were passed on respectively, for the bankers, by Winston, Strawn & Shaw and Davis, Polk, Wardwell, Gardiner & Reed."

Harvey L. Clarke, President of Utilities Power & Light Corp., which company recently acquired control of the Laclede properties, stated:

"Our attention has been called to the attack made by the Union Electric Co. on the Laclede Gas Light Co. and Laclede Power & Light Co., control of both of which we are purchasing. We had hoped to be on friendly terms with all the other utilities in St. Louis. We are astonished by this attack which is without precedent in the public utility industry. It can have but one purpose and that is a deliberate attempt to embarrass the new owners in their entrance in the St. Louis territory."

"The Laclede Gas Co. has been supplying gas in St. Louis since 1857, under a franchise from the State of Missouri, the validity of which has been confirmed by the Supreme Court of Missouri. Eminent counsel in St. Louis and elsewhere have also given opinions that the Laclede franchises, both gas and electric, are perpetual and the present attack will prove futile."

"Time will demonstrate that the efficiency of the gas and electric service rendered under our management in St. Louis will be welcomed by its citizens. Our purchase of the Laclede properties is prompted by our belief in the future and growth of St. Louis. It is our aim to make available a large supply of coke at reasonable prices and also to extend the use of gas for industrial purposes and house heating, thus aiding, in an effective way, the plan to make St. Louis a smokeless city."

President of the North American Co. Denies Attack.

Frank L. Dame, Pres. of the North American Co. issued a statement June 23, denying that his company was interested in raising questions as to the legality of franchises affecting properties in St. Louis recently acquired by Utilities Power. Mr. Dame, said in part: "Neither the North American nor the Union Co. is attacking the Laclede companies. The City of St. Louis has been greatly agitated by increased valuations and attempts to raise rates as a result thereof, and the Union Co. has merely supplied information in the possession of its counsel on the franchise and charter question at the request of the Mayor."

Mr. Dame said he had told the Chase Securities Corp. that he was opposed to Harley L. Clarke, Pres. of Utilities Power, paying "a price for the properties upon which he would not expect dividends which would pay for the cost of the money." Mr. Dame added that he said to an official of the Chase Securities Corp. that high prices paid for utility properties were a menace to the industry and that the North American interests were not bidding for the Laclede property.—V. 124, p. 2279.

Laclede Power & Light Co.—Offer to Stockholders.

See Utilities Power & Light Corp. below.—V. 124, p. 111.

Los Angeles Gas & Electric Corp.—Earnings.

	1926.	1927.
12 Months Ended May 31—		
Gross earnings	\$20,237,135	\$16,837,933
Operating expenses and taxes	10,844,392	9,682,193
Net earnings	\$9,392,742	\$7,155,739
Interest charges	2,503,163	2,583,805
Depreciation	2,207,746	1,873,264
Amortization	191,124	198,959
Balance for surplus and dividends	\$4,490,708	\$2,499,711

—V. 124, p. 3208.

Los Angeles Railway.—Tenders.

The Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank, trustee, Los Angeles, Calif. will until June 29 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & ref. mtge. 5% bonds due Dec. 1 1940, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$65,153.—V. 123, p. 3320.

Maritime Coal, Railway & Power Co., Ltd.—Earnings.

Results for the Year Ended Feb. 28 1927.	
Total income	\$131,448
Bond interest	104,167
Reserve for depletion of mining areas	960
Reserve for bad debts	1,800
Reserve for sinking fund	2,880
Written off discount on securities	14,276
Balance, surplus	7,365
Previous surplus	4,980
Profit and loss, surplus	\$12,345

—V. 120, p. 3314.

Minnesota Power & Light Co.—Bonds Offered.—Harris, Forbes & Co., Tucker, Anthony & Co., Bonbright & Co., Inc., and Coffin & Burr, Inc., are offering at 99¼ and int., yielding over 5% \$1,500,000 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds, 5% series of 1955.

Interest from June 1 1927, payable J. & D. Denom. c*. \$1,000 and \$500, and r* \$1,000 and \$500. Red. on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 105 and int., through Dec. 1 1934; thereafter at 104 and int. through Dec. 1 1939; thereafter at 103 and int. through Dec. 1 1944; thereafter at 102 and int. through Dec. 1 1949; thereafter at 101 and int. through Dec. 1 1952; thereafter at 100½ and int. through Dec. 1 1953, and thereafter prior to maturity at 100½ and int. American Exchange Irving Trust Co., New York, and George E. Warren, trustees. Company agrees to pay int. without deduction for any Federal income tax, not exceeding 2%, and to refund the Penn. 4 mills tax.

Data from Letter of D. F. McGee, Vice-Pres. of the Company.

Company.—Supplies, directly or indirectly, the entire electric power and light service in an extensive territory in eastern and northern Minnesota,

serving 97 communities, including Duluth, Chisholm, Eveleth, Ely, Cloque, Brainerd and Little Falls. It also serves Superior, Wis., at wholesale. The territory served comprises a population estimated at 326,000 and includes the Mesaba, Vermillion and Geyuna Iron Ranges, where approximately 60% of the country's entire output of iron ore is mined, and the "Duluth district" which, with its great natural harbor, is one of the foremost manufacturing and jobbing centres in the northwest.

Security.—Secured by a direct first mortgage on the entire physical property owned, including electric generating plants with a present installed capacity of 47,515 kw., of which 83% is hydro-electric, and an extensive system of transmission and distribution lines.

Mortgage contains provisions for its modification in certain respects, with the assent of the holders of not less than 85% of the outstanding bonds. In the event of the acquisition of Great Northern Power Co.'s property, now operated under lease, the lien of these bonds with respect to the property so acquired will be subject to the prior lien of that company's 1st (closed) mtge. bonds, \$7,747,000 of which are now outstanding with the public.

Capitalization Outstanding Upon Completion of This Financing.

Common stock	\$20,000,000
Second preferred stock	6,500,000
Preferred stock, 6%	177,000
Preferred stock, 7%	8,447,400
1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds, 6% series, due 1950	12,300,000
do 5% series, due 1955 (including this issue)	10,700,000

All outstanding 2d pref. and common stocks, except directors' shares, are owned by American Power & Light Co.

Earnings of Properties for the Year Ended April 30 1927.

Gross earnings (of the mortgaged property)	\$4,016,051
Operating expenses, taxes & maintenance	1,847,352
Net earnings	\$2,168,699
Income from leased properties	858,122

Total net earnings	\$3,026,821
Annual interest on bonds (including this issue)	1,273,000
Balance for other interest, renewals & replacements, &c.	\$1,753,821

Supervision.—The operations of the company are supervised by the Electric Bond & Share Co.—V. 124, p. 921.

Missouri Public Service Co.—Initial Dividend.—The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the cum. pref. stock 87 series, payable July 1 to holders of record June 20.—V. 124, p. 3496.

North American Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on and after July 1 of 107,188 additional shares common stock without par value, on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making the total number of shares applied for to date 4,405,023 shares without par value.

Income Statement 12 Months Ended March 31 (Parent Company Only).

	1927.	1926.
Interest received and accrued	\$1,342,790	\$1,435,231
Dividends	6,968,185	6,682,624
Other income	955,408	799,491
Total	\$9,266,384	\$8,917,346
Expenses and taxes	\$534,979	\$666,396
Interest paid and accrued	267,389	254,106
Net earnings	\$8,464,015	\$7,996,843

Balance Sheet March 31 (Parent Company Only).

	1927.	1926.
Assets—		
Stocks	97,281,728	74,935,560
Bonds	539,858	1,578,759
Loans & adv. to sub. & affil. cos	16,677,034	24,466,888
Cash	2,698,977	5,025,033
Notes receivable	1,869,067	557,165
Accts. receivable	669,947	395,523
Office furn. & miscell. prop'y	1	1
Tot. (each side)	118,033,611	106,958,928

—V. 124, p. 3067, 2590.

North Carolina Public Service Co.—New Control.—See General Gas & Electric Corp. above.—V. 123, p. 2655.

Northern Ohio Power Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Period Ending May 31—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings	\$5,253,471	\$5,027,514	\$12,266,797	\$11,762,266
Oper. exp., incl. taxes & maintenance	3,693,690	3,747,866	8,879,371	8,651,009
Gross income	\$1,559,781	\$1,279,648	\$3,387,425	\$3,111,257
Fixed charges (see note)	989,498	969,892	2,353,481	2,242,042

Net income avail. for retirement reserve & corporate purposes \$570,283 \$319,756 \$1,033,944 \$869,216

Note.—Includes interest, amortization of debt discount and expense, and dividend on outstanding preferred stocks of subsidiary companies.—V. 124, p. 3068.

Northern Ohio Power & Light Co.—Earnings.

12 Mos. End. May 31—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings	\$12,266,797	\$11,762,266	\$10,698,448	\$9,810,967
Oper. exp., incl. taxes & maintenance	8,909,739	8,693,690	8,216,206	7,680,254
Fixed charges	1,675,546	1,591,307	1,515,400	1,312,255
Dividends pref. stock	490,909	447,636	434,205	423,005

Balance \$1,190,603 \$1,029,633 \$532,637 \$395,454

May sales of electricity were 24,705,139 k.w.h., an increase of 4,004,914 k.w.h. or 19.35% over May 1926. For the 5 months ended May 31 1927 sales of electricity were 116,682,655 k.w.h. as compared with 103,541,135 k.w.h. for the first 5 months last year. For the 12 months ended May 31 1927 sales of electricity were 278,626,664 k.w.h. an increase of 50,586,100 k.w.h. or 22.18% over the previous 12 months.—V. 124, p. 2590.

Northwest Louisiana Gas Co., Inc.—Transfer Agent.—The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent of 5,000 shares 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100.—V. 124, p. 3353.

Northwestern Public Service Co.—Expands.—The company has purchased the electric light plant at Platte Centre, Neb., and South Dakota plants at Bristol, Butler, Lily, Bradley, Wallace, Garden City, Henry, Florence, Wessington, St. Lawrence and Florence, and has applied to the Nebraska Ry. Commission for authority to issue \$270,000 of 5% 30-year gold bonds to be sold at not less than 92, and \$115,900 of 7% preferred stock to be sold at not less than 95, to pay for the purchases and to retire current indebtedness for extensions and betterments.—V. 124, p. 922, 2590.

Ohio State Telephone Co.—Bonds Called.—The company has called for redemption as of July 1 next out of release moneys received by the trustee, \$20,000 of consol. & ref. mtge. s. f. gold bonds, dated July 1 1914, series A and B, at 102 and int. Payment will be made at the Bankers Trust Co., trustee, 10 Wall St., N. Y. City. Certain of the consol. & ref. mtge. bonds, aggregating \$8,000, have also been called for redemption July 1 at par and int., payable out of sinking fund moneys.—V. 116, p. 2138.

Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.—Oil Business.

This company will sell 80,000,000 k.w.h. of electric energy to oil producing companies in the State of Oklahoma during 1927, according to estimates of its commercial department. This class of business is of comparatively recent development—the sales for the year during 1920 having been less than 900,000 k.w.h. Actual sales in 1926 were slightly over 32,000,000 k.w.h. so that the estimated sales for 1927 will more than double those of last year.

The company has in operation on its lines in the Seminole field approximately 25,000 h.p. in motors operating pipe line stations, water pumping stations, gasoline plants, oil or gas lift stations, and beam well pumping equipment. In addition to the load which is now being served, there is an additional load of approximately 15,000 h.p. contracted for, to be placed on the company's lines as soon as the installations can be completed and placed in service.

The current supplied by the company is usually stepped down from 22,000, 33,000 or 63,000 volt transmission lines to 4,000 volts, and delivered by the company along the section line of the various areas served. The oil companies furnish their own transformers from 4000-440 volts and build their own distribution lines from their various leases to the company's transmission lines along the section line, thereby making it possible for the power company to serve them at the lowest possible rate per kilowatt hour.—V. 124, p. 3496.

Penn Central Light & Power Co.—Earnings.

	Cal. Year 1926.	12 Mos. End. Feb. 28 '26.	Cal. Year 1924.	Cal. Year 1923.
Gross earnings	\$5,043,622	\$4,614,155	\$3,689,337	\$3,329,354
Oper. expenses & taxes	2,343,863	2,293,285	1,848,632	1,862,855
Bond interest	1,105,815	904,778	801,846	376,931
Other charges	94,501	55,445	55,734	44,566
Renewal reserve		286,744	249,017	327,919
Federal income tax	155,691	134,042	89,298	91,734

Balance to surplus \$1,343,752 \$939,861 \$644,810 \$625,349

x Includes \$170,567 other income. y Before deducting renewal reserve.

Results for Period Ending Mar. 31 1927.

	3 Months.	12 Months.
Gross operating earnings	\$1,358,193	\$4,965,235
Operating expenses and taxes	576,004	2,323,309
Net earnings from operations	\$782,189	\$2,641,926
Other income	27,277	124,434
Net earnings	\$809,466	\$2,766,361
Int. on funded debt (less allocated to new constr'n)	311,698	1,149,359

Balance \$497,768 \$1,617,061

Interest on unfunded debt 2,941 48,492

Amortization of debt discount & expense 4,875 31,359

Federal income tax 49,069 157,936

Balance avail. for dividends and reserves \$440,883 \$1,379,214

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

	Mar. 31 '27.	Dec. 31 '26.		Mar. 31 '27.	Dec. 31 '26.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Plant & property (less deprec'n)	\$35,219,137	\$35,070,250	Cap. stk. & sur.	\$15,641,714	\$15,482,103
Investments	21,006	20,506	Current liabilities	182,455	267,595
Cash and current assets (less res.)	2,773,633	3,234,044	Accrued liabilities	644,669	555,177
Skg. fd. dep., &c.	24,286	12,718	Funded debt	22,315,300	22,639,300
Unamort. debt discount & exps.	893,253	889,829	Affil. co. accts.	38,383	45,621
Prepd. & def. chgs.	145,990	95,180	Service deposits	64,609	59,317
			Miscell. reserves	190,175	189,415
Total	\$39,077,305	\$39,322,528	Total	\$39,077,305	\$39,322,528

x Represented by 111,270 shares of \$5 series, cumulative preferred stock, of no par value, and 30,000 shares of common stock of no par value.—V. 124, p. 2429.

Pennsylvania Edison Co.—Tenders.

The Bank of North America & Trust Co., trustee, City Hall Square, Philadelphia, Pa., will until July 5 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtge. sinking fund gold bonds dated April 1 1916, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$107,268 at prices not exceeding 105 and int. for series A and B bonds.—V. 122, p. 3607.

Pennsylvania-Ohio Power & Light Co.—New Financing

The company has called for redemption on Aug. 1 at 115 and divs. its \$3,005,000 outstanding 8% preferred stock outstanding. The directors propose to issue 40,000 shares of an authorized issue of 100,000 shares of new \$6 no par preferred stock, which was authorized by the stockholders on June 21. The proceeds are to be used to retire the 8% preferred stock and for other corporate purposes.—V. 122, p. 3211.

Philadelphia Co.—Tenders.

The Maryland Trust Co., trustee, Baltimore, Md., will until July 1 receive bids for the sale to it of \$1,000,000 1st mtge. & coll. trust 5% gold bonds, due 1949, at prices not exceeding 107½ and int.—V. 124, p. 3631, 3497.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—New President.

Ralph T. Senter has been elected President, succeeding W. K. Meyers, who resigned, effective July 1, to become Executive Vice-President of the Mitten Bank Securities Corp.—V. 124, p. 3631.

Philadelphia & West Chester Trac. Co.—Fare Increase.

This company, which operates lines from 69th Street Terminal, Philadelphia, Pa., to Sharon Hill, Media, Ardmore and West Chester, Pa., announced on June 20 an increase in the passenger rate to a flat 10-cent fare, effective July 20. This action eliminates the use of the 7½ cent ticket formerly sold in strips of 4 each for 30 cents and establishes the flat 10-cent rate for all zones where the ticket was used. Where formerly the cash fare was 8 cents, it will now be 10 cents. An increase in fare from 69th St. Terminal to 7th and Welsh Sts., Chester, Pa., from 19 to 22 cents is also announced.

The new tariff rate prepared by the company and filed with the Pennsylvania P. S. Commission, becomes effective only upon the approval of that body. The 10-cent flat fare is the most outstanding departure. Pres. A. Merritt Taylor says in part: "Since Mar. 1 1913, at which date practically all the company's lines were constructed, the unit fare has been increased from 5 to 8 cents, with 4 tickets for 30 cents. Average unit fare per passenger is now 7.55 cents, which represents an increase of only 51% over the unit fare charged on Mar. 1 1913."—V. 122, p. 2193.

Public Service Electric & Gas Co., N. J.—Suit.

Argument on the proposed merger with five lesser companies which was to have been heard by Vice-Chancellor Backus in Newark June 21 was continued until July 12. Attorneys for the company said that they had not had time to read the voluminous complaint filed by the minority stockholders who are attempting to stay the merger. See also V. 124, p. 3631.

Public Service Ry. (N. J.)—Co-Ordinated Service.

Co-ordinated trolley and bus service in this company and the Public Service Transportation Co., which are controlled by the Public Service Corp. of New Jersey, is attracting riders, according to figures just released showing the number of passengers carried during the first quarter of 1927 compared with 1926. The company on March 31 1927 had a total of 2,050 trolleys and buses in service. The service of the two is co-ordinated in one big system. The operating companies transported a total of 153,500,613 passengers during the first quarter of 1927 against 144,038,202 passengers in the first quarter of 1926. Buses carried a total of 60,569,883 passengers and trolleys carried 92,930,730 passengers. On March 31 1927 there were 1,444 trolleys and 906 buses in service against 1,252 and 737, respectively, on March 31 1926.—V. 124, p. 113.

Radio Corp. of America.—Settles Litigation.

The corporation has settled out of court all litigation affecting radio patents, it was learned June 22. It has concluded licensing agreements with the companies with whom it has been in litigation and others not involved in litigation for amounts ranging from \$100,000 upward. The total of these amounts, which represent royalties which the Radio Corp.

claimed were due them over a period of years, will total about \$1,250,000, according to William Brown, V. Pres. and general attorney.

The companies that have concluded licensing agreements with the Radio Corp. are the Radio Reception Co., Inc., All-America Radio Corp., American Bosch Magneto Co., Stromberg-Carlson Telephone Manufacturing Co., Crosley Radio Corp., Zenith Radio Corp. and Splittorf-Bethlehem Electrical Co.

These companies will pay the Radio Corp. a uniform royalty of 7 1/2% of their gross income from the sale of receiving sets equipped with the devices licensed under the patent agreements.

The radio industry has been a fruitful source of litigation in recent years. Among the companies which the Radio Corp. has fought in the courts are the Splittorf-Bethlehem Electrical Co., Atwater Kent Radio Manufacturing Co. and the Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corp.—V. 124, p. 2750.

St. Louis County Gas Co.—To Issue Stock.—

The company has applied to the Missouri Public Service for authority to sue and sell to the North American Co. 3,000 shares of common stock at \$100 a share.—V. 124, p. 3210.

Southern Power Co.—To Acquire N. Carolina Properties

See General Gas & Electric Corp. above.—V. 123, p. 2657.

Southwest Gas Co.—Notes.—

The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed trustee of an issue of \$2,500,000 general mortgage sinking fund gold notes, due May 1 1932.—V. 124, p. 3497.

Southwestern Power & Light Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1926, 1925) and rows for Gross earnings of subsidiaries, Net earnings of subs. before renewal & replacement, Total income, etc.

Table with columns for 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923 and rows for Gross earnings of all subs., Oper. exp., incl. taxes, Net earnings of all subs., etc.

Tennessee Electric Power Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1927, 1926 and rows for 12 Months Ended May 31—Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Fixed charges, Dividends on first preferred stock, Provision for retirement reserve, etc.

United Gas Improvement Co.—To Increase Stock.— The controlling interest in Day & Zimmermann, Inc., will be obtained by the U. G. I. Co. through an exchange of securities, President Arthur W. Thompson says.

United Public Service Co.—Acquisitions.—

A current report believed by the "Chronicle" to be based on fact, says: The company, it is announced, has acquired control of the following 26 ice companies located in 20 cities of Tennessee, Louisiana and Mississippi. The companies involved include: Tennessee Ice & Fuel Co., Memphis; Valley Ice & Coal Co., Memphis; Memphis Ice Co., Memphis (40% capital purchased), Delta Ice & Fuel Co., Clarksdale, Miss.; Tutwiler (Miss.) Ice & Fuel Co.; Yazoo (Miss.) Ice & Coal Co.; Durant (Miss.) Ice & Fuel Co.; Canton (Miss.) Ice Co.; Crystal Springs (Miss.) Ice & Storage Co.; Consumers Ice Co., Belzoni, Miss.; Capital Ice Co., Jackson, Miss. (50% capital acquired); Greenwood (Miss.) Ice & Fuel Co.; Quachita Ice & Fuel Co., West Monroe, La.; Central Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., New Orleans; Independent Ice & Distilled Water Manufacturing Co., Ltd., New Orleans; Louisiana Co., New Orleans; Seven District Ice & Manufacturing Co., Ltd., New Orleans; Westwego Ice Co., Inc., New Orleans; Consumers Ice & Storage Co., Monroe, La.; Bastrop (La.) Ice & Storage Co.; Rayville (La.) Ice & Fuel Co.; Columbia (La.) Ice & Fuel Co.; Delhi (La.) Ice & Fuel Co.; Wimsboro (La.) Ice & Fuel Co.; Crystal Ice & Fuel Co., Houston, Tex.; Shelbyville (Ill.) Ice & Fuel Co.—V. 124, p. 3070, 2909.

United Utilities Co. (of Maine).—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 1st coll. trust 6% conv. 30-year gold bonds, dated Jan. 1 1913, have been called for payment July 1 at 105 and int. at the office of Bonbright & Co., 25 Nassau St., N. Y. City.—V. 106, p. 925.

Utah Light & Traction Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923 and rows for Gross earnings from oper., Oper. exp., incl. taxes, Net earnings from oper., Other income, Total income, Interest on bonds, Other int. & deductions, Balance, deficit, etc.

Table with columns for 1926, 1925 and rows for Assets—Plants & Invest't., Cash, Accts. receivable, Material & supplies, Prepaid accounts, Trust funds, Funds depos. with trustee, Unamortized disc. and expense, Deferred debts, etc.

Table with columns for 1926, 1925 and rows for Liabilities—Capital stock, Funded debt, Adv. from affiliate companies, Notes & loans pay., Accounts payable, Accrued accounts, Reserves, Surplus, etc.

Table with columns for 1926, 1925 and rows for Total (each side), etc.

Utilities Power & Light Corp.—Debentures Offered.—

West & Co., Pynchon & Co., H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc., Federal Securities Corp., John Nickerson & Co. and W. S. Hammons & Co. are offering at 94 1/4 and int., to yield about 6%, \$20,000,000 5 1/2% 20-year gold debentures. Dated June 1 1927, due June 1 1947. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable at Chase National Bank, New York. Interest also payable at Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Red. as a whole at any time, or in part on any int. date or dates from time to time, on 60 days' notice at 105 prior to June 1 1931, at 104 on said date and thereafter prior to June 1 1935; at 103

on said date and thereafter prior to June 1 1939; at 102 on said date and thereafter prior to June 1 1943; at 101 on said date and thereafter prior to maturity, plus int. in each case. Chase National Bank, New York, trustee. Int. payable without deduction for Federal income tax up to 2%. Penn. 4 mills and Calif. 5 mills taxes and Mass. 6% income tax on int., refundable.

Data from Letter of Pres. H. L. Clarke, Chicago, Ill., June 22.

Corporation.—A Virginia corporation. Controls, directly or through subsidiaries, public utility systems (including those in the process of acquisition), operating in 411 important cities and towns in 13 States. The total population of the territory served is about 2,500,000. The systems furnish electric and (or) gas service to over 445,000 customers. The franchises of the subsidiary companies are satisfactory and contain no burdensome restrictions.

Table listing companies owned or controlled, including Eastern New Jersey Power Co., Colonial Gas & Electric Co., Derby Gas & Electric Corp., Newport Electric Corp., Laclede Gas & Electric Co., Laclede Power & Light Co., Indianapolis Power & Light Corp., Interstate Power Co.

In addition the corporation is acquiring St. Louis Coke & Iron Corp., which has the second largest by-product coke oven plant in the United States. All of the property of the latter corporation is to be transferred to St. Louis Gas & Coke Corp., which will supply gas to the Laclede Gas Light Co. and electricity to Laclede Power & Light Co. under long term contracts for distribution in St. Louis. St. Louis Gas & Coke Corp. will also have an annual pipe capacity in excess of 400,000 tons, which it will produce for sale in the St. Louis market.

The combined physical properties of the public utility systems include electric generating stations with a total installed capacity of 210,000 k.w. Current is distributed over 3,190 miles of transmission lines. Electric output for the year ended March 31 1927 was 468,744,154 k.w.h. The properties also include 9 gas plants, the gas output for the year ended March 31 1927 being 8,894,259,000 cu. ft.

Table with columns for 5 1/2% gold debts., due 1947 (this issue), 7% cumulative preferred stock, Class A stock (no par value), Class B stock (no par value) and rows for Authorized, Outstanding, etc.

The subsidiary and controlled companies will have outstanding with the public \$105,366,600 bonds, \$31,098,529 preferred stocks and \$4,264,315 common stocks.

Earnings.—The consolidated earnings of the corporation and its subsidiary and controlled companies (including full year's figures of properties to be owned or controlled on completion of current financing) for the 12 months ended March 31 1927 were as follows:

Table with rows for Gross revenue of utility operating companies, Oper. exp., maint. & taxes (excl. of Federal tax), Balance, Annual int. & divs. on funded debt & pref. stocks of subs., etc.

Other net earnings of Utilities Power & Light Corp., incl. net earnings of St. Louis Coke & Iron Corp. (after int. on bonds to be outstanding upon completion of proposed financing of that corp.'s successor), before deprec., Fed. inc. tax, &c.----- 1,487,575

Consol. net earnings before int., deprec., Fed. inc. tax, &c.----- \$5,709,936 Annual int. requirements on \$20,000,000 5 1/2% gold debts. (this issue)----- 1,100,000

Bal. avail. for deprec., Fed. inc. tax, divs., &c.----- \$4,609,936 Consolidated net earnings as shown above were over 5 times the annual interest charges of this issue of 5 1/2% gold debentures. After provision for depreciation these earnings were approximately 4 times such int. charges.

Provisions of Issue.—These debentures will be direct obligations of corporation. The indenture will include the following covenants by the corporation: Corporation will not create or permit any mortgage or other lien upon any of the fixed property, nor any pledge of voting or common stock of a subsidiary necessary to qualify the subsidiary as such, except the pledge of shares of future subsidiaries (as defined in the indenture) hereafter acquired, to secure loans maturing in not more than one year effected in connection with the acquisition of such shares, without at least equally securing these debentures. Corporation will not issue any additional debentures and (or) any other bonds, notes or other obligations maturing more than one year after date unless the consolidated net earnings of the corporation and its subsidiaries, as defined in the indenture, for 12 consecutive months within 15 months next preceding such issue, shall have been at least 2 1/2 times annual interest charges on all debentures, bonds, notes and other obligations of the corporation maturing more than one year after their respective dates then outstanding, including those proposed to be issued. Corporation will not permit any such subsidiary to issue any shares of voting stock unless the corporation or another such subsidiary shall acquire a sufficient proportion thereof to cause the issuing corporation to continue to be a subsidiary as defined in the indenture.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used by the corporation in connection with the purchase of Laclede Gas & Electric Co. and St. Louis Coke & Iron Corp., for the reduction of current indebtedness, to retire underlying securities, and for other corporate purposes.

Maintenance, Renewals & Replacements.—It is the policy of the corporation to set aside in the aggregate 15% of annual operating revenues of its public utility subsidiary and controlled companies for maintenance, and renewals and replacements (depreciation), which appropriations are considered adequate to maintain the properties at their maximum efficiency.

Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet March 31 1927.

Giving effect at that date to the sale of \$20,000,000 debentures, \$3,000,000 7% cum. pref. stock, 100,000 shares no par class A stock and 100,000 shares no par class B stock; acquisition of entire outstanding com. stock of the Laclede Gas & Electric Co. represented by 200,000 shares of no par value; acquisition of entire capital stock of St. Louis Gas & Coke Corp. (Del., new company) represented by 50,000 shares \$7 div. no par pref. stock and 50,000 shares no par com. stock, and acquisition of 37,752 1/2 shares of 2d pref. stock of the Indianapolis Power & Light Corp. now held under option, and the reduction of notes payable in the amount of \$2,775,600.]

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities & Capital and rows for Prop., plant & investment, Sinking funds, Special deposits, Investments—Unpledged, Cash, Marketable securities, Sub. cos. sec. called for red., Notes receivable, Accounts receivable, Due from empl. on stock subscriptions, Inventory, Value of policies, Interstate Pr. Co. prof., Due from affiliated cos., Payments on invest. & prop., In process of acquisition, Unamort. debt disc. & exp., Unamort. stk. disc. & exp., Prepayments, &c., items, etc.

Table with columns for 1926, 1925 and rows for Assets—Plants & Invest't., Cash, Accts. receivable, Material & supplies, Prepaid accounts, Trust funds, Funds depos. with trustee, Unamortized disc. and expense, Deferred debts, etc.

Table with columns for 1926, 1925 and rows for Liabilities—Capital stock, Funded debt, Adv. from affiliate companies, Notes & loans pay., Accounts payable, Accrued accounts, Reserves, Surplus, etc.

Table with columns for 1926, 1925 and rows for Total (each side), etc.

A of which applicable to stock of Utilities Power & Light Corp., \$12,133,124; applicable to minority stocks of subsidiaries, \$4,232,218.

Offer Made to Purchase Voting Trust Stock of Laclede Power & Light Co.—H. L. Clarke, President of the Utilities Power & Light Co., in a letter to the holders of the common stock voting trust certificates of the Laclede Power & Light Co., June 13, said:

The Utilities Power & Light Corp. has entered into a contract to purchase all of the voting stock of Laclede Gas & Electric Co., which company in turn owns in excess of a majority of the common shares of Laclede Power & Light Co., all of which shares are deposited under a voting trust agreement. This purchase will be consummated about July 1 next.

In connection with this acquisition the Utilities corporation will issue additional shares of its preferred stock and class A stock. Many holders of these voting trust certificates have offered them to us or have asked to exchange the same for shares of stock of this company. The directors have, therefore, decided to make the following alternative offer: (a) To exchange 1-3 shares of 7% cumulat. pref. stock of the Utilities corporation for each voting trust certificate representing a share of such common stock, or (b) to exchange 4 shares of class A stock of Utilities corporation for each voting trust certificate representing a share of common stock of Laclede Power & Light Co., or (c) to pay the cash equivalent, i.e., \$128 for each voting trust certificate representing a share of such common stock.

The class A stock of this company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and its present market value is from \$32 to \$34 per share. The market value of the preferred stock is from \$96 to \$98 per share.

The class A stock is entitled to a preferential dividend of \$2 per share per annum, and such dividends are being regularly paid in quarterly installments. In lieu of such cash dividend, holders of class A stock may take additional class A stock at the rate of one-tenth of one share per annum for each share, on which basis the holder receives a dividend equivalent to 10% per annum on the market value of his stock.

The preferred stock is entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of 7% per annum, payable quarterly, and these dividends are being regularly paid.

Holders of voting trust certificates desiring to accept this offer should forward their certificates to the Continental & Commercial National Bank, 208 South La Salle St., Chicago, Ill., or to the Chase National Bank of the City of New York, 57 Broadway, N. Y. City, not later than June 25 1927. Arrangements have been made whereby the bank will forward in exchange for the voting trust certificates, certificates for class A stock or preferred stock of this company, or pay cash therefor, as desired by the holder.

Listing of Class A Non-Voting No-Par-Value Stock.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 8,750 additional shares of Class A stock without par value on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 374,197 shares.—V. 124, p. 3489.

West Virginia Gas Corp.—Bonds Offered.—P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., New York, are offering at 99 and int., to yield about 6.63%, \$3,000,000 1st mtge. 6.50% sinking fund gold bonds (with stock purchase warrants).

Dated June 1 1927, due June 1 1937. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at New York Trust Co., New York, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500c. Red. all or part on any int. date upon 30 days' notice and incl. Dec. 1 1932, at 105 and int., the redemption premium decreasing 1% during each year thereafter. Int. payable without deduction for that portion of Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Refund of certain Calif., Conn., Dist. of Columbia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Mass., Michigan, New Hampshire, Oregon, Penn., Virginia and Washington taxes.

Corporation.—Organized in West Virginia. Corporation is a consolidation of the business and properties of the Watocock Oil & Gas Co., Commercial Gas Co., Martha Pipe Line Co., Oakland Development Co., and Tampico Gas Co., and owns more than 95% of the capital stock of its subsidiary Monickel Gas Co., which includes the properties formerly owned by Ball Gap Pipe Line Co.

All of the gas of the Watocock property, consisting of more than 30,000 acres of land in Logan County, W. Va., is under contract to the United Fuel Gas Co., a subsidiary of Columbia Gas & Electric Corp. The gas is delivered in the field and is transported by the United Fuel Gas Co. through an 8-inch pipe line to the main lines of the Columbia Gas & Electric System, which lines extend over and serve a large portion of Ohio as well as parts of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky and Indiana. During the 6 months period ended April 30 1927 there was delivered under this contract an average of more than 10,000,000 cu. ft. daily, representing the full capacity of the line. It is contemplated that the United Fuel Gas Co. will lay another pipe line to the Watocock field during 1927 so that a delivery of more than 20,000,000 cu. ft. daily will thereafter be possible.

All of the gas being produced by the corporation is sold under contract to the United Fuel Gas Co., Charleston-Dunbar Natural Gas Co. (both subsidiaries of Columbia Gas & Electric Corp.), Columbian Carbon Co. and the International Nickel Co.

The corporation and its subsidiary own or control, through lease or gas purchase contract, gas and oil rights in more than 50,000 acres of land in the gas-producing districts of Cabell, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Putnam and Wayne counties in the vicinity of Charleston and Huntington, W. Va. The corporation, including its subsidiary, has 77 wells with a total open flow capacity in excess of 50,000,000 cu. ft. per day. During the year ended Dec. 31 1926 there was delivered more than 4,000,000,000 cu. ft. of gas, and during the first 4 months of 1927 more than 1,660,000,000 cu. ft.

Security.—Secured by a first mortgage on all of its developed leases and fixed physical properties, subject only to its contracts for the sale of gas and to the usual farm mortgages. In addition thereto these bonds will be secured by pledge with the trustee of more than 95% of the outstanding stock of Monickel Gas Co. The properties of the corporation are estimated by independent engineers, after making allowance for the minority interest in the subsidiary company, to have a present value of \$5,137,000.

Capitalization —	Authorized.	Issued.
1st M. 6.50% sk. fd. gold bonds (this issue)	x	\$3,000,000
Cumul. 7% pref. stock (par \$100)	x	\$1,750,000
Common stock (no par value)	x	400,000 shs.

x Mortgage will provide that additional bonds may not be issued for capital expenditures on presently owned properties, but may be issued for the purpose of acquiring other gas properties. The issuance of such additional bonds shall be limited to 60% of the appraised value of the properties to be acquired, provided, however, that net earnings of such properties for a period of 12 consecutive calendar months within the 15 calendar months immediately preceding the issuance of the additional bonds, shall have been equal to at least 3 times the maximum annual interest requirements of the proposed additional issue, or that similar net earnings of the combined properties shall have been equal to at least 3 times the maximum annual interest requirements of all bonds outstanding together with those of the proposed additional issue.

a 45,000 shares reserved for stock purchase warrants (see below).	
Consolidated Earnings of the Properties for the Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.	
Gross revenue	\$644,860
Oper. exp., maint. & tax (incl. allowance for outstanding minority of Monickel Gas Co.)	214,863
Net earn. avail. for int., deprec., depl. & Fed. income taxes.	\$429,997
Maximum annual interest charges on this issue	\$193,863

Due to enlarged productive capacity, new pipe lines, new contracts for the sale of gas and increasing rates under present contracts, independent engineers have estimated that net earnings of the properties of the corporation for the year 1927, as above, should approximate \$550,000, and for 1928, \$800,000, or more than 4.1 times the maximum annual interest requirements of this issue.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Each \$1,000 bond will carry a warrant entitling the bondholder to purchase a unit of 15 shares of the common stock of the corporation at \$5 per share. Warrants may be exercised upon presentation, at the office of the trustee, of bonds with warrants attached, at any time on or before June 1 1937, unless all outstanding bonds of this issue shall have been previously called for redemption, in which case warrants may be exercised on or before the interest payment date next succeeding the publication of the redemption notice. Each \$500 bond will carry proportionate stock purchase privileges.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide for a sinking fund payable monthly to the trustee beginning Dec. 1 1927, and for additional annual payments out of income, as provided in the mortgage, calculated to retire the entire

issue prior to maturity. Corporation may deposit either cash or bonds at par, and the trustee will use the cash thus deposited for the purchase of bonds at not exceeding the then call price. In the event that bonds cannot be purchased at less than the call price, the trustee will call bonds by lot.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the corporation in part for the cost of the properties acquired and for other corporate purposes.—V. 124, p. 3632.

Western Power Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1926	1925.
Gross earnings	\$18,765,094	\$17,182,317
Operating expenses and taxes	8,123,312	7,303,060
Net from operation	\$10,641,783	\$9,879,257
Other income	265,088	354,411
Gross income	\$10,906,871	\$10,263,668
Deductions	7,399,959	7,232,804
Balance available for depreciation & dividends	\$3,506,912	\$3,030,864
Depreciation reserves	1,802,652	1,646,968
Net income	\$1,704,260	\$1,383,895
Preferred dividends	675,773	675,876
Balance, surplus	\$1,028,487	\$708,019

—V. 124, p. 2592.

Wisconsin Michigan Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—Offering is being made of a new issue of \$5,000,000 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds, 5% series, due 1957, by a group consisting of Harris, Forbes & Co., First Wisconsin Co. and Spencer Trask & Co. The bonds are priced at 99 and int., yielding 5.06%.

Dated June 15 1927; due June 15 1957. Interest payable J. & D. 15 in New York City. Redeemable on first day of any month as a whole or in part by lot on 30 days' notice through Nov. 1 1928 at 105 and interest, with the redemption price reduced 3/4 of 1% on Dec. 1 1928, and again at the expiration of each 18 months' period after Nov. 30 1928, to 100 1/4 on and after Dec. 1 1955 and prior to maturity. Company will agree to pay interest without deduction for any Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Bankers Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Data from Letter of S. B. Way, President of the Company.
Company.—Has acquired, or will presently acquire, the properties of a number of electric light and power companies in Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Its operations will then consist of an extensive electric light and power business in the rich Fox River Valley of Wisconsin, including the manufacturing cities of Appleton, Neenah, Menasha and surrounding territory, and in important mining and manufacturing regions in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan: the sale of electric power at wholesale for locally owned distribution systems in 12 cities and villages, and the furnishing of gas in, and electric railway service in and connecting, the cities of Appleton, Neenah and Menasha, Wis. The territory includes 76 cities, villages and unincorporated communities and has a population estimated at 150,000.

The electric properties will include 7 generating stations having a present installed capacity of 43,308 k.w., including 15,928 k.w. of hydro-electric capacity. The power generating and transmission systems owned and to be acquired are connected with the power generating and transmission systems owned and to be acquired are connected with the power generating and transmission systems of Wisconsin Gas & Electric Co. and the Milwaukee Electric Ry. & Light Co. by means of 132,000-volt steel tower transmission lines, providing for the economical exchange of power with Milwaukee Electric Ry. & Light Co., and making available an attractive market for the surplus hydro-electric energy generated in periods of high water in the northern territory.

Security.—Secured by a direct first mortgage lien upon all of the physical properties now owned, and will be further secured by a direct mortgage lien upon all of the physical properties to be acquired from Wisconsin Traction, Light, Heat & Power Co., subject only to \$3,000,000 underlying (closed mortgage) bonds which mature on July 1 1931. Mortgage will provide for the issuance of additional bonds upon certain conditions and will contain provisions permitting modifications with the assent of the holders of not less than 75% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding bonds.

Valuation.—The Wisconsin Railroad Commission's valuations as at Dec. 31 1926 of the physical properties owned and to be acquired, with net capital expenditures to May 31 1927, exceed \$16,300,000, or more than twice the principal amount of all mortgage bonds to be outstanding upon completion of this financing. On the same basis the valuation of the property on which the first and refunding mortgage will be a direct first mortgage lien is approximately \$7,000,000 or 1-2-5 times the principal amount of these bonds.

Earnings of Properties, Twelve Months Ended May 31 1927.

Gross earnings, including other income	\$3,132,408
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	1,672,017
Net earnings	\$1,460,391
Annual interest on \$8,000,000 mtge. bonds (incl. this issue)	437,500
Balance for other interest, depreciation, &c.	\$1,022,891

Of the net earnings as shown above for the 12 months ended May 31 1927, more than 90% was derived from electric power and light service.

Capitalization—

Authorized.	Outstanding.
Common stock	\$7,000,000
Preferred stock, 6% series (cumulative)	6,000,000
Serial gold notes, series A 8%, due 1928-31 (non-callable)	300,000
First & ref. mtge. gold bonds 5% series due 1957 (this issue)	x
Wisconsin Trac., Lt., H. & P. Co. 1st M. 5s, due '31 (Closed)	x
x Additional bonds may be issued only under the conservative restrictions of the mortgage, y of which \$1,500,000 carry an additional coupon of 2 1/2%.	\$5,225,000
	1,275,000
	200,000
	5,000,000
	\$3,000,000

Purpose.—Proceeds will be applied to the retirement of floating debt incurred in connection with the acquisition of the properties of Wisconsin Traction, Light, Heat & Power Co., the Iron Mountain Electric Light & Power Co., and of the other companies.

Control.—Company is under the control of the North American Co., through ownership of its entire outstanding common stock (except directors' shares) by North American Edison Co.

Wisconsin Trac., Lt., H. & P. Co.—Merger.—See Wisconsin Michigan Power, Co. above.—V. 123, p. 2903.

Worcester Electric Light Co.—Earnings. Cal. Yr. 1926.

Total operating receipts	\$3,200,556
Total operating expenses	1,608,081
Operating balance	1,592,475
Miscellaneous income	45,555
Total income	\$1,638,030
Depreciation	422,249
Taxes	406,165
Interest paid	4,747
Balance for the year	\$804,869
Dividends	1,104,000
Balance, deficit	\$299,131

—V. 124, p. 3633.

Worcester (Mass.) Gas Light Co.—To Retire Preferred.—The stockholders on June 21 authorized the retirement as of July 1 next of the \$350,000 8% pref. stock at 105 and divs. See also V. 124, p. 3071. The directorate of the company was increased from 8 to 15 by the election of J. I. Minge, H. C. Hobson, Warren Partridge, Daniel Starch, J. M. Daly, W. T. Edmonds, C. A. Dougherty and H. C. Fleck (all of New York), the last named filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Homer Gage.

Two Vice-Presidents were elected, viz.: De Witt Clinton (who will also continue as Treasurer) and Warren Partridge of New York. Paul Morgan will remain as President for the present.—V. 124, p. 3355.

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Refined Sugar Prices.—On June 20 Federal increased price 10 pts. to 6.20c. per lb. Arbutle, 10 pts. to 6.10 c. per lb. and McCahan, leaving 1st price unchanged at 6.20c. received orders at 6.10 c. per lb. On June 24, National increased price 10 pts. to 6.20c. American announced firm price at 6.20c. and Arbutle increased price 10 pts. to 6.20c. per lb. effective June 27. Revere Sugar Refinery and McCahan Sugar Refining Co. advanced price 10 pts. to 6.20c. per lb.

Cement Price Reduced in Boston, Mass.—Reduction of 15c. per barrel announced by Knickerbocker Portland Cement Co., subsidiary of International Cement Corp.—New York "Times" June 23 1927.

Brass Prices Reduced.—American Brass Co. reduced prices 3/4c. on red brass, commercial bronze, draw copper, commutation copper, string, and brush copper. Nickel silver, special reduction, all other products, including bars and insulated copper wire and cable, were reduced 3/4c. No change in brass and bronze scrap.—"Wall Street News" June 24, p. 1.

Boston Mfg. Co. Employees Strike.—100 weavers employed in mills in Waltham, Mass. strike against wage reduction from \$2 to \$1.60 per roll of cloth produced and in number of looms operated, from 10 to 6 per man. Company states changes are necessary because of reorganization of business.—New York "Times" June 23.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" June 18.—(a) Period of operation of \$40,000,000 rubber pool formed by American interests to stabilize rubber extended for eight months.—p. 3556. (b) London rubber slump—drop in price of crude due to uncertainty of restriction scheme.—p. 3556. (c) Edward M. Fuller and William F. McGee, confessed "bucketeers" begin prison sentences after four years.—p. 3570. (d) Closing of New York Stock Exchange incident to celebration in honor of Col. C. A. Lindbergh.—p. 3580.

Acme Packing Co.—To Dissolve.—

A special meeting of the stockholders was to be held at the offices of the company, 4201 S. Halsted St., Chicago, on June 24 to consider the financial condition of the company, the sale of its property and assets as authorized by the directors, the payment of the company's debts, the cessation of the company's activities and any and all other matters of business that may come before the meeting.—V. 113, p. 295.

(The) Adams (2 East 86th Street, Inc.), N. Y. City.—

Certificates Offered.—The Prudence Co., Inc., is offering \$1,250,000 5 1/2% guaranteed Prudence certificates.

The purchase of one of these certificates makes the holder the owner of a participation equal to the amount of his certificate in a first mortgage made by 2 East 86th Street, Inc., on the newly finished apartment hotel.

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The mortgage is a first lien on the land and 22-story fireproof apartment hotel known as the Adams, located on the south side of East 86th St., 100 feet east of 5th Avenue. The building is of fireproof brick steel and stone construction. It contains 190 apartments divided into 1, 2 and 3 room suites, containing serving pantries equipped with refrigeration from a central brine plant. The first-floor contains a spacious and well appointed lobby, main public dining room with accommodations for 300 guests, a private dining room and a physician's suite. The restaurant will be operated by the management, assuring the highest standard of service and satisfaction.

The gross annual rentals are estimated at over \$400,000.

Aeolian Company.—Earnings.—

Earnings in 1926 amounted to \$1,014,000.—V. 120, p. 89.

Ahumada Lead Co.—Omits Dividend.—

The directors on June 20 voted to omit the quarterly dividend due at this time on the outstanding capital stock. On April 4 last an extra dividend of 5 cents a share and the regular quarterly dividend of 7 1/2c. a share were paid (See also V. 124, p. 1669.)

The company stated: "The directors have decided to pass the July dividend because of the low price of lead and because of the necessity of additions to the power plant and pumping equipment needed to develop the lower levels of the mine, which are below water, and from which the future production of the Lone Ore Manta is to be expected."—V. 124, p. 3071.

All-American Radio Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Results for 15 Months Ended March 31 1927.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Gross sales, Returns, allowances and discounts, Cost of sales, Shipping & selling expenses, General & administrative expenses, Net loss from operations, and Other income.

Net loss before interest & special charges \$202,484 Interest & special charges 58,666

Net loss for period \$261,150 Class A dividends paid 24,950

Total loss for period \$286,100 —V. 122, p. 2195.

Almar Stores Co., Philadelphia.—Notes Sold.—

The company has sold all of its \$300,000 3-year 6% convertible gold notes and the 20,000 shares of common stock.—V. 124, p. 3633.

American Bosch Magneto Corp.—Agreement Closed with Radio Corporation of America.—

The corporation has closed an agreement with the Radio Corp. of America for patent rights and manufacture of radio equipment, including radio sets, parts and accessories. The company has also secured licenses for all inventions of the Radio frequency Laboratories and the Lektophone Corp., including loud speakers, circuit apparatus, &c.—("Iron Age" June 16).—V. 124, p. 3633.

American Glanzstoff Corporation.—Registrar.—

The Fidelity Trust Co. has been appointed registrar of 70,000 shares of preferred and 300,000 shares of no par common stock.—V. 124, p. 3212.

American Piano Co.—Earnings.—

Quarters Ended March 31— 1927. 1926. 1925. Net sales \$2,569,270 \$2,984,887 \$3,525,873 Expenses, depreciation and Fed. tax 2,451,922 2,482,851 3,227,663

Net income \$117,348 \$502,036 \$298,210 Preferred dividends 105,000 104,347 105,000 Common dividends 110,272 86,148 86,772

Surplus def\$97,924 \$311,541 \$106,438 Net income for the first quarter of 1927 is equivalent after preferred dividends to 28 cents a share on 44,108 shares (par \$100) of common stock outstanding, against \$9.16 a share on 43,412 shares outstanding in the corresponding period of 1926.—V. 124, p. 3499.

American Pneumatic Service Co.—Quarterly Dividends.—

The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 87 1/2 cents a share on the 1st preferred stock and the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents a share on second preferred stock, both payable June 30 to holders of record June 27. Previous dividends on the preferred stock were on a semi-annual basis.—V. 124, p. 2431.

American Screw Co.—Decreases Quarterly Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1%, payable July 1 to holders of record June 21. The previous quarterly rate was 1 1/4%, and in addition the company in January 1924, 1925 and 1926 paid an extra dividend of 1%.—V. 123, p. 3323.

American Safety Razor Corp.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after July 1 of certificates for 2,040 additional shares of capital stock (no par value) on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making the total amount applied for to date 206,060 shares.

Consolidated Income Account 3 Months Ended Mar. 31 1927.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Total revenue from operation, Cost of operation, Operating income, Other income, Total income, Depreciation, Federal income taxes, Net income, Cash dividends, Stock dividends, and Earnings per share.

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Table with 4 columns: Assets, Liabilities, and Total, with sub-columns for Mar. 31 '27 and Dec. 31 '26. Rows include Cash, U. S. Liberty bds., Marketable securities, Notes & acct's rec., Sundry acct's rec., Inventories, Adv. & oth. suppl., Due from affil. cos., Investments, Fixed assets, Deferred charges, Good-will, patents & trade-marks, Total, and Total.

A authorized under the laws of the State of Virginia, 250,000 shares without nominal or par value, of which 204,050 shares have been issued as fully-paid and non-assessable.—V. 124, p. 3212.

American Type Foundry Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 30,000 additional shares of common stock (par \$100) on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 90,000 shares of common stock (see V. 124, p. 2911).

Comparative Income Account.

Table with 4 columns: Description, Year Ended Aug. 31 '26, Year Ended Feb. 28 '27, and Year Ended 6 Mos. Aug. 31 '26, Feb. 28 '27, and Feb. 28 '27. Rows include Net sales, Cost of goods sold, Interest, Selling & administration expense, Net income, Other income, Total income, Reserve for depreciation, Federal income taxes, Net profit, Previous surplus, Total, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, and Surplus, end of period.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Table with 4 columns: Assets, Liabilities, and Total, with sub-columns for Aug. 31 '26, Feb. 28 '27, and Feb. 28 '27. Rows include Cash, Cash with trustee, Acc'ts. receivable, Notes rec. & int., Merchandise & raw material, Miscell. assets & deferred charges, Stocks & bonds, Plant, Total, Accounts payable, Notes payable, Reserve for taxes, Slnk. fd. 6% debts, Div. scrip outst'g., Preferred stock, Common stock, and Surplus, earned.

—V. 124, p. 2911, 2593.

American Vitrified Products Co.—Smaller Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, payable July 15 to holders of record July 5. In the previous quarter a dividend of 75 cents per share was paid, compared with a dividend of \$1 per share six months ago.

The directors have also declared a further dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, payable Oct. 15 1927 to holders of record Oct. 5, and the usual quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the pref. stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 20.—V. 124, p. 1983.

American Writing Paper Co., Inc.—Definitive Bonds.—

President S. L. Willson has announced that definitive 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds are now ready for delivery at the Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, N. Y. City, in exchange for the outstanding temporary bonds.—V. 124, p. 2593.

Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Period Ended May 31—, 1927., 1926., 1927., and 1926. Rows include Net profit after depreciation and income taxes, and Earnings per share on common.

—V. 124, p. 1983.

Arizona Copper Co., Ltd.—Holdings for Sale.—

The 50,000 shares of Phelps Dodge Corp. stock held by the company are for sale en bloc, according to the Boston "News Bureau," which adds: Our London correspondent advises that at the meeting of Arizona Copper at Edinburgh the other day the Chairman mentioned negotiations for the purchase of the Phelps Dodge holdings, but said the price offered was lower than shareholders would be advised to accept. As soon as the shares can be sold at a satisfactory price, Arizona Copper will liquidate.

Excess profits and income taxes, assessed both in the United States and in Great Britain, are said to have driven Arizona Copper Co. out of business. All of the assets, except the Edinburgh office and certain claims for tax refunds, were sold to Phelps Dodge in 1921. The purchaser, in addition to 50,000 shares of its own stock, agreed to pay certain dividends on Arizona's "A" preference and preference shares and to retire these issues, which has been done.

Arizona Copper Co. now has 1,519,896 ordinary shares outstanding. At 10s. the present price, their total market value is \$3,693,347, equivalent to about \$74 each for the 50,000 Phelps Dodge shares, which are practically the only asset held by the Arizona Copper Co. It has been decided to continue the company's existence until a much better price can be obtained.—V. 124, p. 3356.

Atlas Plywood Corp.—Off List.—

The capital stock has been stricken from the Boston Stock Exchange list, the company having discontinued its Boston transfer agent and registrar.—V. 123, p. 1636.

Auburn (Ind.) Automobile Co.—Stock Increased.—

The stockholders on June 22 increased the authorized capital stock from 120,000 shares, par \$25, to 500,000 shares, no par value.

No action was taken as to the disposition of the new shares, but it is expected that the directors at a meeting to be held July 12 will make recommendations for the disposition of the new stock.

Commenting upon the increased capital stock, Pres. E. L. Cord issued the following statement:

"To expedite the handling of corporate matters in the future, we have increased our authorized capitalization from 120,000 of common stock of \$25 par value to 500,000 shares of no par value.

"Our business for the first six months—both car sales and net profit—practically equalled last year's entire total and during this period our surplus has increased approximately \$1,000,000.

Based on continually increased dealer and public acceptance of the Auburn car, our sales department anticipates a substantial increase for the last half of this year. To keep pace with the increased demand of Auburn's products, we are now in the process of equipping our Connorsville, Ind., plant which will materially add to our production capacity by Jan. 1. "Most of the outstanding successes in the motor industry as well as other industries, have been built up by plowing back earnings into the business. With Auburn's greatest period of growth ahead, it will continue to be the policy of the management of the company to plow back a considerable portion of its earnings into the company, as it has done in the past three years."

Results for Six Months Ended May 31 1927.

Financial summary table for six months ended May 31 1927, including Gross profit, Operating expenses, Net operating income, Total income, Deductions, Taxes, Net profit, Dividends, Surplus, and Shares of capital stock.

Balance Sheet May 31 1927.

Balance sheet table for May 31 1927, showing Assets (Land, bldgs. & equip., Cash, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, 3-year 6% notes, etc.).

Total (each side) \$7,691,927. After deducting \$28,575 reserve for notes and accounts receivable and \$176,436 reserves for depreciation.

Austin, Nichols & Co. (Inc.), New York.

Harry K. Gorwig, Sec. & Comp., has tendered his resignation, effective June 18. Mr. Gorwig also resigned as Treasurer of the Fame Canning Co., the principal subsidiary of Austin, Nichols & Co., Inc.

Batavian Petroleum Co.—Definitive Debentures Ready.

Dillon, Read & Co. announce that interim receipts for 15-year 4 1/2% guaranteed debentures will be exchangeable for definitive debentures at the American Exchange Irving Trust Co., 60 Broadway, N. Y. City.

Borg & Beck Co.—Earnings.

Table showing 5 months ended May 31 earnings for Borg & Beck Co., including Net income after taxes, Shares of capital stock, and Earnings per share.

Bridgeport Machine Co.—Report.

Table showing Calendar Years (1926, 1925, 1924) for Bridgeport Machine Co., including Net sales and rentals, Cost of sales, and Surplus.

Balance Sheet December 31.

Balance sheet table for December 31, 1926 and 1925, showing Assets and Liabilities.

Brush-Moore Newspapers, Inc.—Notes Offered.

Offering was made yesterday of a new issue of \$1,650,000 10-year collateral trust 6 1/2% sinking fund gold notes at 99 1/2 and int. by Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Inc., R. V. Mitchell & Co. and Otis & Co.

Dated July 1 1927; due July 1 1937. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Int. payable J. & J. without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Company agrees to refund Penn., Conn. and Calif. personal property taxes not in excess of 4 mills per annum; Maryland personal property tax not in excess of 4 1/2 mills per annum; Kentucky tax not to exceed mills per annum and the Mass. income tax up to 6% of the interest. Principal and interest payable at Bank of the Manhattan Co., New York, trustee, or at Central National Bank, Cleveland, Ohio.

Data from Letter of Louis H. Brush, President of the Company. Company has been organized in Ohio and will acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of stock (except directors' qualifying shares) of the following companies: Repository Printing Co., owning and publishing the "Evening and Sunday Repository," Canton, O.; Harding Publishing Co., owning and publishing the "Star," Marion, O.; Salem Publishing Co., owning and publishing the Salem "News," Salem, O.; East Liverpool Publishing Co., owning and publishing East Liverpool "Review-Tribune," East Liverpool, O.; and Herald Printing Co., owning and publishing Steubenville "Herald-Star," Steubenville, O.

These newspapers are all located in Ohio cities and are the most important and oldest in their respective localities, having been founded from 48 to 121 years ago. They are the only dailies (the "Repository" also publishes a Sunday edition) published in their respective cities with the exception of Canton, where the "Repository" is the leading publication both as to circulation and advertising.

The combined daily circulation of the 5 newspapers has grown from 29,881 in 1910 to 86,961 on May 1 1927. In the same period of time the Sunday "Repository" has grown in circulation from 11,000 to 33,000. The growth in circulation has been a steady one and in no one year has it failed to show a substantial increase.

Capital Stock (Proposed to be Issued).

Table showing Capital Stock details: 7% Cumulative preferred stock \$1,400,000; Common (no par value), 50,000 shs., represented by stated capital and surplus of 765,598.

Table showing Net Earns, Depreciation, and Net Inc. for years 1923, 1924, 1925, and 1926.

After depreciation and before interest and Federal income taxes, for the 4 years ended Dec. 31 1926 the average annual net earnings before interest, depreciation and Federal income taxes, were 3.2 times the maximum annual interest charges on these notes and for the year ended Dec. 31 1926, were 4.4 times, and after deducting depreciation 2.8 times and 3.8 times, respectively.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture will provide for semi-annual payments to the sinking fund, commencing May 1 1929, calculated to retire over two-thirds of this issue by maturity.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company for the cost of the acquisition of the Repository Printing Co. (the "Repository"), for the retirement of outstanding preferred stock of the subsidiaries, for plant improvements and other corporate purposes.

Management.—The principal owners of these papers are Louis H. Brush, Salem, O., and Roy D. Moore, of Marion, O. Louis H. Brush is President, Roy D. Moore is General Manager, and William H. Vodrey is Sec.-Treas. and Gen. Counsel of the company and of each of its subsidiary companies.

Butler Mill, New Bedford.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table showing Butler Mill Balance Sheet for Dec 31, 1926 and 1925, including Assets and Liabilities.

Total \$4,907,516 \$5,113,654. Total \$4,907,516 \$5,113,654.

(A. M.) Byers Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 40,000 additional shares of common stock without par value on official notice of issue and payment in full, making the total amount of common stock applied for 200,000 shares (total authorized issue).

Income Account 6 Months Ended March 31 1927.

Income account table for 6 months ended March 31 1927, including Net sales, Gross manufacturing profit, and Total income.

Table showing Administrative, general & selling expenses, Depreciation, and Federal income taxes.

Net profit \$673,472. Previous surplus \$2,814,355.

Table showing Total adjustment due to bond discount & exp. & other charges, and Dividends on preferred stock.

Balance, surplus \$2,897,224.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet (Incl. Subs.).

Large comparative balance sheet table for Sept. 30 '26 and Mar. 31 '27, covering Assets and Liabilities.

Total \$15,859,387 14,555,228. Total \$15,859,387 14,555,228.

Including surplus arising from the revaluation of properties. b 151,583 shares of no par value.—V. 124, p. 3635.

California Petroleum Corp.—Definitive Debentures Ready.

The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. is prepared to exchange at its trust department, 149 Broadway, N. Y. City, definitive 12-year convertible 5% sinking fund gold debentures, due Feb. 1 1939, for outstanding temporary debentures. (For offering see V. 124, p. 511.)—V. 124, p. 3073.

Canadian Cannerns, Ltd.—1 1/4% Preferred Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of 1 1/4% on the 7% cumu. pref. stock, payable July 2 to holders of record June 25. Quarterly dividends at the rate of 4% per annum (1% quarterly) were paid from Jan. 1926 to April 1927, incl. An initial dividend of 2 1/4% was paid July 1 1925.—V. 124, p. 3356.

Canada Dry Ginger Ale, Inc.—Stock Placed on Regular \$3 Annual Dividend Basis.

The directors on June 20 declared a quarterly dividend of 75c. a share on the capital stock, no par value, payable July 15 to holders of record July 1. Three months ago the company paid a quarterly dividend of 50c. a share and an extra dividend of 25c. a share, while from April 1926 to January 1927 incl., regular cash dividends of 50c. a share and stock dividends of 1 1/4% were paid quarterly.

Earnings—Growth of Company.—In the first four months of the current year net income after interest, depreciation, Federal taxes and all other charges, amounted to approximately \$728,000, as compared with about \$454,000 in the corresponding period of 1926. Net for the period was equal to approximately \$1.61 a share on the capital stock, as compared with \$1 a share in the same period last year.

needs of the steadily increasing number of stores. The buildings and switch-track provided for by this financing will afford much needed facilities for further development, not only with respect to warehouse and refrigerating space, but for the production of bakery goods and the preparation of coffee, two very profitable branches of the business. With adequate operating facilities there is every reason to expect a continuation of the sound progress of the past 10 years.

Assets.—These notes are secured by a deposit with the trustees of mortgage notes secured by the equities in all of the lands, buildings and major fixed equipment owned by the company, including the new warehouse and the land on which it is to be erected. Company's assets, as at April 30 1927, and after applying the proceeds of the present financing, were as follows:

Warehouse and equipment (net).....	\$1,558,762
Land, buildings and fixed equipment, plus estimated cost of new warehouse and equipment (net).....	1,139,682
Net quick assets.....	1,933
Other assets.....	1,933

Total net tangible assets.....\$2,700,378
 Net quick assets are therefore equivalent to \$1,139.68 for each \$1,000 note and total net tangible assets are equivalent to \$2,700.38 for each \$1,000 note.

Earnings.—Since incorporation in 1917 the company has never failed to show a profit and in each succeeding year the profit has been larger than that of the preceding year. During the same period gross sales have increased from \$606,404 in 1917, to \$13,066,389 in 1926. Average net earnings after all charges, including depreciation, but before Federal income tax, for the 5 years ended Dec. 31 1926 were \$224,074 or over 3.7 times maximum annual interest charges on this issue of notes. Net earnings for the year 1926, similarly stated, were \$359,868, or approximately 6 times such interest charges; and for the 4 months ended April 30 1927, were \$160,150 or at the rate of 8 times such charges.

Purpose.—These notes are being issued to provide funds for the acquisition of land, for the completion and equipment of a new warehouse and bakery, for the construction of switch-tracks and for other corporate purposes.

Capitalization.	Authorized.	Issued.
6% serial convertible gold notes (this issue).....	\$1,250,000	\$1,000,000
*Cumulative 7% preferred stock (par 100).....	1,750,000	305,500
Common stock.....	1,000,000	582,150

* The trust indenture provides for appropriate reservation of stock for conversion privileges.

Continental Motors Corp.—Tenders.—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., sinking fund agent, will until July 1 receive tenders for the sale to the sinking fund of a sufficient amount of 1st mtge. sinking fund 6½% gold bonds, due Mar. 1 1939, at not exceeding 102¾ and int., to exhaust \$344,500.—V. 124, p. 3636.

Corn Products Refining Co.—Extra Dividend of 1%.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. a share (1%) on the common stock in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 50c. a share, both payable July 20 to holders of record July 2. Six months ago an extra of 75c. a share was declared on the common stock (V 123, p. 3325).—V. 124, p. 2434.

Crown Cork & Seal Co.—Proposed Sale.—The stockholders will vote June 27 on approving an agreement for the sale of the property and assets of the company to a purchasing company (the New York Improved Patents Corp., a New York corporation) which proposes to merge it with the New Process Cork Co.

The agreement provides for the transfer of all the assets and liabilities of the Crown company for which the latter will be paid sufficient money to pay off its \$3,500,000 bonds and distribute to holders of its 9,500 shares of stock \$277 a share in liquidation.

Gerson W. Bering, chairman of the Crown company, says: "The consummation of the sale would make possible the immediate distribution by the company to its stockholders of \$277 a share in liquidation. This amount is believed undoubtedly to be greater than has been paid for any stock of the company in several years. With mortgage restrictions as they are, it does not seem probable that the company itself would be able to pay dividends for some time."

The purchasing company gives Crown stockholders the option, prior to the meeting, to take the cash offer or subscribe to 7¾ shares of preferred stock and 2-10 shares of common stock of the new company for each share of Crown stock. The new company is to have 145,500 shares of no par preferred stock with cumulative dividends up to \$2.70 annually, 275,000 shares of no par common and \$5,500,000 of 20-year 6% 1st mtge. bonds.

Some directors are reported opposed to the plan and one member, Grafflin Cook, has resigned. D. M. Liddell, who resigned as President June 1, also has resigned as a director but will continue as consulting engineer. J. G. Moses has also resigned from the board.

The new corporation also intends to acquire a 25% interest in a successful cork importing business, the name of which has not been disclosed.

Walter W. Abell, Secretary of the company, has begun a fight to prevent the sale of the assets and property of the corporation to the New York Improved Patents Corp. Mr. Abell has sent to all stockholders a request for proxies in his name and in the names of Edwin F. A. Morgan and Frederick W. Brune, to be voted against the proposal. In his letter Mr. Abell says: "Is opposition is based partly on the price of \$277 a share, which he says does not represent the value of the stock either in net tangible assets or in earnings, and partly on the fact that "the New Process Cork Co. stockholders will receive 248,400 shares, or more than nine times as much common stock as the Crown Cork & Seal Co. stockholders will receive."—V. 124, p. 3074.

Cuneo Press, Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings. Cal. Year 1926.

Gross profit on sales.....	\$1,624,559
Selling, shipping and delivery.....	463,937
General and administrative.....	279,269
Net profit from operations.....	\$881,354
Income from int. and Cuneo Bldg. rentals.....	77,842
Total.....	\$959,196
Interest.....	39,352
Moving expense.....	27,444
Provision for Federal income taxes.....	124,000
Net profits.....	\$768,460
Dividends on class A stock.....	147,800
Balance, surplus.....	\$620,660
Earnings per share on 100,000 shares of no par common.....	\$6.20

A net profit is after deducting depreciation of \$221,073, based on cost. In addition, depreciation of \$102,603, to provide for exhaustion of value in excess of cost, was charged directly to surplus.—V. 123, p. 2524.

Dictograph Products Corp.—Earnings. Cal. Yr. 1926.

Total sales.....	\$1,666,971
Manufacturing cost.....	822,763
Selling expenses.....	662,555
Administrative expenses.....	104,480
Discounts, &c.....	9,893
Net operating profit.....	\$67,280
Other income.....	31,073
Total profit.....	\$98,353
Amortization of patents, &c.....	44,499
Reserve for income tax.....	7,967
Net profit.....	\$45,887
Preferred dividends paid.....	40,000
Balance, surplus.....	\$5,887
Shares of common outstanding (par \$10).....	100,000
Earnings per share on common.....	\$0.06

—V. 119, p. 2886.

Davega, Inc., New York.—Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share, both payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15. An extra distribution of 25 cents per share was also made on Feb. 1 last.

Earnings Year Ended Feb. 28.—
 (Including Knickerbocker Talking Machine Co., Inc. from June 1 1926.)

Net sales.....	1927.	1926.	1925.
.....	\$3,105,811	\$2,426,017	\$2,374,500
Net income.....	376,243	204,215	91,784
Provision for Federal income tax.....	50,793	27,569	12,391
Net income.....	\$325,451	\$176,656	\$79,393
Earnings per sh. on shs. outst. at end of yr.	\$5.01	\$3.32	\$1.49

During the year ending Feb. 28 1927 dividends amounting to \$81,250 were paid.—V. 124, p. 3501.

Discount Corporation of California.—Annual Statement.
 President Howard J. Schoder says: "The company for the year ended Dec. 31 1926 reports gross income of \$322,619, an increase of \$123,354 over the previous year. Net income for the year, after providing for Federal taxes and all reserves, amounted to \$175,800. After providing for \$8 per share on all of the preferred stock outstanding during the year, this earnings was in excess of \$5.37 per share on the common stock. After the payment of the preferred and common dividends and after writing off a portion of stock sales expense, the surplus account increased \$56,261 during the year. George Powell, Vice-Pres. & Gen. Mgr., reports gross earnings for the first three months of 1927 of \$117,711 as against \$59,615 last year. Profit from operations for the first three months was \$99,612, as compared to \$44,529 last year. This is a gain of over 100%. After paying preferred and common dividends, the company has put \$54,000 back in the business and added \$13,565 to reserves. The present rate of earnings is better than \$12 a year on the common, as against \$5.37 in 1926. The preferred stocks of this company were underwritten by Stevens, Page & Sterling, and Drake, Riley & Thomas.—V. 122, p. 2336.

Doehler Die Casting Co.—Initial Preferred Dividend.—The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 87½ cents a share on the new 50% paid \$7 no par preference stock, and the regular quarterly of 1¼% on the preferred stock, both payable July 1 to holders of record June 20.—V. 124, p. 3074.

Dolese & Shepard Co., Chicago.—Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 a share in addition to the usual quarterly disbursement of \$1.50 a share, both payable July 1 to holders of record June 20.—V. 124, p. 3215.

Dominion Glass Co., Ltd.—Shipments, &c.—The following statement has been issued by the directors of the company: "The value of the shipments for the 8 months to May 31 exceeds that of the corresponding period of last year by 6¾%. There has also been a moderate increase in the net earnings. The stock of manufactured ware is in excess of that on hand at this time last year. The available equipment is operating without pressure and at about 80% of its normal capacity. There has been no abnormal demand for bottles and no shortage. No doubts are felt about the ability to handle all business offering."—V. 123, p. 3325.

Dominion Iron & Steel Co., Ltd.—Interest.—By order of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, 3 coupons from the 5% 1st mtge. gold bonds, viz., the coupons due respectively July 1 1926, Jan. 1 1927 and July 1 1927, being numbers 54, 55 and 56, will be paid on and after July 2 1927 on presentation thereof at the office of the Bank of Montreal, in the City of Montreal. Bondholders may, if they wish, present their coupons through their own banks.—V. 123, p. 2525.

Dominion Stores, Limited.—Listed.—There will be added to the Boston Stock Exchange list, on notice of issuance and payment 7,500 additional shares (without par value) common stock, the same having been offered to stockholders for subscription at \$40 per share.—V. 124, p. 3636.

Driver-Harris Co., Harrison, N. J.—Bonds Offered.—Hambleton & Co. and John Nickerson & Co. are offering at 98 and interest, to yield 6.20%, \$1,300,000 first mortgage sinking fund 15-year 6% gold bonds.

Dated as of June 1 1927; due June 1 1942. Interest payable J & D, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2% Deem. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Redeemable, all or part by lot, on any interest date, on 30 days' notice, at 105 and interest on or before June 1 1932, with successive reductions in the redemption price of ½ of 1% during each 12 months period thereafter until maturity. Interest payable at Fidelity Union Trust Co., Newark, N. J., trustee, and at principal office of National Park Bank, New York. Company will agree, as to be provided in the mortgage, to refund to holders of these bonds, upon proper request, California, Pennsylvania and Connecticut personal property taxes not exceeding 4 mills per annum each, Maryland personal property tax not exceeding 4½ mills per annum, District of Columbia and Colorado personal property taxes not exceeding 5 mills per annum each, and Massachusetts income tax not exceeding 6% per annum on the interest.

Data from Letter of Frank L. Driver, Jr., President of the Company.
 Company.—Organized in New Jersey in 1899. Is the largest manufacturer of nickel-chrome alloyed wire and castings and one of the leading manufacturers of other special metal alloys and pure metals for electrical, mechanical and chemical uses. Company's well-known "Nichrome" wire and castings are used in electric ovens and furnaces where high degrees of heat demand great resistance. In 1925 the company acquired the business and property of Electrical Alloy Co. of Morristown, N. J., which is now operated as a division. Company, with its subsidiaries in England, France and Italy, does an international business. Its products are used by numerous manufacturers, including General Electric Co., Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co., Ford Motor Co., Dodge Brothers, Inc., and some of the principal electrical and chemical companies of Europe.

Company's principal plant, consisting of 17 buildings, is situated at Harrison, N. J., on the main line of the Pennsylvania RR. The floor space, comprises nearly 500,000 sq. ft. Company also owns three buildings, with about 30,000 sq. ft. of floor space at Morristown, N. J.

Security.—Secured by a first lien on substantially all of the lands, buildings, fixed machinery, equipment and other fixed assets, directly owned by company, which have been appraised by Standard Appraisal Co., as of Feb. 18 1927, as having a dound depreciated value of \$3,236,833. Based on such appraisal, the net tangible assets of the company before deducting these bonds, as of Dec. 31 1926, after giving effect to this financing, exclusive of investments in, and advances to, foreign subsidiaries, were in excess of \$4,700,000, or over \$3,600 for each \$1,000 bond. Net current assets as of Dec. 31 1926 were similarly certified to be over \$1,487,000, or in excess of \$1,140 for each \$1,000 bond.

Company will covenant in the mortgage that no cash dividends will be declared or paid upon its common stock if, after such declaration or payment, net current assets (as to be defined) would be less than the principal amount of bonds at the time outstanding under the mortgage. Not exceeding \$700,000 additional bonds may be issued subject to the restrictions of the mortgage.

Earnings.—Including results of operations of Electrical Alloy Co., the assets of which were acquired in 1925, the net sales of the company, and income available for bond interest, after depreciation but before Federal taxes, for the four years ended Dec. 31 1926, were as follows:

	Depreciation Inc. Avail. for Times		
Year	Net Sales.	Charges.	Bond Int. Int. Earn
1926.....	\$5,233,514	\$180,639	\$494,679 6.34
1925.....	4,661,207	199,741	401,200 5.14
1924.....	3,953,288	189,491	315,522 4.04
1923.....	5,089,063	175,922	288,695 3.70

Sinking Fund.—Provision is to be made for an annual fixed sinking fund of 4% of the greatest principal amount of bonds theretofore outstanding, payable semi-annually (J. & D.) commencing Dec. 1 1927; and, in addition thereto, on June 1 of each year, after 1927, a sinking fund of 10% of the net earnings (as to be defined) of the company for the preceding fiscal (calendar) year remaining after deducting Federal income taxes, preferred stock dividends and the fixed sinking fund. Sinking fund payments may be made in cash or in bonds to be taken at cost to the company or at the then applicable redemption price, whichever shall be lower.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to purchase or retire the outstanding first mortgage 8% bonds to provide additional working capital and for other corporate purposes.

The minority stockholders have approved the offer of 2 1/4 shares of General Motors stock for each share of Fisher Body Ohio stock held. As a result the entire control of the Ohio company will pass July 1 to General Motors Corp. [The item appearing under the heading "Fisher Body Corp." in V. 124, p. 3638, refers to the aforesaid offer.—V. 123, p. 1512.]

Flour Mills of America, Inc.—Declares an Additional \$1 Dividend on \$8 Cumul. Preferred Stock, Series A.—

While the final figures of the Co. for the fiscal year ended May 31, 1927 are not yet available, it is announced that the earnings are such that the directors have declared an additional dividend of \$1 per share on the \$8 Cumulative preferred stock, series A, payable July 15 to holders of record July 2. This class of stock is entitled to an additional cumulative dividend of \$1 per share whenever the net earnings of any fiscal year, after all charges and after deduction of the \$8 cumulative dividends, amount to or exceed \$225,000, or \$2 per share whenever such net earnings amount to or exceed \$300,000.—V. 123, p. 212, 462.

Gardner Motor Co. of St. Louis.—May Earnings.—

An authoritative statement says: The company shows an increase of 88% in actual retail sales from Jan. 1 to May 31, according to figures just released by its President. Net factory earnings for May totaled \$88,000, or about 45c. a share on the outstanding stock. More Gardner Eights-in-Line were built and shipped last month than any previous one.

Calls for cars from new and old dealers are pouring into the factory so fast that June sales and productions are expected to reach a new high mark. Net factory earnings for June, according to official predictions, will run over \$1 a share on all outstanding stock.—V. 124, p. 2598.

General Cigar Co., Inc.—Operates Less Plants.—

The company has been able to reduce the number of its plants from 72 in 1923 to 25 at the present time through the installation of cigar-making machines. Adolph Lewisohn & Sons state in an analysis of that company just completed. Not only has this concentration of facilities resulted in permanent economies in manufacture and operation, the analysis says, but the company has been freed from its dependence on the fluctuating supply of skilled labor. At the same time it has been able to substantially increase its volume of output.

To-day, it adds, a cigar machine, operated by four unskilled attendants, has a capacity of 3,750 cigars a day, which is equal to the output previously of 12 skilled cigar makers.—V. 124, p. 2756.

General Motors Corp.—Offer Accepted by Fisher Body Ohio Co. Minority Stockholders.—

See that company above.—V. 124, p. 3638.

General Motors Acceptance Corp.—To Increase Stock.—

The General Motors Acceptance Corp. has applied to the Superintendent of Bank of the State of New York to increase its capital stock from \$25,000,000 to \$35,000,000, par \$100, through the sale of 100,000 additional shares of stock to the General Motors Corp. at \$125 a share. Upon completion of this financing the total capital, surplus and undivided profits of the Acceptance Corp. will be in excess of \$50,000,000. The General Motors Corp. owns all the outstanding capital stock of the Acceptance Corp.—V. 124, p. 3217.

General Railway Signal Co.—Receives New Orders.—

The company reports the receipt of the following orders:
1. From the Missouri Pacific RR. calling for block signalling equipment between the following points: Briart to Ball Knob, Ball Knob to Little Rock, Little Rock to Benton, and Clear Lake Junction to Texarkana, a total of more than 200 miles. This contract involves the installation of a 3-signal system of the latest type, together with the erection of a pole line over the entire stretch. This contract is in line with the Missouri Pacific policy of signalling their lines, having the heaviest traffic. It is the third important contract that the General Railway Signal Co. has received from the Missouri Pacific.

2. From the Erie RR. for all the train control equipment required for their second division, ordered by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The order involves some 40 locomotives and 215 track inductors.

3. From the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Co. for the installation of an important all-electric interlocking plant at Coney Island, N. Y.

4. From the City of Rochester, N. Y., for the complete signaling and interlocking of the new subway. This subway is located in the old Erie Canal bed in the City of Rochester. Signaling is of the latest type and the arrangement will be made to handle trains with the greatest expedition.

5. From the Canadian Pacific for the installation of color light signals. This installation is the first one of this type on the Canadian Pacific, and utilizes the newly developed light signal on which the General Railway Signal Co.'s engineers have been working for some time.

6. From the American Locomotive Co. for 54 intermittent inductive auto-manual train-control equipments to be applied to locomotives being built for the New York Central Lines.

7. From the New York Central Lines East for one electric interlocking machine with 37 working levers for installation at Depew, N. Y.

8. The company has also received contracts for the installation of car retarders at the New York Central Sellirk Yard near Albany, N. Y. and the Boston & Maine yard at Mechanicsville. The Sellirk installation is the largest installation in the East, and evidences the New York Central's belief in the operating economies to be secured through the installation of car retarders. The Mechanicsville installation is interesting in that it indicates that it is possible for small yards to benefit by car retarders, it having been previously thought that only yards with a tremendous volume of business would warrant the installation of these retarders.—V. 124, p. 2599.

General Refractories Co.—Estimated Earnings.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 75c. per share on the outstanding 224,349 shares of stock, payable July 15 to holders of record July 7, out of earnings for the quarter ending June 30, 1927.

In his report to the directors, Wm. C. Sproul, Chairman, stated that the earnings for the second quarter will be approximately \$466,000, or \$2.07 per share, as compared with \$290,000, or \$1.30 per share, for the same quarter of last year. These earnings do not reflect the returns from some new lines of activity in which the company has lately engaged.

Shipments during the quarter were reported to be in excess of those for the corresponding quarter of last year, and the increase in volume of special products has materially increased the company's margin of profit on shipments. Bookings are also reported as being satisfactory and unfilled orders carried over will in themselves be sufficient to continue the present profitable business for some time.

Approximately \$300,000 of earnings—in excess of the dividend declared—were transferred to earned surplus to be used for the further strengthening of the company's financial position and extension of its business.—V. 124, p. 2756.

General Tire & Rubber Co.—Expansion.—

Two more wings will be added to the factory of the company at once, according to an announcement this week. Both buildings will be three stories high and will be the largest addition ever made to the factory at one time. The wings will provide over 100,000 ft. of extra floor space and will permit the manufacture of 3,000 more tires daily, besides taking care of other factory needs and readjustments.

"This is by far the greatest sales year we have ever had," says President Wm. O'Neill, in discussing the present enlargement of the factory. "When we added three substantial wings about two years ago we thought we were taking care of future requirements for a long time. But with the growth of the business we find ourselves as cramped for room as ever. So the wings for which plans are complete are imperative now, and others will probably come a little later."

"Our percentage of gain for 1927 sounds very flattering by itself, but we believe it is fairer to omit figures until the whole year is completed, when, according to all indications now, we will have something surprising to announce."—V. 124, p. 931.

Gilliland Oil Co.—Annual Report.—

Year Ended Oct. 31—	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.
Operating revenue	\$2,697,276	\$2,794,310	\$2,847,416
Non-operating revenue	23,977	12,787	34,695
Adjustment crude oil inventory	\$2,721,253	\$2,807,096	\$2,882,111
Direct profit and loss	3,488	11,851	41,771
Operating expense	1,711,192	21,683	
Operating expense	1,771,434	1,731,014	1,567,872
Net profit (before depr. & deple.)	\$915,220	\$1,109,637	\$1,272,468

Comparative Balance Sheet Oct. 31.

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Leas holds, equip- ment, &c.	\$7,653,232	\$8,202,855	Capital stock	\$3,236,600	\$3,236,600
Cash	21,998	23,419	Bonds issued	3,340,736	4,265,755
Accts & notes rec.	150,787	162,267	Pur. money oblig.	56,104	66,291
St ck of crude oil and gasoline	44,950	48,481	Accounts payable	151,584	302,482
Warehouse material	165,057	224,914	Notes payable	855,734	447,559
aid supplies	282,086	370,652	Sink. fund deposits	101,829	—
Deferred charges	447,186	467,320	Gas royalties	4,335	—
Deficit	—	—	Wages & accr. tax	40,450	60,663
			Contingent liabli.	419,672	571,089
			Deferred liabilities	568,254	549,470
Total	\$8,765,297	\$9,499,909	Total	\$8,765,297	\$9,499,909

* After deducting \$10,437,233 for reserves for depreciation and depletion.
y Represented by 32,366 shares of 6% pref. stock at \$100 par, and 600,000 shares of common stock, no par value.—V. 124, p. 2599.

Gold Point Hosiery Co., Inc.—Organized in Delaware—Sponsored by Chicago and New York Interests.—

Announcement was made yesterday of the formation of a new company under Delaware laws to be known as the Gold Point Hosiery Co. which will operate a chain of stores handling the products of the Gotham Silk Hosiery Co. The company, which will have an initial capital of \$100,000 preferred stock and 1,000 shares A common and 500 shares B common, is sponsored by New York and Chicago interests.

Commenting upon the formation of the new chain store company, Mr. Tim, Vice-Pres., stated that the organization would handle exclusively Gotham Gold Stripe and Onyx Pointex silk hosiery. He added, that, despite rumors to the contrary, the Gotham Silk Hosiery or its officers or directors have no interest either directly or indirectly in the new enterprise. Mr. Tim, who was largely responsible for the organization of the company further stated that the inception of the new chain of hosiery stores, which will confine its operations to Chicago was based upon the fact that the demand for nationally advertised merchandise is growing steadily, and the sponsors of the new company consider the Gotham and Onyx products best known nationally in their field. The company will start operations with 12 stores, gradually increasing the number as the project progresses. The officers of the new company are: Arthur A. Landau, Pres.; Louis B. Tim, Vice-Pres.; George Wakefield, Treas., and Leo S. Lebosky, Sec. Directors are: Arthur A. Landau, Louis B. Tim, George Wakefield, Leo S. Lebosky and Edward M. Bertha.

Grace Steamship Co.—Tenders.—

The company recently announced that bids would be received by the Grace National Bank, 7 Hanover Square, N. Y. City, until June 21 for the sale to it of marine equipment 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds, dated Dec. 1 1919, to an amount aggregating \$152,525.—V. 123, p. 2003.

Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Co., Ltd.—To Retire Outstanding 7% Debenture Bonds on July 20.

All of the outstanding 5-year 7% conv. debenture bonds, dated May 1 1925, have been called for payment July 20 at 105 and int. at the Title Guarantee & Trust Co., 176 Broadway, N. Y. City.
Holders may convert the bonds into stock up to and including the date of redemption but not thereafter at the rate of one share of stock for each \$25 of bonds, together with a cash payment of accrued interest to date of conversion.—V. 124, p. 3218.

Greif Bros. Cooperage Corp.—Earnings.—

The corporation reports for the 6 months ended April 30 1927 net profits of \$202,985 after all charges, equal to \$3.17 a share on 64,000 class A shares and \$1.38 on 54,000 class B shares.
As of April 30 current assets were \$2,035,138 and current liabilities \$303,260, leaving net working capital \$2,431,878.—V. 124, p. 1675.

Hazelitine Corp.—Wins Infringement Action.—

Claims to exclusive patent rights relating to radio devices by the corporation and the Independent Radio Manufacturers, Inc., were upheld June 20 by Federal Judge Grover M. Moscowitz in Brooklyn in an action started two months ago against the A. H. Grebe Co., radio manufacturers, Richmond Hill, Queens, for alleged infringement. The opinion of the Court accompanying the decision finds that the Hazelitine Corp. owns the patents in question and holds they had been infringed since 1924 by the defendant company, which is prohibited from further manufacture of accessories covered by these patents. An accounting of the profits by the defendant received during the period of the alleged infringement of the patents was ordered.—V. 124, p. 1833.

Heyden Chemical Corp.—Earnings.—

Results for 10 Months Ended Dec. 31 1926.

Sales of products and commissions earned	\$1,718,051
Cost of products sold	1,502,949
Selling, general and administrative expenses	135,384
Operating profit	\$79,718
Other income	16,994
Total income	\$96,712
Deductions from income	31,368
Net profit	\$65,344
—V. 121, p. 2528.	

Holmes Manufacturing Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Land, bldgs., ma- inery, &c.	\$2,334,717	\$2,315,991	Capital stock	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
Inventory	499,830	625,017	Cotton accept'ces.	12,184	102,804
Cash & accts rec.	100,509	312,607	Depreciation	998,874	998,874
			Surplus	723,997	949,936
Total	\$2,935,056	\$3,251,614	Total	\$2,935,056	\$3,251,614
—V. 123, p. 2399.					

Hope Engineering & Supply Co.—New Pipe Line.—

Pres. R. S. Ford announces that the company is completing a 22-mile 6-inch oil pipe line for the Consolidated Pipe Line Co. extending from the Semole field to Pearson, Okla., which will carry oil from wells near Pearson northward through the system of the Consolidated Pipe Line Co. and the Pierce Petroleum Corp. This new line will cost approximately \$180,000, exclusive of pumping stations and field connections.—V. 124, p. 2437.

Hudson River Navigation Corp.—Reduces Fare.—

The Hudson River Night Line announced last week that the fare on its boats running between Canal and 132nd Sts., N. Y. City, had been reduced from 25 cents to 10 cents, and a rate of 25 cents established for the trip from Pier 32, foot of Canal St. to Yonkers, N. Y. The Yonkers trip requires one hour and a quarter. Connection is made with the Day Line boat for the round trip.—V. 124, p. 3639.

Indiana Limestone Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$14,777.50 15-year 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds due May 1 1941.
Earnings 11 Month Period from June 1 1926 to April 30 1927.

Net sales	\$11,897,195
Cost of sales	6,882,766
Selling and administrative expenses	1,610,370
Other expenses	232,791
Depreciation and depletion	777,056
Interest on funded debt	1,140,000
Estimated Federal income tax	156,500
Net earnings for period	\$1,097,712
Dividends on preferred stock	262,500
Balance	\$835,212
—V. 124, p. 2437.	

International Cement Corp.—Reduces Price in Boston Area.—

The corporation, through its subsidiary, the Kniekerbocker Portland Cement Co., Inc., announces effective June 22, a further reduction of 15c.

per barrel in the price of its product, within the switching area of greater Boston. In announcing this reduction, H. Struckmann, Pres. of the corporation, issued the following statement:

"The principal reason for our action in reducing the price of our product in the greater Boston area is a firm determination to preserve, against the encroachment of foreign cement, the market which our mill was constructed to serve. Foreign cement, produced under a wage scale which is one-fifth of that paid in the cement industry in this country, has in the absence of suitable tariff protection been successful in finding a market in this territory."

"The effect is far reaching; indeed the growing importations of cement and other bulk products may well become a brake on American prosperity. Not only are the dealers who handle our cement adversely affected by these importations but for every sack of foreign cement imported there is a definite loss to the coal, power, cotton and explosive manufacturers, as well as to the railroads which serve the cement industry."

"Therefore, while our action in reducing the price is primarily in the interest of our own business, that action is also in the best interest of a wide cross section of American industries, as well as of American labor, which is vitally concerned with the maintenance of employment and wages at present levels."

Importing Foreign Cement and Exporting American Prosperity.

Under the above heading the International Cement Corp. draws attention in an 8 page pamphlet, to the increasing imports of foreign cement, and thereby "exporting \$29,000,000 worth of American prosperity."

The following figures show how wide-spread is the loss to American industries growing out of the importation of 10,000,000 barrels of foreign-made cement since 1920:

Net loss to American cement industry (the largest single item of which is wages and salaries).....	\$16,315,600
Loss to coal and oil industries (not including freight): 10,000,000 bbls. of cement, 130 lbs. of coal per bbl. —650,000 tons at \$2.25.....	1,462,500
Lubricants: Cost of lubricants averages ½ cent per bbl. of cement	50,000
Loss to power companies: Per bbl. of cement, 17 kwh. at 1 cent (includes coal, its freight & labor).....	1,700,000
Loss to railroads (at present freight rates): Freight charges on—	
Coal used in cement manufacturing, 650,000 tons, avg. \$1.00	650,000
Cement (finished), 10,000,000 bbls., average 63 ½ cents.....	6,350,000
Gypsum, 57,000 tons, average \$3.20.....	182,400
Loss to sack manufacturers.....	960,000
Loss to explosive manufacturers.....	130,000
Loss to manufacturers of miscellaneous supplies and repair parts.....	1,000,000
Loss to gypsum industry (57,000 tons at \$3.50 per ton, not including freight).....	199,500
Total.....	\$29,000,000

Where the Imported Cement Came From (Listed in Barrels by Countries)

Imported From—	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926 (to Aug. 1)	Total.
Belgium.....	10,682	200,718	1,021,213	1,919,239	1,567,250	4,719,102
Canada.....	127,216	228,594	42,953	711,053	62,357	1,172,173
Norway.....	125	420,233	532,089	593,621	47,375	1,593,443
Denmark.....	118,499	370,410	346,354	351,484	347,450	1,534,197
Sweden.....	60,492	211,555	15,466			287,513
England.....	12	186,152	28,852	6,160	62,027	283,203
France.....	1,668	1,703	5,451	12,450	48,094	69,366
Germany.....		47,344	11,957	16,961	5,284	81,546
All others.....	5,129	11,927	6,601	44,349	94,966	162,972
Total.....	323,823	1,678,636	2,010,936	3,655,317	2,234,803	9,903,515

—V. 124, p. 3360.

International Match Corp.—Initial Common Dividend.
The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 80c. a share on the common stock and the regular quarterly dividend of 80 cents a share on the participating preferred stock, both payable July 16 to holders of record June 26.—V. 124, p. 3624, 3360.

International Paper Co.—Listing.
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$9,630,000 additional cumulative 7% preferred stock, making the total amount applied for \$75,000,000.—V. 124, p. 3639.

International Securities Trust of America.
The plan, dated May 10 1927, whereby a Maryland company is to succeed the Massachusetts corporation, has been declared operative. The managers under the plan also announce that on or about Aug. 1 1927, or as soon thereafter as certificates are ready for delivery, upon surrender of the respective certificates of deposit duly endorsed in blank for transfer, to Seaboard National Bank, New York, the holders thereof will be entitled to receive the shares of stock of International Securities Corp. of America, to which they shall be respectively entitled.—V. 124, p. 3640.

Intertype Corp., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Extra Dividend.
The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents on the common stock, both payable Aug. 15 to holders of record Aug. 1. Extras of like amount were paid in cash in Feb. and Aug. since and incl. 1924, and in addition a 10% stock div. was paid on Nov. 17 1924 on the common stock. All of the outstanding \$750,000 7% debenture notes dated April 1 1922 have been called for redemption July 1 next at 104 and int. at the Equitable Trust Co., 37 Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 124, p. 3219.

Keeley Silver Mines, Ltd.—Annual Report—				
Years Ended Feb. 28—	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Total revenue.....	\$1,042,259	\$1,144,375	\$1,428,874	\$1,093,047
Devel. adm. & other exp.....	463,988	442,678	519,876	431,148
Reserve for taxes.....	39,572	56,780	73,692	52,409
Profit for year.....	\$538,698	\$644,917	\$835,306	\$609,490
Previous surplus.....	708,517	606,259	303,292	120,644
Total surplus.....	\$1,247,215	\$1,251,176	\$1,138,598	\$730,135
Reserve for depreciation.....	55,875	55,160	52,339	26,842
Reduct'n in res. required for inc. tax, &c.....	Cr. 9,387			
Written off shares in other companies.....		7,499		
Dividends.....(24%) 480,000	(24) 480,000	(24) 480,000	(20) 400,000	
Surplus.....	\$720,725	\$708,517	\$606,259	\$303,292
Shares of capital stock outstanding (par \$1).....	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Earns. per sh. on cap. stk.....	\$0.27	\$0.32	\$0.47	\$0.30

—V. 122, p. 3219.

Lake Ontario Brewing Co., Ltd.—Initial Dividends.
The directors have declared an initial dividend of 50c. a share on the common stock, no par value, payable July 15 to holders of record June 30. See also V. 124, p. 1824.

Lakewood Engineering Co.—Earnings.—	
Results for Year Ended Dec. 31 1926.	
Net sales.....	\$1,780,102
Cost of sales.....	1,151,704
Selling and general administration expenses.....	454,540
Interest and other deductions.....	7,615
Provision for Federal income tax.....	17,000
Net income.....	\$149,244
Dividends (\$6).....	145,938
Balance, surplus.....	\$3,306

—V. 117, p. 2777.

Lambert Co.—Rights—Acquires Additional Interest in Lambert Pharmaceutical Co., &c.—President Gerard B. Lambert, June 17, says:

An opportunity recently presented itself for this company to purchase 56,500 additional shares of capital stock of Lambert Pharmaceutical Co. (of Del.) which is the operating company now engaged in the manufacture of Listerine products and of which this company now owns 381,375 shares, or 56 ¼% of the authorized and outstanding capital stock. In the opinion of the board of directors it is to the best interest of this company to own as large a percentage as possible of the capital stock of the Lambert Pharmaceutical Co. and accordingly it was voted, at a meeting of the board held June 15 1927 to take advantage of this opportunity.

In order to provide the necessary funds, the directors have determined to issue and sell 50,000 additional shares of common stock without par value of this company, and have voted to offer to the common stockholders of record June 27 1927, the right to subscribe on or before July 18, pro rata, to such additional shares at \$67.50 per share. Inasmuch as there are now issued and outstanding 281,250 shares of common stock of this company, each holder of common stock will thus be entitled to purchase at the subscription price 8-45ths of a share of such additional stock for each share held by him. Payment of the subscription price must be made in New York funds at Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N. Y. City.

The required 50,000 shares of common stock, without par value, are authorized by the certificate of incorporation of the company and are available for issue at the present time without any increase in the authorized capitalization.

The company has arranged for the underwriting of this offer with Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Bond & Goodwin, Inc. Arrangements have also been made with these bankers to assist stockholders in purchasing and selling warrants and fractional warrants, as subscription upon warrants will be accepted by Bankers Trust Co. only for full shares.

The board has also recently determined it to be desirable to acquire, and has entered into a contract to acquire, all of the capital stock of Lambert & Feasley, Inc., a New York corporation, which corporation is at present, and has for some years past, been conducting, among other advertising accounts, that of the Lambert Pharmaceutical Co. This capital stock will be acquired also by the issue of the 50,000 shares of common stock (see above). The net earnings of Lambert & Feasley, Inc., for the year 1926, after all charges, were \$361,467.—V. 124, p. 1988.

Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co.—Extra Dividend of ½ of 1%.—The board of managers on June 23 declared an extra dividend of ½ of 1% and the regular quarterly dividend of 2% on the outstanding \$29,243,400 capital stock, par \$50 both payable Aug. 31 to holders of record July 30. Like amounts were paid on Feb. 28 and May 31 last. On Nov. 30 1926, the company made an extra distribution of 2%.—V. 124, p. 2757.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., Ltd.—To Increase Stock.
The stockholders will vote July 18 on increasing the total authorized capital stock by the addition of \$34,139,800 common stock "B." See also V. 124, p. 3641.

(Marcus) Loew's Theatres, Ltd., Toronto.—Earnings.		
Years Ended Jan. 1—	1927.	1926.
Total income.....	\$264,400	\$264,761
Expenses.....	76,672	83,585
Bond interest.....	35,916	43,299
Depreciation.....	36,987	58,141
Taxes.....	9,438	9,683
Net income.....	\$105,386	\$70,053
Preferred dividends.....	45,773	45,773
Balance.....	\$59,614	\$24,280
Previous surplus.....	116,805	92,525
Profit and loss, surplus.....	\$176,419	\$116,805
Shares of common outstanding (par \$100).....	7,500	7,500
Earnings per share on common.....	\$7.95	\$3.24

—V. 118, p. 1672.

(P.) Lorillard Co.—Debentures Sold.—Guaranty Co. of New York, National City Co., Bankers Trust Co., and New York Trust Co., have sold at 97 ½ and int., to yield over 5.80% \$15,000,000 10-year 5 ½% gold debentures.

Dated July 1 1927; due July 1 1937. Denom. \$1,000 e*. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, trustee. Red. all or part, on any int. date on 30 days notice at 102 ½ and int. to and incl. July 1 1929, the premium decreasing ½ of 1% for each two years elapsed thereafter, provided that, except for the sinking fund, there shall be no redemption in lots of less than \$1,000,000 principal amount.

Data from Letter of B. L. Belt, President of the Company.
History and Business.—The name "Lorillard" has been connected prominently with the tobacco business for more than 165 years. The company is a successor to the business originally started by Pierre Lorillard in 1760, which business has been carried on continuously ever since under the same name. The present company was incorp. in New Jersey, upon the dividing up of the old American Tobacco Co. in 1911. Company, including its wholly owned subsidiaries, is one of the largest tobacco companies in the world. It is engaged in the manufacture, sale and distribution of plug and smoking tobaccos, cigars and cigarettes. The principal plants are located in N. Y. City, Baltimore, Md., Jersey City, N. J., Middletown, O., Richmond, Va., Wilmington, Del., Louisville, Ky., Lancaster, Pa., Madison, Wis., Windsor and Granby, Conn. and Porto Rico.

Among the company's well-known brands are Egyptian Delights, Murad and Helmar—cigarettes; Muriel and Rocky Ford—cigars; Between the Acts, Royal Bengals and Le Roy—little cigars; Union Leader and Sensation—smoking tobacco; Climax, Neptune and Planet—chewing tobacco. Company is the recognized leader in the production of Turkish cigarettes and little cigars.

It is the policy of the company to finance its marketing, even of new brands, out of current earnings and in order to maintain this custom in connection with the introduction of Old Gold cigarettes, the company discontinued payment of dividends on its common stock. The popularity of this brand has been tested for over a year in New England and for shorter periods in different parts of the United States including New York State, Chicago and various points on the Pacific Coast and in the South. The brand has met with such gratifying response that additional capital is desired for a greatly increased production. This not only requires an increase in plant capacity but the acquisition of a large supply of leaf tobacco which must be seasoned and cured for a considerable period before it can be manufactured.

Purpose of Issue.—The proceeds of this issue are to be used for the manufacture and marketing of Old Gold cigarettes which includes the additional raw materials and plant equipment made necessary by the rapidly expanding sales of this brand.

Provisions of Issue.—Indenture, under which the company's 7% debenture gold bonds, due Oct. 1 1944, and 5% debenture gold bonds, due Aug. 1 1951, are issued, contains a provision imposing a charge upon all its property and present and future net income, earnings and profits for the benefit of those bonds in the order named and the company covenants that it will not mortgage its property, business and income nor create any specific charge otherwise than by an instrument which shall expressly recognize and confirm the aforesaid charge. The aforementioned bonds are outstanding in an amount aggregating \$20,275,200.

These 10-year 5 ½% debentures are to be direct obligations of the company. Indenture, under which they are to be issued, will provide, among other things, substantially that except for purchase money mortgages on property hereafter acquired, the company will not hereafter create any lien, charge or encumbrance having priority over these 10-year 5 ½% debentures.

Sinking Fund.—Company will covenant under the terms of the indenture to provide a sinking fund, payable semi-annually after July 1 1930, to be sufficient to retire \$1,100,000 of debentures in each year. Sinking fund moneys are to be applied to the purchase of debentures at not exceeding the current redemption prices or to their call by lot at such prices. It is calculated that more than 50% of the issue will be retired at maturity through the operation of the sinking fund.

Balance Sheet.—The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1926, showed total tangible assets, less all reserves, of more than \$58,336,000. Current assets amounted to \$48,892,000 and current liabilities to only \$1,765,500.

Capitalization in Hands of Public (Giving Effect to This Issue).

7% gold bonds maturing Oct. 1 1944.....	\$9,657,750
5% gold bonds maturing Aug. 1 1951.....	10,617,450
10-year 5½% gold debentures (this issue).....	15,000,000
Preferred stock 7% cumulative (par \$100).....	11,307,600
Common stock (par \$25) common stock dividend certificates and scrip.....	32,810,268

Net Income After all Charges, Before Federal Income Taxes, Available for Interest, Calendar Years.

1922.....	1923.....	1924.....	1925.....	1926.....
\$9,113,397	\$6,915,634	\$6,989,195	\$7,508,460	\$5,982,779

The development expenses incident to the introduction of the company's new brand, Old Gold, are reflected in the above net income for 1926.

Five-year average net income after all charges, before Federal income taxes, available for interest amounted to \$7,301,893, or more than 3½ times the total interest charges upon completion of this financing.

Such net income for the year ended Dec. 31 1926, amounted to more than 2.94 times such charges. These earnings reflect no benefit to be derived from the application of the proceeds of this issue.—V. 124, p. 3361, 2918.

Listing.—It is expected that application will be made to list debentures on the New York Stock Exchange.—V. 124, p. 3361.

Louisiana Land & Exploration Co.—Trustee.

The Central Union Trust Co. of New York has been appointed trustee for \$600,000 3-year 2d mtge. 7% bonds, dated May 1 1927.—V. 124, p. 3641.

Ludlow Manufacturing Associates.—Annual Report.—Calendar Years—

1926.....	1925.....	1924.....	1923.....
Gross sales.....	\$20,389,241	\$21,363,625	\$15,993,976
Net earnings.....	\$2,195,000	\$2,515,000	\$2,346,000

Assets—

1926.....	1925.....	1924.....	1923.....
Real estate & machy., less deprec.....	\$12,900,618	\$12,925,286	\$12,988,537
L. M. A. shares held for employees.....	17,412	19,062	17,696
Prepaid items.....	175,640	203,430	164,962
U. S. Government securities.....	5,913,378	11,824	1,731,824
Cash.....	1,023,475	2,526,126	2,319,967
Notes and bills receivable.....	972,644	1,295,014	855,824
Stock and merchandise accounts.....	4,424,823	8,128,993	5,903,823
Total.....	\$25,427,991	\$25,109,737	\$23,982,632

Liabilities—

1926.....	1925.....	1924.....	1923.....
Accounts payable.....	42,293	\$36,711	\$27,579
Reserve for shareholders.....	25,385,698	25,073,026	23,955,052
Total.....	\$25,427,991	\$25,109,737	\$23,982,632

Outstanding shares..... 140,000 140,000 140,000

—V. 124, p. 1369.

Lyon & Healy, Inc.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—

1926.....	1925.....	1924.....	
Net operating profit.....	\$549,929	\$553,739	\$152,346
Interest Federal taxes, &c.....	168,408	205,100	34,994
Balance, surplus.....	\$381,521	\$348,639	\$117,353

—V. 124, p. 2758.

(Walter G.) McCarty Corp., Beverly Hills, Calif.—Bonds Offered.

Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association, San Francisco, is offering \$1,250,000 1st (closed) mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds (fee loan) at 100 and int.

Dated May 1 1927; due May 1 1942. Int. payable M. & N. at Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association, San Francisco, trustee, or through any branch office in the State of California. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Red. upon 30 days' notice on any int. date at 102 and int. Int. payable without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to but not exceeding 2%. Exempt from the personal property tax in Calif.

Corporation.—Incorporated in October 1923. With the exception of one directors' qualifying share, all stock is owned by Walter G. McCarty and Florence A. McCarty. The most important present real estate holding of the corporation consists of the unsold portion of a tract of highly developed business and residential property having an original area of approximately 250 acres and fronting on the south side of Wilshire Blvd., west of Beverly Drive in Beverly Hills, Calif. The property owned includes the Walter G. McCarty Bldg., a one-story, class A store structure situated on Wilshire Blvd. between Beverly Drive and Speedway Drive, and a class A eight-story steel frame fireproof store and hotel building, to be known as the Beverly-Wilshire Apartment Hotel, located on the west side of Wilshire Blvd. between Speedway Drive and Rodeo Drive. It is expected that this building will be completed prior to Jan. 1 1928 and will cost in excess of \$1,700,000.

Security.—This issue of bonds will constitute a direct obligation of the corporation and will be specifically secured by a first closed mortgage on both the Beverly-Wilshire Apartment Hotel and the Walter G. McCarty Bldg., including the land upon which these buildings are situated. The real properties upon which the two buildings are constructed, each having a frontage of 250 feet on Wilshire Blvd., and a depth of 135 feet, have recently been appraised by Walter H. Leimert Co., Inc., of Los Angeles, as having a conservative value of \$1,500 per front foot, or a total combined value of \$750,000. With the minimum cost of the hotel building being \$1,700,000, as provided in the trust indenture, and without taking into consideration the value of the Walter G. McCarty Bldg., the total of mortgaged land and hotel building equals approximately \$2,450,000 or almost twice the amount of the total issue of bonds.

Earnings.—For the three calendar years 1924 to 1926 incl., net income of the Walter G. McCarty Corp., before the deduction of Federal income taxes, averaged \$678,480 per annum, or over nine times the maximum annual interest requirements on this issue of bonds.

Estimated gross income of the Beverly-Wilshire Apartment Hotel, based upon a careful survey of existing rentals in Los Angeles and Beverly Hills, approximates \$652,000 annually, and after ample allowance for operating expenses, taxes and insurance, vacancies and depreciation aggregating \$360,000, net earnings of the hotel building will be in excess of \$290,000 annually, or about 4.8 times maximum annual interest charges on this issue and approximately twice the combined maximum annual interest and sinking fund requirements.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used to defray the cost of completing the Beverly-Wilshire Apartment Hotel, all such proceeds to be disbursed by the trustee during the course of construction. Expenditures by the corporation for this purpose up to this time have been in excess of \$500,000.

McQuay-Norris Mfg. Co.—Report.—Years Ended Dec. 31—

1926.....	1925.....	1924.....	
Net income.....	\$408,337	\$384,114	\$171,186
Depreciation, amortization, &c.....	166,411	181,359	141,083
Reserve for taxes.....	33,444	27,100	—
Balance, surplus.....	\$208,482	\$175,655	\$30,103

—V. 124, p. 1989.

(I.) Magnin & Co., Inc.—Co-transfer Agent.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed co-transfer agent in New York for the common and preferred stock.—V. 124, p. 1521, 657.

Manufacturers Finance Corp., Ltd.—Earnings.—Results for Year Ended Jan. 31 1927.

Discounts, interest & commissions received.....	\$193,521
Management office expenses, incl. directors, legal, audit fees, banking charges, &c.....	51,676
Net profit for period.....	\$141,844

—V. 123, p. 1769.

Marmon Motor Car Co.—May Sales.

Following closely on the heels of the announcement of record production in April, H. H. Brooks, general sales director of the company, has made

public the statement that shipments of both the large Marmon Series 75 and the Marmon Eight in May were maintained at a record level. The outlook for the coming few months, Mr. Brooks pointed out, is for a continuation of record production, extending into August and September.

Mr. Brooks' announcement is based on actual shipments from the factory to supply the immediate orders of the Marmon distributive organization, which have been further stimulated by the addition of new Jewel color combinations to the Series 75 line. Notwithstanding these unprecedented shipments, the Marmon plants are continuing to operate at capacity with unfilled orders amounting to several million dollars still on the books of the company.

Retail sales figures for the entire country show that sales of both the Series 75 and the Marmon Eight in May were well in advance of those in April and the unfilled orders on our books are evidence that the peak of the season for Marmon will not be reached until well into the summer, Mr. Brooks said.—V. 124, p. 2918, 657.

Middle States Oil Corp.—Reorganization Committee.

Alfred W. Gieske has accepted the Chairmanship and Robert Wilson Jackson the Vice-Chairmanship of the reorganization committee which was formed on Nov. 4 1926. C. H. Huston and A. C. Woodman have accepted places on the committee. Proxies are being sent to stockholders asking for support of the committee in its efforts to straighten out the affairs of the company.

Other men will be added to the committee, together with representatives of banking interests which are said to be willing to finance the reorganization. No member of the committee has had any affiliation with Middle States Oil Corp.—V. 124, p. 3221.

Missouri Kansas Zinc Co.—New Director.

P. D. Butler, of the Barnsdall Corporation, has been elected a director.—V. 124, p. 3080.

Mount Royal Hotel Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—

1926.....	1925.....	1924.....	
Gross income.....	\$3,112,256	\$2,854,319	\$2,617,091
Operating expenses, depreciation, &c.....	2,420,760	2,286,976	2,230,431
Operating profit.....	\$691,496	\$567,343	\$386,660
Interest.....	285,776	295,182	312,724
Other deductions.....	\$75,537	—	—
Net profit.....	\$330,183	\$272,161	\$73,936
Preferred dividends.....	(3%)204,771	—	—
Balance, surplus.....	\$125,412	\$272,161	\$73,936
Previous surplus.....	355,061	73,610	46,904
Total.....	\$480,473	\$345,771	\$120,840
Add depreciation prior years.....	150,000	—	—
Surplus adjustment prior years.....	2,728	\$7,290	\$7,230
Profit and loss, surplus.....	\$327,745	\$355,061	\$73,610

x Includes \$36,381 amortization of bond discount, \$25,156 amortization of organization and preliminary expense, \$4,000 reserve for doubtful accounts, \$10,000 reserve for income tax.—V. 124, p. 1677.

Music Master Corp.—Committee.

A number of stockholders, also certain brokers and security dealers who purchased the stock of the company, have appointed a committee of stockholders composed of David S. Ludlum, Chairman, Conrad N. Lauer (of Day & Zimmermann) and Albert Kuehler for the purpose, they state, of taking such action as may be necessary to recover the amount paid for the stock purchased wherever the purchase was made on the faith of the advertisement of the issuance of 150,000 shares in 1925.—V. 122, p. 2665.

National Bearing Metals Corp.—Bonds Sold.

W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., and G. H. Walker & Co., St. Louis, have sold at 100 and int. \$1,000,000 1st mtge. 20-year 6% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated May 1 1927; due May 1 1947. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable in U. S. gold coin at principal office of Chase National Bank, New York, corporate trustee. Red., all or part, on any int. date upon not less than 25 days' notice as follows: At 110 and int. to and incl. May 1 1932; thereafter to and incl. May 1 1937 at 107½ and int.; thereafter to and incl. May 1 1942 at 105 and int.; thereafter to and incl. May 1 1946 at 102½ and int.; thereafter at 100 and int. Wilson L. Hemingway, St. Louis, Mo., individual trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500.

Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2% per annum. Penna. 4-mill tax refundable.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these bonds on the St. Louis Stock Exchange.

Capitalization—

Authorized.....	Outstanding.....	
1st M. 20-yr. 6% sinking fund gold bonds.....	\$2,500,000	\$2,000,000
7% cumulative preferred stock.....	5,000,000	3,461,000
Common stock (no par value).....	100,000 shs.	60,000 shs.

Data from Letter of John B. Strauch, President of the Corporation. Corporation.—Has been organized in New York to effect the reorganization of More-Jones Brass & Metal Co., St. Louis, Mo., and Bronze Metal Co., New York, and in connection therewith has also acquired the business and properties formerly owned by Keystone Bronze Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. These companies, established for many years, are well and favorably known to the trade. The business consists in the manufacture and sale of bronze and brass castings for locomotives, bearings and other parts for steam and electric lines equipment, bronze and brass castings for industrial plants, as well as babbit metal, solder and bar lead. The companies' customers include many of the large steam railroads, electric transit lines, rolling equipment builders, and manufacturers of machinery used in various types of industrial plants.

Purpose.—Proceeds have been used in connection with the acquisition of the business and properties of the above-mentioned companies. Of the \$2,000,000 bonds now outstanding, one-half has been issued in part payment for one of the properties acquired.

Security.—Bonds constitute a direct obligation of the corporation, secured by a first mortgage on all of the corporation's land, buildings and machinery, recently appraised as having a sound depreciated value in excess of \$3,100,000.

Earnings.—The combined net earnings of the properties for the five years ended Dec. 31 1922-26 (a former subsidiary of Bronze Metal Co. being as of Feb. 28 1923-27), after provision for depreciation and all charges except interest and Federal income taxes, and after eliminating certain bonuses and special compensation to be discontinued, have been as follows:

1926.....	1925.....	1924.....	1923.....	1922.....
\$618,300	\$663,853	\$634,331	\$1,175,450	\$889,667

Average annual net earnings for the above five years amounted to \$796,320, or 6.64 times the maximum annual interest requirements of \$120,000 on the \$2,000,000 of bonds now outstanding. For the past year such net earnings amounted to \$618,300, or over five times the said interest requirements.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage provides for progressively increasing semi-annual sinking fund payments beginning Sept. 15 1927 calculated to retire the entire issue by maturity. In lieu of cash the corporation may deliver outstanding bonds at their principal amount. Sinking fund moneys shall be used to redeem bonds through call by lot on the next succeeding interest payment date beginning Nov. 1 1927 at the current redemption price.

Additional Bonds.—Mortgage authorizes an additional \$500,000 which may be issued only to the extent of 66 2-3% of the cost or fair value, whichever is less, of new properties or additions, betterments and improvements which are to be placed under the mortgage, and then only if net earnings for 12 consecutive months out of 15 calendar months preceding the issuance of additional bonds amount to at least three times the annual interest charges on the bonds then outstanding, including those to be issued.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1926 (Giving Effect to This Financing).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash & marketable securities.....	\$270,186	Accts. & notes payable.....	\$1,104,413
Accts. & notes receivable.....	984,058	Accrued taxes payable.....	79,686
Inventories.....	1,873,213	1st mtge. bonds (this issue).....	2,000,000
Life insurance policies.....	61,376	7% cum. pref. stock.....	3,461,000
Plant properties.....	3,459,269	Com. shareholders' equity.....	1,608,442
Mtges. receivable, &c.....	61,580		
Deferred charges.....	93,859		
Good-will, patents, trade marks, &c.....	1,450,000	Total (each side).....	\$8,253,541

Dated July 1 1927; due July 1 1952. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable in U. S. gold coin at officers of Brown Brothers & Co., Philadelphia, New York or Boston, without deduction of normal Federal income tax up to 2%.

Data From Letter of A. J. Fink, Chairman of the Board of Directors. Capitalization (Upon Acquisition of Properties). 1st (closed) mtg. 3% sinking fund gold bonds----- \$5,000,000

Company.—To be presently organized in Pennsylvania. Is to acquire the entire properties and assets of Pennsylvania Glass Sand Co. together with the physical properties of 5 other companies and certain reserve silica deposits.

Purpose.—Proceeds of these bonds and of 30,000 shares of \$7 cumulative convertible preferred stock, which stock has already been subscribed for, will be used to provide for the acquisition of these properties and for working capital.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide for a cumulative sinking fund payable semi-annually, calculated to be sufficient to retire the entire issue by maturity, to be applied to the redemption of bonds by lot on interest dates at 105 and accrued interest.

Earnings.—The combined earnings of the several companies available for interest, depreciation and Federal taxes, excluding items which would not apply to the corporation, were as follows: in 1924, \$905,512; in 1925, \$1,016,490; in 1926, \$1,079,709, or an annual average of over \$1,000,000. This is more than 2½ times the \$400,000 combined interest and sinking fund charges on these bonds.

Philadelphia & Camden Ferry Co.—To Reduce Par Value of Shares by Prepayment on Account of Capital.—At the close of the meeting of the board of directors on June 22, the following announcement was made: "The experience of the company for the first 5 months of the year 1927 has shown a decrease of about 74% in vehicular traffic and 41% in the number of passengers carried, which reduced total operating revenues over 50%.

Philadelphia Insulated Wire Co.—Usual Dividend.—The directors have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of \$2 per share, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15. Six months ago the company declared an extra dividend of 50 cents, payable Feb. 1 last, and it is understood to be the policy to declare extra dividends only at the close of the company's year.—V. 124, p. 1232.

Pittsburgh Coal Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$7,830,800 additional common stock (par \$100) on official notice of issuance and sale making the total amount applied for \$40,000,000.

Pittsburgh Oil & Gas Co. (& Subs.).—Annual Report.—Calendar Years— 1926. 1925. 1924. 1923. Gross sales and earnings. \$572,732 \$679,063 \$743,701 \$871,117

Pittsburgh Transportation Co.—Initial Pref. Dividend.—The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 87½¢ a share on the 7% cumulative preferred stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 25.—V. 124, p. 3643.

(Thomas G.) Plant Co.—Consol. Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.— Assets— 1926. 1925. \$ 842,802 \$34,473 Real estate (net) .. 472,197 644,198 Mach., equip., &c. .. 1,199,268 1,102,937 Cash & receivables .. 2,354,249 2,245,600 Merch's inventory .. 368,358 333,123 Sundry assets and treas. stock .. 1,258,900 1,271,100 Goodwill, pat's., &c. .. 690,859 .. Deficit .. Total .. 7,186,631 6,431,433

Premier & Potter Printing Press Co., Inc.—Bds. Called.—All of the outstanding 1st mtg. 7% sinking fund gold bonds due July 1 1940 have been called for redemption July 1 at 102 and int. at the American Exchange Irving Trust Co., 60 Broadway, N. Y. City.

Pullman Co.—New Holding Company Organized.—See Pullman, Inc., below.—V. 124, p. 3644, 3365. Pullman, Inc.—Organized in Delaware.—A certificate of incorporation was filed with the Secretary of State for Delaware June 22 for a new company, to be known as Pullman, Inc.,

organized in connection with the reorganization plan of the Pullman Co., which was declared operative in May. The new company will be a holding company and will acquire from the Pullman Co. such of its assets as are not essential to its transportation business.

The new company will have a number of 3,375,000 no-par shares. (See also Pullman Co. in V. 124, p. 934.)

Rand M nes, Ltd.—Interim Dividend of 50%.—The Bankers' Trust Co. has been advised of the declaration of an interim dividend of 50%, equivalent to 2s. 6d. an ordinary share. The dividend will amount to 6s. 3d. sterling per "American" share and will be paid at London on or about Aug. 11.

Reiter-Foster Oil Corp.—To Increase Stock.—The stockholders will vote June 28 on increasing the authorized capital stock from 250,000 shares, no par value, to 400,000 shares of no par value. The stockholders will be given the privilege of subscribing to the additional 150,000 shares of stock at \$5 a share on a basis of 3 shares for every 4 shares held.

Remington Arms Co., Inc.—Earnings.—Calendar Years— 1926. 1925. Sales .. \$18,046,344 \$16,832,257

Remington Rand Inc.—Sales Show Increase.—President James H. Rand Jr., in a recent letter, said: On March 11, when the plan of exchange was declared operative, the corporation became a holding company, but since that date it has acquired the entire assets of Rand Kardex Bureau, Inc., the Dalton Adding Machine Co., the Safe-Cabinet Co., and the Baker-Vawter Co.

Reynolds Spring Co.—Books Large Orders.—The company has made the following announcement: "With the recent booking of large additional orders for its cushion springs, bakelite and reynolite moldings of electrical equipment, hydraulic presses and upholstery leather, sales of this company, in all departments, are now running at the rate of \$6,500,000 a year.

Rhine-Main-Danube Corp. (Rhein-Main-Donau Aktiengesellschaft).—Debentures Called.—Certain 7% sinking fund gold debentures, series A, due Sept. 1 1950 (aggregating \$52,000) have been called for redemption Sept. 1 next at 102½ and interest.

Rhine-Main-Danube Corp. (Rhein-Main-Donau Aktiengesellschaft).—Debentures Called.—Payment will be made at either of the following offices, namely: Lee, Higginson & Co., 43 Exchange Place, N. Y. City; 70 Federal St., Boston, or 209 So. La Salle St., Chicago; or at the office of J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., 27 Pine St., N. Y. City.—V. 123, p. 3195.

Richmond Radiator Co., N. Y.—Foreign Bankers Reported to Have Acquired Interest in Company.—A substantial interest in the company has been acquired by a group of English and Continental bankers, according to the "Wall Street Journal" of June 17. No details of the acquisition were made known.—V. 124, p. 3365.

Ross Stores, Inc.—Earnings.—Results for the Year Ended Jan. 31 1927. Sales .. \$5,082,627 Cost of sales .. 3,391,058

Roy Typewriter Co., Inc.—Extra Common Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share and the regular semi-annual dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, both payable July 18 to holders of record July 9.—V. 124, p. 2604.

St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Roxy Theatre (Roxy Theatre Corp.), N. Y. City.—Directors.—

Edward H. Schwab (Pres. of the Spliendorf-Bethlehem Electric Co.) Harry L. Jones (Chairman of the Jones Brothers Tea Co.), and Marck L. Tooker (of Tooker & Co.) have been elected directors to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Frederick Pope, C. E. Richardson and Harold Roberts.—V. 124, p. 2442.

Ruberoid Co.—To Increase Stock.—Rights.—

The stockholders will vote July 11 on changing the authorized capital stock from 35,180 shares, par \$100, to 150,000 shares of no par value. If the proposal is approved, 35,142 shares of the additional stock will be offered to stockholders at \$50 per share on a basis of one new share for each share held.

The company proposes to enlarge its Bound Brook plant and obtain better railroad facilities and also acquire a substantial interest on a new belt plant to be erected near Philadelphia.—V. 124, p. 2442.

St. Louis Knitting Mills, Inc.—Bankruptcy.—

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed in Federal Court in St. Louis against the company by three companies of Philadelphia, with claims aggregating \$22,752. Petitioning creditors are the Philadelphia Sweater Mills, Pearl Knitting Mills and Artex Knitting Mills. It is alleged the St. Louis Knitting Mills committed an act of bankruptcy on June 1 by transferring \$6,000 to Triangle Knit Co., with intent to prefer that creditor over others.

Safeway Stores, Inc.—May Sales—Listing.—

1927—May—1926. Increase. 1927—5 Mos.—1926. Increase. \$6,109,775 \$4,995,622 \$1,114,153 \$28,293,095 \$21,048,544 \$7,244,551 There have been authorized for the Boston Stock Exchange list on notice of issuance and payment, 4,931 additional shares (without par value) common stock, in addition to the 55,069 shares already listed. Action authorizing the issue and sale of these shares was taken by the directors at a meeting held Feb. 28 1927. No other authority was required. These shares are to be issued against the payment of the company of \$986,200 in cash, and this money will be applied to additional working capital.—V. 124, p. 3082.

Sangamo Electric Co., Springfield, Ill.—Stocks Offered.—

Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., New York and Chicago, and Paul H. Davis & Co., Chicago, are offering \$1,000,000 7% cum. pref. stock at 101 and div., to yield 6.93%. The same bankers are offering 42,000 shares common stock (no par value) at \$28.50 per share. The above offering involves no new financing on the part of the company.

Pref. divs. payable Q.-J. (beginning Oct. 1 1927). Red., all or part, on 30 days' notice at 110 and divs. Divs. free from normal Federal income tax and stock exempt from personal property tax in Illinois. Preferred over the common stock as to divs. and as to assets in event of liquidation at \$100 per share and divs. Annual sinking fund of 7 1/2% of net earnings after pref. stock divs. and tax reserves to be applied to purchase or redemption of pref. stock. Transfer agent, Union Trust Co., Chicago. Registrar, Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. Pref. stock 7% cum., (par \$100) \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 Common stock (no par value) 125,000 shs. 125,000 shs. Listing.—Company has agreed to make application to list this pref. stock on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Pres. R. C. Lanphier, June 18 1927.

Company.—The business originally started in 1898 and was incorporated in 1899 in Illinois. Company is one of the world's largest producers of alternating and direct current watt-hour and ampere-hour meters, rotating standards, dial mechanisms, circuit breakers, shunts, and switchboard auxiliaries. The business has shown constant development and growth, and the present values have been built up entirely by surplus earnings from an original capitalization of \$20,000.

Sangamo meters are produced in types and sizes suitable for every possible service where electrical energy is measured, and its products for these services vary from the smallest type of meter used in dwellings to the largest meter ever installed, which was manufactured in the Springfield factory, and which measures 60,000 h.p. load of the Aluminum Co. of America at Niagara Falls.

Company also manufactures in considerable quantity a direct current meter known as the "Economy" meter for use on street cars, gas-electric buses and interurban cars, and a majority of all important street railway systems are completely equipped with Sangamo "Economy" meters. Company is the only manufacturer of such devices in the United States.

Company has recently developed an electrically wound clock, which is operated by current from the ordinary light socket and which has shown up exceedingly well under test by the Bureau of Standards. It has been approved by the Government horological department. The opportunity for future development in this branch of the industry is great.

Company's principal place of business is located at Springfield, Ill. Its subsidiaries have plants at Toronto, Ont.; London, Eng., and Osaka, Japan. Sales branches are operated in New York, Chicago, Boston, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Birmingham, Montreal, Toronto, London and Buenos Aires, and sales agencies with adequate stocks are located in 25 other important centres in the United States and Canada, as well as many foreign countries. The manufacturing plant at Springfield consists of eight buildings. The buildings now embrace a total floor area of 200,000 square feet.

Net Earnings after Taxes and Depreciation Applicable to Dividends on the Present Issue of Preferred Stock—Calendar Years.

1922. 1923. 1924. 1925. 1926. \$441,382 \$610,337 \$484,044 \$531,761 \$594,931 The earnings shown above include only actual dividends received by the Sangamo Electric Co. from its subsidiaries. Were the entire equities in subsidiaries' earnings included, the net for 1926 would have been more than \$650,000 applicable to dividends on this issue.

Average earnings for the five-year period shown above are in excess of \$532,000, or more than 7 1/2 times the annual dividend requirements on the issue of pref. stock to be presently outstanding. For 1926, earnings were more than eight times such dividend requirement.

Balance Sheet April 30 1927 (Giving Effect to Change in Capitalization).

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Cash (\$220,730), Notes & accts. rec., less res. due from off. & emp (525,072), Inventories (26,128), Notes receivable (secured) (1,163,537), Life insurance (39,380), Investment in subsidiaries (12,141), Inv. in secs. of other cos. (483,487), Land, bldgs. & equipment (33,286), less depreciation (773,449), Deferred charges (85,475), Special reserve fund invs. (50,875). Liabilities include 7% preferred stock (\$1,000,000), Common stock (no par) (2,000,000), Accounts payable (48,444), Accruals (58,745), Federal income taxes (85,099), Dividends payable (160,000), Special reserve fund (50,875), Surplus (60,397). Total (each side) \$3,463,559.

Sanitary Grocery Co., Inc.—Registrar.—

The National Park Bank of New York has been appointed registrar for 25,000 shares of 6 1/2% preferred stock, par \$100, and co-registrar for 34,333 shares of common stock of no par value. See also V. 124, p. 3644.

Scott Paper Co.—New President.—

Thomas B. McCabe, of Swarthmore, Pa., has been elected President, succeeding Owen Moon, who recently was elected to that position to succeed the late Arthur H. Scott. Edward S. Wagner, Sec. & Treas., has been elected 1st V.-Pres. in addition to his other duties. James G. Lamb has been chosen 2d V.-Pres.—V. 121, p. 3017.

Seagrave Corporation.—Usual Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 30 cents per share, or 2 1/2% in common stock, at the option of the stockholders, on the common stock, payable July 20 to holders of record June 30. Distributions of like amount were made on the common stock in the previous nine quarters.—V. 124, p. 2604, 1837.

Sefton Mfg. Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1926, 1925) and rows for Net loss, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Loss for year, Previous surplus, Transferred from contingent fund, Proceeds from insurance, Premium on preferred stock, Profit and loss, surplus.

At a meeting of the directors held June 2, resolutions were adopted authorizing the issue of an additional 50,000 shares of capital stock without par value at \$60 per share, such stock to be offered for subscription to stockholders of record June 16, in the ratio of one new share for each 6 shares held. Payment must be made in full on or before July 6 1927. The 50,000 shares has been wholly underwritten at the subscription price. The proceeds from the sale of such shares will be used to retire temporary loans incurred by the company in carrying out its expansion program, and will also be used as additional working capital in continuing this program.—V. 124, p. 3645.

Skelly Oil Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$15,000,000 12-year sinking fund 5 1/2% gold debentures, due March 1 1939.—V. 124, p. 2923, 2133.

South Porto Rico Sugar Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 493,048 shares of common stock without par value, on official notice of issuance in exchange for 123,262 shares of common stock par \$100 per share, now outstanding, and also of 184,893 shares, without par value of additional common stock, on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding full paid subscription warrants or subscription receipts or on payment in full therefor in cash, making the total amount of common stock applied for 677,941 shares without par value (authorized 1,200,000 shares). See also V. 124, p. 3511, 3226, 2924.

Southern Oil & Transport Corp.—Sale.—

By order of the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, C. L. Ward, receiver in liquidation, will offer for sale at public auction at the County Court House in the city of Wilmington, Del., on June 30 1927 the following: 7,354 shares Tampico Navigation Co., 2,220 shares Cia. de Inversiones de Tampico, S. A.; 4,768 shares Tank Shipbuilding Corp., 3,384 shares Sunset Fuel Oil Co., 25,000 shares British Equatorial Oil Co., Ltd., 50 shares Cia. Terminal de Productores, 477 Fuel Oil Distribution Corp., 270 shares Robertson Motor Fuel Process Corp., contract with D. Ochoa, Tampico, Mexico, revolutionary damage claim against Mexican Government, \$344,422; judgment against Cochran Harper Securities Corp., \$55,021; debt of Sunset Fuel Oil Co. of San Antonio, Tex., \$48,538; debt of Tank Shipbuilding Corp., \$158,127; notes of L. A. Malda, Mexican currency, \$12,500.—V. 124, p. 2764.

Southern Stores Corp.—Sales for First Half of Year.—

Table with columns for Period (6 Mos. End. 12 Mos. End.) and rows for Sales, May 31 '27, Nov. 30 '26.

Standard Textile Products Co.—Earnings.—

The profits of the company for 5 months ended May 31 1927 are estimated at \$300,000, after charges. In April profit was about \$80,000 and in May about \$70,000.—V. 124, p. 3083.

Sterling Coal Co., Ltd., & Sub.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for Years end. Mar. 31— (1926-27, 1925-26, 1924-25, 1923-24) and rows for Profit for year, Minority int. in sub. cos., Balance, surplus, Trans. fr. gen. cont. res., Previous surplus, Total surplus, Dividends (4%), Profit & loss surplus, After deducting cost, expenses and interest.

Sterling Salt Co.—Registrar.—

The Chase National Bank has been appointed registrar for 110,000 shares of common stock, no par value.—V. 124, p. 2765.

Struthers (O.) Furnace Co.—Bankruptcy.—

An order placing the company in bankruptcy was issued in the Federal Court in Cleveland recently, but was later set aside on petition of Hugh Grant, who has been receiver of the plant for some time. The bankruptcy petition was filed by Albert Grossman, Secretary of the company, who listed the assets at \$4,700,000 and liabilities at \$3,484,731. "Iron Age" June 16.)—V. 124, p. 2444.

Swedish Match Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1926, 1925, 1924) and rows for Income for year, General expenses, Net profit, Profit transferred from previous year, Balance Dec. 31, Dividends, Transferred to reserve fund, Balance carried forward.

Syracuse (N. Y.) Washing Machine Co.—Smaller Div.—

The directors have declared a quarterly cash dividend of 37 1/2 cents per share on the common stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 20. A quarterly cash distribution of 75 cents per share was made on this issue on April 1 last, while in each of the 3 previous quarters an extra of 2% in stock and 75 cents in cash were paid. President John N. Derschlag says in substance: "It was the opinion of the directors that the company's cash resources should be conserved to provide for the expansion of its business which is expected to result from the large sales of its new wringerless type of washing machine. Over 75% of the company's sales are of this new type. The operation of the factory is being conducted satisfactorily with a full force and many economies and improvements in production are being effected. In line with its usual practice, the company is producing machines at the rate of sales. Consequently, its inventories are not in excess of one week's sales."—V. 123, p. 1645.

(John R.) Thompson Co., Chicago.—Obituary.—

Chairman John R. Thompson died at his home on June 17.—V. 124, p. 3512.

Thompson Products Co., Cleveland.—To Change Stk.—

The stockholders will vote July 1 on changing the authorized common stock from 25,000 shares, par \$100 to 240,000 shares of class "A" and 60,000 shares of class "B" stock, both of no par value, and on reducing the

authorized pref. stock from \$1,500,000 to \$518,300, par \$100 (all of which is at present outstanding).

If the above plan is approved, each share of the present common stock will be exchanged for 8 shares of class "A" and 2 shares of class "B" stock...

President Chas. E. Thompson says that it is intended to initiate and maintain as far as possible, a dividend rate of \$1.60 a share per year...

Telaugograph Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Period End, 1927, 1926, 5 Months 1927, and 5 Months 1926. Rows include Total income, Expenses, Net earnings, Est. Federal taxes, Net income, Preferred dividends, Surplus, and Earnings per share.

Title Guarantee & Trust Co.—10% Extra Dividend.—

The trustees have declared an extra dividend of 10% on the capital stock in addition to a regular quarterly dividend of 4%.

Torrington Co., Torrington, Conn.—Acquisition.—

The company has acquired the Chicago Handlebar Co., Shelby, Ohio, makers of handle bars and seat posts for bicycles and velocipedes.

Travelers Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn.—Extra Dividend, &c.—

An extra dividend of \$4 per share and the regular quarterly dividend of \$4 per share have been declared on the capital stock...

An increase of \$500,000 in capital, making the amount \$2,000,000, was voted June 20 by the stockholders of the Travelers Fire Insurance Co.

Traylor Shipbuilding Corp.—Sale.—

The large plant of the company on the Delaware River at Cornwells, Bucks County, Pa., which was used during the World War for building wooden cargo carriers, has been purchased by Dr. Richard V. Mattison.

United Cigar Stores Co. of America.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of temporary certificates for \$20,000,000 6% cum. pref. stock (par \$100) on official notice of issuance and payment in full.

The Exchange has also authorized the listing on and after June 30 of \$604,050 additional common stock (par \$25) on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend...

United States Dairy Products Corp.—Earnings.—

[Including subsidiary companies from the dates of their respective acquisitions.]

Large table with columns for Calendar Years (1926, 1925, 1924, 1923) and rows for Sales, Cost of sales & op. exps., Operating profit, Int. & exps., Est. Federal taxes, Miscell. charges, Net profit, Vendors' guarantee loss, Increase in cash surr., Approp. for depreciation, Net income, Surplus, Divs., Invs., Loss on sale & dismantle, Surplus adjust., Approp. for retire., Prop. of earns. accrued, and Surplus end of period.

United States Finishing Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1926, 1925, 1924, 1923) and rows for Gross income, Expenses, Deprec., &c., Net profit, Other income, Total income, Interest, Federal taxes, Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Balance, surplus, Shs. com. outst., and Earnings per share.

United States Leather Co.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 7% on the prior preference stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15...

The prior preference stock, or voting trust certificates therefor, will be received by depositors of Central Leather Co. preferred stock...

Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and Bankers Trust Co. are the readjustment managers under the plan.

Universal Crepe & Tissue Mills, Inc., Salisbury Mills, N. Y.—Bonds.—

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed trustee, paying agent and registrar, of an issue of \$175,000 1st mtge. 10-year sinking fund 6 1/2% gold bonds...

United Wall Paper Factories, Inc.—Bonds Offered.—

Chase Securities Corp. and Spencer Trask & Co. are offering \$2,250,000 1st mtge. 20-year 6% sinking fund gold bonds...

Dated May 1 1927; due May 1 1947. Int. payable M. & N. at Chase National Bank, New York, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*.

Table with columns for 1st mtge., 20-year 6% sinking fund gold bonds, 6% cum. prior pref. stock, 87 dividend preferred stock, and Common stock. Rows include Authorized and Outstanding amounts.

Data from Letter of Winfield A. Huppuch, President of Corporation.

Company.—Incorp. in Delaware. Was formed to acquire all of the properties, businesses and assets of Robert Griffin Co., Standard Wall Paper Co., the York Card & Paper Co. and Chicago Varnished Tile Co.

Security.—Secured by direct first mortgage on all the fixed properties of the corporation now owned or on properties hereafter acquired for which bonds under this indenture are issued.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture will provide for a fixed sinking fund of \$50,000 per annum beginning April 29 1928, and in addition an amount equal to 10% of the net earnings of the corporation...

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for the acquisition of current assets of the predecessor companies and for additional working capital.

Earnings.—Consolidated net sales and net earnings of the predecessor companies for years ended April 30 1927 are as follows:

Table with columns for 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923 and rows for Net sales and Net earnings.

The above statement includes the operations of Chicago Varnished Tile Co. from date of its organization on Aug. 1 1923.

Consolidated net earnings after depreciation, available for interest and Federal income tax, for the five fiscal years ended April 30 1927, averaged \$7,412, or 5.9 times the annual interest requirements of the 1st mtge. bonds of this issue to be presently outstanding.

Total, \$8,203,629. Represented by 200,000 shares of no par value of an authorized issue of 300,000 shares.

University of Detroit.—Bonds Offered.—Fidelity Trust Co., Watling, Lerchen & Hayes, and Edward Dillon, Detroit, are offering at par and interest \$400,000 first mtge. series B 5% gold bonds.

Dated March 1 1927; due serially 1931-1939. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Callable on any int. date upon 60 days notice at 101 1/2 for bonds maturing 10 years or more; 101 for bonds maturing 5 years and less than 10 years; 100 1/2 for bonds maturing less than 5 years, after date of redemption.

These bonds are a direct obligation of the University of Detroit, and are secured by a first mortgage on all real property of the corporation in Detroit, including improvements thereon described in the report of the American Appraisal Co.

The present site of the University is on Jefferson Avenue East, adjacent to the business district. The new campus, comprising 67 acres, is situated at the Six Mile Road and Livernois Ave.

History.—The University of Detroit was founded in 1877 as Detroit College, by the Society of Jesus, more generally known as the Jesuit Order, offering only one course, the Arts and Science.

all the different branches of engineering. The faculty, including special lecturers, now numbers in the neighborhood of 175. The enrollment for 1926-27 was approximately 3,000 students. This growth has necessitated many changes and additions from time to time.—V. 121, p. 1581.

Waitt & Bond, Inc.—Stock Sold.—A banking group composed of Dominick & Dominick, Chas. D. Barney & Co. and Schafer Bros. have sold 80,000 shares of class A stock and 40,000 shares of class B stock, both of no par value. The stock was offered in units of one share of class A stock and 1/2 share of class B stock at a price of \$33 per unit. The offering does not represent new financing by the company.

Class A stock entitled to preferential cumulative dividends at the rate of \$2 a share a year. Class B stock is entitled to all dividends after the payment of \$2 on class A stock. Dividends on class A stock are payable Q-M. The shares of class A and class B stock will have full voting rights; class A stock is entitled to \$35 a share and divs. in voluntary liquidation, or \$25 a share and divs. in involuntary liquidation before any distribution in liquidation is made on class B stock and is callable at \$35 a share and divs. on any div. date on 30 days' notice. Transfer agent both classes, The Bank of America. Registrar both classes, Bankers Trust Co.

Capitalization— Authorized. Outstanding.
7% s. f. gold debenture bonds 1938 (closed issue) \$715,500 *\$360,000
Class A stock (preferential) 100,000 shs. 100,000 shs.
Class B stock (common) 300,000 shs. 200,000 shs.
* Amount now outstanding, \$68,500 have been retired through the operation of the sinking fund and \$7,000 are in treasury.

Data From Letter of W. E. Waterman, President of the Company.

Business.—Business was established about 1870 and was first incorp. in 1902. Corporation makes cigars exclusively and was the first manufacturer to produce long filler cigars entirely by machinery. Corporation owns and manufactures the widely known brand "Blackstone." Other brands are Totem, Endicott, Quincy and Beaver.

Earnings.—The net earnings from the business of the corporation and its subsidiary, after all charges and Federal taxes, applicable to the class A stock and the class B stock to be outstanding, have been as follows:

1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
\$585,416	\$254,138	\$256,164	\$542,733	\$484,744

The above earnings for 1926 are almost 3 times and the five year average more than twice the \$2 preferential dividend on the class A stock. The proposed dividend on the class B stock was earned almost twice in 1926 and fully earned on the five year average. The earnings during the current year to date have been approximately the same as during the corresponding period in 1926.

Dividends.—Corporation and its predecessors have paid dividends without interruption for 25 years, which is the entire corporate life of the business. Before Oct. 1 1927, the corporation will inaugurate the payment of dividends on the class B stock at an annual rate of at least \$1.10 a share.—V. 120, p. 2826.

Weber & Heilbronner.—Earnings.—

Quarter Ended May 31—

Net income	1927.	1926.
Earnings per share on 88,168 shares common	\$142.000	\$101.000
—V. 124, p. 3368.	\$1.44	\$0.97

Wheland Co., Inc., Chattanooga, Tenn.—Bonds Offered.—Hamilton Trust & Savings Bank, Chattanooga, Tenn., are offering \$300,000 1st (closed) mtge. 6% 15-year serial bonds at prices to yield 6 1/2%.

Dated May 1 1927, due serially May 1 1928-1942. Principal and interest payable M. & N. at the Hamilton Trust & Savings Bank, Chattanooga, Tenn., trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2 1/2%.

The business was established with an original capital of only \$180,000 on Oct. 22 1866, and has grown in 61 years to a company with a capital and surplus of \$896,699, in addition to regular dividends paid to its stockholders, no additional money having ever been paid into the company. Company's properties include 16 acres of very valuable land, and a thoroughly modern plant for the manufacture of band and circular saw mill machinery steam engines and oil well machinery, also a valuable lot on which is located the company's office. The properties have been appraised by the American Appraisal Co. at \$613,779.

The average net income available for bond interest for the past 10 years ending April 30 1927, was 3.6 times bond interest requirements of this issue. Proceeds will be used to supply additional working capital.

(S. S.) White Dental Mfg. Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Cash	\$455,187	\$304,493	Capital stock	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Notes & accts. rec.	2,444,391	2,447,333	Mortgage payable	54,329	69,117
Inventories	3,888,146	4,029,817	Accounts payable	254,279	200,971
Marketable securities		4,127	Notes payable	1,200,000	1,500,000
Sundry debtors	49,181	34,956	Reserve for Federal taxes (est.)	108,000	108,000
Other assets	112,617	60,389	Reserve for contingencies	100,000	
Land, buildings, machinery, &c.	2,471,476	2,555,734	Miscell. accruals		36,638
Option on real est.		3,500	Capital surplus	2,000,000	1,500,000
Patents, trademk.	45,734	48,033	Undivided profits	1,072,975	1,229,124
Constr. in progress	183,696		Total (each side)	\$9,789,833	\$9,643,849
Prepa expenses	55,441	71,653			
Federal taxes paid under protest		\$3,814			

x After deducting \$174,406 reserve for doubtful accounts. y After deducting \$1,993,206 reserve for depreciation.—V. 124, p. 2768.

Yale Electric Corp.—To Build New Plant.—

Announcement is made by the directors that they have authorized the construction of a new plant in Jersey City on land already acquired. The growth of the company's business in recent years has taxed to capacity its present plant in Brooklyn, N. Y., making necessary its removal to larger quarters.

The proposed building together with additional equipment, it is estimated will involve a total cost, including the land, of upwards of \$900,000. It is expected to be completed and equipped ready for operation around Jan. 1 1928. This new plant will be so designed as to increase the manufacturing capacity of the company to double its present rate, at reduced cost of operation and manufacture.

The company has arranged with the Pennsylvania RR. Co. for a siding at the new plant, and these facilities should result in a considerable saving to the company.

In the meantime the Brooklyn plant is operating at full capacity in order to meet the company's trade requirements, it is announced.—V. 124, p. 3087

Yukon Gold Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Operating revenues	\$918,159	\$1,626,745	\$1,091,857	\$953,416
Operating expenses	x553,599	867,749	686,547	702,125
Operating income	\$364,560	\$758,996	\$405,340	\$251,291
Non-operating income	144,361	106,330	105,923	128,331
Total oper. gains	\$508,922	\$865,326	\$511,263	\$379,622
Royalties paid	See x	78,211	64,459	57,025
Interest charges	266,750	171,037	341,001	320,941
Gen. exp. & exams	53,912	85,412	68,680	42,394
Depletion	40,025	100,545	30,596	117,151
Depreciation	155,019	275,532	183,343	264,020
Loss on sale of Dawson assets	517,749			
Loss due to conclusion of Murray, Idaho, lease	22,070			
Loss on sale of Trinity River Dredge		370,134		
Loss due to abandonment of Trinity River lease		244,867		
Balance, deficit	\$571,771	\$460,413	\$176,947	\$421,909
x Includes royalties.—V. 122, p. 3225.				

Zellerbach Corporation, San Francisco.—Prof. Stock Offered.—Blyth, Witter & Co., San Francisco, are offering 30,000 shares additional convertible preferred stock, cumulative dividends at rate of \$6 per share per annum. For full details see V. 124, p. 3228.

Years Ended April 30—	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross profit	\$7,378,422	\$7,357,941	\$7,022,909
Operating expenses	3,852,057	3,859,516	3,829,406
Depreciation	639,585	624,905	550,060
Interest and discount	101,085	266,546	350,099
Federal income taxes	371,991	340,000	306,679
Reserve for contingencies	100,000	180,710	

Balance, surplus	\$2,313,704	\$2,156,274	\$1,986,664
Less prof. for 6 mos. end. Oct. 31 1924			985,086
Previous surplus	1,370,517	447,025	

Total	\$3,684,221	\$2,603,299	a\$1,001,578
Divs. paid on pref. stk. & subsidiaries	352,692	b171,087	87,178
Dividends on common stock	1,061,694	1,061,695	467,375

Surplus April 30— \$2,269,834 \$1,370,517 \$447,025
a Net profit for the six months ended April 30 1925. b Preferred stock of the Zellerbach Corp. was not issued until Mar. 2 1926 and first dividend thereon was paid June 1 1926. c Includes other income.

Consolidated Balance Sheet April 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1927.	1926.	1927.	1926.	
Plant & equip't.	a15,946,525	12,329,151	Preferred stock	b9,013,850
Patents, easements and leases	1,501,593	1,530,882	Common stock	c16,173,629
Cash	1,097,317	960,885	Notes payable	3,775,000
Notes & acc'ts rec.	7,263,685	4,085,191	Acc'ts payable	1,839,851
Inventories	6,100,509	6,119,142	Mts. & contr. pay.	d587,555
Other receivables	374,145	567,658	Federal taxes	355,000
Investments	966,082	825,329	Funded debt	240,000
Deferred charges	1,237,776	1,181,340	Special reserves	352,912
			Surplus	2,269,834
			Total	34,587,632

a After deducting \$3,881,424 reserve for depreciation. b Represented by 90,000 shares of no par value stock of the Zellerbach Corp., of which 60,000 in hands of public and 30,000 shares have been subscribed for by the bankers; also 138 1/2 shares of preferred stock of the Northwestern Power & Light Co. in the hands of the public. c 707,803 shares, no par value. d Including \$230,834 payments maturing subsequent to April 30 1928.—V. 124, p. 3047.

Zimmerkneit, Ltd., Hamilton, Ont.—Prof. Stock Offered.—Denman & Co., Ltd., Hamilton, Ont., are offering at par (\$100), with bonus of 1/2 share of common stock, \$600,000 7% cumul. preference shares.

Preference shares are preferred as to dividends and assets; entitled to cumulative preferential cash dividends at the rate of 7% per annum, payable Q-F, by check (at par at any branch in Canada of the company's bankers) dividends to accrue from May 1 1927; callable in whole or in part at \$105 and div. per share on 60 days' notice. Provision has been made to retire preference stock to the extent of 10% of the net earnings available after payment of preferential dividends. Transfer agent, Royal Trust Co.; registrar, National Trust Co., Ltd.

Capitalization— Authorized. Outstanding.
7% cumul. preference shares (this issue) \$1,000,000 \$600,000
Common shares (no par value) 50,000 shs. 25,000 shs.

Company.—Owns and operates a thoroughly modern textile manufacturing plant at Hamilton, Ont. Chief products are underwear, hosiery and knit goods. Company employs from 500 to 700 skilled textile workers. Company's output is sold from coast to coast in Canada and finds a ready market in Australia, New Zealand and other parts of the British Empire.

Earnings.—Net earnings available for depreciation, Federal income taxes and dividends, four-year average from May 1 1923 to April 30 1927, were \$107,698, which is 2.56 times preference dividend requirement and at the rate of \$2.63 per share on the common stock after provision for preference dividend. Net earnings, available for depreciation, Federal income taxes and dividends, for the year ending April 30 1927, were \$150,685, which is 3.59 times preference dividend requirement and at the rate \$4.35 per share on the common stock after provision for preference dividend.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Charles F. Noyes Co., Inc., on June 15 made their annual disbursements of profits among all employees. Every one shared in the disbursement. Mr. Noyes reports that the personnel of the organization has increased during the past year from 61 employees, which the corporation had on May 1 1926, to 114 employees on April 30 1927, not including 30 executives under Stanley K. Green in charge of "Noyes National" and "Noyes of Chicago," and out-of-town activities. These 30 executives in "Noyes National" direct an organization of about 100 employees throughout the country. The total business of the Noyes organization for the year ending April 30 1927 was approximately \$140,200,000 in volume. Officers for the ensuing year were re-elected as follows: Charles F. Noyes Co., Inc.: Mr. Noyes, President; George J. Wise, William B. Falconer, Edwin C. Benedict-Harold S. Ford, Vice-Presidents; Frederick B. Lewis, Treasurer; George Wattlew, Secretary, and Col. M. S. Keene, Comptroller. C. F. Noyes National Realty Corp.: Stanley K. Green, Pres. & Gen. Mgr.; William Baeder, Charles F. Noyes, George J. Wise and William B. Falconer, Vice-Presidents; Frederick B. Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer.

—American railroads which have been going through a drastic period of recovery since the Armistice have put back into their properties over \$1,000,000,000 since 1918, according to an estimate contained in a study of railroads by Jackson & Curtis. From 1918 to 1925 inclusive, according to this figure, the sum re-invested was approximately \$1,000,000,000. The same ratio of reinvestment has continued through 1926 and the first half of 1927. During the period of 1918-1925, the ratio of debt to total capital rose from 55% to 57%. Of all corporate financing since the war to the close of 1926, the total done for American railroads has been less than 10% of the aggregate for all classes of businesses. Despite the ruling which sets 5 1/2% as a "fair return," the review concludes that this figure should "give a satisfactory return on the stock of the good roads due to the policy of reinvestment of earnings."

—American insurance companies are basically a form of investment trust and operate on the conservative principles of the well-run investment trust, according to Gilbert Elliott & Co., specialists in bank and insurance stocks. An examination of insurance company reports shows that since 1920 for every dollar paid in dividends by the 100 leading fire insurance companies, \$4 cents was put back into surplus, thus increasing materially the intrinsic value of the shares. Total net gain from investments of these 100 companies, the bankers point out amounted to \$443,851,217 for the seven years ending 1926. During the same period, total dividends paid amounted to \$207,228,730. The net increase in surplus accounts of these companies in the same period amounted to \$175,140,368.

—Oliver J. Anderson & Co. announced, on June 16, the formal opening of their new offices on the eighth floor of the Ambassador Building, St. Louis, to conduct a general investment business in bonds and stocks and to underwrite conservative securities. The firm of Oliver J. Anderson & Co. is composed of Oliver J. Anderson, Meredith C. Jones and George Witsma Jr. These partners were formerly members of the firm of Lorenzo E. Anderson & Co. Oliver J. Anderson & Co. is a member of the New York Stock Exchange.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS
 PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

[The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of the paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."]

Friday Night, June 24 1927.

COFFEE on the spot was quiet with Santos 4s 16¼ to 17c. and Rio 7s 14¾c. On the 20th inst. cost-and-freight offers of Santos coffees were irregular or unchanged, while those from Rio were higher. For prompt shipment offers included Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 17 to 18c.; 3s at 16 to 16.40c.; 3-4s at 16¼c.; 3-5s at 14¾ to 15¼c.; 4-5s at 14½ to 15.60c.; 5-6s at 14.65c. to 15½c.; 6s at 14.65c.; 7-8s at 13¾c.; 7s separations at 14.05c.; 6-7s at 14½ to 14.60c.; 7-8s at 12.95c.; part Bourbon or flat bean 3-4s at 17½c.; 3-5s at 15½ to 15.60c.; 4-5s at 15 to 15.40c.; 6s at 14¾c.; undescribed 4s at 15c.; peaberry 4s at 15¾c.; Rio 7s at 12.95 to 13.55c.; Santos Bourbon 4-5s for July-June shipment were here at 14.60c.; 4s at 14¾c.; 7-8s at 13.15c.; 4s for September-December at 14.60c. to 14¾c.; 3s for October-December at 16c.; 5-6s for October-March at 13.70c.; peaberry 3-4s for October-March at 14¾c.; 6s at 14.10c., and 4s for January-March at 14c.

Recently the weather in Santos was cold and frost was reported in four of the districts, i. e. 32 degrees in one unimportant district. But the temperature in three districts did not go below 41. There is of course a distinction between a frost and a freeze. There have been only three seasons, it is pointed out, when the weather seriously damaged a Santos crop; one in 1887, one in 1902, both of which were serious enough to reduce its size. The freeze in the last days of June and early July of 1918 told heavily, ruining millions of young trees, and drying up the sap in others. At first the trade, as usual, was sceptical and the 1919-20 Santos crop was estimated at 15,000,000 bags. It turned out to be 4,161,000 bags. Futures prices during June 1919, rose to 24.65c. or 16.65c. above the previous year. Judging from the action of the Santos market many judge no injury was done this year. The flowering has not begun. It is a custom of some to advise buying in June, the month when prices are generally at the lowest for the crop year. Some believe existing prices are cheap enough.

Firm offers on the 22d inst. were small. Prices were about unchanged on Santos but a little off on Rios and Victorias. Prompt shipment offers were of Santos Bourbon 3s at 16.90 to 17.10c., 3-4s at 16c. to 16.40c.; 3-5s at 15¼ to 15¾c., 4-5s at 15.40 to 15½c., 5-6s at 14.70c., Bourbon separation 6-7s at 14.30c., 7-8s at 13c. to 14¼c. To-day early cost and freight offers were in rather small supply. Santos prompt shipment 15.70 to 16c. for Bourbon 3-5s, 15.16 to 15.70c. for 4-5s, 14.90 for 5s, 14.70 to 14.90c. for 5-6s, 14.60c. for 6s and 6-7s, 14.15c. for 7-8 grinders, 16.85 to 18.20c. for part Bourbon 3s, 16c. for 3-4s, 14.85c. for 5s and 16.30c. for peaberry 4s. Rio 7s for first half July shipment by fast steamer were here at 12.75c. and 13c. Santos Bourbon 3s were offered for October-January shipment at 15.60c.

Buyers still have no faith in Brazil's ability to carry her coming crops and maintain prices. This lack of confidence in consuming countries in present prices of course militates against Brazil's ability to unload her supplies at existing prices. Some look for a continued decline in Santos Rio and Victoria offers, until buyers feel prices have struck bottom. Aside from a sharp decline in prices, the only thing which can influence consumers to buy is a killing frost, which would seriously injure the growing crop. It is argued that when this buying movement does start, the jobbers, roadsters, and wholesalers begin to carry supplies for some time ahead, efforts of Brazil to advance prices will not be strenuously opposed. Fair to good Cucuta 17½ to 19½c.; Bucaramanga washed 21 to 22½c.; Honda 23¼ to 23¾c.

Futures on the 20th inst. closed at a net advance of 5 to 10 points, with Rio term prices 575 to 625 reis higher. The general sentiment here was stubbornly bearish. This may be partly inferred from the lack of genuine response here to the much higher cables. They still question the ability of the Defense Committee to stabilize prices. The scepticism of traders now and then has proved rather costly. The sales on the 20th inst. were only 27,250 bags. Nothing seemed to be able to arouse the market from its lethargy. On the 23d inst. prices declined 6 to 12 points, with sales of 39,250 bags. Rio term prices were off 175 to 200 reis. Exchange on London was 5.117-128d.; dollars, 88360. Santos exchange, 5 29-32d., and dollars, 88360. To-day futures closed 5 to 11 points lower with sales of 40,500 bags. Santos declined at the opening 25 to 275 reis. London exchange, 5 29-32d.; dollars were up to 88370. Rio was 50 to 150 reis lower, with exchange on London unchanged; also dollars. Havre closed .75 to 2.50 francs lower, with sales of 2,000 bags. Hamburg closed unchanged to .25 lower, with sales of 2,000

bags. Final prices here show a decline for the week of 6 to 10 points. Price closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	14¾	September	11.87@nom.	March	11.39@nom.
July	12.45@12.46	December	11.55@11.56	May	11.23@

SUGAR.—Prompt raws were quiet early in the week at 2 13-16c. c. & f. for Cuban. On the 20th inst. private London cables reported a better tone in the European market and an improved demand for British refined. Java was reported firmer. Japan cabled that there was a better demand from Hong Kong. Some think it worth while to remember that futures are now 70 to 90 points below the year's high levels for 1927 positions and 30 to 35 points below those for 1928 deliveries, and it is argued that it is unlikely that hedge selling will continue on the scale noticeable heretofore. Sugar is now relatively cheap, it is contended, and the price should prove an important factor in the consumption of this year's supplies.

Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 56,616 tons, against 38,796 in the previous week, 54,379 in the same week last year, and 58,874 two years ago; exports, 89,749 tons, against 90,805 in previous week, 73,491 last year and 116,464 two years ago; stock, 1,221,683, against 1,254,816 last week, 1,361,324 last year and 1,152,898 two years ago; of the exports, United States Atlantic ports received 63,794 tons, New Orleans 8,939 tons, Savannah 6,946 tons, Galveston 4,628 tons, Europe 4,636 tons, and Canada 806 tons. Centrals grind 1 gainst 3 in the previous week, 8 last year and 18 two years ago. The weekly Cuba figures, according to one statement, are: Arrivals, 39,631 tons; exports, 74,999 tons, and stocks, 1,255,170 tons. Of the exports, 28,673 tons were for New York, 16,571 for Philadelphia, 5,386 for Boston, 11,943 for New Orleans, 2,914 for Savannah, 3,629 for Galveston, 477 for Canada, 3,436 for United Kingdom, and 714 for Sweden. It is argued that the underlying cause of the serious decline will probably be found in the expectation of increased production in most of the sugar countries of the world, particularly Europe and Cuba. Berlin cabled that the general crop report on the German beet crop is distinctly unsatisfactory. The development of all crops has been retarded lately by cold, wet weather.

Futures advanced 3 to 5 points on higher cables from Europe and the announcement by President Machado of Cuba that he will continue the policy of restricting the output of sugar and delaying grinding until Jan. 1st. The sales on the 20th inst. were 131,850 tons. Offerings in the spot market were smaller; 29,500 bags of Cuba sold at 2 13-16c. c. & f. June 22nd loading to a New Orleans refiner.

Advices from Cuba said: "Drought general in four western and northern half Camaguey Provinces. Normal July and August rains will help but careful survey indicates next crop, even if unrestricted, cannot exceed 4,800,000 tons, and if drought continues during July, total output will be considerably below this." As compiled by Willett & Gray: for the North Atlantic ports receipts, it is pointed out, were less than meltings by about 6,000 tons. Refiners' stocks at these ports on June 22 were 101,000 tons, compared with 165,000 tons at the same time last year and 126,000 tons at this time in 1925. Importers' stocks are now 60,000 tons less than they were at this time last year. Refiners at these ports have, it is contended, no more than 10 days' melt on hand. To-day all of the 392 July notices were soon stopped. Refined was steadier though new business was small, but the weather was not seasonable. Prices were 6.10 to 6.20c. Futures advanced later, with the tradign mostly in July. July notices though large, it was believed will be promptly stopped. About 10,000 bags Porto Ricos, due early next week, sold at 4.58c., delivered, and 5,000 bags Cuba for first half July shipment at 2 25-32c. c. & f. On the 23d inst. futures advanced 5 to 9 points with sales of 110,500 tons. The rise was in the teeth of predictions of July notices of 50,000 tons.

To-day futures closed 4 to 7 points lower with sales of 65,700 tons; 5,000 bags of Cuba July shipment sold late on Thursday at 2 27-32c., c. & f., or 4.61c. c. i. f. London was steady with a fair demand for spot refined, which advanced 3d. Javas were firm. London closed, however, unchanged to ¼d. lower. 20,000 tons of Cuba and San Domingo sold at 13s., or 2.94c. f.o.b. Cuba. Notices were for 39,200 tons. Scattered liquidation followed. Leading refining interests are supposed to have stopped the notices. A better demand was reported for refined at 6.10c.; one company advanced its price to 6.20c. Final prices on futures show a rise for the week of 5 points. Spot sugar is up 1-16c. since last Friday.

Closing prices were as follows:

Spot unofficial	2 13-16	December	2.90@	March	2.72@nom
July	2.70@	January	2.83@	May	2.80@
September	2.81@2.82				

LARD on the spot declined late last week: Prime Western, 13.30 to 13.40c.; refined Continent, 13½c.; South America, 14¼c.; Brazil, 15¼c. To-day prime Western was quoted

at 13.20c.; refined Continent, 13¼c.; South America, 14c.; Brazil, 15c. Futures declined on the 18th inst. with corn lower though early in the day lard advanced 5 to 10 points with hogs steady and receipts smaller than due. It dropped 8 to 10 points net later. On the decline there was some rather heavy buying partly, it was understood, for Europe. Futures on the 23d inst. declined 10 to 15 points with grain off and liquidation general as well as hedge selling and cash lard still dull. Hogs too were 10 cents lower with receipts up to 116,000, against 99,700 a week previously, and 89,200 last year. To-day futures ended 5 points lower with cottonseed oil off 1 to 5 points, and large July tenders ahead for Tuesday. Hogs closed 5 to 10c. higher with the top \$9.35. But selling by packers and liquidation offset the rise in hogs. Besides the cash demand was unsatisfactory. Meats were dull. Final prices show a decline for the week of 28 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery.....cts.	12.75	12.65	12.70	12.66	12.56	12.45
September delivery.....	12.95	12.01	12.10	12.03	11.96	11.87

PORK steady; mess, \$33; family, \$36 to \$38; flat back pork \$22.60 to \$29. Ribs, Chicago, cash, \$11.82 on 40 to 60 lbs. average. Beef firm; mess, \$18 to \$19; packet \$16 to \$18; family, \$18.50 to \$20.50; extra India mess, \$33 to \$35; No. 1 canned corn beef, \$2.50; No. 2, \$4.25; six pounds, South America, \$12.75. Cut meats steady; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 18¼ to 20¼c.; bellies, clear, f. o. b., 6 to 12 lbs., 20 to 23¼c.; bellies clear, dry salted, boxed 18 to 20 lbs., 15¼c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 16¼c. Butter, lower grade to high scoring 34 to 43¼c. Cheese, flats, 21c to 28c. Eggs, medium to selections, 20 to 26½.

OILS.—Linseed was steady but quiet. A fairly large contract withdrawal movement was reported, with paint manufacturers taking most of this oil. Linoleum interests were inquiring for forward deliveries but actual sales were small. For raw oil in carlots, cooerage basis 11.2c. was quoted. In tanks 10.4c.; 5 bbls. or more 11.3c., less than 5 bbls. 12.2c. Cocconut, bbls. spot nominal; Manila, coast tanks, 8¼c; spot tanks, 8½c.; Corn, crude tanks, plant, low acid, 8½c; China wood, N. Y. drums, spot 20c.; Pacific Coast tanks spot 18¼c.; Olive, Den. \$1.80 to \$1.85; Soya bean, coast tanks 9¼c.; blown bbl. 14c.; Lard, prime, 13¼c.; extra strained, winter, New York, 13¼c.; Cod, Newfoundland, 63 to 65c. Turpentine, 54½ to 57½c. Rosin, \$10.50 to \$11.05. Cottonseed oil sales to-day including switches 17.700 bbls. P Cruda S. E. nomi al. Prices closed as follows:

Spot.....	9.00@	August.....	9.39@9.45	November.....	9.81@9.85
June.....	9.00@	September.....	9.58@	December.....	9.86@9.92
July.....	9.07@9.10	October.....	9.75@9.80	January.....	9.92@9.94

PETROLEUM.—Gasoline was steadier. Conditions in Oklahoma were said to be improving. The Chicago market was more active, but purchases were generally confined to small quantities. Local jobbers were buying in larger quantities. New York harbor refiners quoted 8¾ to 9c. for U. S. Motor in tank cars at the refineries. In the Gulf, however, no improvement was reported. Export business was quiet. Refiners quoted 7½c. for U. S. Motor and 8½c. for 64-66 gravite, 375 e.p. Fuel oils were rather quiet. Bunker oil, grade C, \$1.65 at refineries and \$1.71½ f.o.b. New York harbor refiners. Diesel oil dull at \$2.20 at refineries. Gas oil, 5½c. for 36-40, and 6¾c. for 28-34. Kerosene was quiet at 6¾c. for 41-43 water white and 7c. for 43-45 water white at local refineries. Gulf refiners quoted 5c. for 41 water and 6c. for 44. Lubricating oils were quiet but steady.

New York export prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. motor specifications, deodorized, 24.40c.; bulk, refinery, 9c.; kerosene, cargo lots, cases, S. W., 16.15c.; bulk, 41-43, 6¾c.; W. W., 150 deg., cases, 17.15c.; bulk, 43-45, 7c.; furnace oil, bulk refinery, 6½c.; tank wagon, 38-42, 11c.; kerosene tank wagon to store, 15c.; bulk W. W. del. N. Y. cars, 8c.; refinery, 43-45 gravity, 7c.; prime white, 41-43, del. tanks, 7¾c.; refinery, 6¾c.; motor gasoline, garages (steel bbls.), 19c.; up-State and New England, 19c.; single cars del., 10c.; naphtha, V.M.P. deodorized, 21c.

Pennsylvania.....	\$2.90	Buckeye.....	\$2.60	Eureka.....	\$2.75
Cornina.....	1.45	Bradford.....	2.90	Illinois.....	1.60
Cabell.....	1.40	Lima.....	1.71	Wyoming, 37 deg.....	1.30
Wortham, 40 deg.....	1.21	Indiana.....	1.48	Plymouth.....	1.33
Rock Creek.....	1.25	Princeton.....	1.60	Wooster.....	1.77
Smackover, 24 deg.....	1.25	Canadian.....	2.24	Gulf Coastal "A".....	1.20
		Corsicana heavy.....	1.10	Panhandle, 44 deg.....	1.12
Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas.....		Elk Basin.....			\$1.33
40-40.9.....		Big Muddy.....			1.25
32-32.9.....	\$1.21	Lance Creek.....			1.33
52 and above.....	1.05	Grass Creek.....			1.33
Louisiana and Arkansas.....		Bellevue.....			1.25
32-32.9.....	1.20	Cotton Valley.....			1.00
35-35.9.....	1.26	Somerset Light.....			2.35
44-44.9.....	1.44				

RUBBER.—Further declines occurred on the 20th inst. of 70 to 110 points, but some 50 to 60 points of this was recovered later. London, however, was ¾d. lower at one time on that day and heavy selling for short account followed here. It swept everything before it. Yet the statement of the London stock showed that it had decreased within a week 560 tons. It was the first decrease in about a month. But the suspicion is dawning on the minds of Englishmen that the restriction plan is a mistake. England has been holding the bag; other countries have filled it or rather they have competed with England the more successfully because of the restriction. To change the metaphor, England picked a stick for its own back. The London "Times" emphatically recommends the abandonment of restriction. London re-

covered two-thirds of its loss of the 20th inst. The continual declines, however, at home and abroad naturally tend to upset confidence. The trading on the Exchange here was 2,495 tons. The closing here on the 20th inst. was with July 34.70c., August 34.90c., September 35.20c., October 35.20c., November 35.40c., December 35.50c. and March 35.80c. Outside prices were: Ribbed smoked spot June and July, 34¾ to 35c.; July-September, 34¾ to 34¼c.; October-December, 35¼ to 35½c.; January-March, 35¾ to 36¼c.; first latex crepe, 35 to 35¼c.; clean thin brown crepe, 31½ to 32c.; specky brown crepe, 31¾c.; rolled brown crepe, 30 to 30¼c.; No. 2 amber, 32½c.; No. 3 amber, 30 to 30¼c.; No. 4 amber, 31¾c.; Paras, up-river fine spot, 30½ to 31c.

The London stock on the 20th was 66,894 tons, against 67,454 tons last week, 66,668 last month, 61,300 three months ago, and 22,664 a year ago. In London business increased on the 20th inst. on the decline. Large interests are said to have given the market support. Spot and June closed at 16¾d. to 16¾d.; July-September at 17 to 17¼d.; October-December at 17½ to 17¾d.; January-March at 17½ to 18d. Singapore on the 20th inst. was dull and ¾ to ½d. lower: June, 16¾d.; July-August-September, 16¾d.; October-November-December, 17d.

The President of the Rubber Exchange is quoted as giving Secretary Hoover credit for helping to bring about a situation in rubber which he says is causing British interests much concern. He declares that the conservation policy initiated by Secretary Hoover about 18 months ago has brought about a considerable increase in the use of reclaimed rubber.

On the 21st inst. New York advanced 60 to 80 points with steady buying by manufacturers. London rose ¼d. and Singapore ¼d. London advanced on pricefixing and New York support. Singapore responded to the New York and London recovery. Outside prices here were ⅝ to ⅞c. higher. The report of the International Association for Rubber in the Netherlands Indies showed a production in 1926 of 124,000 tons on estates and of 85,000 tons of native rubber in dry terms. The 1927 estimate is for a production of 130,000 tons of estate rubber and 85,000 tons of native. The total Dutch East Indies production in 1923 was about 139,000 tons. New York on the 21st inst. ended with June 35.20c., July 35.40c., August 35.50c., September 35.80c., October 36c.; November 36.10c., and December 36.20c. Outside prices on the 21st inst.: Ribbed smoked spot, June and July, 35½ to 35¾c.; first latex crepe, 35¾ to 36c.; clean, thin, brown crepe, 32¼ to 32½c.; specky, brown crepe, 31¾c.; rolled brown crepe, 30¼ to 30¾c.; No. 2 amber, 33c.; up-river, fine spot, 32 to 32½c.; coarse, 21 to 21½c.; Acre, fine, 32 to 32½c.; Caucho Ball, upper, 22 to 22½c. London on reports from America that pool manufacturers were supporting that market, was stronger on the 21st inst. and closed a the highest of the day. Spot and June, 17¼ to 17¾d.; July-September, 17½ to 17¾d. At Singapore on the 21st inst. June was 16¾d. and July-August-September 17d.

To-day prices declined for a time 10 to 30 points but rallied later and ended unchanged to 20 points lower for the day. London closed steady at a decline of 18d. Spot and June were 17½d; July-Sept. 17¾d; some think London will come lower on Saturday. The pool is said to have bought very little of late. Some are none too confident that the pool can sustain the market. Yet the bears are said to be more cautious. The first notice day is on Monday. Some are awaiting the notices before taking a new position. Prices show an advance for the week on July and Sept. of 120 points.

HIDES.—The sales of frigorifico recently included 41,000 steers at 18¾c. to 18 9-16c.; 7,500 frigorifico cows at from 18 15-16c. to 19¼c. City packer have been quiet with offerings small. Common dry were firm. Common hides: Antioquias, 26 to 26¼c.; Orinocos, 23c.; Savanillas, 22½c.; Packer, spready native steers, 21c.; native steers, 17c. Colorados, 16c.; bulls, native, 12c. New York City, calves 5-7s, 1.90; 7-9s, 2.25; 9-12s, 3.30.

OCEAN FREIGHTS were in fair demand. CHARTERS included grain 35,000 qrs. last half July, Gulf to Piraeus, 21¼c.; 20,000 qrs. Montreal to Antwerp-Rotterdam, 10c.; Hamburg-Bremen, 11c.; June 20-30; 35,000 qrs. Gulf to Antwerp-Rotterdam, 16¼c.; July 10-25; 33,000 qrs., Gulf to United Kingdom, 3s. 6d.; Havre-Hamburg range, 3s. 4½d.; Antwerp-Rotterdam, 3s. 3d.; sugar from North Cuba to north of Hatteras, June, 13¼c.; Cuba to Vancouver, \$3.75, first half July; coal Hampton Roads to West Italy, \$2.50 spot. Tankers, kerosene, Batum to United Kingdom-Continent, or Hamburg-Bordeaux range, June, 27s. 6d.; clean, Constanza to United Kingdom-Continent, June, 30s., and 31s. 6d. two ports. July; clean, July, Batum, Novorossick, Constanza to Porto Pl. 20s.; Batum to French Atlantic, 32s., September; clean, 75,000 bbls., Black Sea to United Kingdom-Continent, 29s., August-September. Time: West Indies, round trip, \$1.50; lumber, 1,300 standard, July, Gulf to Montevideo and Buenos Aires, two ports, \$1.50; 1,500 standard, July, same, two or three loadings ports to two ports, discharge, Montevideo and Buenos Aires, 170s sulphur from Gulf to Melbourne, 6,000-7,000 tons, July, 31s. Tankers: 70,000 bbls. fuel oil, San Pedro to North Hatteras, 93c. Time: West Indies, round, \$1.50; late June; West Indies, round, delivery North Hatteras, \$1.55; down trip, delivery Nova Scotia, 90c.; grain, Montreal to Antwerp-Rotterdam, 15c.; coal Hampton Roads to Barbados, \$2, prompt; sulphur, Gulf to Antwerp-Rotterdam, \$3.50 to \$3.75, July; sugar, north side of Cuba to north of Hatteras, 13c.; tankers: Tampico to New York, 38c.; Gulf to United Kingdom-Continent, 27s. 6d. July.

TOBACCO has been in moderate demand and about steady. Stocks of old tobacco are said to be rather small. Porto Rico tobacco is expected to sell more freely before long. Packers in not a few cases are said to be preparing for business. Domestic crops promise well at this time. Wisconsin, binders, 25 to 30c.; Northern, 40 to 45c.; Southern, 35 to 40c.; New York State seconds, 45c.; Ohio, Gebhardt, binders, 22 to 24c.; Little Dutch, 21 to 22c.; Zimmer Spanish, 30c.; Havana, first Remedios, 85c.; second, 70c.

At Morehead City, N. C., on June 22, A. B. Carrington, President of the Tobacco Association of the United States, delivered an address in which he said that despite a marked increase in tobacco production in those countries where it is indigenous, the annual tobacco crop of the United States was greater than the exports from all the countries of the world, and the pulse of the world's tobacco circulation is in this country. In 1925 the world harvested a tobacco crop of about 4,440,000,000 lbs. The United States ranks first in the industry as the greatest producer and the greatest exporter. Nearly 1,377,000,000 lbs. of leaf were grown in this country in 1925, or over 30% of the world crop and 35% of the United States crop was exported. American farmers received an average of 18.5 cents per pound for their crop in 1926, compared with 17 cents in 1925. More than 89,000,000,000 cigarettes were manufactured in 1926, against 82,000,000,000 in the year previous. The production of cigars last year was over 7,000,000,000.

COAL.—Prices in some quarters have been rather irregular. New York tidewater top prices have been reduced 10c. on the lower grades of low and medium volatiles. Kentucky screenings are lower at the West. West Virginia gas and lump, on the other hand, were 25c. higher. Central Illinois lump is 25c. lower. The demand for what are known as Southern smokeless specialties continues and prices are very well maintained. Spot coal at Hampton Roads terminals, Pocahontas first grade, is said to be \$4.40 to \$4.65, second grade \$4.10 to \$4.35, and high volatile \$4. That is one report. Another said Pocahontas and New River mine run are firmer at Hampton Roads at \$4.25 to \$4.35; though distress coal is said to sell now and then at less. Southern smokeless, according to one big producer, should be \$4.50 to \$4.60. Still another says Pocahontas is \$4.50 to \$4.75. The "Coal Age" quotes smokeless mine run at Cincinnati at \$2.25 and at Chicago at from \$1.80 to \$2.

COPPER was quiet and easier. The export price was reduced to 13c. c. i. f. European ports. Some sales were made at 12½c. but second hands were shading this price 2½ to 5 points. Export business fell off at one time. London on the 21st inst. declined 2s. 6d. on standard spot and futures and electrolytic fell 5s. to £59 15s. for spot and 2s. 6d. to £60 for futures. On the 22nd inst. prices there were unchanged. Later a better demand was reported at 12½c. London was higher. But the American Brass Co. reduced most finished products ¼c. making copper rounds ¾c. Copper Exporters quoted 13c. c. i. f. Europe. The French government, it is said, will sell 30,000 to 40,000 tons of war copper within the next few weeks. In London on the 23rd inst. standard advanced 7s. 6d. to £54 2s. 6d. spot and £54 15s. futures; sales 300 spot and 500 futures; spot electrolytic £59 15s.; futures £60 5s.

TIN was quiet. On the 21st inst. sales in this country were only 50 tons and in London 350 tons. Straits shipments from June 1 to 18, inclusive, were 4,800 tons. The technical position is weak. Yet on the 22d inst. prices advanced here, but business was still quiet. London advanced £2 2s. 6d. to £2 12s. 6d. on spot deliveries and 15s. on futures standard tin. Here the rise amounted to ¾c. with sales of spot at 67¾ to 67¾c. Sales on the exchange here were 50 tons, as follows: 25 tons of April-May Straits shipments at 65.90c. and 25 tons of June-July at 54.25c. Tin plate production for the first half of the year exceeded the record production for the first half of 1926. Later prices here fell ½c. in a dull market and with increased July supplies just ahead. Only 100 tons were sold here on the 23d; in London, 600 tons. London stocks have been recently steadily decreasing. Spot here, 67¼c.; July Straits, 66c.; August, 64¾c.; September, 64¼c. In London on the 23d inst. spot standard advanced £2 5s. to £300 15s.; futures up £1 to £287 5s. Spot Straits advanced £2 5s. to £311 5s.; Eastern c. i. f. London up 15s. to £294 5s. on sales of 125 tons.

LEAD was in fair demand and firmer, especially in the St. Louis district, where the price was 6.15c. At New York 6.40c. was quoted. Makers of solder, pipe and foil were the chief buyers. Lead ore in the Tri-State District was unchanged at \$78, with business quiet. London declined on the 21st inst. but advanced 3s. 9d. on the spot on the 22d inst. and 2s. 6d. on futures. Later trade was very good and the tone was firmer with London rising. The general quotation was 6.15c. East St. Louis. New York, 6.40c. The world production in May was 149,600 tons against 153,800 in April and 160,500 in March. Further curtailment is necessary, however, as the surplus is increasing. In London on the 23d inst. spot advanced 7s. 6d. to £24 12s. 6d.; futures up 6s. 3d. to £24 16s. 3d.; sales, 600 tons futures.

ZINC was dull and weaker. Some producers it is said were willing to sell at 6.17½c. East St. Louis. The slowness of the steel industry will cause a decreased consumption of zinc. London was lower. Zinc ore sales in the Joplin district were the largest in six weeks, being over 10,000 last week. Prime Western slab zinc is \$4. over the low of the year. Later New York was very firm encouraged by a rise in London. It was 6.22½ to 6.25 at East St. Louis. Another advance of \$1. per ton in the price of ore at Joplin was predicted after recent considerable sales and a cut in output. British price of zinc is so low as to preclude exports from the United States. Spot declined 2s 6d in London on the 23rd inst to £28 6s 3d; futures up 3s 9d to £28 10s; sales 50 tons spot and 750 futures.

STEEL has remained seasonably quiet and it may continue to for a month or six weeks. It would not surprise the trade. Prices are tending downward. The United States Steel Corporation has found it advisable to reduce the production to 74%, against 84% a year ago; independents to 68 to 70%, against 74 last year at this time. Output has latterly fallen off 4%. This is the sharpest cut of the year. Heavy finished steel for the third quarter was being sold, it was stated, at \$1.80 Pittsburgh, and 5 cents more for small lots. Cold finished steel for the third quarter sold at 2.30c. Pittsburgh; wire nails at 2.45c. Pittsburgh, a cut of \$1 a ton. Recent prices on annealed sheets black and blue are being cut, it seems, on tempting tonnages. Four of Chicago steel works have blown out in three weeks. There is more or less of a scramble for business in some lines; not so much in others. In general trade is dull and prices weak. Contracts for coke have been made for the summer. Later makers, it is said, were ignoring the Pittsburgh basing point and quoting f.o.b. mill. Some reported quotations as low as 1.58c. on shapes Pittsburgh. The price had been 1.75 to 1.80c. Pittsburgh. Wide hot-rolled strips have sold down \$2 per ton. On alloy steel bars \$1 to \$2 per ton cuts have, it is stated, been made.

PIG IRON has been dull and is said to be 25 to 50c. lower in Eastern Pennsylvania and 75c. off on No. 2 foundry in the Mahoning Valley, where it is \$17.75 to \$18. Elsewhere, also, the drift of prices is declared to be downward. A pretty good business for this time of the year is reported at Cleveland. Last week, it is said to have sold 50,000 tons, something unusual, with other centres so quiet. It is an exception that proves the rule of dullness and nominal quotations, when prices have not actually declined. On routine business, it is claimed that prices have not changed. Eastern Pennsylvania nominally, \$20.50 to \$21; Buffalo, \$17.50 to \$18; Royal Dutch at New York is off 25c. per ton to \$22.25, duty paid Atlantic ports. It is said that New York and Massachusetts furnaces have been selling pig iron to New England at \$18.50 to \$20 per ton at the furnace.

WOOL.—Recently the demand for fine wool has been rather better. Medium grades have met with only a moderate demand as not much grading has been done on the new crop. Prices have been steady and in rare instances somewhat higher. Boston advices of June 30 said that the East India sales in Liverpool had been of great interest to the carpet wool trade for the past week. Offerings there were not large, but of carpet wools there are said to have been large enough to enable people to gauge the market very well; it was clear prices there were unchanged to 5% higher.

Wool imports at Boston, New York and Philadelphia during the week ended June 11, were 3,190,230 lbs., actual weight, against 1,879,931 during the week ended June 4th according to figures compiled by the Department of Commerce. The heaviest receipts were 1,234,964 lbs. at New York. Included in the week's imports were 2,299,920 lbs. of carpet wool, of which 1,227,459 lbs. entered through New York, 704,780 through Philadelphia and 367,671 through Boston; 109,331 lbs. of clothing wool, 94,888 lbs. of which entered through Philadelphia and 14,443 through Boston; 780,457 lbs. of combing wool, 758,154 entering through Boston, 14,798 through Philadelphia and 7,505 lbs. through New York and 522 lbs. of mohair, entering at Boston.

At Sydney, Australia on June 20 the final series of the 1926-27 wool season opened. Offerings 25,000 bales; selection miscellaneous. Attendance and competition good. Compared with prices at the close of April, best wools were about 5% higher; other sorts were par to 5% advance.

A Government report said of the Boston market on the 22d inst.: "Fleece ¼ blood wools are strong with prices tending to advance. Ohio 48-50s. strictly combing, graded wool, sells at around 42c. in the grease, a fraction better having been realized in some cases. Houses well sold up on graded stock are asking 43c. Missouri 48-50s. sold at 40c., grease basis." Adelaide reports the first new season sale of wool in Sydney for August 29. This will be followed by Adelaide sale Sept. 9. Estimated offerings for the season of the Australian Commonwealth is 2,250,000 bales, of which 1,220,000 bales are to be offered before Christmas but allocations are not decided. Boston prices were as follows: Ohio and Pennsylvania fine delaine, 44 to 45c.; ½ blood, 43 to 43½c. Territory, clean basis, fine staple, 1.07 to 1.12c.; ½ blood, 97 to 1.02c.

At Liverpool on the 22d inst. there was a good attendance at the opening of the East India low-end wool sales. About 385 bales of Buenos Aires slipes were offered and quickly sold. Prices unchanged. Some 1,470 bales of Peruvian sorts met with a fair demand. Merino wool was very firm with first quality slightly higher but seconds weaker. At Sydney, Australia, the sales closed on the 22d inst. with all descriptions very firm and showing an upward tendency.

COTTON.

Friday Night, June 24 1927.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 45,396 bales, against 51,460 bales last week and 56,037 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1926 12,513,811 bales, against 9,403,240 bales for the same period of 1925-26, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1926 of \$3,110,571 bales.

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Total. Rows include Galveston, Texa. City, Houston, New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola, Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, New York, Boston, Baltimore.

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1926 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Table with columns: Receipts to June 24., 1926-27., 1925-26., Stock. Rows include Galveston, Texas City, Houston, Port Arthur, &c., New Orleans, Gulfport, Mobile, Pensacola, Jacksonville, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Georgetown, Wilmington, Norfolk, N'port News, &c., New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia.

* Houston statistics are no longer compiled on an interior basis, but only on a port basis. In the season's receipts in 1926-27 we have included the stock carried over from the previous season, namely, 226,636 bales. a In 1926 Houston stocks, amounting to 328,898 bales, were included under interior towns.

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Table with columns: Receipts at—, 1926-27., 1925-26., 1924-25., 1923-24., 1922-23., 1921-22. Rows include Galveston, Houston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, N'port, N., &c., All others.

* Beginning with the season of 1926, Houston figures include movement of cotton previously reported by Houston as an interior town. The distinction between port and town has been abandoned.

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 73,698 bales, of which 13,127 were to Great Britain, 11,744 to France, 6,628 to Germany, 8,860 to Italy, 25,030 to Japan and China, and 8,309 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 42,001 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 10,478,989 bales, against 7,557,673 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

Table with columns: Week Ended June 24 1927. Exports from—, Exports to— (Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan and China, Other), Total. Rows include Galveston, Houston, New Orleans, Pensacola, Savannah, Norfolk, New York, Total.

Table with columns: From Aug. 1 1926 to June 24 1927 Exports from—, Exports to— (Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan and China, Other), Total. Rows include Galveston, Houston, Texas City, New Orleans, Mobile, Jacksonville, Pensacola, Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, N'port News, New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Fran., Seattle, Portland, Ore.

NOTE.—Exports to Canada.—It has never been our practice to include in the above tables reports of cotton shipments to Canada, the reason being that virtually all the cotton destined to the Dominion comes overland and it is impossible to get

returns concerning the same from week to week, while reports from the customs districts on the Canadian border are always very slow in coming to hand. In view, however, of the numerous inquiries we are receiving regarding the matter, we will say that for the month of May the exports to the Dominion in the present season have been 20,410 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 18,897 bales. For the ten months ended May 31 1927, there were 239,889 bales exported, as against 215,065 bales for the corresponding ten 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:

Table with columns: On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—, June 24 at—, Great Britain, France, Germany, Other Foreign, Coastwise, Total, Leaving Stock. Rows include Galveston, New Orleans, Savannah, Charleston, Mobile, Norfolk, Other ports, Total 1927., Total 1926., Total 1925..

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has not been active. At best it has been only fairly large. And after some advance early in the week prices have latterly shown a moderate downward drift, owing to better weather, a weaker technical position and some liquidation of July and later months. Spot markets have been quiet. Cotton goods have been rather slower than otherwise. Some large cuts in prices have been made on bleached goods. Certain makes are the lowest that they have been for a considerable time. Apart from that there is a very general feeling that taking the crop as a whole it is making very good progress. As for the weevil, about which a good deal has been said, the contention of not a few is that it is too early to make very much of it. Of course, it can do some harm to the squares. But the real and unmistakable damage must come later to the boll if it is to come at all. The weekly Government report was better than expected. The growth in the Carolinas and Georgia was fair to excellent. In Georgia the plants are blooming freely. Though the weevil has been increasing in Texas it has thus far done no material damage. Texas had heavy rains in the lower coast section, where they were most needed. The plant in that State made a very good growth and the condition there is fair to very good. The early plants are said to be small and in the northeast there are grassy fields. But elsewhere in Texas cultivation is good and the plant is fruiting well. It is said that in the Hidalgo and Cameron counties of Texas they are about ready to pick cotton, only there is a drawback in the shape of a rise in the Rio Grande River which may flood some of that section. There are some drawbacks in other parts of the belt, but the cotton trade never saw a perfect season. In the main, as already stated, the prospects are declared to be promising.

And the technical position has latterly been weaker. On the recent rise a good many shorts liquidated. Quite a good-sized long account had accumulated. And Liverpool market has not been very encouraging to the advocates of higher prices aside from the fact that the spot sales there have been good. The Continent has been liquidating in Liverpool steadily, a fact which was only partly offset by trade calling and covering. Manchester, moreover, has been for the most part quiet. The other day it cabled an intimation that an effort would be made to bring about further short time in the mills using American cotton in the manufacture of yarns. The trade with India has been hampered by its impossible bids and now it is said that India, and especially Calcutta, has agreed not to buy British cloths for the next two months. Whether this will actually be carried out or not remains to be seen. But certainly its announcement was not calculated to cheer Liverpool, Manchester or New York. Here gray goods have been rather quiet, as far as new business was concerned, though gray goods mills are said to be sold ahead for some little time. Wall Street has been selling coincidentally with some decline in stocks. New Orleans has reported considerable liquidation of July, which had a disturbing effect there. The South in general has sold here and as a rule so has Liverpool. There is a tendency among the rank and file here to believe that bull features have been discounted and that if anything the market is overbought.

On the other hand, whatever may be said to the contrary, there is believed by some to be reason for nervousness about the weevil. Recently the Atlantic States have had a good deal of rain, especially Georgia. It has been called weevil weather. Poisoning does not appear to be general. A wet June is apt to hit the Atlantic belt, it is declared, especially hard. In parts of the belt the plant is late. The critical months of July and August are just ahead. Unless the weevil gets a bad blow from hot, dry conditions such as prevailed during much of those two months last year, it is feared that the damage to the crop from the pest may not be inconsiderable. Meanwhile, if the spot markets are not active the basis is for the most part reported firm. This applies not only to short cotton but also to long staple. There is said to be a short interest in both $\frac{7}{8}$ of an inch and longer lengths for account of shippers. It is said that the carryover of long staples this season will be small. The reports in regard to the loss of cotton by the floods in the Mississippi delta are contradictory. One report from Washington says that it will not be over 100,000 to 150,000

bales. Other reports take issue with this conclusion. Mean- while the trade is buying steadily, especially on reactions. The liquidation in July, on the eve of notices which will appear for the first time on June 28, has been accompanied by buying of later months, so that the discount on July under October has not been increased of late. If new business in cotton goods is not brisk, it seems to be none the less a fact that the cotton manufacturing industry is on the whole in good shape. It is said that some of the mills underestimated their requirements and will have to increase their purchases of the raw material before long.

To-day prices declined some 8 to 10 points on favorable weather west of the Mississippi River, July liquidation in expectation of large notices next Tuesday—possibly very much of the certified stock of 201,900 bales here—and favorable crop reports from various parts of the belt. Speculation was dull. Moreover, Manchester reported that there would be a reduction of 15% in operations in the mills making yarns from American cotton. That would make the schedule 60% of capacity as against 75 heretofore. Liverpool and the South, as well as some of the spot houses, were selling. It was felt that the market could not advance much until the notices had been disposed of. But later on about half the decline was recovered on heavy rains in Georgia and Alabama and very many reports of weevil infestation over a wide expanse of the belt. Moreover, the spinners' takings for the week were large. The mills bought. Spot firms took the July sold. Manchester reported a rather better demand. Liverpool, in spite of the talk of Manchester curtailment ended at a small advance. Contracts here were none too plentiful. Some had an idea that if anything, the market was short, although there are said to be some concentrated long accounts of importance. Worth Street was firm, with a fair demand. The upshot was that final prices show a rise for the week of 4 to 8 points. Spot cotton ended at 16.80c. for middling, an advance of 5 points from last Friday.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the June 23 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 June 30.

Table with 4 columns: Middling fair, Strict good middling, Good middling, Middling, etc. and 2 columns of prices/grades. Includes entries like '*Middling "yellow" stained', '*Good middling "blue" stained', etc.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Table showing Middling upland prices for June 18 to June 24, with columns for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing futures price ranges for various months from June to May. Columns include Range, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Closing.

Range of future prices at New York for week ending June 24 1927 and since trading began on each option:

Table with 3 columns: Option for, Range for Week, and Range Since Beginning of Option. Lists options for June 1927 through May 1928.

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.

Large table showing cotton supply statistics. Columns include dates (June 24, 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924) and various stock categories like Stock at Liverpool, Stock at London, Stock at Manchester, Total Great Britain, Total European stocks, etc.

Total visible supply... 5,911,914 4,508,207 3,147,096 2,667,297. Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows: American—Liverpool stock, Manchester stock, etc.

Continental imports for past week have been 142,000 bales. The above figures for 1927 show a decrease from last week of 224,287 bales, a gain of 1,403,707 over 1926, an increase of 2,764,814 bales over 1925, and an increase of 3,244,617 bales over 1924.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Table with 4 main columns: Towns, Movement to June 24 1927, and Movement to June 25 1926. Sub-columns include Receipts, Shipments, and Stocks for Week and Season.

* 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 the Houston figures from last year's total at the end of the table.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 31,914 bales and are to-night

199,271 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 941 bales less than the same week last year.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on June 24 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

Table with columns for year, price per bale, and market status. Rows include years from 1927 to 1920 with prices ranging from 16.80c to 38.25c.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

Table showing market status (Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed) and sales (Spot, Contr't, Total) for each day of the week (Saturday to Friday) and total weekly figures.

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:

Table comparing overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1 for 1926-27 and 1925-26. Includes categories like 'Shipped', 'Total gross overland', and 'Deduct Shipments'.

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 1,138 bales, against 5,384 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits an increase over a year ago of 72,451 bales.

Table titled 'In Sight and Spinners' Takings' comparing receipts at ports, net overland, and total marketed for the week and since Aug. 1 for 1926-27 and 1925-26.

* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Table showing movement into sight in previous years with columns for Week, Bales, and Since Aug. 1 for years 1925-26, 1924-25, 1923-24, and 1922-23.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKET.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Table titled 'Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—' showing prices for various markets (Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, etc.) from Saturday to Friday.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market from July to May, including market status and options.

CENSUS REPORT ON COTTONSEED OIL PRODUCTION DURING MAY.—Persons interested in this report will find it in our department headed "Indications of Business Activity" on earlier pages.

CENSUS REPORT ON COTTON CONSUMED AND ON HOND IN MAY, &c.—This report, issued on June 14 by the Census Bureau, will be found in full in an earlier part of our paper under the heading "Indications of Business Activity."

ACTIVITY IN THE COTTON SPINNING INDUSTRY FOR MAY.—Persons interested in this report will find it in our Department headed "Indications of Business Activity" on earlier pages.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON EXCHANGE TO HAVE BRANCHES AT HOUSTON AND GALVESTON.—On June 20 the "Wall Street Journal" reported the following from Houston:

The New Orleans Cotton Exchange on Aug. 1 will open an office in the Cotton Exchange Building at Houston for the purpose of handling tenders on future contracts of that exchange through Houston. J. Jeff Wood, Manager of the Spot Handling Department of the New Orleans Exchange, has completed arrangements for a similar office at Galveston to be opened on the same date.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that rain has fallen during the week in nearly every section of the cotton belt and in some cases precipitation has been heavy. The rain has as a rule been beneficial to cotton, though in a few sections there are complaints of too much rain.

Texas.—In this State the growth of cotton has been very good and cultivation satisfactory except in portions of the northwest, where some fields are becoming grassy. Weevil have been increasing but without material harm.

Mobile, Ala.—There has been too much rain over the cotton belt with a heavy downfall in many localities, and this has interfered with cultivation. Fields are getting grassy and weevils are increasing.

Table titled 'Rain, Rainfall, Thermometer' providing weather data for various locations including Galveston, Abilene, Brownsville, Dallas, etc., with columns for Rain, Rainfall, and Thermometer.

The rivers have risen somewhat during the week except at New Orleans and Memphis. At Vicksburg the stage of the river has risen from 47.7 feet last Friday to 48.6 feet; at Shreveport from 11.9 feet to 16.1 feet, and at Nashville from 9.9 feet to 10.3 feet.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

Table showing river heights at various points (New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, etc.) for June 24, June 17, and June 25.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table with columns: Week Ended, Receipts at Ports (1927, 1926, 1925), Stocks at Interior Towns (1927, 1926, 1925), Receipts from Plantations (1927, 1926, 1925). Rows include Mar, April, May, and June.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1926 are 12,205,284 bales; in 1925 were 10,304,580 bales, and in 1924 were 9,136,683 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 45,396 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 13,482 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 31,914 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 8,654 bales and for 1925 they were nil.

WORLD SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Table with columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season, 1926-27 (Week, Season), 1925-26 (Week, Season). Rows include Visible supply June 17, American in sight to June 24, Bombay receipts to June 23, etc.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 4,961,000 bales in 1926-27 and 4,420,000 bales in 1925-26—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 17,491,135 bales in 1926-27 and 15,545,296 bales in 1925-26, of which 11,959,735 bales and 9,722,096 bales American.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—

The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

Table with columns: Receipts at, 1926-27 (Week, Since Aug. 1), 1925-26 (Week, Since Aug. 1), 1924-25 (Week, Since Aug. 1). Rows include Bombay, Exports from, Total all.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 21,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record an increase of 1,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 517,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—

We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

Table with columns: Alexandria, Egypt, June 22, 1926-27, 1925-26, 1924-25. Rows include Receipts (cantars) and Exports (bales).

Table with columns: This Week, Since Aug. 1, This Week, Since Aug. 1, This Week, Since Aug. 1. Rows include Receipts and Exports.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending June 22 were 30,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 4,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both cloths and yarns is steady. Production is being curtailed. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table with columns: 1926-27, 1925-26. Rows include 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/4 Lbs. Shirts, Cotton Middl's Upl'ds, 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/4 Lbs. Shirts, Cotton Middl's Upl'ds. Rows include Mar, April, May, June.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 73,698 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

Table with columns: Destination, Bales. Rows include NEW YORK, NEW ORLEANS, HOUSTON, GALVESTON, NORFOLK, SAVANNAH, PENSACOLA.

COTTON FREIGHT.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Table with columns: Destination, High Density, Stand. ard, High Density, Stand. ard, High Density, Stand. ard. Rows include Liverpool, Manchester, Antwerp, Ghent, Havre, Rotterdam, Genoa.

LIVERPOOL.—

By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table with columns: June 3, June 10, June 17, June 24. Rows include Sales of the week, Actual exports, Forwarded, Total stocks, Total imports, Amount afloat.

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Table with columns: Spot, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows include Market, Mid. Upl'ds, Sales, Futures.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

June 18 to June 24.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12 1/4 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	4:00 p. m.
June	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
July	8.86	8.83	8.78	8.90	8.85	8.86	8.86	8.80	8.83	8.83	8.83	8.83
August	8.91	8.88	8.83	8.95	8.95	8.89	8.91	8.91	8.85	8.86	8.86	8.86
September	8.94	8.91	8.86	8.98	8.98	8.93	8.95	8.95	8.89	8.90	8.90	8.90
October	9.01	8.99	8.94	9.06	9.07	9.01	9.03	9.03	8.97	8.99	8.99	8.99
November	9.07	9.06	9.00	9.12	9.12	9.07	9.09	9.09	9.03	9.05	9.05	9.05
December	9.08	9.07	9.01	9.13	9.13	9.08	9.10	9.10	9.04	9.06	9.06	9.06
January	9.11	9.10	9.04	9.16	9.16	9.11	9.13	9.13	9.08	9.10	9.10	9.10
February	9.13	9.13	9.07	9.18	9.18	9.13	9.15	9.15	9.10	9.12	9.12	9.12
March	9.14	9.14	9.08	9.19	9.19	9.14	9.16	9.17	9.13	9.13	9.13	9.13
April	9.19	9.19	9.13	9.23	9.24	9.19	9.20	9.21	9.16	9.19	9.19	9.18
May	9.20	9.20	9.14	9.24	9.25	9.20	9.21	9.22	9.17	9.20	9.20	9.19
June	9.23	9.23	9.17	9.27	9.27	9.23	9.24	9.25	9.20	9.24	9.24	9.22

BREADSTUFFS.

Friday Night, June 24 1927.

Flour has kept to the usual narrow routine of trade. From week to week, and indeed, from month to month there is little or no variation from what has come to be the accepted way of doing business, that is from hand to mouth. The only change is in prices as they obey the helm furnished by the changes in those for wheat. Export trade has also remained quiet. At Montreal on June 23 Manager D. A. Campbell of the Maple Leaf Milling Co. said that among the foremost handicaps which the Canadian export flour trade labors under was the practice by the Canadian pool of selling foreign millers Canada's hard wheat at once price and disposing of it at home to the domestic mills at a price sufficiently higher to curtail their export trade.

Wheat has suffered severe depression. It advanced at first on the 18th inst. 1 to 1 1/4c. on big trading stimulated by a rise in Liverpool of 1 to 1 1/4d. Buenos Aires advanced 1/2c. Rains occurred in Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and other States. But later prices gave way sharply and closed 1 1/2 to 2c. lower at Chicago and Winnipeg, as it was said to be clearing in the Southwest. Nebraska's condition, too, was reported at 94.1. Rains in the Southwest, it is said, have affected quality more than quantity. Mills paid good premiums for choice old wheat, though the flour business was quiet. Export bids were a couple of cents too low. An estimate of the Kansas crop as 128,000,000 bushels was higher than expected. Last year's total, it is true, was 150,000,000. In northern Illinois and Indiana the crop was looking well, even if in other parts of those States conditions were called spotted. Some crop reports from France, Germany and Australia were better. On the 20th inst. prices advanced early 1 to 2 1/2c. on reports of heavy rains in Kansas. Later profit taking set in. Yet there were heavy rains also in the Texas Panhandle, while the weather forecast was for rains in Kansas, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois and Wisconsin over night. There were warnings of the rise in many Kansas rivers. Mills brought choice old milling wheat quite freely. There is now some disposition to increase the estimates of the Kansas crop due to recent rains. Northwestern and Canadian weather conditions were very favorable.

In regard to the possibilities of the Kessinger bill being passed by the Illinois Legislature, many grain brokers here, especially those with Chicago connections, expressed the opinion that the Governor of Illinois will veto the bill as passed. That the Chicago Board of Trade will go out of the wheat market altogether is regarded as out of the question. Chicago wired on the 20th inst. that this week will determine the fate of the Kessinger bill in the Illinois Legislature. The impression was that the bill is not likely to pass and many expressed the opinion that the bill may not come to a vote. It is likely to be amended, and should it pass in a changed form the grain trade can operate under its provisions. On the 21st inst. the Kessinger bill was advanced to its third reading in the Illinois Legislature. That made for nervousness and rather irregular fluctuations. Some further rain occurred in the Southwest, but there was not much in the harvest area. In Oklahoma threshing was again under way. Export demand continued poor and bids were too low to hope for business. Offerings increased and premiums at the Gulf weakened. Mills still bought the old wheat at good premiums. Chicago shipments this week of red wheat will cause considerable reduction of its stock. This tends to lift the July price at the expense of that for later months. Kansas City July was around 9c. under Chicago. Minneapolis and Winnipeg did not stand up so well as Chicago.

The United States visible supply decreased last week 1,954,000 bushels, against 1,623,000 last year. The total is now 22,765,000, against 12,539,000 a year ago. New wheat is starting to move in Kansas City and practically all the

leading markets in Kansas reported new grain arriving, say Southwestern advices, Kansas City alone having around 20 cars. A good part of it is damp, as a result of recent rain. Chicago thinks that seaboard sentiment is being affected by the refusal of Europe to buy wheat freely. The sale of some new wheat at the Gulf for June shipment was confirmed, but the business was presumably to cover shorts. On the 22d inst. prices declined on better weather conditions and a certain amount of hedge selling. A larger movement of new wheat also had an effect. Export sales were limited. And the weekly weather report in the main was favorable. The Northwestern Grain Dealers' Association estimated the Canadian acreage at 19,888,100, a decrease of 7.3%. According to Broomhall, the European crop will be from 80,000,000 to 100,000,000 bushels larger than a year ago.

To-day prices ended 1/2 to 1c. lower in the markets generally. Export sales were 400,000 to 500,000, including about 200,000 of Gulf hard July 10-25th shipment at 5 1/4c. over Chicago July; 40,000 bushels of No. 2 hard new wheat were sold at Kansas City for the last half of July shipment at 4c. over New York July. Receipts of new wheat were increasing. Moreover, the cables were lower. Harvesting conditions in the Southwest were favorable. Spring wheat crop reports were good. Argentina had needed rains. Australia sent favorable crop news. It all combined to cause heavy selling. Kansas City July was nearly 10c. under Chicago July. That was a damper on the later rally, which, however, amounted to 3/4 to 1c. from the low of the day. The tendency is to oversell the market. Winnipeg rallied on reports of hail damage and pool support. Still, it was weaker towards the end. For the forecast for the Southwest was favorable. In a word, the trend of world crop news was better at least for the time being. Yet the technical position tends to strengthen from the general disposition to sell the market. Argentine exports for the week were 2,801,000 bushels; Australian, 2,400,000; North American, according to Bradstreet, 6,910,000, pointing to a total of 13,400,000. Final prices show a decline for the week of 3c.

CLOSING PRICES OF DOMESTIC WHEAT AT NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery	147	147 1/2	147 3/4	146 3/4	143 3/4	142 1/2
September delivery	144 1/2	144	144 1/2	143 3/4	141 1/2	141
December delivery	147 1/2	146 1/2	147 1/2	146 1/4	144 1/4	143 3/4

CLOSING PRICES AT NEW YORK FOR WHEAT IN BOND.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery	164 3/4	163 3/4	164 3/4	163 3/4	160 3/4	160
October delivery	150 3/4	149 3/4	150 3/4	149 3/4	147 3/4	147 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red	167 1/2	158 1/2	158 3/4	157 1/2	153 3/4	152 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator	145 3/4	146	146 1/4	145 1/4	141 1/4	141 1/4
September delivery in elevator	142 1/2	142 3/4	143 3/4	142 3/4	140 3/4	139 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator	160 1/2	158 3/4	159 3/4	158 3/4	156 3/4	155 1/2
October delivery in elevator	146 1/2	145 1/2	146	145 1/2	143 1/2	142 1/2
December delivery in elevator	142 1/2	141 1/2	142 1/2	142 1/2	140 1/2	139 3/4

Indian corn advanced 2c. on the 18th inst. on bad crop news, only to drop 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c. later on a forecast for warmer weather and heavy realizing, partly on stop orders. The weather was too cold late last week. But cash trade was dull. Country offerings were small. The receipts, too, were light. Both, however, were large enough for the demand. The consumption decreases with the price above \$1. Moreover, clear and warm weather would put a different face on the crop outlook. July and September corn last week rose 7 1/2 to 8c. net. It was pointed out that there was a carrying charge difference between July and September, but with the crop scare on traders pay no attention to carrying charges. The United States visible supply increased last week 843,000 bushels, against 1,913,000 in the same week last year. The total is now 32,952,000 bushels, against 31,394,000 a year ago. On the 20th inst. prices advanced 1/2c. early and then broke 1 1/2 to 2c., with crop prospects reported somewhat better and some of the larger Chicago traders rather large sellers.

On the 21st inst. prices advanced 1 3/4c. on heavy rains and, curiously enough, also on a long distant forecast of frost between June 28 and July 2. The weather guesser has guessed right at times in the past. Usually there is hot weather at about that time. Shorts covered, after which there was some reaction, but much of the rise was held. The cash demand, however, was small. The "Price Current Grain Reporter" said: "From a few points in Oklahoma and Nebraska come reports that the growth is normal and conditions generally in these two States pretty fair. In every one of the 12 States there is, however, some corn yet to be planted. The estimate for Illinois, 16%; for Indiana, 23%; for Iowa, 8; for Kansas, 11; for Minnesota, 23; for Missouri, 21; for Nebraska, 1; for North Dakota, 13; for Ohio, 18; for Oklahoma, 3; for South Dakota, 5%." The crop is late and should there be a freeze, as was the case a few years ago, in early September and again in October, the crop would be cut down sharply. The condition and prospects for the crop are declared to be the poorest at this time for years past. But an advance of nearly 50% from the recent low level discounted, some think, considerable damage to the crop. The recent harvesting of large corn crops in the Southern Hemisphere following the production of a big supply of feed crops in Europe is tending to hold the foreign market prices for corn at such a low level that, with

the recent rise in the price of corn in the United States, Argentina is looking to the United States for a market for some part of her surplus, says the Department of Agriculture. On the 22d inst. prices fell 1/8 to 1/4c. under the influence of better weather and generally bearish news.

To-day prices ended 1 1/4 to 2c. lower under heavy liquidation. Good weather prevailed. That was the weak point. Offerings were large. Cash corn was 1 to 3c. lower. Receipts were rather large. Cash demand was poor. But prices rallied about 1c. from the low, as the forecast was for colder weather and showers in Iowa and some other leading States. Prices for the week, however, show a decline of 3 to 3 1/2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow...cts. 115 1/4 114 3/4 115 1/2 114 1/2 113 3/4 111 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery in elevator...cts. 100 1/2 99 1/4 100 1/4 100 1/2 98 3/4 96 1/2

Oats were 1/4 to 1/2c. higher early on the 18th inst., with other grain firmer. But later the tone was weaker. Other grains gave way. For oats there was no aggressive demand. The cash business was only moderate. Crop reports were rather unfavorable, but there was a forecast of better weather. On the 20th inst. fluctuations were irregular and prices ended 1/8 to 1/4c. lower. The United States visible supply decreased last week 1,345,000 bushels, against an increase in the same week last year of 410,000 bushels. The total is 13,498,000 bushels, against 38,291,000 a year ago. Trading was light, but the market has its friends. On the 21st inst. prices were 1/8 to 3/8c. higher, with light trading. Oats are considered relatively too low in price. Crop reports are both good and bad. But nothing lifts the trading out of the rut. On the 22d inst. prices declined 1/4c. The estimate by the Northwestern Grain Dealers' Association on the Canadian acreage and the better outlook in some States, particularly in Nebraska, were depressing factors.

To-day prices ended 1 to 1 1/2c. lower, recovering somewhat from the low of the day. But liquidation was very general. There was no keen demand. Stop loss orders were reached. Naturally, they hastened the decline. The fall in corn prices and the good weather were conspicuous factors. Cash demand was poor. The market did not act well. Final prices show a decline for the week of 2 to 2 1/2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF DOMESTIC OATS IN NEW YORK.

July delivery...cts. 50 1/2 50 1/2 50 1/2 50 3/4 49 1/2 48 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white...cts. 60 1/2 60 1/2 60 1/2 59 1/2 @60 59 @59 1/2 58 1/2 @59

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery in elevator...cts. 48 3/4 48 1/2 48 1/2 48 3/4 47 1/4 46

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

July delivery in elevator...cts. 68 1/2 67 3/4 68 67 3/4 65 1/2 65 1/2

October delivery in elevator...cts. 54 1/2 54 1/2 54 1/2 54 1/2 53 1/2 52 3/4

December delivery in elevator...cts. 51 1/2 50 3/4 50 3/4 50 1/2 49 1/4 48 1/2

Rye advanced 3/4 to 7/8c. early on the 18th inst., with large shipments recently from Chicago. But later on that day prices fell 2 to 2 1/2c. from the early high, with wheat off and more or less liquidation. No new export business was reported. On the 20th inst. prices advanced 1/2 to 1 1/2c., with wheat higher. The United States visible supply decreased last week 833,000 bushels, against a decrease of 429,000 in the same week last year. The total is now only 1,546,000 bushels, against 11,041,000 last year. That is certainly a striking difference. It is being kept in mind. July on the 21st inst. was very firm owing to the rapidly disappearing supply. It advanced 1c. September rose only 1/4c. Western stocks are almost gone. A moderate export business as reported. Germany reports the outlook for the rye crop as poor. On the 22d inst. prices were irregular, being 3/8c. lower to 3/8c. higher. Export sales are small.

To-day prices closed 1 1/4 to 1 3/4c. lower on liquidation, partly on stop orders. At the Northwest the weather was favorable. Norway on the decline took 100,000 bushels and covering of shorts caused a rally from the low of the day, which was 112 3/4c. for July and 99 3/4c. for September, so that there was a rise from the bottom of 1c. Prices for the week show a decline, however, of 2 to 3 1/4c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery in elevator...cts. 116 1/2 117 1/2 118 1/2 118 1/2 115 1/2 113 3/4

September delivery in elevator...cts. 104 1/2 104 1/2 104 1/2 104 1/2 101 3/4 100 3/4

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN.

Table listing prices for Wheat, New York (No. 2 red f.o.b. 152 1/2), Corn, New York (No. 2 yellow 111 1/2), and Rye, New York (No. 2 white 58 1/2 @59).

FLOUR.

Table listing prices for Spring patents (\$7.40 @ \$7.70), Clear, first spring (7.00 @ 7.35), Soft winter straights (6.55 @ 6.85), Hard winter straights (7.25 @ 7.60), Hard winter patents (7.60 @ 8.00), Hard winter clears (6.50 @ 7.00), Fancy Minn. patents (9.10 @ 9.95), City mills (9.30 @ 10.00).

For other tables usually given here, see page 3733.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1926 is as below:

Table showing Exports for Week and Since July 1 for Flour and Wheat, categorized by destination (United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., West Indies, Brit. No. Am. Cols., Other countries).

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, June 18, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

Table listing grain stocks for United States (Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley) across various cities including New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans, Galveston, Fort Worth, Buffalo, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Duluth, Minneapolis, Sioux City, St. Louis, Kansas City, Wichita, St. Joseph, Mo., Peoria, Indianapolis, Omaha, On Lakes, On Canal and River, and Montreal.

Total June 18 1927... 22,765,000 32,952,000 18,498,000 1,546,000 782,000
Total June 11 1927... 24,719,000 32,109,000 20,343,000 2,379,000 765,000
Total June 19 1926... 12,539,000 31,394,000 38,291,000 11,041,000 3,115,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 7,000 bushels; Duluth, 29,000; total, 36,000 bushels, against 346,000 bushels in 1926. Barley, New York, 126,000 bushels; Buffalo, 57,000; Duluth, 2,000; Canal, 45,000; total, 230,000 bushels, against 1,151,000 bushels in 1926. Wheat, New York, 2,577,000 bushels; Boston, 206,000; Philadelphia, 1,082,000; Baltimore, 1,258,000; Buffalo, 4,221,000; Buffalo afloat, 308,000; Duluth, 72,000; On Lakes, 120,000; Canal, 785,000; total, 10,629,000 bushels, against 8,260,000 bushels in 1926.

Canadian—
Montreal... 1,357,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur... 22,048,000
Other Canadian... 4,022,000

Total June 18 1927... 27,427,000
Total June 11 1927... 28,188,000
Total June 19 1926... 28,806,000

Summary—
American... 22,765,000 32,952,000 18,498,000 1,546,000 782,000
Canadian... 27,427,000 28,188,000 3,790,000 956,000 1,275,000

Table showing world's shipments of wheat and corn by region (North Amer., Black Sea, Argentina, Australia, India, Oth. count'rs) for years 1926-27, 1925-26, 1926-27, and 1925-26.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED JUNE 21.—

The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended June 21 follows:

At the beginning of the week an extensive "high" was central over the middle Northern States, with relatively low pressure to the South and East attended by generally cool weather for the season east of the Rocky Mountains, and cloudy, unsettled and showery conditions over the southern half of the country. The northern "high" moved slowly eastward, and was succeeded by moderate "lows" over central districts, with a continuation of cool and mostly showery weather. There was a warming up toward the latter part of the week, with moderate warmth prevailing in most sections by Sunday, the 19th. West of the Rocky Mountains temperatures were above normal during most of the week and the weather was generally fair.

In most sections east of the Rocky Mountains the week, as a whole, was characterized by cool, cloudy, and rainy conditions, especially from the central valleys eastward. Chart I shows that from northwestern Texas, central Oklahoma, Kansas, and Nebraska eastward, and also in the Lake region, the weekly mean temperatures ranged from 3 degrees to as much as 11 degrees subnormal. In Gulf coast sections, central-northern districts, and generally west of the Rocky Mountains the amount of warmth received ranged from normal to considerably above, the greatest plus departures of temperature, 4 degrees to 6 degrees, appearing in the Great Basin. The lowest temperatures for the week in the Corn Belt were generally around 50 degrees, except that they were slightly lower in the extreme northwestern portion, while in the Southern States they were mostly from 60 degrees to 70 degrees. The lowest temperature reported from a first-order station was 36 degrees in the interior of the Northeast and locally in some western mountain districts.

Rainfall was substantial to heavy in many sections, and quite generally so throughout the Southern States, as shown on Chart II. Locally in Gulf coast districts rains were excessive, with some stations reporting amounts as high as 4 to 6 inches. The falls were also heavy to excessive in much of Missouri and Arkansas, and also in the eastern portions of the central Plains States. In most of the more northern States, precipitation was moderate to light, and quite generally so west of the Rocky Mountains, with much of the Pacific coast section having a rainless week. There was an excessive amount of cloudiness east of the Rocky Mountains.

The continued cool weather in Central and Northern States retarded growth and late plantings of warm-weather crops, especially corn, and wet fields hindered cultivation in many places, though the generally light rains in more northern States favored farm work. Considerable planting was accomplished also in the north-central portion of the Corn Belt, and much of the week was favorable for field work in the middle Atlantic area. Generous rains in most of the South, with the prevailing moderate temperatures, promoted good growth of crops, but cultivation was interrupted in many places, with complaints of grassy fields. In the Southeast the

drought has been effectually relieved by further generous rains, except that more moisture is needed in southern Florida, while in the Southwest, additional moisture was beneficial. In the spring wheat region the weather continued unusually favorable, with moderate temperatures and abundant moisture, while west of the Rocky Mountains the increased warmth stimulated growth and rapid progress of crops was reported. Range and crop conditions were improved in central Rocky Mountain States by additional moisture.

SMALL GRAINS.—The harvest of winter wheat was unfavorably affected by frequent rains in the southern portion of the belt, especially in the southwest. Wheat is now ready to cut over a considerable section of southeastern Kansas, but fields are too wet for harvesting, while this work was interrupted in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and southern Missouri. Considerable rust is reported in the lower Ohio and central Mississippi valleys, and also in parts of Kansas, but elsewhere conditions continued mostly satisfactory, especially in the Plains States from Nebraska northward.

The weather remained unusually favorable for spring wheat, as the belt has ample moisture everywhere and moderate temperatures prevailed. Oats also were favorably affected in the Northern States, while flax did well in the Northwest. Rice improved in Georgia and Texas, and the crop made favorable advance in Louisiana.

CORN.—In the north-central Corn Belt most of the week had favorable weather for field work and considerable planting was accomplished. Cool weather persisted throughout the belt, however, which resulted in slow germination and poor growth, although stands are remarkably good, considering the recently-prevailing cool, wet conditions quite generally over the belt. In Iowa, planting was pushed and the crop made some progress with color improving, though in the extreme southeast portion much corn is still unplanted, as well as in the southeastern Missouri and some lower Ohio Valley districts. Corn needs dry, warm weather quite generally, except that rains would be beneficial in some northern States. The crop has improved greatly in the Southeast since the recent rains, while better progress is noted in the Southwest.

COTTON.—In the Cotton Belt the week was generally cool in the north, with the weekly mean temperatures ranging from 4 degrees to about 9 degrees below normal, but in the south they were near normal, with considerable rainfall quite generally. The frequent rains retarded cultivation with a good many complaints of fields becoming grassy, but otherwise conditions were mostly favorable. Warm, dry weather is generally needed.

In most of the Carolinas and Georgia, growth during the week ranged generally from fairly good to excellent, with plants blooming freely in the latter State, but with weevil activity increasing in the southeast and generally numerous in South Carolina, except in the northwest portion. Weevil activity was also reported in parts of the central Gulf States and in scattered localities of southeastern Oklahoma. They are increasing in Texas, but without material harm so far.

In Oklahoma, cotton plants made fair advance, but need warmth, while cultivation was retarded in Arkansas. In Texas, growth was very good, and cultivation satisfactory, except in parts of the northeast where some fields are becoming grassy; insects, other than weevil, appear to be less active. Cotton made good progress in the far Southwest.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Cloudy, with moderate showers; favorable for most farm crops but too cool for corn, cotton and garden truck. Considerable damage to corn and tobacco by worms. Wheat, oats and rye good to excellent; wheat and rye harvests begun in south. Sweet potatoes and peanuts good. Favorable for fruit; berries plentiful.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Though week cool and sunshine deficient, rains were beneficial, soaking soil and increasing stream flows; cultivation somewhat interrupted. Progress of cotton fairly good; condition good. Some improvement in tobacco. Corn and pastures doing well, and truck fair to good condition. Oats poor; wheat turning out light. Fruits in some sections in very good condition; others poor to fair.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Frequent rains beneficial, but dry weather needed for cultivation as grass accumulating rapidly. Progress and condition of cotton excellent; bloom and squares increasing, but weevil numerous, except northwest. Corn, tobacco, sweet potatoes, and other crops made excellent growth; much early corn in silk and tassel. Cereal threshing retarded by rain. Sweet potato transplanting nearing completion. Peaches, blackberries and vegetables plentiful.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Ample rains caused further marked improvement but farm work somewhat interrupted and crops getting grassy. Growth of cotton generally very good and its condition is now fair to good; blooming freely; weevil activity increasing rapidly southeastern portion. Growth of corn very good; still planting on bottoms. Large number of sweet potato slips transplanted. Peanuts, cane and rice much improved. Shipments Hilley peaches reaching peak; peaches increasing in size, but some brown rot.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Progress and condition of cotton very good, but heavy rains locally unfavorable; some fields grassy. Daily showers, with excessive rains in extreme north and west, but more needed in central division and still dry in extreme south. Some early corn improved and late corn, cane, peanuts, melons, and tobacco improved generally. Citrus drop about ended; some new growth, but no June bloom setting.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Cool, but rains mostly beneficial, except too much, especially for cotton, locally in south and many sections of north; fields becoming grassy. Corn, truck, pastures, and minor crops mostly fair to good, except some sections of south. Transplanting sweets continues. Progress and condition of cotton mostly fair to good; weevil reported in south and central portions and increasing; blooming south and squaring to Marion and Calhoun counties; sunshine needed.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Frequent rains hindered cultivation of cotton and corn, but growth mostly good. A few cotton blooms appearing in north and some weevil throughout. Fruit, gardens and pastures mostly good.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Frequent moderate to heavy rains favorable for growth of all vegetation, including grass, and cultivation needed many sections. Progress of cotton poor to only fair, but condition continues fairly good; small acreage again overflowed in northeast; weevil increasing. Corn and cane made excellent progress where not overflowed. Rice doing well and a large crop of sweet potatoes developing rapidly.

Texas.—Houston: Cool with mostly moderate rain, though heavy in lower coast section where most needed; still dry portions of Panhandle. Progress threshing wheat and oats good with poor to fair yields. Pastures, minor crops, rice and corn improved by rain and condition mostly good. Cotton made very good growth, with condition fair to very good; early plants small and some grassy fields northeast, but elsewhere cultivation good and fruiting well; weevil increasing but damage still small; other insects less active.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Cool with deficient sunshine and frequent showers. Progress of cotton fairly good, but needs warm, dry weather; condition generally very good; early blooming in southeast, where few weevil reported in scattered localities. Progress and condition of corn fair to excellent; early in silk and tassel stage. Harvesting of wheat and oats retarded by showers and wet fields, but fair progress made most sections; yields mostly light. Minor crops good.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Growth of cotton very good all portions, but cultivation retarded generally by rains; squares forming some central portions; crop late, but stands and condition very good. Progress and condition of corn very good, but some fields grassy. Unfavorable for harvesting, but very favorable for growth of meadows, pastures, potatoes, truck and berries.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Cool, with frequent rain, which damaged wheat in shock and prevented cultivation. Oats growing well but somewhat light. Progress and condition of corn fair and up to average; too much rain for planting in some western sections. Progress of cotton very good in Shelby County, but as a whole, poor; condition of crop mostly good. Tobacco starting well, but needs sunshine and cultivation.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Cool, moderate to heavy rains middle of week stopped work in most districts. Wheat harvest ending in south-central; commencing in north. Corn planting continues in west and north; progress slow and curtailed in acreage evident; using quick maturing varieties; condition of corn extremely variable; stands of last planting good, but becoming weedy and grassy. Unsatisfactory for curing hay. Tobacco mostly set in south and well along in north. Some improvement in gardens, truck and potatoes.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Friday Night, June 24 1927.

Textile markets have developed a generally firmer undertone despite the falling off of sales in some divisions. Mer-

chants continue undisturbed, believing that some quietening is natural at this time of the year. In the cotton goods section, buying is less aggressive, but mills continue to maintain their firm views as they are well sold ahead. On the other hand, rayon producers are experiencing an undiminished demand. Consumption continues to expand and current orders exceed production facilities. As a result, mills are steadily reducing their surplus stocks. Contrary to recent talk of an advance, all of the leading producers have opened their books for third quarter business at old price levels. This was taken as an indication of a desire to stabilize prices and give them an advantage over other fabric manufacturers. At the same time, raw silk in primary markets is firmer, although sales of the manufactured products are spotty. Some stylings sell well while others are more or less quiet. The fall season is gaining headway slowly. Woolen goods are quiet, awaiting the opening of the men's wear spring fabrics for 1928. In the meantime, the result of one of the most important and representative meetings ever held in the industry was an encouraging feature. Upward of 300 woolen and worsted mill owners, executives and selling agents gathered in this city in an effort to organize the industry and end trade chaos by co-ordinated endeavors. A co-ordinating board was created composed of two committees. The function of one will be to handle cost and production problems, while the other will deal with advertising and distribution.

DOMESTIC WOOLEN GOODS.—Although sales of domestic cotton goods are less active, demand is steady and mostly confined to small lots. Aggregate purchases do not equal recent high levels, but this is generally considered insignificant and wholly natural for this time of the year, especially so in view of the unusually heavy sales during May. The technical condition of the market continues sound and factors look forward to a renewal of buying on last month's scale within a short time. In the meantime prices have maintained a firm undertone and sales are being steadily made at previous full prices, and in some cases at slight advances, especially for June-July deliveries. Print cloths continue to sell in large quantities despite the fact that corporation printers are not pressing business, having sold up their output through August. Higher prices are being talked of, but printers are putting off any such advance as long as possible. Light ground prints in small bright designs on dimity and sheer fine counts are in active demand, but buyers are experiencing difficulties in finding them for immediate shipment. Elsewhere in the cotton market, demand has been fair. For instance, sales of wash goods have been steady in order to satisfy retailing demands, now that summer has arrived. Sheetings, drills and pillow cases are in a firm position in view of the fact that most mills are sold up for sixty days in advance. The unusual activity during May was attested to by the report of the Census Bureau showing that out of a total of 36,874,608 spindles in place, 32,906,580 were in operation during May. This compares with 32,275,036 in May 1926 and 32,892,442 in April this year. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 6c., and 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 5½c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's construction, are quoted at 8½c., and 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 10½c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Although woolen and worsted markets continue more or less quiet, they are developing a better undertone, principally due to the practice of mills in severely restricting production. This has resulted in stocks, especially of the better grade goods, becoming scarce, and while actual business is developing slowly, factors are much firmer in their views. The current quietness is generally ascribed to between-season conditions, as most factors are awaiting the opening of the new spring 1928 lines of men's wear fabrics. These will be shown the early part of next month, but will be prefaced by a showing of tropical and summer specialty fabrics shortly after the Fourth of July. From present indications, while the new lines will probably continue to feature fancies, it is claimed that there will be a decided tendency to drop the exaggerated designs which have recently held sway. Efforts are being made to return to the more conservative effects.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Continuing seasonally dull, linen markets are featureless, despite the fact that buyers are momentarily able to cover probable needs at prices which factors admit will not last, once active purchases develop. This activity is expected to commence next month. In the meantime, although there is some scattered demand for certain shades of dress linens, supplies are limited, and buyers have found it necessary to pick up odd lots wherever obtainable to satisfy immediate retailing needs. Stocks have been steadily reduced until now fancies comprise the largest part of current offerings. While linens in domestic markets are quiet, the situation in Ireland is most unsatisfactory and distressing. In fact, conditions are so bad that it is expected more mills will be forced to close shortly owing to unremunerative business. Burlaps are quiet, with inquiries limited. Prices, however, are relatively firm in both primary and domestic markets. Light weights are quoted at 6.75c., and heavies at 9.05-9.10c.

State and City Department

SPECIAL FEATURES OF OUR STATE AND MUNICIPAL COMPENDIUM

In the semi-annual number of the above publication, a copy of which goes to every one of our subscribers, there are several special articles which have a wide degree of interest.

(1) Our customary annual analysis of the municipal bond sales for the preceding calendar year, this time 1926.

(2) Something never attempted before by any publication, a study of the amounts of the municipal bonds redeemed or retired, the totals of which now run up into the hundreds of millions annually.

(3) An elaborate tabular statement, comparing the totals of the municipal sales, under leading heads, for the past 26 years.

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN MAY.

We present herewith our detailed list of the municipal bond issues put out during the month of May, which the crowded condition of our columns prevented our publishing at the usual time.

The review of the month's sales was given on page 3386 of the "Chronicle" of June 4. Since then several belated May returns have been received, changing the total for the month to \$207,769,296. The number of municipalities issuing bonds in May was 584 and the number of separate issues 640.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists municipal bond issues from Ada, Okla. to Carbondale, Pa.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists municipal bond issues from Carlisle S. D., Pa. to Garvey S. D., Calif.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists various municipalities and their bond issues.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Continuation of bond listings.

Total bond sales for May (584 municipalities covering 640 separate issues) \$207,769,296

Subject to call in and during the earlier years and to mature in the later year. Not including \$23,669,600 temporary loans. Refunding bonds. And other considerations.

DEBENTURES SOLD BY CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN MAY

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists Canadian municipalities and their debenture sales.

Total amount of debentures sold during May. \$4,176,356

The following items included in our totals for previous months should be eliminated from the same. We give the page number of the issue of our paper in which reasons for these eliminations may be found.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Amount. Lists items to be eliminated from previous totals.

We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists additional bond sales for previous months.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
2179	Sumter Co. S. D. 32.					
	So. Caro. (March).....	5½	1928-1947	55,000	103.77	5.03
3109	Taber, No. Caro. (Mar.)	6	1928-1937	10,000	100.10	5.97
3109	Tacoma, Wash. (Jan.)	6	1934-1939	19,500	-----	-----
3109	Tacoma, Wash. (Feb.)	6	1934	19,300	-----	-----
3109	Tacoma, Wash. (Mar.)	6	1934-1939	38,300	-----	-----
2955	Verner S. D., No. Dak. (Feb.)	5	1947	3,000	100	5.00
3110	Walla Walla, Wash. (March)	6	1928-1939	42,073	100	6.00
2956	Westfield S. D. No. 19, No. Dak.	5	1947	2,000	100	5.00
2956	Wheelock S. D. No. 25, No. Dak.	5	1947	18,000	-----	-----
2179	Wyandot Co., O. (Mar.)	5	1928-1937	3,744	-----	-----

All of the above sales (except as indicated) are for April. These additional April issues will make the total sales (not including temporary loans) for that month \$139,643,111.

NEWS ITEMS

Canada (Dominion of).—Reduction in Dominion Debt.—The Dominion debt was reduced \$42,000,000 during the year ended March 31 1927, according to the following Ottawa dispatch taken from the Montreal "Gazette" of June 11:

Canada's net debt was reduced by \$42,000,000 during the fiscal year ending on March 31 1927. Thus, while reducing taxation, Hon. James Robb achieved at the same time the distinction of reducing the nation's obligations by the largest amount recorded since Confederation. When he delivered his budget speech on Feb. 17 last, the Minister of Finance could only estimate what the decrease of debt would be, since the Government's financial year has still another six months to go. Mr. Robb erred on the side of caution, as he usually does, and placed the figure at \$31,000,000. That he was well within the mark is indicated by the information obtained to-day that he underestimated the amount by eleven million dollars. Since he assumed the portfolio of finance, Mr. Robb has checked expenditures, lowered taxation by millions of dollars, and has reduced the national debt in the last four years by \$106,000,000. In November of this year there are maturing loans of \$37,000,000, and the Minister hopes to redeem one of them in cash and at least a portion of the other, while refinancing will be accomplished at a reduced rate of interest.

Charleston, So. Caro.—City Commission Plan Loses.—The Atlanta "Constitution" of June 16 reports that the voters of Charleston, by 2,902 to 543, defeated a proposal that the city adopt the commission form of government.

Illinois (State of).—\$20,000,000 Park Bonds Approved by Legislature.—A bill proposing a bond issue of \$20,000,000 for park purposes has been passed by the State Legislature and will be submitted to the voters at the coming general election.

Gasoline Tax Law Enacted.—The State Legislature has passed a bill levying a tax of 2 cents on each gallon of gasoline sold for use in motor vehicles.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Commission Manager Government Voted.—The voters on June 21 gave their approval to the commission-manager form of government. The new system will take effect on Jan. 1 1930, following the election of 1929.

New York City, N. Y.—Syndicate Does Not Intend to Reduce Price of Bonds.—The Chase Securities Corp. on June 22 announced that it was not intended to reduce the price on the unsold portion of the recent issue of \$60,000,000 New York City 4% corporate stock and serial bonds. The New York "Times" on June 23 said with reference to the matter:

The offering price for the unsold portion of the \$60,000,000 City of New York 4% corporate stock and serial bonds, which amounts to between \$45,000,000 and \$4,000,000, will not be changed. This was announced yesterday by the Chase Securities Corporation, as syndicate manager, when, after a meeting of the entire syndicate, it issued the following statement:

"The bonds are moving satisfactorily, and we see nothing in present market conditions to justify any change in price." This statement has been awaited by the entire municipal bond market for several days. As the New York City issue is by far the largest in the market, a decision to change the price would have had a sweeping effect upon practically all other issues now in dealers' portfolios. Inasmuch as several adjustments of municipal bond prices downward have been made in the last fortnight, further cuts would have caused losses to dealers who have been paying high prices to municipalities for new issues.

The sale of the New York City bonds has been relatively slow because there are already huge issues of the city's obligations outstanding. Next to Liberty loans and Treasury obligations, New York City bonds and corporate stock have the largest market daily in the entire list of tax-exempt securities. At the time of the purchase of the present issue from the Controller on May 11, the bankers said they expected many holders of the called Second Liberty 4½s to switch to New York City bonds in order to obtain a higher yield and at the same time marketability. Prices of the New York City issue are quoted as follows: 102.19 for the 50-year 4% corporate stock, to yield 3.90%; 3.50% for the bonds due in 1928, 3.65 for the 1929 maturity, 3.75 for the 1930-32, 3.80 for the 1933-37, 3.85 for the 1938-43, 3.875 for the 1943-47, and 3.94% for the 1948-67 maturities.

New York City, N. Y.—Ordinance Granting Tax Exemption to New Tenements Signed by Walker.—Mayor Walker on June 22 signed the law which grants a 20-year period of exemption from taxation to companies limiting their income to 6% on multiple family houses replacing old-law tenements in congested districts.

The Real Estate Board, voicing opposition on the part of home owners in the city, threatened a court attack on the validity of the ordinance.

The following is from the New York "Times" of June 23: Mayor Walker signed yesterday the tax-exemption law which grants local tax exemption for twenty years to multiple family houses built to replace old-law tenements in congested districts and financed by limited-dividend companies or corporations whose income does not exceed 6%. The Act is designed to wipe out slums and to meet the demand for cheap but modern and sanitary living apartments in multiple-family houses. Its substance was suggested by the State Housing Board, after the Legislature had adopted the enabling Act.

Mayor Walker signed both the local law passed by the Municipal Assembly and the ordinance adopted by the Board of Aldermen, which in effect was identical. The ordinance was signed to preclude possible legal objections predicated upon the contention, held by some lawyers, that tax exemption is a privilege that can be conferred solely by the Board of Aldermen.

Really Board May Test Act.

In a public hearing preceding the signing of the bill the measure appeared to meet with almost general approval. The outstanding exception was the opposition of the Real Estate Board, voiced by Edward P. Doyle. He admitted that the Real Estate Board probably would sue to test the con-

stitutionality of the Act. Mayor Walker declared that the city would welcome an early opportunity to defend the validity of the measure.

In his protest against the bill Mr. Doyle said: "The Real Estate Board addresses you to-day only as to the economic effects of the Act giving twenty years' tax exemption. It will lay aside for the moment the unfairness of the Act, its discrimination in favor of large corporate operators as against the 250,000 home owners in the city, and the other 150,000 taxpayers, who will be compelled to pay more than their share of the burden of the cost of government."

"The total assessment roll this year is about \$18,000,000. Of this \$4,023,000,000 is wholly or partially tax-exempt, \$923,000,000 partially tax-exempt and \$3,100,000,000 totally tax-exempt. Building construction will add this coming year \$1,000,000,000 to the assessment rolls."

120,000 Vacant Apartments.

"There will be land value increases in all the boroughs except Manhattan, but these will probably be offset by land taken for public or semi-public use and by decreases in Manhattan and parts of Kings. Thousands of buildings have been demolished, burned or taken for public or private uses. There are 1,000 vacant apartments and 50,000 vacant houses in Greater New York. On these there must be lowered assessments, and there must be a reduction in the assessed valuation of apartment hotels and in about 10,000 converted houses whose tenants are now threatened with eviction."

"The slightest evidence of any policy on the part of the city to further restrict the height of buildings would lead to a very great reduction in land values. It is scarcely possible, therefore, to increase the assessment roll for 1928 more than one billion dollars and justify such increase. This would give the city \$27,000,000 more to spend than in 1927 with the same tax rate."

"The total budget for all purposes in 1927 was \$474,893,300, of which \$364,514,047.76 was for city and county purposes. The total amount available for taxation for city and county purposes was about \$4,000,000,000. The Constitution prohibits a greater tax for city and county purposes than 2%."

"This would give you \$280,000,000, which, with \$80,000,000 surplus revenues from the general fund, gave you almost enough to enable you to provide for the \$364,000,000 needed. This is too close for good administration. If you sign this ordinance you will stop all multifamily house building except with tax exemption, and yet the city's expenses must constantly increase."

Sao Paulo (City of).—\$5,900,000 6½% External Sinking Fund Gold Bonds Sold.

—The First National Corporation of Boston, on June 24 offered and sold \$5,900,000 6½% external secured sinking fund gold bonds (1927) of the City of Sao Paulo, at 98 and accrued interest, to yield about 6.65%. Date May 15 1927. Coupon bonds in \$1,000 and \$500 denominations, registerable as to principal only. Due May 15 1957. Principal and interest (M. & N. 15) payable at the office of the First National Corporation, paying agents, in New York City, in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness without deduction for any Brazilian Federal, State, municipal or other taxes present or future. Coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal only. The city will provide a cumulative sinking fund according to the official offering circular, calculated to be sufficient to retire all these bonds at or before maturity, to operate semi-annually by drawings at par. Redeemable as a whole, on May 15 1928 or on any interest date thereafter upon 90 days' notice, at 102½ and accrued interest. Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Lima), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—S. B. Adgate, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 8 for the following two issues of 5% highway impt. bonds, aggregating \$47,150:

\$23,100 bonds. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and one for \$600. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,600, 1927; \$3,000, 1928 to 1933 incl., and \$2,500, 1934. 24,150 bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except one for \$1,150. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,150, 1927, and \$3,000, 1928 to 1934 incl.

Date March 1 1927. Int. payable M. & S. A certified check for \$500, payable to the County Treasurer, is required for each issue. These are the bonds originally scheduled for sale on June 9—V. 124, p. 3102.

ALVIN, Brazoria County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 11 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$60,000 high school bonds.

AMERICUS, Sumter County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—A. D. Gatewood, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 6 p. m. July 8 for \$60,000 4½% coupon water and fire equipment bonds. Date Sept. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable in New York. A certified check for \$3,000 is required.

ANAMOOSE, McHenry County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—H. A. Waydeman, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. June 25 (to-day) for \$20,000 4½% coupon funding bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 1927 as follows: \$5,000, 1932; \$1,000, 1933 and 1934; \$2,000, 1935 and 1936; \$1,000, 1937; \$2,000, 1938 to 1940, incl., and \$1,000, 1941 and 1942. Prin. and int. payable at any bank or trust company designated by the purchaser. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to the City Treasurer, is required. Legal opinion will be furnished by the city.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY (P. O. Annapolis), Md.—BOND OFFERING.—R. Harry Arnold, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (eastern standard time) July 12 for \$300,000 4½% series A coupon or registered public road bonds. Date July 1 1927. Due July 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1928 to 1945, incl., and \$30,000, 1946. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in gold at the Annapolis Banking & Trust Co., Annapolis. A certified check payable to the County Treasurer, for 5% of the bonds offered is required. Legality to be approved by J. L. Smith of Annapolis; and Niles, Barton, Morrow & Yost of Baltimore.

ARLINGTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Treasurer, until 3 p. m. June 27, for \$79,000 4% water and street bonds. Date July 1 1927. Due serially 1928 to 1937 incl.

ASHTABULA COUNTY (P. O. Jefferson), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. W. Howes, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. July 11 for \$24,450 5% Sewer District No. 2, impt. bonds. Date April 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000; one for \$450. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,450, 1928; \$1,000, 1929 to 1939 incl., and \$2,000, 1940 to 1945 incl. A certified check, payable to the County Treasurer, for \$500 is required. These are the bonds originally scheduled for sale on July 5—V. 124, p. 3664.

Financial Statement.

True valuation approximate..... \$155,000,000.00
Assessed valuation..... 148,000,000.00
This issue..... 24,450.00

Total bonded debt, including township's portion and general assessments, this issue included..... 2,989,110.00
Sinking fund..... 291,004.17

Population, 65,000. Tax rate, 4.958 mills.

ATHENS, Athens County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Griff H. Evans, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 2 for \$3,269.82

6% Lorene Ave. coupon special assessment coupon improvement bonds. Date June 15 1927. Denom. \$180; one for \$209.82. Due \$209.82 March and \$180, Sept. 15 1928, and \$180 March and Sept. 15 1929 to 1936 incl. A certified check, payable to the City Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds offered, is required.

ATLANTA, Fulton County, Ga.—BIDS.—Following is a complete list of bids received for the two issues of 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$1,968,000 awarded to a syndicate headed by the Old Colony Corp. at 104.30, a basis of about 4.09% (V. 124, p. 3664):

Table with columns: Bidder, Amount Bid. Includes entries for Old Colony Corp., First National Co., Schmidt, New York; Bell, Speas & Co., Atlanta, and others.

AURORA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. East Aurora), Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$155,000 4 1/2% registered school bonds offered on June 20—V. 124, p. 3664—were awarded to Henry D. Knox of Aurora at a premium of \$3,000, equal to 101.193, a basis of about 4.21%. Date May 1 1927. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1928 and \$10,000, 1929 to 1943 incl.

AUSTIN, Travis County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The State Board of Education has been awarded an issue of \$86,400 bonds at par.

BAKER, Fallon County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—K. R. Pleissner, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 11 for \$25,000 5 1/2% refunding bonds. Date July 1 1927.

BALTIMORE, Baltimore County, Md.—\$11,874,000 4% CORPORATE STOCK AND BONDS SUBSCRIBED.—The Bankers Trust Co., on behalf of the syndicate which recently offered the seven issues aggregating \$11,874,000 of the city of Baltimore 4% bonds and registered stock, awarded on June 16 at 98.3409, a basis of about 4.10%—V. 124, p. 3664—announce that the entire issue has been sold. The sale of the bonds was looked upon as a healthy sign in the municipal bond market in view of the recent easier tone to prices in this class of securities. The entire issue of stocks and bonds was offered to the public at 99.50 to yield from 4.04% to 4.024%.

BAY SAINT LOUIS, Hancock County, Miss.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition of issuing \$210,000 paying bonds at the election held on June 15 failed to carry. Unwillingness to support an increase in taxes which would have resulted is declared the reason for the defeat. The vote was 221 for to 366 against.

BEAVER ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Summersville), Nicholas County W. Va.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on June 28 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$350,000 road bonds.

BEECH GROVE, Marion County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—William A. Gearhart, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 18 for \$10,000 4 1/2% bonds. Date July 9 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 1928 to 1937, inclusive. Interest payable semi-annually.

BELLAIRE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. T. Tyler, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. July 18 for \$51,000 5% school bonds. Date July 18 1927. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due July 18 as follows: \$3,500 in each of the years, 1929 to 1931, incl., 1933 to 1938, incl., and 1940 and 1941; and \$4,000, in each of the years 1932, 1935, 1939; and 1942. These bonds are being issued for the purpose of refunding two issues of bonds of the school district one for \$26,000. Date Aug. 20 1917, and one for \$25,000. Date Aug. 20 1918, both of which issues mature on Aug. 20 1927. A certified check payable to the Board of Education, for \$1,000 is required.

BELVIDERE, Boone County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The \$90,000 6% street improvement bonds offered on June 18 (V. 124, p. 3664) were sold at par. Due \$10,000 March 1 1929 to 1937, inclusive. The bonds are coupon.

BELZONI, Humphreys County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The Bank of Commerce & Trust Co., Memphis, has been awarded an issue of \$25,000 5 1/2% water main and street impt. bonds at 100.44.

BERKLEY, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of bonds aggregating \$31,200 offered on June 2—V. 124, p. 3245—were awarded to Joel Stockard & Co. of Detroit, at a premium of \$32.50, equal to 100.10; \$28,500 special assessment sewer districts Nos. 54 and 55 bonds, 2.700 special assessment sidewalk district No. 56 bonds.

BERLIN, Coos County, N. H.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 4 1/2% East Side school, voting place, and fire station bonds offered on June 21 (V. 124, p. 3664)—were awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co. of Boston at 98.67, a basis of about 4.45%. Date July 1 1927. Due \$5,000 July 1 1928 to 1943 inclusive.

BERTIE COUNTY (P. O. Windsor), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—S. W. Kenney, Register of Deeds, will receive sealed bids until June 30 for \$140,000 funding bonds.

BEVERLEY, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First National Bank was awarded on June 22, a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 3.61% discount basis plus a premium of \$8.00. Dated June 22 1927. Due Dec. 22, 1927. Denom. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston.

BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27 (P. O. Lodge Grass), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Mrs. V. V. Gardner, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. June 27 for \$23,000 6% school bonds. Date July 1 1927. A certified check for \$250 is required.

BIG SPRING, Deuel County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State Board of Education has been awarded an issue of \$15,000 4 1/2% impt. bonds.

BLUFFTON, Allen County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,000 5 1/2% "Main Street Paving Bonds," series A offered on June 10—V. 124, p. 2947—were awarded to A. E. Aub & Co. of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$42, equal to 104.25, a basis of about 4.65%. Date June 1 1927. Due \$800, Sept. 1 1928 to 1937, incl.

BOGATA, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$144,000 4 1/2% series J coupon public improvement bonds offered on June 17—V. 124, p. 3387—were awarded to H. L. Allen & Co. of New York City, at par. Date June 1 1927. Due June 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1928 to 1931, incl., \$7,000, 1932 to 1936, incl., \$8,000, 1937 to 1941, incl., and \$9,000, 1942 to 1946, incl. There were no other bidders.

BOONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40 (P. O. Albion), Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State Board of Education has been awarded an issue of \$4,000 4 1/2% school building bonds.

BORGER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$200,000 school bonds.

BOSTON, Suffolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Old Colony Corp of Boston was awarded on June 22 a \$5,000,000 temporary loan on a 3.50% discount basis plus a premium of \$37.50. Date June 24 1927. Due Nov. 5 1927. Interest to follow.

BRAINTREE, Norfolk County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Otis B. Oakman, Town Treasurer, until 11 a. m. June 27, for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$150,000 temporary loan. Date July 1 1927. Maturing December 5 1927.

BRIGGS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31 (P. O. R. F. D. No. 6, Manhattan), Geary County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Mrs. Louisa C. Poole, District Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. June 28 for \$8,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$500. Due \$500, 1928 to 1942, inclusive. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

BRILLIANT, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—T. C. Clark, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 1 for \$32,000

5% coupon mortgage bonds. Date May 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1939, incl., and \$1,500, 1940 to 1953, incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Brilliant Bank & Savings Co., Brilliant. A certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for is required. Legality to be approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland; only bids subject to the attorney's approval as to the legality of the issue will be considered.

BRISTOL THIRTEENTH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hartford County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—H. R. Warner, District Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. (daylight saving time) June 28 at the Bristol Trust Co., Bristol, for \$125,000 4% coupon school bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1928 to 1952 incl., and \$5,000, 1953 to 1957 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston; the said trust company will supervise the preparation of the bonds and will certify as to their genuineness and the seal impressed thereon; the legality of same to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

BRONXVILLE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Jerry C. Leary, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 5 for \$4,000 4 1/2% coupon sewer bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 July 1 1928 to 1931, inclusive. Prin. and interest (J. & J.) payable in gold at the Gramatan National Bank, Gramatan. A certified check, payable to the Village, for \$80, is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York City.

BROOKHAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11, Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Bank of Smithtown, Smithtown, L. I., has purchased an issue of \$2,500 5% registered school bonds at a premium of \$11, equal to 100.44—a basis of about 4.82%. Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 March 1 1928 to 1932, inclusive. Interest payable M. & S.

BROOKLINE, Norfolk County, Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.—Albert P. Briggs, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. June 27 for the purchase on a discount basis of \$300,000 revenue notes. Date June 27 1927. Due Nov. 2 1927.

BRUNSWICK, Cumberland County, Maine.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Shawmut Corp. of Boston, has purchased a \$30,000 temporary loan on a 3.81% discount basis. Due Nov. 1 1928.

BUENA PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Santa Ana), Orange County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$34,000 5% school bonds offered on June 21 (V. 124, p. 3526) were awarded to the First National Bank of Anaheim at 103.90, a basis of about 5.11%. Date July 1 1927. Due \$2,000, 1929 to 1945, inclusive.

BUTTE, Boyd County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State Board of Education has been awarded an issue of \$6,000 refunding bonds.

CADDO COUNTY (P. O. Anadarko), Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$1,225,000 road bonds.

CADDO PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Shreveport), La.—BOND OFFERING.—E. W. Jones, Superintendent of School Board, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 19 for \$75,000 5% school bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1930, inclusive; \$3,000, 1931 to 1936, inclusive; \$4,000, 1937 to 1941, inclusive; \$5,000, 1942 to 1946, inclusive, and \$6,000, 1947. Prin. and interest (J. & J.) payable at the Seaboard National Bank, New York City. A certified check for \$1,000 is required. Legality to be approved by Chapman, Cutler & Parker, of Chicago.

CALLAHAN COUNTY (P. O. Baird), Texas.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition of issuing \$175,000 5% court house bonds at the election held on June 11 (V. 124, p. 3246) failed to carry.

CALDWELL, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$43,400 5% and purchase bonds offered on June 21 (V. 124, p. 3246) were awarded to B. J. Van Ingen & Co. of New York City at a premium of \$579, equal to 102.03—a basis of about 4.69%. Date July 1 1927. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1930, inclusive, and \$3,000, 1931 to 1946, inclusive.

CAMBRIDGE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$500,000 temporary loan offered on June 20 (V. 124, p. 3665) was awarded to the Shawmut Corporation of Boston on a 3.57% discount basis plus a premium of \$11. Date June 22 1927. Due Nov. 5 1927.

CAMDEN, Camden County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk Board of Commissioners, until 10 a. m. (daylight saving time) July 6 for the following issues of bonds, aggregating \$2,162,000:

- \$1,466,000 impt. bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$60,000, 1928 to 1933, incl., \$65,000, 1934 to 1949, incl., and \$66,000, 1950.
565,000 school bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1928 to 1962, incl., and \$20,000, 1963 and 1964.
131,000 water bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1948, incl., and \$4,000, 1949 to 1965, incl.

No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the above issues.

CAROGA (P. O. Johnstown), Fulton County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered series C park bonds offered on June 15 (V. 124, p. 3388) were awarded to the Manufacturers & Trade-Peoples Trust Co. of Buffalo, at a premium of \$268.80, equal to 100.89 a basis of about 4.22%. Date Feb. 5 1927. Due Feb. 5 as follows: \$1,000, 1932 to 1955, inclusive, and \$6,000, 1956.

CARROBORO, Orange County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—C. A. Hoyle, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3:30 p. m. July 5 for \$10,500 6% coup n sewer bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$500 July 1 1929 to 1949, inclusive. Prin. and interest (J. & J.) payable in gold i. New York. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston, and J. L. Morehead of Durham.

CARROLLTON, Carroll County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Cummings Trust Co. of Carrollton has purchased an issue of \$8,424.22 5% village's/jortion street improvement bonds at a premium of \$32, equal to 100.93.

CARTER, Beckham County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$30,000 water-works bonds.

CARTHAGE, Jasper County, Mo.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition of issuing the following bonds, aggregating \$85,000, at the election held on June 16 was defeated: \$65,000 recreation center bonds. 20,000 swimming pool bonds.

The vote was 245 for to 1,236 against.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Linn County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$320,000 4 1/2% liberty memorial bonds offered on June 21 (V. 124, p. 3526) were awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport at a premium of \$10,725, equal to 103.35, a basis of about 4.23%. Date Dec. 1 1925. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$35,000 1941 to 1943, incl.; \$40,000 1944 and 1945, and \$45,000 1946 to 1948, incl.

CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Clarion), Wright County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—E. S. Brooks, District Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 1 for \$1,500 net exceeding 5% school bonds. Due Nov. 1 1928.

CHARLESTON, Charleston County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—W. S. Smith, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 1 for \$48,000 4 1/2% series N paving bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1929 to 1936, inclusive; \$6,000, 1937, and \$2,000, 1938. A certified check for \$2,500 is required. Purchaser to pay for legal opinion. Previous issues of paving bonds have been approved by the South Carolina Supreme Court and by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City.

CHATTANOOGA, Hamilton County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—E. D. Bass, Mayor, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. July 2 for \$115,000 paving bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1933 and \$10,000, 1934 to 1944, incl. Prin. and int. payable at the National City Bank, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to the City Treasurer is required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of N. Y. City.

CHEYENNE, Laramie County, Wyo.—BOND SALE.—Geo. W. Voltery & Co. of Denver have been awarded an issue of \$150,000 4% civic and water refunding bonds.

CHICKASAW COUNTY (P. O. New Hampton), Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—Thursday, June 30, has been set as the date on which the

special election to vote on paving bonds will be held in Chickasaw County. The Board of Supervisors set this date after receiving petitions signed by more than 20% of the voters of the county. The amount of the bonds will be \$600,000. This election was originally set for July 4 (V. 124, p. 3665) and the amount was given as \$700,000.

CHINOOK, Blaine County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,500 5 1/2% water-main extension bonds offered on June 14 (V. 124, p. 3246) were awarded to Durfee, Niles & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$5, equal to 100.06—a basis of about 5.49%. Due serially, 1928 to 1937, inclusive.

CLAXTON, Evans County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 5% impt. bonds offered on June 20—V. 124, p. 3526—were awarded to J. H. Hillsman & Co. of Atlanta, at 97.16, a basis of about 5.21%. Date July 1 1927. Due \$1,000 July 1 1943 to 1957, incl.

CLEMENTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Clementon), Camden County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia have purchased an issue of \$27,000 5 1/2% temporary fire apparatus bonds. Date-April 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 1933. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable in gold at the Clementon National Bank, Clementon. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City.

CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. J. Semple, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 25 for the following five issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$3,600,000: city's portion, property paving bonds. Date July 1 1927. Due \$130,000 May and Nov. 1 1928 to 1932, incl. Int. payable M. & N.

- 1,000,000 4 3/4% city's portion, paving and sewer bonds. Date June 1 1927. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$76,000 1928 and \$77,000 1929 to 1940, incl. Int. payable A. & O.
800,000 4 3/4% grade crossing bonds. Date June 1 1927. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$26,000 1928 to 1937, incl., and \$27,000 1938 to 1957, incl. Int. payable A. & O.
250,000 4 3/4% land purchase bonds. Date July 1 1927. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$8,000 1928 to 1947, incl., and \$9,000 1948 to 1957, incl. Int. payable A. & O.
250,000 4 3/4% public hall bonds. Date June 1 1927. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$19,000 1928 to 1937, incl., and \$20,000 1938 to 1940, incl. Int. payable A. & O.

Principal and interest payable at the American Exchange Irving Trust Co., New York City. Bids may be submitted for any one issue or on an "all or none basis." A certified check, payable to the City Treasurer, for 3% of the bonds bid for, is required. The successful bidders shall be required at their own expense to satisfy themselves as to the legality of the bonds. The bonds may be registered.

CLOQUET, Carleton County, Minn.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The Merchants Trust Co. of St. Paul recently purchased an issue of \$35,000 4 1/4% certificates of indebtedness at 100.16—a basis of about 4.21%. Due \$5,000 July 1 1928 to 1934, inclusive.

COFFEYVILLE, Montgomery County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The State School Fund has been awarded the following two issues of 4 3/4% bonds at par: \$55,660.63 paving bonds. \$10,441.17 paving bonds.

COLBY, Thomas County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Fidelity National Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City (Mo.) has been awarded an issue of \$28,748.20 4 1/2% sewer bonds at par. Due serially, 1928 to 1937, inclusive.

COLLEGE VIEW, Lancaster County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State Board of Education has been awarded an issue of \$100,000 4 1/2% paving bonds.

COLLIER COUNTY (P. O. Everglades), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—E. W. Russell, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. June 30 for \$350,000 6% road and bridge bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1930 to 1933, inclusive; \$15,000, 1934 to 1937, inclusive; \$20,000, 1938 to 1940, inclusive; \$25,000, 1941 to 1944, inclusive, and \$30,000, 1945 to 1947, inclusive. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable in gold in New York. A certified check for \$7,000, payable to the County Treasurer, is required. Legality approved by Chester B. Masslich of New York City.

COLLINGDALE, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—J. MacDougall, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until July 11 for \$60,000 4 1/2% street improvement bonds. Date July 15 1927.

COLUMBIANA COUNTY (P. O. Lisbon), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$27,000 5% coupon, county's portion, road improvement bonds offered on June 22 (V. 124, p. 3526) were awarded to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$625.59, equal to 102.31, a basis of about 4.556%. Date July 1 1927. Due \$2,700 Oct. 1 1928 to 1937, incl. Other bidders were:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder name and Premium amount. Includes Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Cincinnati (\$312.00), Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Toledo (\$432.00), etc.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Harry H. Turner, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (eastern standard time) June 27, in the Columbus public library building for \$181,800 promissory notes. Date July 1 1927. Denoms. \$5,000 and \$1,800. Due Jan. 1 1929. Prin. and interest to be payable at the office of the agency of the City of Columbus, in New York City. Said notes will be sold to the highest and best bidder for not less than par and accrued interest; bids to be based on rate of interest charges and on the premium paid.

COOK COUNTY (P. O. Chicago), Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk Board of County Commissioners until June 28 for \$1,500,000 road and bridge bonds.

CORNING, Steuben County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Farson, Son & Co. of New York City, were awarded on June 18, an issue of \$30,000 5% coupon sewer system extension bonds, at 101.77, a basis of about 4.45%. Date July 1 1927. Due \$5,000 July 1 1928 to 1933, incl. These bonds were originally scheduled for sale on June 14—V. 124, p. 3526. Other bidders were:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder name and Rate Bid. Includes Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., Buffalo (100.94), G. B. Gibbons & Co., N. Y. (101.14), etc.

COVINGTON, Kenton County, Ky.—CORRECTION.—We are now informed that the reported sale of \$300,000 water-works refunding bonds to W. H. Silverman & Co. of Cincinnati (V. 124, p. 3246) is erroneous.

CRAFTON, Allegheny County, Penn.—BOND OFFERING.—J. O. Schreiber, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (eastern standard time) July 5 for \$50,000 4 1/4% coupon borough bonds. Date Aug. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1937 to 1946, incl., and \$3,000, 1947 to 1956, incl. A certified check payable to the Borough Treasurer, for \$1,000 is required. Successful bidder to pay for the printing of the bonds.

CRANFORD, Union County, N. J.—NOTE SALE.—The Central Home Trust Co. of Elizabeth has purchased an issue of \$411,000 temporary improvement notes on a 4.375% discount basis. The notes are due in 6 months.

DADE COUNTY (P. O. Miami), Fla.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—We are now in receipt of the following financial statement with regard to the offering of \$2,500,000 5% court house and hail bonds, full information of which appeared in our issue of June 18—V. 124, p. 3665.

Financial Statement table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Total Bonded Debt, including this issue: \$9,444,000.00. Cash on Hand in Interest and Sinking Fund: 526,467.97. etc.

CRANSTON, Providence County, R. I.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Estate of Frank A. Sayles, has purchased an issue of \$100,000 temporary loan on a 3.75% discount basis. Due Dec. 20 1927.

DANVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dalton), Whitfield County, Ga.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 14 the voters authorized the issuance of \$15,000 6% school bonds. The bonds will mature in 20 years.

DAYTON, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$500,000 offered on June 23—V. 124, p. 3246—were both awarded at par as follows: \$250,000 water works extension and impt. bonds, series A 1927, to the City National Bank. Due \$10,000, Oct 1 1928 to 1952 incl. 250,000 water works extension and impt. bonds, series B 1927, to the Sinking Fund. Due \$10,000, Oct 1 1928 to 1952 incl. Date June 15 1927.

DEER LODGE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Anacanda), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 school bonds offered on June 13 (V. 124, p. 3104) were awarded to the State Board of Land Commission, at 98.43%, at a premium of \$50, equal to 100.02—a basis of about 4.73% to optional date, and a basis of about 4.75% if allowed to run full term of years. Date July 1 1927. Due 1947, optional after 1932.

DE KALB COUNTY (P. O. Auburn), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. of Columbia City were awarded on June 20 an issue of \$12,500 4 3/4% road bonds at a premium of \$261, equal to 102.08.

DE KALB COUNTY (P. O. Auburn), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Ward Jackman, County Treasurer, will receive proposals until 10 a. m. July 12 for the purchase at not less than par of \$11,600 4 1/2% Tom Mason et al., road bonds. Denom. 20 for \$278 and 20 for \$302. Date July 12 1927. Int. M. & N. 15. Payable \$580 each six months from May 15 1928 to Nov. 15 1937, incl., at the County Treasurer's office.

DELANO SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wright County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$60,000 school bonds was recently sold.

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Marlton R. F. D.), Burlington County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—W. R. Stauffer, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (standard time) July 5 at the Ellsburg School House, Ellsburg, for an issue of 5% coupon bonds registered school bonds not to exceed \$37,200. Date Aug. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$200. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1929 to 1946, incl.; \$1,000 1947, and \$200 1948. Principal and interest (F. & A.) payable at the Haddonfield National Bank, Haddonfield. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$37,200. A certified check payable to the order of the Custodian of School Moneys for 2% of the bonds offered is required. The approving opinion of a recognized New York bond attorney as to the legality of the bonds will be furnished the successful bidder.

DILLEY, Frio County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At the recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$30,000 street paving bonds.

DOLGEVILLE, Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE CANCELLED—REOFFERED LATER.—We are now informed by Edward C. Rive, Village Clerk, that the sale of two issues of bonds aggregating \$24,000 not to exceed 4 1/4%—V. 124, p. 3665—was cancelled as the notice in connection was found to be defective. Readvertisement of the sale will take place soon.

DONA ANA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Las Cruces), N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of bonds, aggregating \$17,000, offered on June 15 (V. 124, p. 2949) were awarded to Gray, Emery, Vasquez & Co. of Denver at 96.05: \$9,000 School District No. 19 bonds. 8,000 School District No. 10 bonds.

Date July 1 1927. Due 1947, optional after 1942. Rate of interest not stated.

DUNEDIN, Pinellas County, Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The following 6% street impt. bonds, aggregating \$286,000 offered on June 14—V. 124, p. 3104—were not sold: \$162,000 series K bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 and 1929; and \$16,000, 1930 to 1939 incl.

103,000 series J bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1928 to 1934 incl.; and \$11,000, 1935 to 1938 incl.

21,000 series L bonds. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1936 incl. and \$3,000, 1937.

Denom. \$1,000. The aggregate matures as follows: \$13,000, 1928 and 1929; \$28,000, 1930 to 1934 incl.; \$29,000, 1935 and 1936; \$30,000, 1937, and \$16,000, 1938 and 1939. Prin. and int. payable at Hanover Nat. Bank, N. Y. City.

DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, Durham County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—M. A. Briggs, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. July 2 for \$500,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1930 to 1935, incl.; \$15,000, 1936 to 1942, incl.; \$20,000, 1943 to 1950, incl., and \$25,000, 1951 to 1957, incl. Coupon bonds registerable as to principal. Prin. and int. (J. & J.), payable in gold in New York City. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co., N. Y. City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the officials' signatures and the seal impressed thereon. A certified check for \$10,000 is required. Legality to be approved by Chester B. Masslich of New York City.

Financial Statement table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Assessed valuation of property in district, 1926: \$71,721,785.00. Actual valuation, estimated: 135,000,000.00. Total debt of district, including bonds now offered: 1,325,008.70. etc.

The Durham Public School District is coterminus with the City of Durham. Total debt, City of Durham: \$8,929,791.30. Water debt: \$3,743,666.66. Sinking funds, except for water debt: 728,226.60. Uncollected special assessments: 459,831.09. Special assessments about to be levied and ap. 508,000.00. 5,439,724.35. Net debt, City of Durham: \$3,490,066.95.

\$664,608.70 school debt created by the City of Durham is treated above as a debt of the School District, since the School District has by a majority vote of its electors, under authority of law, assumed the entire school debt of the City of Durham. From figures already compiled it is estimated that the 1927 assessment of property in the district will exceed \$80,000,000. Population, special U. S. census, 1925: 42,258. School census, 1926: 12,556. School enrollment, 1925-26: 9,104. School enrollment, 1926-27: 9,696.

EARLSBORO, Pottawatomie County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters authorized the issuance of \$225,000 water and sewer bonds at a recent election.

EAST AUTORA, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 coupon Sycamore Street paving bonds offered on June 20 (V. 124, p. 3527) were awarded to the Erie County Trust Co., East Aurora, as 4 3/8, at a premium of \$185, equal to 100.41—a basis of about 4.44%. Date June 1 1927. Due \$3,000 June 1 1928 to 1942, inclusive. Other bidders were:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder name, Int. Rate, and Price Bid. Includes R. F. DeVoe & Co., New York (4.75%, \$45,506.25), Manufacturers & Traders, Buffalo, N. Y. (4.50%, 45,143.10), etc.

EAST FELICIAN PARISH SUB-Road DISTRICT NO. 1 OF ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Clinton), La.—BOND OFFERING.—W. L. Haney, Clerk of Police Jury, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 12 for \$16,000 5% coupon road bonds. Date April 1 1927. Denom. \$500. Due April 1 as follows: \$500, 1928 to 1936, inclusive; \$1,000, 1937 to 1946, inclusive, and \$1,500, 1947. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable in gold at the Whitney-Central Trust & Savings Bank of New Orleans. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds, payable to the Police Jury, is required. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City.

EASTCHESTER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Tuckahoe), Westchester County, N. Y.—LEGALITY—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the sale of \$395,000 coupon or registered high school bonds not to exceed 5% scheduled for June 30—V. 124, p. 3665—we are now informed by Charles Neuburg, Clerk Board of Education, that the legality of these bonds has been approved by Frederick P. Close, Attorney for the Board, and are in receipt of the following:

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation of the school district, 1927, is \$12,626,266. Estimated value of the properties in the district is 900,000. Bond debt of the District, not including this issue, is \$170,000. Amount of this issue, 395,000.

Total amount of bonded indebtedness, 565,000. The debt limit of the district is 15% or \$1,900,000. The population of the school district, 1926 census, was 4,700. The district comprises part of the Town of Eastchester and part of the Village of Tuckahoe, N. Y.

EAST GREENBUSH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Rensselaer) Rensselaer County, N. Y.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid for the \$8,000 6% fire equipment bonds awarded to the First National Bank of Rensselaer, N. Y., 124, p. 3527—was 104.01, a basis of about 4.97%. Date June 1 1927. Due \$1,000 June 1 1928 to 1935, incl.

EASTLAND, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered on June 11 an issue of \$25,000 6% street bonds.

EAST LYME, New London County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—F. A. Beckwith, First Selectman, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. (daylight saving time) June 30 for \$75,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds. Dated July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 July 1 1928 to 1942 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Old Colony Trust Co.; the said trust company will supervise the preparation of the bonds and will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. A certified check payable to the order of John F. Luce, Town Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

EAST PITTSBURGH, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—John A. Lundy, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (Eastern standard time) July 18 for \$20,000 4 1/2% borough bonds. Date May 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 May 1 1936 to 1955 incl. Int. payable M. & N. The bonds are free of Pennsylvania State tax. A certified check, payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer, for \$3,000, is required. Successful bidder to pay for the printing of the bonds.

EL PASO COUNTY (P. O. El Paso), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 6 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$100,000 emergency flood protection bonds.

EUGENE, Lane County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—George A. Gilmore, City Recorder, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. June 27 for \$55,479.16 not exceeding 6% city improvement bonds. Date July 1 1927. Due 1937, optional after 1928. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

FAIRFIELD, Jefferson County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. July 25 by the City Clerk for \$24,000 6% series 13 street imp. bonds. Date Aug. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due 1937. Prin. and int. payable at the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. City. A certified check for \$500 is required. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

FAIRVIEW (P. O. North Olmstead), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. Smith, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) July 18, for the following four issues of 5% special assessment, sewer bonds aggregating \$74,950:

- \$25,950 Donald Ave. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. \$500 and one for \$950. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,950, 1928; \$2,500, 1929 to 1936, incl.; and \$3,000, 1937.
21,750 Ingleside Ave. bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$1,750. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,750, 1928, and \$2,000, 1929 to 1938, incl.
14,500 West 217th St. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928, and \$1,500, 1929 to 1937, incl.
12,750 West 214th St. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 \$500 and one for \$250. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,250, 1928; \$1,500, 1929; \$1,000, 1930; \$1,500, 1931; \$1,000, 1932; \$1,500, 1933; \$1,000, 1934; \$1,500, 1935; \$1,000, 1936, and \$1,500, 1937.
Date June 1 1927. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the First National Bank, Rocky River. A certified check payable to the Village for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

FALLS CITY ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Karnes City), Karnes County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 9 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$70,000 road bonds.

FALLS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rock Falls), Cerro Gordo County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—A Marie Hansen, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. June 29 for \$35,000 5% coupon school bonds. Date April 30 1927. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Farmers Savings Bank of Rock Falls. These are the bonds originally scheduled for sale on June 20—V. 124, p. 3666.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation, \$1,249,056. Bonded debt, 35,000. Moneys and credits, 65,000.

FLOYD COUNTY (P. O. Charles City), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The White-Phillips Co. of Davenport has been awarded an issue of \$30,000 4 1/2% county home bonds at 100.11, a basis of about 4.24%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928; \$4,000, 1929 and 1930; \$5,000, 1931; \$4,000, 1932, and \$5,000, 1933 and 1934.

FOREST CITY, Winnebago County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk until June 27, for \$10,000 public library bonds.

FORT SMITH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sebastian County, Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 9 by G. C. Hardin, President of School Board, for \$550,000 school bonds.

FORT WORTH, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following 4 1/2% bonds were registered by the State Comptroller on June 15: \$600,000 street bonds. 300,000 park bonds. 600,000 sewer bonds.

FRANKLIN, Merrimack County, N. H.—PRICE PAID—INTEREST RATE.—The price paid for the \$30,000 refunding school bonds awarded to the Franklin Savings Bank in—V. 124, p. 3666—was par. The bonds bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2%. Due \$1,500 June 1 1928 to 1947, incl.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Brookville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$21,292.20 4 1/2% Whitewater Twp. Impmt. bonds offered on June 18—V. 124, p. 3527—were awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$561.70, equal to 102.63. Dated May 1 1928, due semi-annually. Other bidders were: Bidder—Fletcher American Co. Premium—\$560.00. Inland Investment Co. 555.00. Meyer-Kiser Co. 450.50. Franklin County National Bank. 416.00.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$76,000 4 1/2% water mains impmt. bonds offered on June 21—V. 124, p. 3389—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, at a premium of \$935.56, equal to 101.23, a basis of about 4.29%. Date June 1 1927. Due June 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 and 1929; \$3,000, 1930 to 1940 incl., and \$3,000 Dec. 1 1928 to 1940 incl.

W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo. Prem. \$216. First Citizens Corp., Columbus. 304. The Herrick Co., Cleveland. 275.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Opha Moore, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (Eastern standard time) July 14, for \$19,500 4 1/2% Sewer District Truro No. 1, water mains impmt. on 116 bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$500. Due as follows: \$500, May 1 1928; \$1,000, May 1 1929 to 1931, incl.; \$500, May 1 1932 to 1939, incl.; \$1,000, Nov. 1 1928 to 1939, incl. A certified check, payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners for 1% of the bonds offered, is required.

FULLERTON, Nance County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 7—V. 124, p. 3247—the voters authorized the issuance of \$40,000 4 1/2% funding bonds by a count of 138 for to 33 against.

FULTON COUNTY (P. O. Rochester), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals for the purchase at not less than par of \$17,000 4 1/2% Wm. L. Minter et al. road bonds will be received until 10 a. m. July 6 by I. A. Baty, County Treasurer. Denom. \$500. Date May 16 1927. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$850 each six months from May 15 1928 to Nov. 15 1937, incl.

FUQUAY SPRINGS, Wake County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 19 by the Town Clerk for \$150,000 sewer and water bonds.

GATES, New York.—BOND OFFERING.—Mary R. Harrington, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) June 27 for \$114,000, not to exceed 6% coupon series No. 1 street improvement bonds. Date June 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1928 to 1941, incl., and \$2,000, 1942. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at a banking house situated in Rochester, N. Y. A certified check payable to the above-mentioned official for \$500 is required.

GARDEN GROVE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Orange County, Calif.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition of issuing \$55,000 school bonds at the election held on June 13—V. 124, p. 3389—failed to carry.

GERING, Scotts Bluff County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State Board of Education has been awarded an issue of \$36,000 4 1/2% paving bonds.

GLOUCESTER, Essex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The Gloucester National Bank was awarded on June 22 an issue of \$300,000 3 3/4% improvement bonds at 100.16, a basis of about 3.73%. Dated July 1 1927. Due serially 1928 to 1947 incl. The National City Co. of New York was the only other bidder, offering 100.03 for the bonds.

GOUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Burke County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 5 1/2% school bonds offered on June 22—V. 124, p. 3666—were awarded to H. C. Speer & Sons Co. of Chicago at a premium of \$752, equal to 103, a basis of about 5.23%. Date July 1 1927. Due \$2,500 July 1 1927, \$2,500 July 1 in each of the years, 1930, 1933, 1936, 1939, 1942, 1945, 1948, 1951, 1954 and 1957.

GRAYSON COUNTY (P. O. Sherman), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 16 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$2,500,000 road bonds. These are the bonds mentioned in V. 124, p. 3525, but no definite date for the election was set.

GREENLAWN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Buechel), Jefferson County, Ky.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 18 the voters authorized the issuance of \$40,000 school bonds.

GREENLEE COUNTY (P. O. Clifton), Ariz.—BOND SALE.—The \$180,000 4 1/2% refunding bonds offered on June 20—V. 124, p. 3105—were awarded to the Valley Bank of Phoenix at 100.54.

HALIFAX COUNTY (P. O. Halifax), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$190,000 funding bonds offered on June 6—V. 124, p. 2950—were awarded to the Title Guarantee & Trust Co. of Cincinnati as 4 3/4 at 100.43.

HALL COUNTY (P. O. Memphis), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on June 29 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$1,000,000 road bonds. A. C. Hoffman, County Judge.

HARRISON (P. O. Harrison) Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 coupon road bonds offered on June 23—V. 124, p. 3666—were awarded to Farson, Son & Co. of New York City, as 4.40s, at 100.27, a basis of about 4.36%. Date July 1 1927. Due \$10,000 July 1 1928 to 1947, incl.

BOND SALE.—The following two issues of coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$468,000 offered on the same date (see the above reference), were awarded to Carl H. Pforzheimer & Co. of New York City, as 4 1/4s, at \$292,300 water works system bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1929 to 1940, incl., and \$8,000, 1941 to 1966, incl. 176,000 water distribution system bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1929 to 1942, incl., and \$5,000, 1943 to 1966 incl. Date June 1 1927.

HARRISBURG INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Harris County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of St. Louis and Jasper P. Brown, jointly, have been awarded an issue of \$400,000 4 1/2% school bonds at 100.50.

HARRISON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Harrison), Westchester County, New York.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on June 20—V. 124, p. 3528—were awarded to Carl H. Pforzheimer & Co. of N. Y. City, as 4 1/4s, at 100.24, a basis of about 4.22%. Dated June 1 1927. Due June 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1940 incl.; \$2,000, 1941; and \$3,000, 1942 to 1946 incl.

HARRISON COUNTY (P. O. Logan), Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 14 the voters authorized the issuance of \$1,000,000 primary road bonds by a count of 3,646 for to 2,478 against.

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Harrisville), Butler County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Herman Dehnke, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. June 27 for \$11,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 July 1 1928 to 1938 incl.

HASKELL COUNTY (P. O. Haskell), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Aug. 6 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$1,500,000 road bonds.

HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Upper Darby), Delaware County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 4% registered street highway and bridge bonds offered on June 20—V. 124, p. 3389—were awarded to the Oakmont & Terminal National Bank, at 100.05, a basis of about 3.99% to optional date; and a basis of about 3.995% if allowed to run full term of years. Due July 1 1942; optional after July 1 1932.

HENDERSON, Vance County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 water works impmt. bonds offered on June 20—V. 124, p. 3528—were awarded to the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago, as 6s, at a premium of \$5,127.65, equal to 102.563, a basis of about 4.81%. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1936, incl.; \$4,000, 1937 to 1941, incl.; \$5,000, 1942 to 1948, incl.; \$6,000, 1949 to 1957, incl., and \$7,000, 1958 to 1967, incl.

HICKORY, Catawba County, No. Caro.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Sept. 6 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$300,000 water and power bonds.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Tampa), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$57,000 offered on June 16—V. 124, p. 3248—were awarded as follows: \$42,000 Special Tax School District No. 11 bonds to the Citizens Bank & Trust Co. of Tampa at 100.92, a basis of about 5.89%. Due \$2,000, June 1 1929 to 1949 incl. 25,000 Special Tax School District No. 53 bonds to the Exchange National Bank and the First Savings & Trust Co., both of Tampa, jointly, at 95, a basis of about 5.59%. Due \$1,000, June 1 1929 to 1953 inclusive. Date June 1 1927.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (P. O. Tampa), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—W. D. F. Snipes, Secretary Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. July 14 for \$25,000 6% school bonds. Date June 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 June 1 1929 to 1953, incl. Prin. and int. payable at the U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co., N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for is required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City.

HOBOKEN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Brantley County, Ga.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition of issuing \$20,000 school bonds at the recent election failed to carry.

HOLMES COUNTY (P. O. Bonifay), Fla.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The State Legislature has authorized an issue of \$100,000 road bonds.

HONOLULU (City and County of), Hawaii.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$1,250,000 offered on June 17—V. 124, p. 3528—were awarded as follows: To Harris, Forbes & Co., N. Y. City, the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and Hayden, Miller & Co. of Cleveland. \$1,000,000 5% public impmt. bonds at 107.82, a basis of about 4.33%. Due \$40,000 June 15, 1932 to 1956, incl.

To the Cleveland Trust Co., of Cleveland: 250,000 4 1/2% public impt. bonds at 101.55, a basis of about 4.24%. Due \$50,000 June 15, 1932 to 1936 incl. Date June 15 1927.

HURLEY JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Iron County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The Iron Exchange Bank of Hurley has been awarded an issue of \$70,000 high school addition bonds.

HUTCHINSON, Reno County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Citizens Bank of Hutchinson has been awarded the following two issues of bonds, aggregating \$225,000: \$185,000 high school addition bonds. 40,000 remodeling convention hall bonds.

INDEPENDENCE, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Arthur J. Goudy, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (eastern time) July 11 for \$56,100 5% street improvement bonds. Date June 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$100. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,100, 1928; \$5,000, in each of the years, 1930, 1932, and 1935; and \$6,000, in each of the years 1929, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1936 and 1937. A certified check for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

IUKA, Tishomingo County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$50,000 water system bonds were recently sold locally.

JACKSON, Jackson County, Minn.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The Northwestern Trust Co. of St. Paul, was awarded on June 10 an issue of \$20,000 4 1/4% certificates of indebtedness at a premium of \$81, equal to 100.40.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Fairfield), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 4 1/4% primary road bonds offered on June 21—V. 124, p. 3528—were awarded to the Bechtel-Cook Bond Co. at par. Date July 1 1927. Due \$30,000 May 1 1931 to 1940 incl.; optional after 1932.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Waurika), Okla.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 12 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$600,000 road bonds. Under an agreement reached with the County Commissioners, the \$600,000 if voted, will be matched two to one with State and Federal aid, making a total of \$1,800,000 to be spent on roads in the county.

JONES COUNTY (P. O. Anamosa), Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 16 an issue of \$1,200,000 road bonds was favorably voted by a count of about 6 for to 1 against.

KENNEWICK, Benton County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 city building bonds offered on June 14—V. 124, p. 3249—were awarded to the State of Washington, as ss. at par. Due serially, 1929 to 1947, incl.

KIMBALL COUNTY (P. O. Kimball), Neb.—BOND SALE.—The \$175,000 4 3/4% court house bonds offered on June 13—V. 124, p. 3529—were awarded to the U. S. Trust Co. of Omaha, at 101.52, a basis of about 4.37%. Date June 1 1927. Due \$8,750, 1928 to 1947, incl., optional after 1932. This corrects the report in V. 124, p. 3667.

KINGSPORT, Sullivan County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of bonds, aggregating \$63,400, offered on June 21 (V. 124, p. 3249) were awarded to the Well, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$1,779, equal to 104.35, a basis of about 5.36%:

- \$23,100 6% city impt. bonds. Date June 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. \$600 and \$500. Due June 1 1947.
20,300 6% district impt. bonds. Date July 15 1927. Denom. to suit purchaser. Due July 15 as follows: \$2,250, 1928 to 1932, incl., \$2,200, 1933 and 1934; \$2,100, 1935 and \$2,550, 1936.
20,000 5 1/2% public impt. bonds. Date June 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 1947.

KLAMATH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 1 (P. O. Klamath Falls), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Ida B. Momyer, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until June 29 for \$55,000 not exceeding 5% coupon school bonds. Date Aug. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 1947; optional after Aug. 1 1937. Prin. and int. payable at the County Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency of the State of Oregon in N. Y. City. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY (P. O. Warsaw), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,600 4 1/4% road improvement bonds offered on June 17—V. 124, p. 3390—were awarded to the Union Trust Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$1,104, equal to 102.71, a basis of about 3.95%. Date June 15 1927. Due \$2,030 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, incl. Other bidders were:

Table with Bidder and Premium columns. Bidders include Fletcher American Co., Indianapolis; Meyer-Kiser Bank, Indianapolis; City Trust Co., Indianapolis; Fletcher Savins & Trust Co., Indianapolis; J. F. Wild & Co., Indianapolis; Inland Investment Co., Indianapolis; La Plante, Welsh & Risscher, Vincennes.

LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Barbers County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 4 1/4% high school bonds voted on May 12 were recently sold. Due serially, 1928 to 1947, incl. This corrects the report in V. 124, p. 3529.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—William E. Whitaker, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. July 11 for \$16,000 4 1/4% Memorial Site bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$800. Due as follows: \$800, July 1 1928, and \$500, Jan. and July 1 1929 to 1938, incl. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, for 3% of the bonds offered is required.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Baldwin), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Emil Johnson, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. June 27 for \$50,000 not exceeding 5% court house bonds. Date July 1 1927. Due July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1928 to 1937, incl., and \$4,000, 1938 to 1942 incl. A certified check for \$2,000 is required. Legality approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit.

LAKE COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT (P. O. Tavers), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—T. C. Smyth, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 18 for \$300,000 6% road and bridge bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$100,000 July 1 1937, 1947 and 1957. Prin. and int. payable at the National Bank of Commerce, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the Board of County Commissioners, is required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City.

LAKE COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21 (P. O. Tavers), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 5 1/2% school bonds offered on June 22—V. 124, p. 3390—were awarded to the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita at 95.07, a basis of about 6.01%. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$11,000, 1930 to 1949 incl., and \$10,000, 1950 to 1957 incl.

LEE COUNTY (P. O. Fort Madison), Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 14—V. 124, p. 3249—the voters authorized the issuance of \$1,500,000 road bonds by a count of 9,800 for to 1,900 against.

LEON COUNTY (P. O. Centerville), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 9 an election will be held to vote on the question of issuing \$1,250,000 5% road bonds. B. J. Gresham, County Clerk.

LEWISBURG, Marshall County, Tenn.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 17 the voters authorized the issuance of \$40,000 water works impt. bonds by a count of 215 for to 6 against.

LIBERAL, Seward County, Kan.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election, the voters authorized the issuance of \$12,000 school bonds by a count of 240 for to 234 against.

LINN COUNTY (P. O. Mound City), Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Theo. McIntyre, Chairman Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1:30 p. m. June 29 for \$180,000 4 1/4% road bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$5,000, Jan. 1 1928 to 1947, inclusive, and \$4,000 July 1 1928 to 1947, inclusive. Interest payable to J. & J. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to the Board of County Commissioners, is required. The bonds will be offered, subject to the rejection of the State School Fund Commission, who has first choice to purchase the bonds. Legality approved by John S. Dean of Topeka.

LONG BEACH, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$950,000 gas system improvement bonds offered on June 21 (V. 124, p. 3667) were awarded to a syndicate composed of the First National Bank of New York City; Anglo London Paris Co., San Francisco; Eldredge & Co.,

New York City, and E. R. Gundelfinger & Co. of San Francisco, at 100.004, a basis of about 14.79%, taking \$534,000 bonds as 4 1/2% and \$416,000 bonds as 5%. Date May 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 as follows: \$32,000, 1928 to 1941, inclusive; \$2,000, 1942; \$18,000, 1951; \$32,000, 1952 to 1956, inclusive, and \$34,000, 1966. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. These bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$1,250,000 voted during March. Legality approved by Bordwell, Mathews & Wadsworth, of Los Angeles, and Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City.

LUCAS COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,720 5% water supply line No. 154 bonds offered on June 20—V. 124, p. 3668—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, at a premium of \$67.70, equal to 101.18, a basis of about 4.51%. Due as follows: \$1,720, 1928; and \$1,000, 1929 to 1932 incl.

LUCAS COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following five issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$341,790, offered on June 20—V. 124, p. 3529—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, at a total premium of \$11,364.62, equal to 103.32, a basis of about 4.28%:

- \$247,020 local sanitary sewer No. 124 bonds. Due as follows: \$25,020, 1928; \$25,000, 1929 to 1934 incl.; and \$24,000, 1935 to 1937 incl.
1,550 water supply line No. 153 bonds. Due as follows: \$550, 1928, and \$1,000, 1929.
12,510 water supply line No. 150, main sewer district No. 8, bonds. Due yearly on Sept. 28 as follows: \$2,510, 1928; \$2,000, 1929, 1930 and 1931; and \$1,000, 1932 to 1935 incl.
75,390 water supply line No. 115, main sewer district No. 8, bonds. Due yearly on Sept. 28 as follows: \$8,390, 1928; \$8,000, 1929 to 1932 incl.; and \$7,000, 1933 to 1937 incl.
Date June 28 1927.
5,320 5% local sanitary sewer district No. 156 bonds. Due as follows: \$1,320, 1928 and \$1,000, 1929 to 1932 incl.

Although the above issues were put up separately the offerings will all be found on the above reference.

LYFORD, Willacy County, Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Mayor until July 15 for \$60,000 4 1/4% water works bonds.

M'CLAIN COUNTY (P. O. Purcell), Okla.—BOND SALE.—The American National Bank of Oklahoma City has been awarded an issue of \$80,000 4 1/4% court house bonds.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Earl O. Morris, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 15 for \$3,500 4 1/4% W. E. Vashbinder et al, Union Township road bonds. Date July 15 1927. Due semi-annually.

MALDEN, Middlesex County, Mass.—NO BIDS.—There were no bids received for the four issues of 3 3/4% coupon bonds aggregating \$605,000 offered on June 20—V. 124, p. 3668.

MAMARONECK, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred T. Wilson, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 5 for \$189,000, not exceeding 5% third series coupon or registered sewer bonds. Date June 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1931 to 1951, incl., and \$6,000, 1952 to 1965, incl. Rate of interest to be in multiples of 1/4 or one-tenth of 1%, one rate to apply to the entire issue. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable in gold at the National Bank of Commerce of New York City. A certified check payable to the Village for \$3,500 is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

MAMARONECK, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of bonds aggregating \$682,000 offered on June 20—V. 124, p. 3530—were awarded to Rutter & Co. of New York City, as 4 1/4% at a premium of \$770.66, equal to 100.11, a basis of about 4.32%:

- \$382,000 water works extension bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$9,000, 1929 to 1936 incl., and \$10,000, 1937 to 1967 incl.
300,000 water distribution system bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1929 to 1940 incl.; and \$8,000, 1941 to 1967 incl.
Date June 1 1927.

MAMARONECK (Village of) (P. O. Mamaroneck), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Rutter & Co. of N. Y. City, were awarded the following two issues of bonds aggregating \$295,000 4 1/4% at a premium of \$333.35, equal to 100.11:

- \$156,000 water distribution system bonds.
139,000 water works system bonds.

MANATEE COUNTY (P. O. Bradentown), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Bradentown has been awarded an issue of \$200,000 6% court house and jail bonds.

MANLY, Worth County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 15 the voters authorized the issuance of \$25,000 school bonds.

MANSFIELD, De Soto Parish, La.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 5 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$80,000 sewage disposal plant bonds.

MANSFIELD, Richland County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—P. L. Kelly, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. July 6 for \$1,600 6% bonds for the purpose of paying the Ohio Public Service Co.'s share and the Cleveland & Southwestern Ry. Co.'s share of improving East Fourth St. from Diamond to Foster Street. Dated July 1 1927. Denoms. \$400 and \$300. Due as follows: \$400 Oct. 1 1928, and \$300 Oct. 1 1929 to 1932 incl. A certified check payable to the City Treasurer for 2% of the bonds offered is required.

MARBLEHEAD, Essex County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—The city will receive bids on June 29 for \$168,000 4% sewer bonds maturing 1928 to 1957.

MARICOPA COUNTY (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. B. White, Clerk Board of Supervisors, until July 18 for \$750,000 5% coupon court house and jail bonds. Date June 15 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 15 as follows: \$25,000, 1929 to 1936 incl., and \$50,000 1937 to 1947 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the Bankers Trust Co., N. Y. City. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

MARION, Marion County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—A. E. Aub & Co. of Cincinnati have purchased an issue of \$15,930 5% fire equipment bonds at a premium of \$381, equal to 102.01.

MARION COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Ocala), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The Monroe & Chambliss National Bank of Ocala has been awarded the following two issues of bonds aggregating \$14,000 at par: \$12,000 5 1/2% Summerfield Spl. Tax School District No. 36 bonds. 2,000 Anthony Special Tax School District No. 35 bonds.

MARSEILLES RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Upper Sandusky), Wyandot County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$63,000 5% school building bonds offered on May 18—V. 124, p. 2796—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis of Toledo, at a premium of \$2,461.03, equal to 103.50, a basis of about 4.54%. Date Jan. 1 1927. Due \$3,000 Sept. 1 1928 to 1948, incl.

MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Plymouth), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Marshall County Trust & Savings Bank of Plymouth, were awarded an issue of \$7,350 4 1/2% road bonds, at a premium of \$197.52, equal to 102.68 on June 14.

MASSENA, Cass County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—W. D. Hancock, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. June 28 for \$24,000 water works system bonds.

MATAGORDA COUNTY (P. O. Bay City), Texas.—BOND SALE.—G. H. Walker & Co., and the First National Co., both of St. Louis, have been awarded an issue of \$160,260 road bonds at par.

MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Harrodsburg), Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 coupon road bonds offered on April 5—V. 124, p. 2024—were awarded to Otis & Co. of Cleveland. Due as follows: \$4,000, 1932; \$1,000, 1933 to 1936, incl., \$2,000, 1947 to 1949, incl., \$3,000, 1950 to 1952, incl., and \$4,000, 1956 and 1957. (Rate of interest not stated).

MELROSE, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—S. Homer Buttrick, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (daylight saving time) June 28 for \$45,000 4% coupon highway bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1928 to 1932, incl.; and \$4,000, 1933 to 1937, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston; the said trust company will supervise the preparation of the bonds and will certify as to the genuineness

of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Celina), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Louis H. Sacher, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (Eastern standard time) July 1 for the following eight issues of 5% coupon bonds, aggregating \$00,000:

- \$19,500 Drake Road bonds. Due as follows: \$1,500 March and \$2,000 Sept. 1 1928, and \$2,000 March and Sept. 1 1929 to 1932 incl.
- 12,700 Leifield Road bonds. Due as follows: \$1,000 March and \$1,500 Sept. 1 1928 to 1931 incl., \$1,200 March and \$1,500 Sept. 1 1932.
- 7,700 Fent Road bonds. Due as follows: \$500 March and \$1,000 Sept. 1 1928 to 1931 incl., and \$700 March and \$1,000 Sept. 1 1932.
- 6,900 Bord Road bonds. Due as follows: \$500 March and Sept. 1 1928, \$500 March and \$900 Sept. 1 1929, and \$500 March and \$1,000 Sept. 1 1930 to 1932 incl.
- 6,100 Harris Road bonds. Due as follows: \$500 March and Sept. 1 1928 and 1929, \$500 March 1 and \$600 Sept. 1 1930, and \$500 March and \$1,000 Sept. 1 1931 and 1932.
- 5,200 Thomar Road bonds. Due as follows: \$500 March and Sept. 1 1928 to 1931 incl., and \$500 March and \$700 Sept. 1 1932.
- 5,000 Staugler Road bonds. Due as follows: \$500 March and Sept. 1 1928 to 1932 incl.
- 4,650 Rentz Road bonds. Due as follows: \$500 March and Sept. 1 1928 and 1929; \$500 March and \$650 Sept. 1 1930; and \$500 March and \$1,000 Sept. 1 1931.
- 4,300 Fisher Road bonds. Due as follows: \$500 March and Sept. 1 1928 to 1930 incl., and \$500 March and \$800 Sept. 1 1931.

Interest payable M. & S. Dated July 1 1927. A certified check for \$1,000 is required. The county will furnish blank bonds and complete transcripts of the proceedings for the successful bidders' attorney's approval.

MILLVILLE, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Louis Delker, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 29 for \$450 5% coupon fire apparatus bonds. Date June 1 1927. Denom. \$150. Due \$150 Sept. 1 1928 to 1930 incl. Interest payable on Sept. 1.

MISSION, Hidalgo County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo, have been awarded an issue of \$100,000 5½% improvement bonds at par.

MONDOVI, Buffalo County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—C. Harldorson, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. June 30 for \$35,000 city impt. bonds. The bids are to include cost of printing the bonds and legal opinion.

MONROE, Monroe County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred M. Kressbach, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) June 27, for \$75,000 bridge bonds to bear interest at such per cent as to insure their sale at par. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$500. Due \$3,000, July 1 1930 to 1954, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for \$3,000 is required. Legality approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit.

MONTEBELLO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles) Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 5% school bonds offered on June 13—V. 124, p. 3391—were awarded to the Bank of Italy, at a premium of \$3,918, equal to 105.22, a basis of about 4.45%. Date June 1 1927. Due June 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1928 and 1929; \$2,000, 1930 to 1934, inclusive, and \$3,000, 1935 to 1953, inclusive.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Crawfordsville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$66,000 4½% road bonds offered on June 20—V. 124, p. 3668—were awarded to Benjamin D. Flanigan of Crawfordsville, at a premium of \$1,969.65, equal to 102.94. Date July 15 1927.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Red Oak), Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—On June 27 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$600,000 primary road bonds. Carl Nimrod, County Auditor.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. A. Kilmer, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (Eastern standard time) July 1 for \$2,500 5¼% coupon, Leland Ave., water extension bonds. Denom. \$100. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$100, 1928 to 1931, incl., \$200, 1932; \$100, 1933 to 1936, incl., \$200, 1937; \$100, 1938 to 1941, incl., \$200, 1942; \$100, 1943 to 1945, incl., and \$200, 1946 and 1947. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Legality approved by D. W. & A. S. Iddings of Dayton; and Peck, Schaffer & Williams of Cincinnati.

MOUND SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ventura), Ventura County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 5 by L. E. Hollowell, County Clerk, for \$14,000 5% school bonds. Date Aug. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Aug. 1 1928 to 1941 incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$750,000 4½% Broadway bridge bonds offered on June 20 (V. 124, p. 3391), were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Illinois Merchants Trust and Northern Trust Co., Chicago; the Wm. R. Compton Co., St. Louis; Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., of Portland, and John E. Price & Co., Seattle, at a premium of \$18,600, equal to 102.48, a basis of about 4.29%. Date July 1 1927. Due \$30,000, July 1 1933 to 1957, incl.

MUSKEGON, Muskegon County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Ida L. Christiansen, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (Central standard time) June 27 for \$12,000 4¼% water works refunding bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,500 July 1 1928 to 1935, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Successful bidder to furnish blank bonds. A certified check for \$1,000 is required. Legality approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit.

NASHUA, Hillsborough County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First National Bank of Boston, was awarded a \$100,000 temporary loan on a 3.75% discount basis plus a premium of \$6. Other bidders were:

Bidder	Discount Basis
Old Colony Corp.	3.765%
S. N. Bond & Co. (prem. \$2.75)	3.80%

NEKOOSA, Wood County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 5% sewer bonds offered on May 5—V. 124, p. 2641—were awarded to the First Wisconsin Co. of Milwaukee, at 105.78, a basis of about 4.33%. Date May 1 1927. Denom. \$500. Coupon bonds registerable as to principal. Due May 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1934, incl., \$3,500, 1935; \$5,000, 1936 to 1939, incl., and \$4,500, 1940.

NEBRASKA CITY (Otoe County), Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on June 30 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$45,000 school building bonds.

NEW BREMEN, Auglaize County, Ohio.—PURCHASER.—The \$8,480 6% fire engine and fire equipment bonds sold in—V. 124, p. 3531—were taken by the Sinking Fund and not by the Herrick Co. of Cleveland, as reported in the above reference. Although the Herrick Co. were originally awarded the same they rejected same on the advice of their attorneys. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1926. Coupon bonds in denom. of \$1,000. Due serially, Nov. 1 1928 to 1935, incl. Interest payable M. & N. The Sinking Fund took the bonds at par.

NEW BRIGHTON, Beaver County, Penn.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 4½% street improvement bonds offered on June 16—V. 124, p. 3391—were awarded to Prescott, Lyon & Co. of Pittsburgh, at a premium of \$1,207, equal to 106.03, a basis of about 4.17%. Date Sept. 1 1925. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1946; \$2,000, 1947; \$1,000, 1948; \$2,000, 1949 to 1953, incl., and \$3,000, 1954 and 1955. Other bidders were:

Bidder	Premium
A. B. Leach & Co., Philadelphia	\$1,206.00
E. H. Rollins & Son, Philadelphia	1,182.20
Mellon National Bank, Pittsburgh	1,077.00
J. H. Holmes & Co., Pittsburgh	1,036.00
Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh	1,051.00
S. M. Vookel, Pittsburgh	955.40

NEWBURGH, Orange County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—William T. McCaw, City Manager, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (daylight saving time) June 30 for the following six issues of 4¼% bonds, aggregating \$1,279,400:

- \$925,000 coupon or registered high school bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$18,500 July 1 1928 to 1977 incl.
- 240,000 coupon or registered West and Chestnut Sts. school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$6,000 July 1 1928 to 1967 incl.

42,000 registered water bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 July 1 1928 to 1948 incl.

- 30,500 registered impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000; one for \$500. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,500, 1928, and \$2,000, 1929 to 1942 incl.
 - 21,400 registered Fullerton Ave. school site bonds. Denom. \$428. Due July 1 1927 to 1967 incl.
 - 20,500 registered street bonds. Denom. \$1,000; one for \$500. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1928, and \$1,000, 1929 to 1947 incl.
- Date July 1 1927. The principal of all of the bonds and interest of all of the registered bonds will be payable at the City Treasurer's office, and the interest of the coupon bonds with privilege of registration will be payable at the Highland-Quassaick National Bank & Trust Co., Newburgh. A certified check, payable to the City Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds offered, is required. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of N. Y. City, whose opinion will be furnished the successful bidder.

NEW JERSEY (State of)—BOND SALE.—The State of New Jersey on June 21 disposed of the \$6,000,000 4% Series H coupon or registered road bonds offered on that date (V. 124, p. 3250). As is customary in the sale of State of New Jersey bonds, the issue was split between numerous banking institutions throughout New Jersey. About eighty bids were received for all or part of the issue. The highest bid was 102.85, made by the Essex County Trust Co. of Franklin, and the low bid accepted was 101.239; the average interest basis will be about 3.75%. The largest award was made to the Guardian Trust Co. of Newark, which took \$800,000 at prices ranging from 101.705 down to 101.245. The bonds are dated July 1 1942 and mature July 1 1942.

The Newark "News" of June 21 summarized the more important bids as follows:

"The Fidelity-Union Trust Co. of Newark bid for \$1,000,000 of the bond, in lots of \$200,000 each, at 101.119, 101.156, 101.191, 101.211 and 101.239.

"The Merchants & Manufacturers' National Bank of Newark bid for \$500,000 of the bonds in lots of \$100,000 each at the same prices.

"The Federal Trust Co. and the National State Bank of Newark each bid for \$500,000 of the bonds in lots of \$100,000 each at similar prices. The Springfield Avenue Trust Co. of Newark offered to buy \$300,000 worth of the bonds in lots of \$80,000 each at prices similar to the Fidelity-Union, as did the Newark Trust Co., which offered to buy \$250,000 of the bonds in lots of \$50,000 each.

"The Port Newark National Bank of Newark offered 101.1276 for \$200,000 of the bonds; Adams & Mueller Co., the Federal Trust Co. and the Fidelity-Union Trust Co., all of Newark, offered 100.313 for \$500,000 each of the bond.

"The Verona Trust Co. made the following offer: \$200,000 at 100.905; \$200,000 at 101.018; \$100,000 at 101.135; \$100,000 at 101.245; \$50,000 at 101.359; \$50,000 at 101.473; \$25,000 at 101.587; \$25,000 at 101.705.

Guardian Trust Bid.

"The Guardian Trust Co. of Newark offered to purchase \$4,000,000 of the bonds in the following lots: \$500,000 at 100.114; \$5,900 at 100.237; \$400,000 at 100.341; \$400,000 at 100.453; \$300,000 at 100.566; \$3,000 at 100.678; \$200,000 at 100.792; \$200,000 at 100.905; \$200,000 at 101.018; \$100,000 at 101.135; \$200,000 at 101.245; \$200,000 at 101.359; \$200,000 at 101.473; \$100,000 at 101.587; \$100,000 at 101.705.

"An offer to purchase \$2,000,000 of the bonds by the Broad & Market National Bank of Newark was made in the following lots: \$1,000,000 at 100.519; \$500,000 at 100.60; \$200,000 at 100.75; \$100,000 at 100.80; \$100,000 at 100.85; and \$100,000 at 101.02.

"The United States Trust Co. of Newark offered to purchase \$500,000 of the bonds in lots of \$100,000 each at 100.25, 100.50, 100.75, 100.95 and 101.15. The West Side Trust Co. offered to purchase \$100,000 of the bonds at 100.1237, and the South Side Trust Co. of Newark \$50,000 of the bonds at the same price.

"An offer of 100.02 was made by the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Upper Montclair for \$500,000 of the bonds. The Mountain Trust Co. of Montclair bid for \$400,000 of the bonds in lots of \$50,000 each at 101.25, 101.30, 101.40, 101.50, 101.55, 101.58, 101.65 and 101.71. The Essex Title Guaranty & Trust Co. of Montclair bid for \$200,000 in lots of \$25,000 each at the following prices: 101.40, 101.45, 101.50, 101.55, 101.60, 101.65, 101.70 and 101.75.

An offer was made by the People's National Bank of Montclair for \$300,000 as follows: \$50,000 at 101.35; \$50,000 at 101.40; \$50,000 at 101.50; \$50,000 at 101.55; \$25,000 at 101.59; \$25,000 at 101.65; \$25,000 at 101.68; and \$25,000 at 101.75.

"The Montclair Trust Co. made the following offer: \$200,000 at 101.15; \$200,000 at 101.25; \$100,000 at 101.30; \$150,000 at 101.40; \$50,000 at 101.50; \$50,000 at 101.55; \$50,000 at 101.58; \$50,000 at 101.60; \$50,000 at 101.65; \$50,000 at 101.71.

NEWPORT, Newport County, R. I.—NOTE SALE.—The Aquidneck National Exchange Bank & Savings Co. of Newport was awarded \$200,000 note on a 3.67% discount basis plus a premium of \$2.

NEWTON COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Miss.—BOND SALE.—Caldwell & Co. of Nashville have been awarded an issue of \$225,000 road bonds.

NORTH CHATTANOOGA, Hamilton County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—Little, Wooten & Co. of Jackson were awarded on June 16 an issue of \$80,000 5½% sewer bonds. Date July 1 1927. Due July 1 1957.

NORTH FOND DU LAC, Fond du Lac County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$16,000 5% school bonds offered on June 7—V. 124, p. 3391—were awarded to the Second Ward Securities Co. of Milwaukee at a premium of \$475, equal to 102.96.

NORTHPORT, Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$110,000 coupon public park bonds offered on June 21—V. 124, p. 3668—were awarded to George B. Gibbons & Co. of New York City, as 4½s, at 100.11, a basis of about 4.49%. Date Aug. 1 1927. Due \$22,000 Aug. 1 1929 to 1933, incl.

NORWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Delaware County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Somers C. Wright, Secretary Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 6 p. m. (standard time) June 27 for \$30,000 4½% coupon school bonds. Date June 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 1957. The bonds may be registered as to principal only. A certified check payable to the School District, for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality to be approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia.

OKALOOSA COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Crestview), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. W. Barrow, Supt. of Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until June 27 for \$50,000 6% school bonds.

OLMITO, Cameron County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—On June 28 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing the following bonds aggregating \$87,000: \$52,000 school bonds, 35,000 school bonds.

OLNEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered on June 16 an issue of \$50,000 5% school bonds.

OPELIKA, Lee County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—The \$23,000 street assessment paving bonds offered on June 13—V. 124, p. 3531—were awarded to Ward, Sterne & Co. of Birmingham, at 101. Due in 10 years. (Interest rate not stated).

ORLEANS PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Orleans), La.—\$20,000 BOND ISSUE PROPOSED.—Plans for floating a \$20,000 bond issue for building construction by the Orleans parish school board probably will be authorized at a meeting of the school directors July 1, it developed at a special meeting of the board.

While the board did not discuss the bond issue at length, as other matters occupied the major portion of the session, it was announced in the meeting that New York bond authorities informed the board that a large bond issue would not entail higher interest rates than a lesser issue. It was pointed out by these authorities that even with a \$20,000,000 bond issue authorized and sold it would mean that never at any time would there be more than \$12,000,000 outstanding.

OVERBROOK (P. O. Pittsburgh), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—C. C. Golden, Chairman of Finance Committee, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (Eastern standard time) July 12 for \$100,000 4½% borough bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1932 and 1937; \$15,000, 1942 and 1947; \$20,000, 1952; and \$30,000, 1957. A certified check, payable to the Borough, for \$2,000 is required. Legality approved by Moorehead & Knox of Pittsburgh.

OXFORD, Lafayette County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. of Memphis recently purchased an issue of \$110,000 ¾% street paving bonds at 100.18.

PALISADES PARK, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Alice B. Probst, Acting Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) June 28 for the following three issues of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$, $4\frac{3}{8}\%$ or 5% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$303,000: \$246,000 assessment bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$46,000, 1928; \$60,000, 1929; \$40,000, 1930 to 1932, incl. and \$20,000, 1933. 57,000 improvement bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1944, incl., and \$2,000, 1945 to 1947, incl. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Morsemer Trust Co., Palisades Park. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the above issues. A certified check, payable to the borough, for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York City.

PALMER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Blue Mountain), Tippah County, Miss.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters favored the issuance of 10,000 school bonds.

PALO PINTO COUNTY (P. O. Palo Pinto), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on June 25 (to-day) for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$1,550,000 road bonds.

PANAMA CITY, Bay County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$164,000 6% improvement bonds offered on Nov. 5—V. 123, p. 2166—were awarded to the G. B. Sawyers Co. of Jacksonville. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due \$82,000 Nov. 1 1931 to 1936, incl.

PANOLA COUNTY (P. O. Carthage), Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—J. G. Strong, County Judge, will receive sealed bids until July 11 for \$100,000 $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ road bonds.

PARSONS, Labette County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of bonds, aggregating \$48,970.80, were recently sold: \$38,084.42 paving bonds. \$5,337.25 re-paving bonds. 5,649.12 re-paving bonds.

PAULDING COUNTY (P. O. Paulding), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Herbert M. Barnes, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 8 for the following five issues of 5% improvement bonds, aggregating \$66,400: \$24,200 Prince Mosier road bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$200. Due as follows: \$3,200, 1928; \$3,000, 1929 to 1931, incl., and \$4,000, 1932 to 1934, incl. 13,600 Freede road bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$600. Due as follows: \$1,600, 1928, and \$2,000, 1929 to 1934, incl. 9,800 Patterson road bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$800. Due as follows: \$800, 1928; \$1,000, 1929 to 1931, incl., and \$2,000, 1932 to 1934, incl. 9,600 Noah Long road bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$600. Due as follows: \$600, 1928; \$2,000, 1929; \$1,000, 1930; \$2,000, 1931; \$1,000, 1932; \$2,000, 1933, and \$1,000, 1934. 9,200 King White road bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$1,200. Due as follows: \$1,200, 1928; \$1,000, 1929 to 1932, incl., and \$2,000, 1933 and 1934.

Date July 15 1927. The bonds mature on Jan. 15, in each of the years given above. A certified check for 3% of the bonds offered is required.

PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Delair), Camden County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia, have purchased an issue of \$350,000 5% temporary sewer improvement bonds. Date June 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 1928. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the Pennsauken Township, National Bank, North Merchantville. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City.

PERRYTON, Ochiltree County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 14 the voters authorized the issuance of \$70,000 sewer bonds by a count of 102 for to 49 against.

PETROLIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Clay County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,500 5% school bonds registered on May 28—V. 124, p. 3393—were awarded to the State Board of Education at par.

PHARR-SAN JUAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pharr), Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$200,000 school bonds.

PHILIPSBURG, Granite County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—W. E. Moore, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until July 16 for \$35,000 6% water bonds. Date July 15 1927.

PICKAWAY TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Circleville), Pickaway County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 5% school bonds offered on June 20—V. 124, p. 3251—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, at a premium of \$1,652, equal to 103.66, a basis of about 4.52%. Date March 1 1927. Due \$1,125 Mar. 1 and Sept. 1 1928 to 1947, incl.

PIKE SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. New Augusta), Marion County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ school bonds offered on June 13—V. 124, p. 3392—were awarded to the Union Trust Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$538, equal to 102.15, a basis of about 3.77%. Date July 15 1927. Due as follows: \$1,000, July 15 1928, and \$4,000, July 15 1929 to 1934, incl. Other bidders were:

Bidder—	Premium—	Bidder—	Premium—
Inland Invest. Co., Indpls.—	\$445.00	Fletcher Amer. Co., Indpls.—	\$477.00
Fletcher Sav. & T. Co., Indpls.—	444.70	Myer-Kiser Bank, Indpls.—	485.00

PINELLAS COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Clearwater), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—R. S. Blanton, Supt. Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. June 27 for \$50,000 $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ school bonds. Date May 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due 2,000 May 1 1930 to 1954, inc. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required. These are the bonds originally scheduled for sale on May 26—V. 124, p. 2797.

PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Glendo), Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—S. H. Barkdoll, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 16 for \$45,000 5% school bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 25 years; optional as follows: \$3,000, 1938 to 1952 incl. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP (P. O. Warren R. F. D. No. 4), Warren County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bert Owens, Secretary Board of Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. June 25, (to-day) for \$20,000 $4\frac{3}{8}\%$ highway bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 1947. A certified check for 1% of the bonds offered is required.

PLEASANT RIDGE ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of bonds, aggregating \$19,500 offered on June 21—V. 124, p. 3669—were awarded to Bumpus & Co., as 5%: \$16,300 paving bonds of Assessment Dist. No. 44. Due July 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1928; \$3,300, 1929; and \$3,000, 1930 to 1932, incl. 3,200 highway bonds of Assessment Dist. No. 42. Due July 1 as follows: \$800, 1928 and \$600, 1929 to 1932, incl. Date July 1 1927.

PLYMOUTH, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,000 sewer bonds offered on May 23—V. 124, p. 3108—were awarded to the Security Trust Co. of Detroit. Date June 1 1927. Due June 1 2,000, 1928 to 1935, incl., and \$3,000, 1936 and 1937. (Rate not stated).

POLK COUNTY (P. O. Benton), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 school bonds offered on June 15—V. 124, p. 3108—were awarded to Little, Wooten & Co. of Jackson, as $4\frac{3}{4}\%$, at 100.008, a basis of about 4.74%. Date June 1 1927. Due \$10,000 March 1 1929 to 1938, incl.

PORTER COUNTY (P. O. Valparaiso), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—A. J. Fehrman, County Treasurer, will receive proposals until 10 a. m. June 30 for \$15,000 $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ Adali Stoner et al Center twp. road bonds. Denom. \$750. Date June 16 1927. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$750 each six months from May 15 1928 to Nov. 15 1937, incl.

BOND OFFERING.—A. J. Fehrman, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. June 30 for \$50,000 5% Alfred Kemper, et al road bonds. Date June 16 1927. Denom. \$1,250. Due \$1,250 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1947, incl. Interest payable M. & N. 15.

PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—BOND ELECTION.—On June 28 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing the following bonds, aggregating \$8,920,000: \$4,000,000 Morrison bridge bonds. 4,000,000 widening Burnside street bonds. 920,000 armory bonds. C. C. Ludwig, Secretary of County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission.

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY (P. O. Council Bluffs), Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 11 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$1,600,000 paving, grading and bridging primary road bonds.

POTTSVILLE, Schuylkill County, Penn.—BOND SALE.—The Union Bank & Trust Co. of Pottsville, purchased on May 31, an issue of \$8,000 $4\frac{1}{8}\%$ sewer construction bonds, at a premium of \$240, equal to 103, a basis of about 3.83%, to optional date; and a basis of about 3.85% if allowed to run full term of years. Date July 1 1927. Due in 1942; optional 1932.

POWESHIEK COUNTY (P. O. Montezuma), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—W. K. McKee, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 1 for \$100,000 $4\frac{1}{8}\%$ road bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 May 1 1933 to 1942, incl. Interest payable M. & N. A certified check for 3% of the bid, payable to the above-named official is required. Legality approved by Chapman, Cutler & Parker of Chicago.

PRAIRIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40 (P. O. Mildred), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Mary H. Russell, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 12 for \$25,000 6% school bonds. Bidders are requested to state bid for serial bonds or amortization plan. Date May 12 1927. Due in 1947; optional 1932.

PRENTISS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jefferson Davis County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The Bank of Blountville, Prentiss, has been awarded an issue of \$4,500 school bonds.

PRINCETON, Bureau County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$50,000 sewerage plant bonds has been disposed of recently. At an election held on April 18, these bonds were favorably voted on.

PUNTA GORDA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ventura), Ventura County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—L. E. Hallowell, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. July 5 for \$10,000 5% school bonds. Date Aug. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Aug. 1 1928 to 1937, incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

RALEIGH, Wake County, No. Caro.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 26 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$75,000 bonds for assisting in the establishment of the State Fair.

REED COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gainesville), Cooke County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 15 the voters authorized the issuance of \$4,000 school bonds by a count of 15 for to 0 against.

REHOBOTH (P. O. Rehoboth Beach), Sussex County, Del.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,000, 5% water bonds offered on June 18—V. 124, p. 3532—were awarded to the Sussex Trust Co. of Lewes, at a premium of \$167.60, equal to 101.28, a basis of about 4.89%. Date July 1 1927. Due \$1,000, July 1 1940 to 1952 incl.

ROOSEVELT IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Phoenix), Maricopa County, Ariz.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,500,000 6% irrigation bonds offered on June 14 were awarded to B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Chicago, and Fred Emert & Co. of St. Louis. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$125,000, 1938 to 1957, inclusive. Principal and interest payable at the County Treasurer's office or at some place in the United States designated by the purchasers.

ROSELLE, Union County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—This issue of coupon or registered public improvement bonds offered on June 17—V. 124, p. 3532—was awarded to Prudden & Co. of New York City, as $4\frac{1}{8}\%$, taking \$169,000 (\$171,000 offered) paying \$171,028, equal to 101.20, a basis of about 4.35%. Date June 1 1927. Due June 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1929 to 1942, incl.; \$7,000, 1943 to 1948, incl.; \$9,000, 1949 to 1952, incl., and \$7,000, 1953.

RUNNEMEDE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Camden County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issues of 5% coupon bonds with privilege of registration offered on June 22 (V. 124, p. 3670) was awarded to the Suburban Commercial Bank of Barrington, taking \$84,000 (\$86,000 offered), paying \$86,900, equal to 103.45—a basis of about 4.555%. Date June 1 1927. Due June 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928; \$5,000, 1929 to 1931, inclusive; \$4,000, 1932 to 1936, inclusive; \$5,000, 1937 to 1945, inclusive, and \$3,000, 1946.

RUTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT, Meigs County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$16,000 $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ school bonds offered on May 16—V. 124, p. 2642—were awarded to Blanchet, Bowman & Wood of Toledo, at par. Date March 1 1927. Due \$500 March and \$1,000 Sept. 1 1928 to 1931, incl., and \$500 March and Sept. 1 1932 to 1941, incl.

ST. CROIX COUNTY (P. O. Hudson), Wis.—BOND SALE.—The Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. of Minneapolis, were awarded an issue of \$135,000 $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ highway bonds at a premium of \$1,710, equal to 101.26, a basis of about 4.15%. Due May 1 as follows: \$50,000, 1930 and 1931, and \$35,000, 1933. This corrects the report in V. 124, p. 3532.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY (P. O. Centerville), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, and Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo, jointly purchased three issues of 5% special assessment bonds, aggregating \$76,000 at 100.53 on June 2.

SACRAMENTO, Sacramento County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk until July 6 for the following two issues of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ bonds, aggregating \$1,526,240: \$1,176,240 improvement bonds. Due serially 1929 to 1967, inclusive. \$350,000 filtration bonds. Due serially 1928 to 1967, inclusive. Principal and interest payable at the City Treasurer's office. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City.

Assessed valuations—Taxable property (equalized).....	\$99,421,350
Public service corporations.....	13,908,033
Outstanding bonded indebtedness.....	7,285,240
Assessments based approximately as follows: Land valuations, 72%; improvements, 60%; personal, 50%. Statutory limitation of bonded debt, 15%. No bond litigation pending. Default has never been made on city's bonds. Tax rate, \$1.78 per \$100 of property in old city; \$1.72 per \$100 of property in annexed territory. Population, 1920 Census, 65,875.	

SAGINAW, Saginaw County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—George C. Warren, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (Eastern standard time) June 28 for \$30,000 $4\frac{3}{8}\%$ sewer and water connection bonds. Dated July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$6,000 July 1 1928 to 1932 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in gold at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer for 2% of the bonds offered is required.

SAGINAW, Saginaw County, Mich.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the offering of two issues of bonds aggregating \$1,900,000 on June 28, full particulars of which appeared in our issue of June 18—V. 124, p. 3670—we are now in receipt of the following statement showing the financial condition of the City at the present time:

<i>Financial Statement as at April 30 1927.</i>	
Gross Debt:	
Total Bonds outstanding, including all Special Assessments	
Bonds so-called, and Water Bonds.....	\$5,015,500.00
Floating Debt—None.....	
Bonds authorized but not yet issued:	
Water Bonds to be dated July 1, 1927.....	1,500,000.00
Street Imp. Bonds to be dated July 1 1927.....	400,000.00
Water Bonds (Charter) to be dated July 1 1927.....	50,000.00
Total Debt (including all bonds authorized but as yet unissued).....	\$6,965,500.00
Deductions:	
Sinking Funds: (Not applicable to Water Bonds).....	461,715.19
Water Bonds:	
Now outstanding.....	1,749,000.00
To be issued July 1 1927.....	1,550,000.00
Total Deductions.....	3,760,715.19
Net Debt including all authorized but as yet unissued bonds including Special Assessment bonds, so-called, but excluding Water bonds.....	3,204,784.81
Assessed Valuation for the Purpose of Taxation for the year 1927.....	92,169,191.00
Percentage of Net Debt to Assessed Valuation.....	3.48%

SALEM, Washington County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ fire engine bonds offered on June 2—V. 124, p. 3251—were awarded to Harvey Rogers of Salem at a premium of \$100, equal to 102, a basis of about 4.09%. Date Aug. 1 1927. Due \$500, 1928 to 1937, incl.

SAN AUGUSTINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Augustine County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$65,000 5% school bonds offered on June 15 (V. 124, p. 3392) were awarded to the J. E. Jarrett Co., Dallas at a premium of \$780, equal to 101.20, a basis of about 4.89%.

Financial Statement. Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Total, Total assessment, and various property categories.

Bidder—Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name and Price Bid. Lists bidders like Prudden & Co., J. E. W. Thomas, etc.

SAN DIEGO, San Diego County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—On Aug. 2 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing the following bonds, aggregating \$1,865,000:

SAN FRANCISCO (City and County of), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—J. S. Dunnigan, Clerk Board of Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until July 11 for the following two issues of bonds, aggregating \$3,000,000:

SANGER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fresno), Fresno County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the County Clerk until June 27 for \$198,000 5 1/2% school bonds.

SANTA BARBARA, Santa Barbara County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 14 (V. 124, p. 3252), the voters authorized the issuance of \$140,000 elementary school bonds by a count of 657 for to 151 against.

SARASOTA COUNTY (P. O. Sarasota), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 6% bonds, aggregating \$450,000, offered on June 20 (V. 124, p. 3252) were awarded to John Ringling at par:

SAYRE, Beckham County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—H. O. Brown, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until June 27 for \$53,000 4% water-works bonds.

SCHENECTADY, Schenectady County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following five issues of coupon bonds, aggregating \$420,000, offered on June 21—V. 124, p. 3670—were awarded to Eldredge & Co. of New York City as 4.20s at a premium of \$373.80, equal to 100.08, a basis of about 4.19%:

Bidder—Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name and Price. Lists bidders like Harris, Forbes & Co., Barr Brothers, etc.

SCOTIA, Schenectady County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Howard B. Toll, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) June 27 for the following two issues of coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$7,300, not to exceed 6%:

SEBRING, Monong County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—James M. Elliott, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 9 for \$19,000 5 1/2% Nuisance Judgment bonds.

SHAKER HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—LEGALITY.—The legality of the \$1,165,587.43 4 1/2% coupon school bonds awarded to the Guardian Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland, at 100.40, a basis of about 4.45%, in V. 124, p. 3670, has been approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

SHAMROCK, Wheeler County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$30,000 school bonds.

SHEFFIELD LAKE (P. O. Lorain), Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$81,152 5 1/2% coupon special assessment water works improvement bonds offered on May 16—V. 124, p. 2643—were awarded to George W. York & Co. of Cleveland, at a premium of \$3,708, equal to 104.56, a basis of about 4.59%.

SHELBY, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Bert Fix, Director of Finance and Public Record, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 1 for the following three issues of 5% coupon bonds, aggregating \$9,400:

SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Shelbyville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$11,480 offered on June 21—V. 124, p. 3670—were awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis, as follows:

SHERMAN COUNTY (P. O. Sherman), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 15 an election will be held to vote on the question of issuing \$2,500,000 road bonds.

SIDNEY, Delaware County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—John R. Ellis, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. June 27 for \$3,500 5% water bonds.

SIMPSON TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Simpson), Johnson County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The First State Bank of Simpson, has purchased an issue of \$16,000 road bonds.

SOUTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$31,000 5% impt. bonds offered on June 22—V. 124, p. 3532—were awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia at a premium of \$55.55, equal to 101.79, a basis of about 4.68%.

SOUTHERN KERN COUNTY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bakersfield), Kern County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 6% school bonds, offered on June 13 (V. 124, p. 3532) were awarded to the First Bank of Kern, Bakersfield, at 104.60—a basis of about 5.01%.

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Birmingham R. F. D.), Oakland County, Mich.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$135,000, not exceeding 4 3/4% school bonds offered on June 6—V. 124, p. 3393—were not sold.

SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—Estabrook & Co., and R. L. Day & Co., both of Boston, jointly, were awarded on June 24 the following two issues of coupon or registered serial gold bonds, aggregating \$1,500,000, at 100.03, a basis of about 3.74%:

SPRINGFIELD, Robertson County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—The City Recorder will sell at public auction at 10 a. m. July 12 an issue of \$15,000 5% water improvement bonds.

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. S. Reeves, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) July 15 for \$85,000 5% school bonds.

STANTON, Martin County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 6% water system bonds offered on Jan. 5—V. 123, p. 3356—were awarded to J. L. Auld, City of Austin.

STEARNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 59 (P. O. Albany), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The State of Minnesota has been awarded an issue of \$8,000 school bonds, as 4 1/2s, at par.

STEELETON, Dauphin County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 4 1/2% street impt. bonds offered on June 22—V. 124, p. 3532—were awarded to A. B. Leach & Co. of Philadelphia at a premium of \$100.13, equal to 100.506, a basis of about 4.165%.

STILLWATER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40 (P. O. Columbus), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Mrs. J. A. Adams, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. June 30 for \$800 6% school bonds.

STORY COUNTY (P. O. Nevada) Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on June 28 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$1,400,000 hard-surfacing primary road bonds.

SUGAR VALLEY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Gordon County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 5 1/2% school bonds offered on June 15 (V. 124, p. 3533) were awarded to the First Trust Co. of Georgia, Atlanta, at a premium of \$111.10, equal to 101.11, a basis of about 5.27%.

SUNNYSIDE, Yakima County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 sewer bonds offered on June 10—V. 124, p. 3533—were awarded to the Union Trust Co. and Old National Bank, both of Spokane, jointly, as 4 1/2s, at a premium of \$101, equal to 100.50, a basis of about 4.69%.

SUNRAY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Norfolk), Norfolk County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 6% coupon drainage bonds offered on May 19—V. 124, p. 2798—were awarded to Beaman, Lawson & Jones Co. of Norfolk.

SYLVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sacramento County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the District Clerk until June 27 for \$15,000 5 1/2% school bonds.

SYRACUSE, Onondaga County, New York.—BOND SALE.—The following four issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$1,265,000 offered on June 17—V. 124, p. 3533—were awarded to Eldredge & Co. of New York City, at a premium of \$290.95, equal to 100.02, a basis of about 4.05% as follows:

SYRACUSE, Onondaga County, New York.—BOND SALE.—The following four issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$1,265,000 offered on June 17—V. 124, p. 3533—were awarded to Eldredge & Co. of New York City, at a premium of \$290.95, equal to 100.02, a basis of about 4.05% as follows:

SYRACUSE, Onondaga County, New York.—BOND SALE.—The following four issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$1,265,000 offered on June 17—V. 124, p. 3533—were awarded to Eldredge & Co. of New York City, at a premium of \$290.95, equal to 100.02, a basis of about 4.05% as follows:

SYRACUSE, Onondaga County, New York.—BOND SALE.—The following four issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$1,265,000 offered on June 17—V. 124, p. 3533—were awarded to Eldredge & Co. of New York City, at a premium of \$290.95, equal to 100.02, a basis of about 4.05% as follows:

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Table with columns: Bidder, Price Bid, Local, St. R., Sewer, S. W. Includes Bankers Trust Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., National City Co., Guaranty Co. of N. Y., Equitable Trust Co., Remick, Hodges & Co., Barr Bros. & Co., First National Bank, N. Y., Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, Phelps, Fenn & Co.

TEKAMAH, Burt County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State Board of Education has purchased an issue of \$6,000 paving bonds.

TEXARANKA, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered on June 14 an issue of \$150,000 5% street refunding bonds.

TEXAS, State of, (P. O. Austin).—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered the following bonds for the week ending June 18:

Table with columns: Amt., Place and Purpose, Int. Rate, Maturity, Date Registered. Lists various school districts and bond series with interest rates and maturity dates.

TEXICO, Curry County, N. Mex.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters authorized the issuance of \$9,500 school bonds at a recent election. The count was 88 for to 42 against.

THOMASVILLE, Thomas County, Ga.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 11 the voters authorized the issuance of \$70,000 street improvement bonds.

TOM GREEN COUNTY (P. O. San Angelo), Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—J. T. Mathison, County Judge, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 1 for \$294,000 5% coupon bonds. Due serially in not exceeding 40 years. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to the above-named official is required.

TRENTON, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of bonds, aggregating \$100,220 offered on June 20—V. 124, p. 3671—were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, as 4 1/2%, at a premium of \$282, equal to 100.02, a basis of about 4.97%. Due \$57,876.94 general obligation public paving bonds. Due \$14,469.27 annually over a period of one to four years, inclusive. 42,343.06 public portion pavement bonds. Due \$10,585.77, 1928 to 1931, inclusive. Date June 20 1927.

TWIN FALLS, Twin Falls County, Idaho.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on June 14 the proposition of issuing the following two issues of bonds aggregating \$125,000 failed to carry: \$70,000 gymnasium bonds. \$35,000 school addition bonds.

UNION, Franklin County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$10,000 park bonds. Edwin Hoemann, City Clerk.

UPSHUR COUNTY (P. O. Buckhannon), W. Va.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 12 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$65,000 road bonds.

VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT, Clarke County, Wash.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 15 the voters approved a bond issue of \$225,000 for the purpose of purchasing sites, equipment and erecting new buildings for Vancouver School District by a vote of 577 for to 81 against.

Only 658 votes were cast out of a registration of more than 5,000. The polls were open from 8 a. m. until 8 p. m. at the Court House, High School, Roosevelt School, Washington School and Harney School. The percentage for the measure was 87.6, as against 60% required by law.

VICTORIA, Lunenburg County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—G. R. Marshall, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until June 28 for \$190,000 5 1/2% water works and sewer bonds.

VOLUSIA COUNTY (P. O. De Land), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The Merchants Bank & Trust Co. of Daytona Beach have been awarded an issue of \$115,000 ocean shore boulevard bonds.

VOLUSIA COUNTY SCHOOLS DISTRICTS (P. O. De Land), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. July 20 for the following issues of bonds, aggregating \$93,000: \$64,000 School District No. 23 bonds. 15,000 School District No. 14 bonds. 14,000 School District No. 12 bonds.

WAUSHARA COUNTY (P. O. Wautoma), Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—J. J. Johnson, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 2 for \$128,000 4 1/2% highway bonds. Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$65,000, 1933 and \$63,000, 1934. Principal and interest (M. & S.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for 1% of the bid is required.

WALTHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First National Bank of Boston was awarded a \$400,000 temporary loan on a 3.584% discount basis.

WAPAKONETZ, Auglaize County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Season-good & Mayer, of Cincinnati, were awarded on May 18 the following five issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$33,650, at a premium of \$553, equal to 101.64: \$20,000 sewer (city's portion) bonds. Due \$2,000 Sept. 1 1928 to 1937, inclusive. 1,700 sewer (city's portion) bonds. Due \$85 March 1 and Sept. 1 1928 to 1937, inclusive. 5,200 special assessment bonds. Due \$520 Sept. 1 1928 to 1937, inclusive. 450 special assessment bonds. Due \$22.50 March 1 and Sept. 1 1928 to 1937, inclusive. 6,300 improvement bonds. Date April 1 1927.

WASHINGTONVILLE, Orange County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$23,000 offered on June 20—V. 124, p. 3393—were awarded to Pulley & Co. of New York City, at 101.17, a basis of about 4.80%: \$13,000 road bonds. Due \$1,000 July 1 1928 to 1940, incl. \$5,000 refunding bonds. Due \$1,000 July 1 1928 to 1932, incl. 5,000 water bonds. Due \$500 July 1 1928 to 1937, incl. Date July 1 1927.

Other bidders were: Bidder—Manufacturers & Traders—People Trust Co., Buffalo, N. Y. 100.739. Farson Son & Co., N. Y. City 100.556. P. De Voe & Co., N. Y. City 100.419. Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., N. Y. City 100.3147.

WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Modesto), Stanislaus County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 5% school bonds offered on June 14—V. 124, p. 3393—were awarded to Peirce, Fair & Co. of San Francisco at 102.46, a basis of about 4.61%. Due \$1,000 1928 to 1942, incl.

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Waterford), Washington County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—M. G. Nixon, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 7 for \$3,980 5 1/2% school bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$500 and one for \$450. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$450, 1929, and \$500, 1930 to 1936, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the above-mentioned official. A certified check, payable to the District Clerk, for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

WATERLOO, Black Hawk County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$42,000 4 1/2% judgement funding bonds offered on June 20—V. 124, p. 3571—were awarded to the Commercial National Co. of Waterloo, at 100.67, a basis of about 4.17%. Date June 1 1927. Due June 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1935, incl., \$3,000, 1936 and 1937, and \$2,000, 1938, to 1947, incl.

WAUWATOSA, Milwaukee County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Wauwatosa has been awarded the following two issues of 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$50,000, at 102.08, a basis of about 4.27%: \$25,000 street improvement bonds. Due Mar. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1942 incl., and \$2,000, 1943 to 1947 incl. 25,000 sewer bonds. Due Mar. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1942 incl., and \$2,000, 1943 to 1947 incl. Date June 15 1927.

WAYCROSS, Ware County, Ga.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 19 for the following two issues of bonds, aggregating \$270,000: \$230,000 additional sewer mains and connection bonds. 40,000 water works improvement bonds. W. E. Lee, City Clerk.

WAYNE SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Fulton County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank Douglass, Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 14 for \$35,000 4 1/2% bonds. Date June 15 1927. Denom. \$500. Due as follows: \$1,000 July 15 1923; and \$500 Jan. and July 15 1929 to 1945, interest payable J. & J. 15.

WEBSTER COUNTY (P. O. Fort Dodge), Iowa.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on June 14 the proposition of issuing \$1,500,000 primary road bonds failed to carry. The bond issue was easily defeated, rural districts piling up so many votes against it that the vote in Fort Dodge, where the vote favored paving, could not begin to overcome the lead. The vote was 2,144 for to 4,973 against.

WELLSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT, Brooke County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 refunding bonds offered on June 14—V. 124, p. 3533—were awarded to A. C. Allyn & Co. of Chicago as 4 1/2% at 100.11, a basis of about 4.74%. Date July 1 1927. Due serially July 1 1930 to 1960, inclusive.

WESTFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Union County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—F. Peirce, Dist. Clk., will receive sealed bids until July 5 for an issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds, not exceeding \$250,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$250,000. Date March 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1929 to 1936, incl., \$6,000, 1937 to 1943, incl., and \$7,000, 1944 to 1967, incl. In the event that 4 1/2% obligations cannot be sold; bids will be received for bonds bearing 4 1/2% interest. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable in gold at the Peoples Bank & Trust Co., Westfield. A certified check payable to the Custodian of School Moneys for 2% of the bonds bid for is required. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty, Hoyt & Washburn of New York City.

WHITE DEER, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered on June 11 an issue of \$30,000 6% water works bonds.

WHITLEY COUNTY (P. O. Columbia City), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,800 4 1/2% coupon road bonds offered on April 18—V. 124, p. 2180—were awarded to the Provident Trust Co. of Columbia City, at a premium of \$310, equal to 101.14, a basis of about 4.27%. Date April 15 1927. Due \$640 May and Nov. 15 1928 to 1937, incl.

WICHITA COUNTY (P. O. Wichita Falls), Texas.—BOND CALL.—The \$500,000 5% special road bonds date July 10 1917, due in 40 years and optional in 10 years, numbers 191 to 210 and 247 to 339 both incl., and 344 to 441 and 462 to 750, both incl. is sum of \$1,000 each are called for payment by the Commissioners Court. E. P. Walsh, County Auditor.

WICHITA FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wichita County, Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—W. W. Brown, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 11:30 a. m. June 28 for \$250,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Date July 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$6,000, 1928 to 1957, incl., and \$7,000, 1958 to 1967, incl. Prin. and int. payable at the City National Bank, Wichita Falls or at the Hanover National Bank of New York City. A certified check for \$10,000 is required.

WINTHROP, Suffolk County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Town Treasurer until 12 m. June 28 for an issue of \$49,000 4% Junior High School bonds. Date July 1 1927. Due serially 1928 to 1934, inclusive.

WOOD COUNTY (P. O. Bowling Green), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. O. Cummings, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 6 for \$14,000 5% ditch improvement bonds. Date July 1 1927. Coupon bonds in \$1,000 and \$800 denominations. Due \$1,000 March and \$1,800 Sept. 1 1928 to 1932, incl. A certified check for \$100 is required.

WOODS COUNTY (P. O. Alva), Okla.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 12 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$800,000 road bonds.

WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First National Bank of Boston, was the successful bidder for the \$800,000 revenue notes offered on June 21, offering to discount the notes on a 3.5% basis, plus a premium of \$15,000. Date June 22 1927. Due \$400,000 Jan. 24 1928; and Feb. 17 1928.

These notes will be certified as to genuineness by the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston, upon opinion of Storey, Thordike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston, as to legality. Payable at the Old Colony Trust Co. or by arrangement at the Bankers Trust Co., New York City.

WORTH COUNTY (P. O. Northwood), Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 12 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$650,000 highway paving bonds.

WYANDOTTE, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The City Sinking Fund has purchased an issue of \$125,000 grade separation bonds at par. These bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$1,000,000.

WYANDOTTE COUNTY (P. O. Kansas City), Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—William Beggs, County Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. June 30 for \$20,000 4 1/2% coupon general obligation bonds. Date Jan. 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Jan. 1 1928 to 1944, incl., and \$2,000, Jan. 1 1945 and 1946. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at the State Treasurer's office, Topeka. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required. Legality approved by Bowersock, Fizzell & Rhodes of Chicago.

YAVAPAI COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Prescott), Ariz.—BOND ELECTION.—On June 30 an election will be held to vote on the question of issuing \$200,000 school bonds.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

BRANTFORD, Ont.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The report of the City Treasurer for the year ending Dec. 31 1926, as taken from the "Monetary Times" of June 17, shows a total assessment of \$26,971,497, and exemptions of \$5,283,150. The tax rate for the year was 38.5 mills and the total accumulated tax arrears now amount to \$149,228. The tax levy for the 1926 fiscal year was \$1,141,286 and there was a sum of \$88,917 uncollected at the end of the year. The city has a total debenture debt of \$5,533,740, against which there is a sinking fund of \$1,411,868, with no sinking funds in arrears. The water works department ended the year with a net profit of \$4,858 and the electric light plant had a net profit of \$1,763. The street railway ended the year with a deficit of \$13,972.

CHICOUTIMI, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—J. E. Blackburn, Secretary-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. June 27, for \$45,000 5% school bonds. Date May 2, 1927. Denom. \$500. Due serially 1928 to 1957 incl. Prin. and int. payable at Quebec, Chicoutimi and Montreal.

EDMONTON, Alta.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The report of City Commissioner D. Mitchell for the year ended Dec. 31 1926, as taken from the "Monetary Times" of June 17, shows a total assessment of \$58,827,450, with exemptions of \$16,175,910. The tax rate was 44.35 mills and there was a sum of \$6,592,377 of uncollected taxes at the end of the year. The tax levy for 1926 was \$3,474,013, and the sum of \$487,428 remained uncollected at the end of the year. The city had a total debenture debt of \$35,283,826 at the end of 1926 with a sinking fund of \$10,319,671. Current revenue for the year amounted to \$2,707,998 and current expenditures were \$2,655,239. All the city utilities with the exception of the street railway ended the year with a net profit, and the total net profits of all the utilities amounted to \$416,147.

FORD CITY, Ont.—BY-LAW APPROVED.—The Roman Catholic Separate School Commission passed a \$65,000 5½% 30-instalment debenture by-law.

MONTMAGNY, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. Blanchard, Secretary-Treasurer, until 7 p. m. June 30, for \$44,900 5% 10-year serial bonds. Date May 1 1927, in \$100 and \$500 denominations and payable to Montmagny.

MONTREAL, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Ayme La Fontaine, Secretary Treasurer, Catholic School Commission, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 5, for \$2,200,000 4½% school bonds. Date July 2 1927. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, and \$100. Due July 2, 1927. Prin. and Int. (J. & J. 2), payable in gold at La Banque Canadienne Nationale in Montreal and Quebec. A certified check, payable to the Catholic School Commission, for 1% of the bonds offered, is required.

MOUNT JOLI, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—J. Dube, Secretary-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. July 4, for \$16,000 5% 20-year serial bonds. Date August 1 1927. Denom. \$500 and \$100, payable at Mount Joli.

OTTAWA, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The following four issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$627,594.01, offered on June 21—V. 124, p. 3672—were awarded to the Royal Securities Corp. Ltd. of Montreal, at 98.52: \$33,213.20 4½% city bonds. Due in 20 annual installments. 196,375.66 4½% city bonds. Due in 10 annual installments. 44,347.37 5% local impt. (sewer) bonds. Due in 20 ann. installments. 33,657.78 4½% city bonds. Due in 15 annual installments. Date July 1 1927.

Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd., Toronto	97.60
The Bank of Nova Scotia, Ottawa, and R. A. Daly & Co., Toronto and Hanson Bros., Montreal	97.54
Bank of Montreal, and A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd., Toronto	97.51
Fry, Mills, Spence & Co., and Bell, Gouinlock & Co., Toronto	97.41
The Dominion Bank, and C. H. Burgess & Co., Toronto	97.31
Mead & Co., Ltd., Montreal	97.24
L. G. Beaubien & Co., Ltd., and Credit-Anglo Francais, Ltd., Montreal	97.22
McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Ltd., Toronto	96.90
The National City Co., Montreal	96.08

QUEBEC WEST, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—J. P. Galbois, Secretary-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. July 5, for \$38,200 5% 20-year serial bonds. Date May 1 1927, in \$100 and \$500 denominations and payable at St. Roch's.

REGINA, Sask.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 5% sinking fund debentures aggregating \$379,000 offered on June 21—V. 124, p. 3534—were awarded to Mr. Galloway Cleary of Regina, at 100.34, a basis of about 4.98%:

- \$200,000 general hospital bonds. Due in 1957.
 - 155,000 Collegiate Extension bonds. Due in 1957.
 - 14,000 water house connections and meters bonds. Due in 1947.
 - 10,000 sewer house connections. Due in 1957.
- Date June 1 1927.

REFREW COUNTY (P. O. Pembroke), Ont.—BIDS.—The following is a complete list of other bids submitted for the \$18,152.49 5% bonds

awarded to the Pembroke Branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, at 102.21—V. 124, p. 3672.
 W. R. McCoo & Co.-----102.21 Dyment, Anderson & Co.-----101.90
 Royal Securities Corp.-----102.13 C. H. Burgess & Co.-----101.81
 W. L. McKinnon & Co.-----101.96 R. A. Daly & Co.-----101.71

RENFREW COUNTY (P. O. Pembroke), Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—R. J. Roney, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. June 27 for \$15,000 5½% bridge bonds. Date Nov. 1 1926. Due annually in 20 years. Principal and interest payable at the Pembroke Branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

ST. EDOUARD DE FRASERVILLE, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$37,500 5% seven-year serial bonds offered on June 15—V. 124, p. 3534—were awarded to Rene T. Leclerc, Inc., of Montreal at 99.26. Dated Nov. 1 1926. Other bidders were:

<i>Bidder</i>		<i>Rate Bid.</i>
La Corp. des Obligations Municipales and L. G. Beaubien, Quebec	99.16	
Versailles, Vidricaires & Boulais, Montreal	98.27	
Corp. de Prets de Quebec, Quebec	98.80	
Bray, Caron & Dube, Quebec	98.92	
Hamel Fugere & Cie, Quebec	98.12	
Lagneux & Darveau, Quebec	99.17	
Credit Canadien, Inc., Montreal	96.47	
Royal Securities Corporation, Montreal	98.76	

SASKATCHEWAN, Sask.—AUTHORIZATIONS.—The following is a list of authorizations granted by the Local Government Board from May 28 to June 4:

Schools.—Saltcoats, No. 140, \$1,500; Caron Prairie, No. 182, \$3,500 Macklin, No. 2420, \$18,000; Willows, No. 4690, \$4,000; Dysart, No. 1449, \$7,000; Epinard, No. 4696, \$4,000; Traynor, No. 2126, \$7,000; Lafleche; No. 2730, \$9,000; Pinto Creek, R. T. Co., Ltd., \$2,300; Bateman Village, \$500; Tuxford Village, \$765; Windthorst Village, \$5,000; Cory R. M., No. 344, \$15,000; Saskatoon City, \$206,324.

SASKATCHEWAN, Sask.—DEBENTURES REPORTED SOLD.—The following is a list of debentures aggregating \$22,920 reported sold by the Local Government Board from May 28 to June 4:

School Districts.—Paragon, \$10,000 5½%, 15-years to H. M. Turner & Co.; Clavanka, \$3,820 5½% 15-years to National School Supply Co.; Brownville, \$3,600 7% 15-years to National School Supply Co.; Golden Ridge, \$5,500 5½% 20-years to C. C. Cross & Co.

SASKATOON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13, Sask.—BOND OFFERING.—William P. Bate, District Treasurer will receive sealed bids until 12 m. June 20, for \$180,000 5% school bonds. Date Sept. 15, 1927. Denominations to suit purchaser. Due in 1957. Alternative bids are requested, for principal and interest payable in New York and Canada, and in Canada only.

SHERBROOKE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—A. Des Lauriers, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. June 27, for \$230,000 4½% or 5% impt. bonds. Dated May 1 1927. Due serially 1928 to 1955 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.), payable at Sherbrooke, Montreal and Quebec.

STOUGHTON, Sask.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,000 debentures offered on June 6—V. 124, p. 3394—were awarded to H. M. Turner & Co. of Regina as 6s, at a premium of \$106, equal to 102.65, a basis of about 5.74%. Due in 1942.

TERREBONNE, Quebec.—BOND OFFERING.—L. Gravel, Secretary-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. June 29 for \$95,800 5% 25-year serial bonds in \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 denominations and payable at Terrebonne.

THREE RIVERS, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Arthur Nobert, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. (to be opened at 8 p. m.) June 27, for \$251,000 4½% or 5% city bonds. Date May 1 1927. Denom. \$1,000, or its multiples. Due serially May 1 1928 to 1957 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.), payable at La Banque Canadienne Nationale in Montreal or at any branch in Three Rivers, Montreal or Quebec. A certified check for 1% of the bonds offered is required.

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